

By Divers

to Being thereto requested by the interested, all here present and over the age of majority, I
The Estate of George King Parish Judge- & ex officio Auctioneer in and for the aforesaid Parish have, This
Michel Leger day the Eleventh of March in the year one Thousand eight hundred and Thirty-Seven, proceeded
=====to the last residence of the late Michel Leger deceased; Situated in said parish and Distance
about Eighteen miles, from the Court House, in order to sell the property, belonging to the
Succession of said deceased at public auction, payable as follows to wit, The land & house one half in twelve
months, and the other half in two years from & after the date hereof the moveables, all sums under twenty five
dollars in Cash, and sums of twenty five dollars & upwards in one year, purchaser giving approved security
and The lands and slaves remaining especially mortgaged to the Estate, until final payment of principal, and
interest; it being stipulated and understood, That all sums not punctually paid will bear interest at the rate of ten
per cent per annum from maturity until payment. The terms and conditions having been proclaimed aloud to
the people in attendance we have proceeded to sell to the last and highest bidder the follow to wit.

Alexandre Leger [Jr] First - A Negro Boy named Louis, aged about twenty years (lame in one arm and diseased
in the mouth), Sold to Alexandre Leger for Thirteen hundred and Sixty Dollars. Security Joachim Miller & Are
Brure \$1360:

[Louis is listed on the estate of Marguerite Louise Boutin Leger in 1834, page 162 of the Léger series, at which
time, the slave was adjudged to Michel Leger, pere.]

Jacques Charlot negro man 2d - A mulatto girl, named Carmelite, aged about seventeen years, Sold to Jacques
Charlot free negro; for fifteen hundred and ten dollars. Security Louis Andrews \$1510:

[Carmelite is listed on the estate of Marguerite Louise Boutin Leger in 1834, page 162 of the Léger series, at
which time, the slave was adjudged to Michel Leger, pere.]

Joachim Miller 10th - The tract of land and plantation on which the deceased last resided, having one arpent
front, by forty in depth Bounded in front by the Bayou Plaquemine Brule, on one side by land of Joseph Matte,
and on the other, by Joseph Doucet, for one hundred and eighty Dollars. Sold to Joachim Miller, it being
understood that the Estate is not bound to survey it. Security. \$180:

[Thus far I haven't found a copy of the plat for this land.]

Estate of Michel Leger, Dec. Plaintiff
Jacques Charlot, fmc [free man of color], Defendant

To the Defendant Jacques Charlot, fmc, State Parish of St. Landry, you are hereby summoned to appear before the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry of this Parish 13 day of May _____? and comply with demand contained in the petition of _____? _____? Michel Leger, dec. _____? you, a copy of which hereunto annexed, or file your answer thereto in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at the Court-House, in town of Opelousas, if ten days shall remain between the time of the service thereof and said forth Monday of _____? instant but if so many days shall not remain, then in ten days after the service hereof.

Witness the _____? /s/ Seth _____? Judge of said Court this _____? day of May A.D. 1839.

Issued and delivered /s/ Robert Taylor?, Clerk

District Court St. Landry
No. 2071

Heirs of Michel Leger, Dec.
n

Jacques Charlot, fmc

Filed 14 May 1839 _____? Atty

Process issued 15 May 1839 10 days

_____? _____? day in person

_____?

#2019

To the Honorable District Court of the fifth Judicial District having decision in and for the parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana.

The action of Michel Leger, Augustin Leger, Julian Leger, Placide Leger, Alexandre Leger, Apauline Leg Celeste Celesie Leger, authorized & assisted by her husband, Landry Meaux, Modeste Leger authorized assisted by her husband, Joachim Miller, all heirs & legal representatives of the late Michel Leger, deceased with respect represent, that, Jacques Charlot, a free man of colour of the parish of St. Landry aforesaid, really & justly indebted to the man the sum of fifteen hundred dollars; for that, whereas, at the Parish of Landry aforesaid on the 11th day of March 1837 at the sale of the estate of the said Michel Leger, the said Jacques Charlot purchased a mulato girl named Carmelite aged about seventeen years for the price of fifty hundred dollars, payable one half in twelve months, and the other half in two years from the date of said sale, with the interest thereon at the rate of ten percent per annum from the time due until paid, the said said Carmelite remaining specially mortgaged to this estate until final payment _____? which will more fully appear by reference to the proces verbal of sale of the estate of the said Michel Leger.

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District Court St. Landry
Def. Michel Leger, Dec.

n Citation
Jacques Charlot, fmc

By record certified copy of Petition and of this citation 15th May 1839 and duly served by delivering the same to the defendant in person this 15th May 1839.

/s/ Louis Andrus _____?

_____? \$3.00
_____? 20 May 1839

/s/ _____?
Robert Dansfor ? Clk

Heirs of Michel Léger Dec.

n No. 2071
Jacques Charlot, fmc District Court Parish of St. Landry May ____? 1839

Present the Honorable _____? _____? Judge Wednesday 29 May 1839. In motion of Plaintiff, Attorney. It is ordered that this claim be dismissed at Defendant costs. Signed in open court this 6 day of June AD 1839.
Sterves? District Judge

And the said Jacques Charlot altho amicably requested has neglected and refused to pay the said sum or any part thereof. Therefore your petitioner prays that the said Jacques Charlot may be duly [ordered] to appear before your honorable court & condemned adjudged & decreed to pay them the said sum of fifteen hundred dollars, with the interest thereon as stipulated in the process verbal of the suit who issued & that the said mulatto girl Carmelite be seized & sold, to satisfy the said judgment & the costs of this suit to be taxed & for all such other & further relief as law, justice & equity may sanction & as in duty bound, etc.

_____? Atty for petitioner

#2071 Filed 16 May 1839

Robert Taylor(?) Clk

August 3, 1857 (Before recounting the history of some of the descendants of Michel Prospere Leger and Marguerite Louise Boutin, I would like to present the following documents concerning the estate of Michel Leger, son of Louis and Anna Doucet, who was married to Celeste Pouponne Matt (see page 113 of the Léger series). These documents are listed in the *Calendar of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, Civil Records, Vol. I, 1803-1819*, and can be found in the Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, on microfilm, Reel 16, *Opelousas: 3 August 1817 Estate of Michel Leger, 26 vouchers*. The year of this document is obviously an error, it probably should have been 1857.)

These documents are records of payment to Michel's creditors, by the administrator of his estate, Pierre Richard, who was married to Merante Leger, daughter of Michel and Celeste Pouponne Matt. Some of the documents were written in English, some in French, and some a combination of both. The names and words are spelled as they were written in the documents, even though they may not be spelled correctly. For this reason, I had difficulty with the language and the handwriting of each document. Question marks indicate that I was uncertain of the word or spelling.)

Michel and Celeste had the following children:²²⁵

1. Celeste, b. 8 July 1822, Opelousas, La.
2. Emerante (Merante), b. 5 Aug. 1824, Opelousas, La., m. Pierre Richard.
3. Louis Michel, b. 4 July 1826, Opelousas, La., d. 19 June 1902, Church Point, La., m. 1st Alice Williams; 2nd Hyacinthe Daigle; 3rd Anaise Daigle.
4. Jerome, b. 30 Sep. 1827, Opelousas, La., m. Euelia (Irma) Etienne Daigle.
5. Celestin, b. 4 June 1829, Opelousas, La., d. 1865, Opelousas, La., m. Eugénie Savoie.
6. Marie, b. Oct 1830.
7. Josephine, b. 17 Sep. 1831, Opelousas, La., d. 8 April 1917, m. Alexandre Teller.
8. Joseph, b. 28 Sep. 1833, Opelousas, La., d. abt 1866, Opelousas, La., m. Oliva Richard.
9. Marie Armase, b. 5 April 1835, Opelousas, La., m. Pierre Carrier.
10. Julie, b. 10 May 1838, Grand Coteau, La., m. 1st Eugene Daigle; 2nd Joseph Chavelier Etienne.
11. Jean Geran, b. 27 Jan. 1840, Grand Coteau, La., d. 13 Dec. 1884, m. Estelle Thibodeaux.
12. Caroline, b. 18 Sep 1842, Grand Coteau, La., m. Arthur Daigle.
13. Placide, b. 5 Oct. 1844, Grand Coteau, La.
14. Azelie, b. 18 July 1847, Grand Coteau, La., m. Paul Fontenot.
15. Pelagie, b. 5 Mar 1850, Grand Coteau, La.

²²⁵Reverend Donald J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*. See also Léger Data Base.

The following document is a record of items that Michel bought on credit from a general store.

Mr. Michel Leger

P. V. Roy

1853		=====	
Feb.	12	Plough No. 2	5 50
March	4	1dz colored handkerchiefs 3.00 nails	4 00
		1 pr cotton card 6/ 5 lb potatoes	1 75
	6	1 vest	6 00
April	2	16 lengths mattress ticking @ 20¢	3 30
		1 length of white cotton	15
		1 btl red wine 35. 1 blue handkerchief 30¢	55
			3 90
	8	1pr hunting boots 14/saddle blanket 40¢	
		" " " \$2.50 1 pr man's boots	
		\$1.50	
		5 lengths of white cotton	1 00
		2 spools cotton	10
			1 10
May	9	1 ball of shoemaking thread 10¢	
		1 (?) 75¢	85
		1 pocket knife (his son's ?)	50
	18	1 btl whiskey 2 glasses	25
		1 Grist mill	9 50
		1/2 dz buckles	20
		1 pr stirrups	75
	22	1 pr child's stirrups	38
	26	1 pr stirrups (his son's ?)	50
			12 93
June	2	(?) forged nails	20
	22	smoking tobacco	15
		matches	15
			50
October	20	Rennes thread 10c /3 yds red flannel 40¢ \$1.20	1 30
		5 yds cassinette/\$5.00 7 lgths s 40	6 40
		1 dz covered buttons 2¢ 1 cotton(?) 4/4 41 yds 12/492	5 17
		1(?) saltpeter 2¢ 3? 60¢ 1pr boots 12c	2 35
		1 saw file	40
		2 " " 3/5	75
		1 pr cotton cards	75
		2(?) lead shot 20¢ / 1(?) indigo \$2.00	2 20
		1/2 dz large buttons	10
			19 42
November	1	Balance on sundries	70
	5	1 pr red boots	1 50
		(?) yds Scotch plaids @ 10¢	2 50
		4 yds pink percale @ 1¢	50
		1/2 dz covered buttons	20
		Rennes thread for	05
1854		difference in exchange for 2 hats	3 50
			9 01
January	19	5 lengths flannel @20¢ / 8¢ / 1pr boots 10¢	2 25
		1 pr socks 3¢ / 1 pr beaver gloves 8c /	1 38
			3 63
			\$73 89

Rec'd payment, 3 April 1854 from Pierre Richard, Administrator.

P. V. Roy, Administrator

Opelousas, Feb. 18, 1854

Estate of Widow Michel Leger to the Courier office [newspaper]
for an advertisement by administrator, 2/4 cents per \$ 6.00
March 18 Advertisement of sale of property 6/4 cents per 36.00
Received payment from the administrator \$ 42.00

Sandoz & Maynard ?

[Michel's succession was on Feb. 17, 1854.²²⁶]

Reçu de Msr. Pierre Richard Administrateur de la succession de feu Michel Leger la somme de vingt piastres pour avoir fait le 27 fevr. dernier inventaire a residence et ce pour assemblée de famille.

Opelousas 15 Mars 1854

D'Avy?

Recorder

My translation:

Received from Mr. Pierre Richard Administrator of the succession of deceased Michel Leger the sum of twenty dollars for having done the inventory the past 27 February, at the residence and for assembling the family.

Opelousas 15 March 1854

D'Avy?

Recorder

Opelousas March 15, 1854 Received of Pierre Richard administrator of the Estate of Michel Leger, deceased, fourteen dollars and thirty cents my costs against said Estate up to date. A.Garrigues

Reçu de Pierre Richard administrateur de la succession de Michel Leger cent seize piastres et 66 pour solde des deux premier payement (?) le 1 Avril 1854 pour un negresse nommée fauchonette achetée par le defunt Michel Leger a l'encan de la succession Joseph Daigle.

Opelousas le 3 Avril 1854

Charadet? Exe.Este.

My translation:

Received from Pierre Richard, Administrator of the succession of Michel Leger one hundred sixteen dollars and 66 cents in settlement of the first two payments due 1 April 1854 for a negress named, Fauchonette, purchased by the deceased Michel Leger at the auction of the succession of Joseph Daigle .

Opelousas 3 April 1854

Charadet? Test. Ex.

²²⁶Ibid. Succession #1815.

Mr Michel Leger
To J. Bachman Lee, M.D.
To four visits @ \$5 ea: \$20
Received payment in full up to date
April 10th/54

Theodore Chachere
for J. B. Lee

Estate of Michel Leger
To George Rainer, Auctioneer, Dr.
For two days work @\$20 a day, \$40.00
St Landry, April 19th 1854,

Rec'd payment
George Rainer
by A. Mugnier?

Estate of Michel Leger
To A. Dejean Dr.

1854
April 18 To my commission as auctioneer \$76.20
Recd payment from Pierre Richard
Admin of said estate.
Opelousas Apr 29, 1854
A. Dejean

Estate of Michel Leger dec
A. Garrigues

1854
March 31 (?) Copy of Inventory \$ 4.00
Apr 17 " Co__? to make sale 1.25
" 20 " Extras of sale for recorder 2.50
" 26 " Copy of sale (?) (?) and seal 6.00
\$ 13.75

Rec'd payt by Pierre Richard Adm.
of said Estate Apr 29, 1854
A. Garrigues

*Pierre Richard Admr of Estate of Michel Leger dec'd to Garland L. Lastrapes
To four petitions. \$40.00*

*Opleousas 8 February 1855 Received payment
Garland L Lastrapes*

*Reçu de Mr. Pierre Richard, Adm de la succession de Michel Léger, décédé la somme de vingt-et une piastres,
pour avoir ramasser et contremarque les animaux appartenant à le surdite succession. St. Landry le 11 Mai
1855*

*Temoin sa
W.Elkins Pierre X Carriere
marque*

My translation:

Received from Mr. Pierre Richard, Administrator of the succession of Michel Léger, the sum of twenty-one dollars, for having to gather and countermark the animals allocated to the said succession.

Witness: St. Landry 11 May 1855
W.Elkins Pierre X Carriere his mark

[Pierre Carriere was married to Hermance Leger, daughter of Michel Leger and Celeste Pouponne Matt]

*Reçu de Mr Pierre Richard, Adm de la succession de feu Michel Léger, la somme le vingt-et une piastres,
pour avoir ramasse et assister a contremarquer, les animaux appartenant a la surdite succession.*

*St Landry le 12 Mai 1855
Louis M. Léger*

My translation:

Received from Mr. Pierre Richard, Administrator of the succession of deceased Michel Léger, the sum of twenty-one dollars, for having to gather and to assist in countermarking the animals allocated to the said succession. St. Landry 12 May 1855

/s/ Louis M. Léger

[Louis M. Leger was the son of Michel Leger and Celeste Pouponne Matt.]

*Rec'd Washington, La. 26th May 1855 from Mr. Pierre Richard Admin. of the estate of Michel Leger dec'd, the
sum of three hundred and fifty four 59/100 dollars, to value on the third installment due by said Michel Leger
dec'd for his purchases at the sale of the estate of Joseph Daigle Sr.*

*L. Chaudet Test. Ex.
Sr Morrogh & Mouton*

Reçu de Mr Pierre Richard, Adm de la succession de Michel Léger, décédé la somme de vingt et une piastres que la surdite succession me devait pour avoir ramasser et contremarquer les animaux de la surdite succession.

St Landry le 6 Juin 1855

Jerome Leger

My translation:

Received from Mr. Pierre Richard, Administrator of the succession of Michel Léger, deceased, the sum of twenty-one dollars that the said succession owes me, for having to gather and countermark the animals of the above stated succession.

St. Landry 6 June 1855

/s/ Jerome Leger

[Jerome Leger was the son of Michel Leger and Celeste Pouponne Matt.]

Reçu de Pierre Richard Admin de la succession de Michel Léger, décédé la somme de vingt et une piastres, pour avoir assemble et contremarque les animaux de la sur dite succession, pour l'encan.

St. Landry le 6 Juin 1855

*Temoin sa
W.Elkins Celestin X Léger
marque*

My translation:

Received from Pierre Richard Adinistrator of the succession of Michel Léger, deceased, the sum of twenty-one dollars, for having to assemble and countermark the animals of the above said succession, for the auction.

St. Landry 6 June 1855

*Witness his
W. Elkins Celestin X Léger
mark*

[Celestin Leger was the son of Michel Leger and Celeste Pouponne Matt.]

Reçu de Mr. P. Richard Admin de la succession de feu Michele Léger la somme de trois piastres pour un arbre que le sur dite Michel Leger me devait. St. Landry le 19 Juilles 1855.

*Temoin sa
W.Elkins Hilaire X Léger
marque*

Pierre Richard

vs

Thomas Bacon

No. 59.

Copy of Judgment

No.2

State of Louisiana

Parish of St. Landry

to wit

I Augustin LaHaie Justice of the Peace in and for the Parish of St. Landry do hereby certify that there is on file and of record in my office a Judgment in the words and figures to wit:

Pierre Richard Administrator of the Estate of Michel Leger

V.S. No. 59

Thomas Bacon

The 23rd day of May 1857, this being the time fixed for the hearing of the cause, the Defendant Thomas Bacon having failed to appear and being in default.

It is by reason thereof and the law considered that Pierre Richard the Plaintiff have Judgment by Default against the defendant Thomas Bacon for the sum of twenty four dollars and 96/100 with interest thereon at five per cent per annum from the 23rd of May 1857, until paid, and the costs of said suit.

Signed Augustin LaHaie, J. Peace St. Landry

Notice of Judgment issued on the 28 May 1857 and served the same day.

Signed Gerail Vasseur

_____? Constable

In testimony whereof and that the same is a true copy of the original judgment. I have hereunto signed annexing here to the original claim filed in said suit at the Parish of St. Landry this 20th of June 1857.

/s/ Augustin LaHaie, J. P. for St. Landry

Judgment	\$24.96
Interest	
Constable	2.40
Copy of Judgment	1.50
Magistrate	<u>3.00</u>
	\$31.86

Received the costs by Plaintiff
A. LaHaie, J.P. St. Landry
