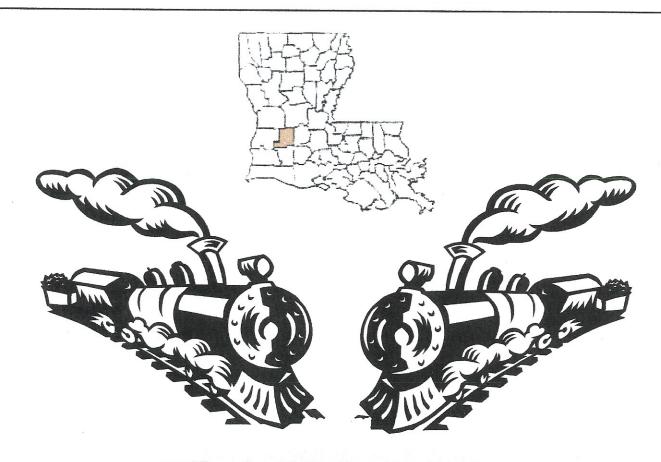
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Monthly society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th St., Kinder, LA. Members are always willing to help visitors with research and endeavor to answer their questions.

Membership fees are \$15 per calendar year per person. This also includes an annual subscription to CROSSROADS. Single copies and back issues of the publication are available for \$3 each to anyone.

CROSSROADS is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Queries are free to members, \$3 each for non-members and will be published as space permits. When sending in a query, please include all pertinent information such as names, dates and places along with your name and address.

We encourage and welcome contributions of genealogical and historical material pertaining to Allen Parish locations or families for inclusion in CROSAROADS. The society does not assume responsibility for accuracy of information submitted and published, nor does it assume responsibility for any copyright infringement of submitted and published material. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject material we deem not suitable for publication.

The society accepts donations of books, periodicals and other material of genealogical and historical interest relating to Allen Parish. Other suggested items include 5 generation charts, family histories, newspaper clippings, old photos, etc. These will be placed on file in the Genealogy Room at the Kinder Library for research purposes. Memorials and honorariums are also welcomed by the society and marked as such.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Comments:

We are delighted that Fran Clemmons accepted the position of Publishing Editor after Ethel Sacker resigned. Fran has served the society well as reporter and historian for the past few years. We know she will serve in this new position with the same continued interest and reliability. This is her first issue of "Crossroads" and we think she is off to a great start.

Beginning with this issue a new new section is being added to "Crossroads"; The Museum Page. Adagria Haddock, Allen Parish Tourist Commission Director and curator of The Allen Parish Leatherwood Museum, will be contributing an article each quarter concerning the newly renovated museum in Oakdale, La. She has worked tirelessly for over a year gathering material from all across the parish and getting the museum in working order with a wide spectrum of historical subjects covered to insure that it is truly an Allen Parish Museum. She has plans for more updates as time and money allow. The Allen Genealogical and Historical Society is proud to be a supporter of this new parish-wide effort to display the rich history of Allen Parish and its people. It is a great asset to the parish and all residents can proudly point it out to visitors to our area.

I want to personally invite each of our members and readers to contribute your queries, articles, suggestions and critiques as we endeavor to enhance and expand "Crossroads". Remember your \$15 annual membership fee includes a subscription to "Crossroads".

Wishing you a great summer,

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President

A POINT TO PONDER

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

BOOK REVIEWS

Have you read a book lately that you think would be of interest to other members? Would you like to send us a review for the next issue of CROSSROADS? It can be a historical novel, history that includes this area or a family history.

We want AGHS members to participate in this publication.

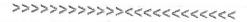


QUERIES

AGHS is assisting the Allen Parish Tourism Commission in obtaining information and documentation for Historical Markers to be placed throughout the parish. One being considered is the grave of Alice Cole. She was a slave and gave medical attention throughout her life to both blacks and whites in the area around Hickory Flatt (between Oberlin and Kinder). A book by her son tells of this but there must be two sources of documentation to grant a historical marker. One more is needed. Alice is interred in the Botley Cemetery north of Kinder. If you can shed light on this, please contact Betty Sarver at 526 Nursery Rd., Kinder, La. 70648

If you have an area or place that you think deserves a historical marker, contact Adagria Haddock at P. O. Box 1280, Oberlin, La. 70655 or Betty Sarver at 526 Nursery Rd., Kinder, La. 70648 Let's put Allen Parish in the spotlight!

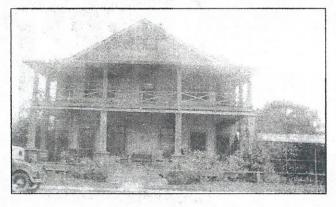
Don't forget to send in your queries. Someone may have that missing link you need in your family tree. You won't know until you ask!



ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CROSSROADS PUBLICATION LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM ARTICLE #1

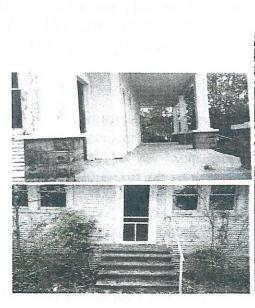
It gives me great pleasure to write about something that touches Allen Parish so deeply. The Allen Parish Tourist Commission is excited that we have the opportunity to restore and renovate the old building as a holding place for our history.

The Leatherwood Museum, located in Oakdale, Louisiana, was created from a family home in 1986. The Leatherwood Foundation was created to run and maintain the museum. Because of lack of funding, the museum was force to close its doors around the year 2000. It remained closed until the Foundation voted to donate the Leatherwood Museum and the entire inventory to the Allen Parish Tourist Commission.



Original Picture of Leatherwood Museum. The picture was not dated.

When the tourist commission took over the museum, an inventory was made. Each item was photographed, described, given a dollar value, if any, and given a museum number. The item was then stored until renovations could be made.







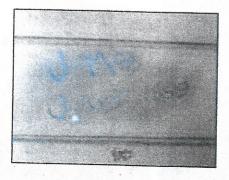
These are pictures before any work was done on the museum.

The tourist commission then sold bonds and wrote grants to renovate and restore the building. The following is a list of additions and changes made: install central air/heat, install handicap ramp, remove kitchen and install original sleep porch with new roof over porch, install parking lot, cut out dead trees, installed new privacy fence, put in new landscaping, install elevator, install sheet rock on bottom floor and paint entire house inside and out, install handicap restroom, sand and re-stain floors to original color. This process is about complete.



This is what the museum looked like on the 2007 Christmas Tour of Homes.

With the renovations almost complete, work has started on the displays and interpretations. A lot of research has been done and we still have a lot more to go. Some of the displays will consists of: Southwest Indians, 1941 War Maneuvers, lumber, agriculture, original furniture, education room, and the Cuban Riot.



This initial and date was found written on the wall when the wall paper was torn off. As of this date, we are unable to find any documentation on the initials J Mc or the date, July 3, 1888. We have, however; found a picture dated 1907 with the museum in it.

We hope to have our grand opening this spring. Notices will be put in the paper. I am Adagria Haddock, director of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission. So long until next time.

from the editor-----Fran Clemmons

Let me first of all wish you a Happy Spring and a fun safe Summer. Spring sprung so beautiful with all the azaleas and bridal wreath in full bloom, but they just don't last as long as we would like them to. This publication of Crossroads is my first one as your new editor. I will do my very best to make Crossroads entertaining and informative. You as readers are an important part to Crossroads and I am asking you to share information and family histories with us for future publications. We at the Society value your opinions and feedback. The Society also wishes to extend an invitation to you to come for our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library. As an introduction, I have submitted my 5-generation ancestor chart for this publication. I am still researching my fathers family history which I may submit in a future publication. I have also submitted an article on my Grandmother Fannie Nevils Which I hope you will enjoy and find interesting. ****************

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS;

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GENEALOGY HUMOR: "THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR"

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still. He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will. He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences. He avoided any man who came to take the US Census. He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame. And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name. His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list of passengers to America, but somehow they got missed. And no one else in this world is searching for this man. So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can. I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed; but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest. He died before the county clerks decided to keep records. No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of my efforts. To top it off, this ancestor, who caused me many groans, just to give me one more pain, he betrothed a girl named JONES.

"MawMaw Luke"

I grew up with two wonderful sets of grandparents. I know that everyone feels that their own grandparents are the best, but mine WERE the very best of all. I have so many things I could write about of each grandparent, but in this article, I will focus on my grandmother Fannie Cartrette Nevils, better known to friends and neighbors as "Aunt Fannie" and to all her grandchildren as "MawMaw Luke". She was born on August 9,1893, in Long Pond, Georgia, in which today is part of Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents were Asa Randel Cartrette and Addie Eliza Norris Cartrette from North and South Carolina where most of their families were tobacco farmers. My greatgrandfather Cartrette became a timberman and worked for a lumber company that contracted jobs of extracting sap from pine trees to make turpentine. Greatgrandfather Cartrette's job was to build and operate turpentine camps and stills to process the sap into turpentine. The job took him and his family on the road or rail as they traveled by train then. He had a company of people that worked for him that traveled everywhere that the job took them along with their families. "MawMaw" told me her memories of how the family would travel aboard train. The family had a nurse "Nanny" that took care of the smaller children of the family. She remembered the family all being at the train depot waiting to board the train. She and a younger brother were holding onto the skirt tail of "Nanny" who was holding the baby of the family in her arms. "MawMaw" said her mother was all dressed up in the latest fashions, standing by her father, who also was dressed fine. The older children of the family were all around her parents

and when it was time to get on the train, her parents got on first, then the older children, then "Nanny" and the smaller children. When they arrived at their destination, her father and his workers would get under way getting everyone settled into living quarters. The lumber company built them houses and helped them get settled in their new location. They were on the move a lot and lived in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. In the early nineteen hundreds, Greatgrandfather Cartrette and his company of workers were sent into Louisiana to build a turpentine camp and still in a dense pine forest at what is known today as "Kings Farm".

My "MawMaw' told how every Sunday. her family would have church services in their home. Lonnie Lormand was a preacher that would come to hold the services and one Sunday he brought a young man with him that made a big impression on my grandmmother. This young man was Luke Nevils. This meeting began a courtship between my grandparents, but soon after they meet, the family moved back to Alabama. The courtship then became a correspondence. As the family traveled around from place to place, the older children in the family meet and married and settled down to live and raise their own families. "MawMaw's" oldest sister had married a man that worked for the railroad and was sent to East Texas to work as an depot agent. They started a family and wanted my grandmother to come to Texas to help with the small children. My grandmothers parents let her travel by train from Alabama to Texas to go stay with her sister's family. Well, the train made a stop in Kinder, Louisiana, where my grandmother got off to see Mr. Luke Nevils and he took her away to the Justice of Peace, M.B. McRill to get married. They were married on November 5,1912. My grandpa Luke described my grandmother as the most beautiful woman in all the whole country. She stole his heart the first time he saw her and he loved and cherished her until the day he

died. Together with "Gods" help, they built a solid and loving Christian home. They raised eight children—Jennie, Daniel, Ruth, Denver, Luke Jr., Mary, Ouida, and Pierre. They raised their sons and daughters to be "God" fearing children and taught them values and sound moral principles. MawMaw Luke was a christian woman of great faith. She prayed for her family and everyone she knew on a daily basis. She never went to bed at night until she had read her Bible and got down on her knees to pray. She prayed out loud and named each one of her children, their spouses, their children, and everyone she knew in her prayers. I would spend the night a lot of times with my MawMaw and PaPa Luke and I can still hear her prayers ringing through my mind. People still talk about how she would take a blanket and go out in the woods behind her house to pray for her three oldest sons that were fighting in the world war II overseas. She would stay out there as long as it would take for her to feel she had an answer from "God". She was an earnest Praver warrior all her life. She never failed to minister to anyone who needed help. For as long as I can remember, MawMaw never meet a stranger and she always talked about her walk with God. No one she meet along the way can ever say that they never heard how to be saved because she evangalized every where she went and to everyone she talked to. The scriptures from the 1Peter 3:15-16(NIV) reminds me of MawMaw Luke. The text states, But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in **Christ** may be ashamed of their slander.

Maw Maw was a people person. She loved everyone and never was at a loss for things of interest to talk about and she loved talking about her family. She had a wonderful childhood and would talk about people she had meet in the

places she lived during her life time of travels. She would keep us, her grandchildren, entertained with stories of things she and her younger brother "Pete" would do while they were growing up. She told of the things with such vividness, I could just see what she was talking about in my mind as if I would be seeing a movie.

She loved having company over and she always had something fresh baked or cooked to serve at any time. If anyone came over and even hinted that they didn't want anything to eat or drink, that wouldn't do at MawMaws house because she insisted her guest have something to eat with her. Needless to say, she was the best cook of all times.

MawMaw loved politics also. She was a die-in-the-wool democrat and she never failed to watch the news on TV or read the daily newspaper for all the current news. She was the first woman to vote in Allen Parish and never missed voting in any election. Just a few months before she died, she went to vote at her home precinct of Indian Village. MawMaw, along with all women in the United States, was guaranteed the right to vote with the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The proposed amendment was sent to the states for ratification on June 4,1919 by the Sixty-sixth Congress. It was ratified on August 18,1920.

MawMaw Luke was a wonderful, warm, generous person. If I could be just a fraction of the wonderful grandmother that she was to me to my own grandchildren, is my hope. She would always say "Pretty Is, Is Pretty Does". I tell this little phrase to my grand daughters all the time and I pray I will be as powerful an influence on them as MawMaw was on me. She was a great and powerful influence in my life and I will always have an intense admiration and loving affection for her.



Fannie Cartrette



Luke Nevils



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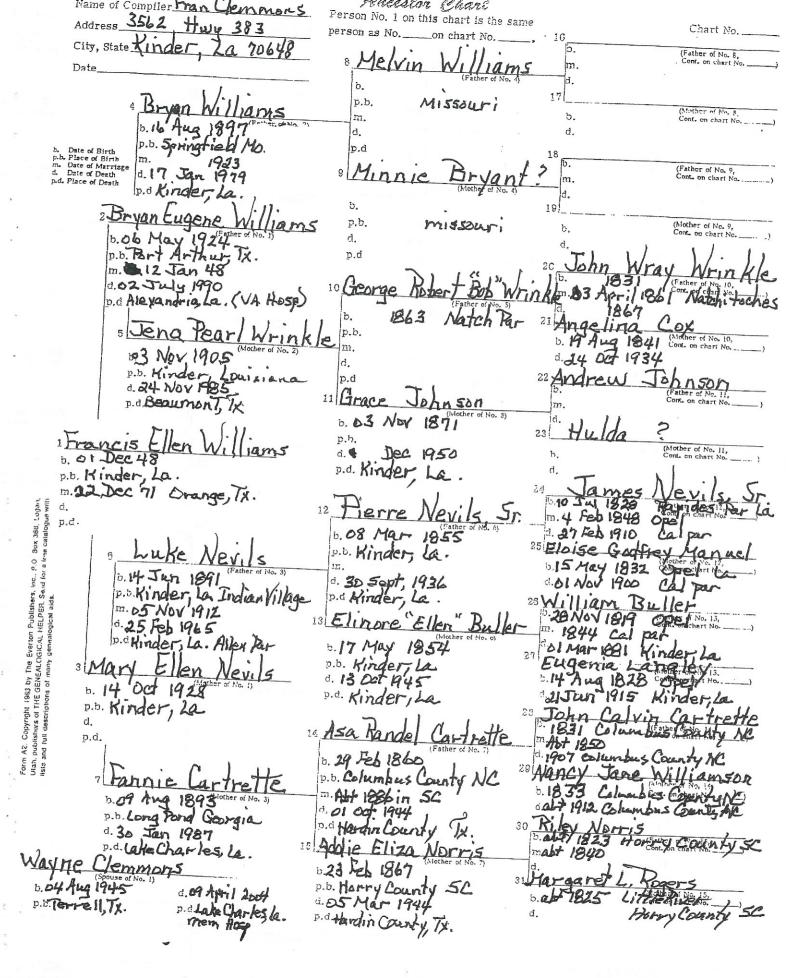


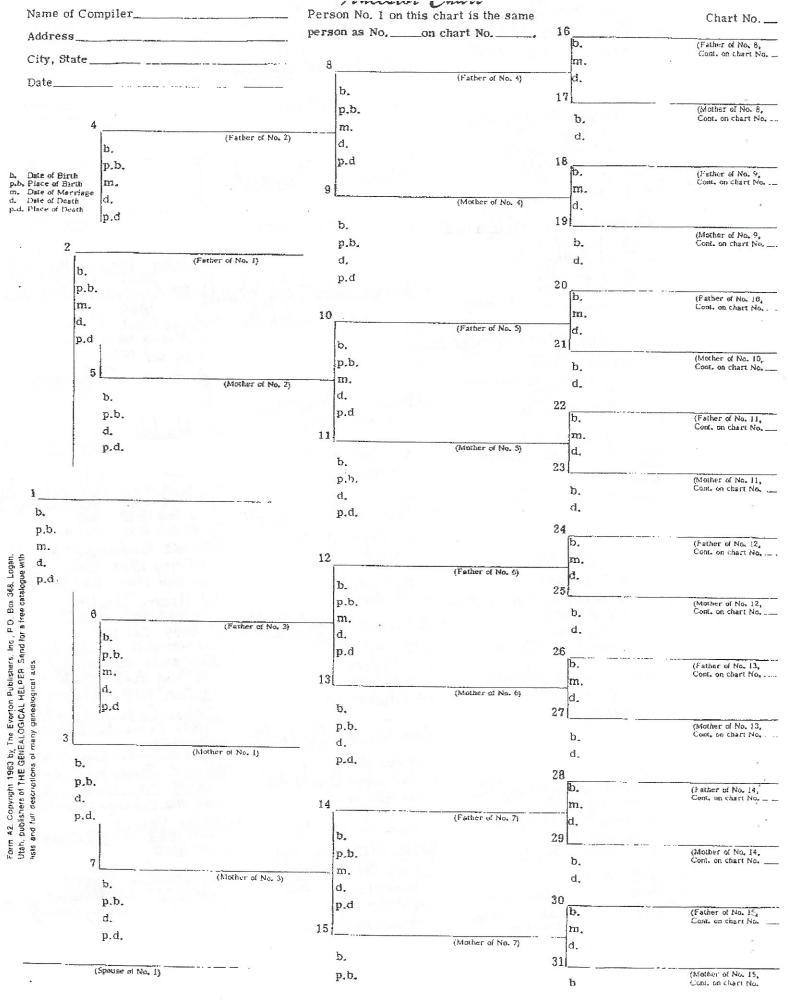
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Please make checks or money orders payable to Allen Genealogical and Historical Society

Although not required, we ask that you please send a five generation chart of your lineage for our records. A blank chart is attached.

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Please enroll me as a member of the Allen Genealogical and Historical Society for the current year, 2008.

I understand that with my \$15 membership fee I will also receive 4 quarterly issues of CROSSROADS published in January, April, July and October. I can also have my queries accepted for publication in CROSSROADS for no cost.

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