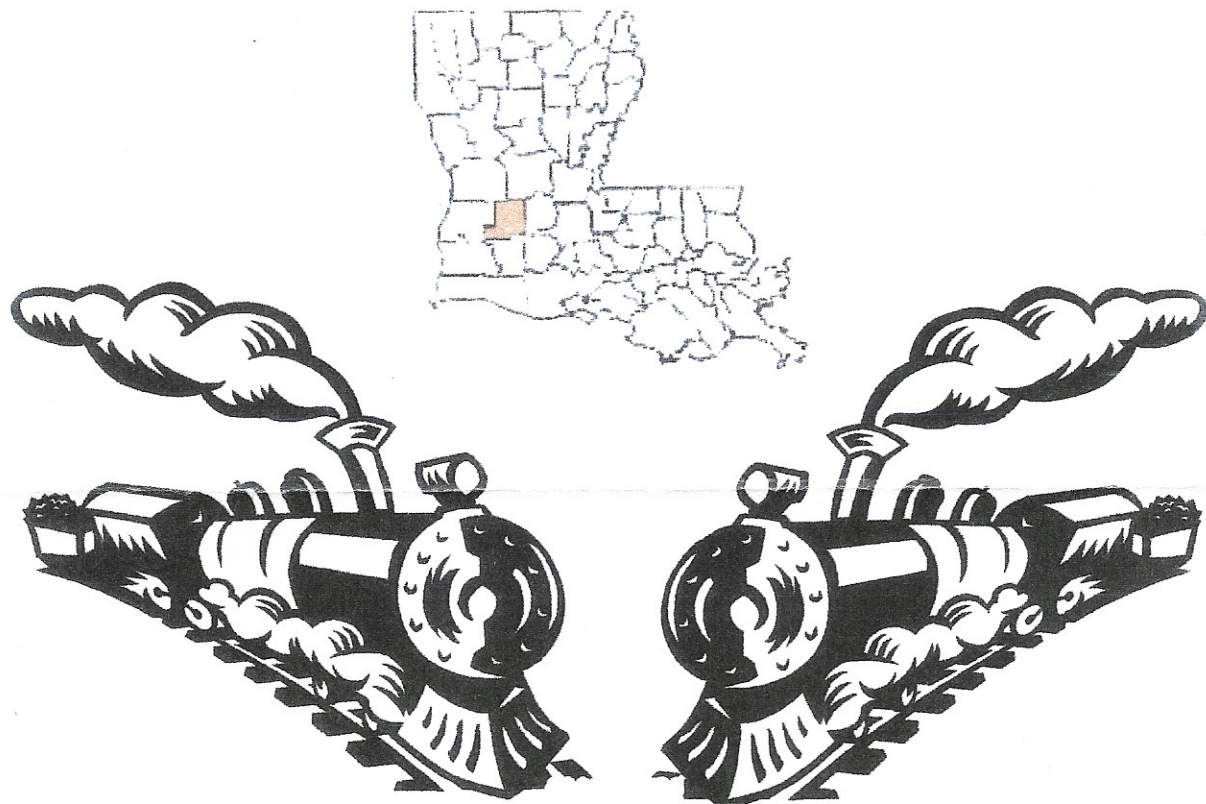


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and surrounding communities.

President's Comments

I want to thank all of you for your get well wishes and prayers for my husband, Charles. For those who were not aware, he suffered a stroke on May 17th. He doing great; was discharged a week earlier than scheduled from the hospital. He is still receiving some outpatient therapy to build the strength in his left leg, but he is able to do all the things enjoyed before the stroke. We have been blessed!

Adragria Haddock, director, of the Allen Parish Museum, has a great article in this issue about a new addition to the museum displays. If you have not been there lately, stop by and see the new displays that have been added.

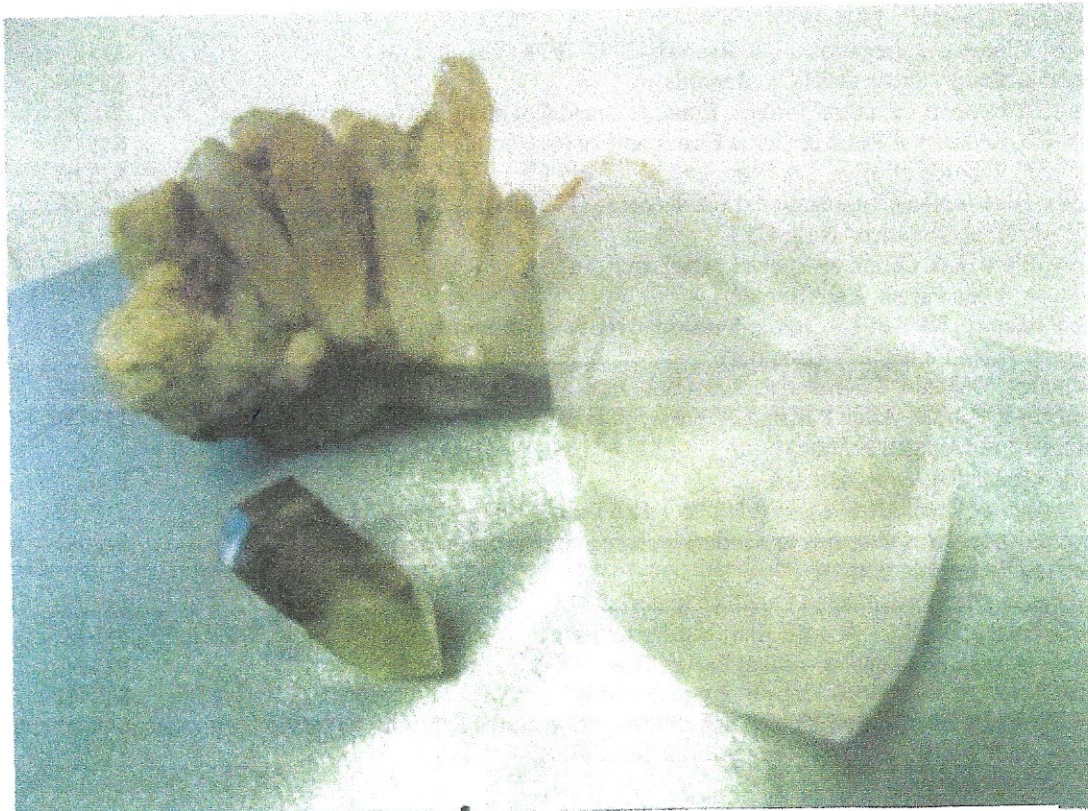
Wishing you all a great summer,

Betty Savier

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President

ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM PAGE

I remember when I was a child and every where my mother went she would pick up rock. This rock would then join the many others from different parts of the United States in the rock garden at home. At the Leatherwood Museum, we have an exhibit with different types of stones, geodes, and crystals. Some are shown below.



This picture shows a single large clear crystal, a smoky crystal and a group of crystals as they are together in nature.

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Single copies and back issues are available for \$3.00 each to anyone.

Queries are free to members; \$3.00 for non-members—and will be published as space permits. Please include all necessary information, such as names, dates, places, or place references.

We encourage and welcome contributions of genealogical and historical interest for inclusion in CrossRoads; especially material pertinent to Allen Parish. 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 not suitable for publication.

We will accept donations of books, periodicals, and other material of Genealogical and Historical interest relating to this area. These will be placed in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library. We welcome memorials and honorariums.

BOOK SECTION: Books for Sale by the Society: (Prices; plus \$2.00 Postage)	
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1941 Kinder High School Year Book (copy)— by order only	\$30.00
Jessie Johnson Cemetery, Kingsfarm, Kinder, LA NEW with pictures & family history	\$15.00
Nevils Cemetery with pictures of Headstone inscriptions. NEW	\$12.00

Allen Parish Genealogy Society is keeping family file folders, which contain family histories, pedigrees and family group sheets, newspaper clippings, and other items of interest. These offer an excellent source for research. Anyone interested can get further information from any Society member. The Library will stock the necessary forms, and any member will be glad to assist you.

All new members are asked to supply a five-generation Ancestor Chart, which will be kept in a file in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library, these are compiled into a book. **Book 1 has been completed**

A blank five-generation ancestor form is included in each issue of CrossRoads.

The Society will accept items of interest to publish in CrossRoads; copies of Land Records, Wills and Probates, Marriage Certificates, and copies of Old Obituaries are some suggestions.

The research Department of the Library has Rev. Heberts' CD of his Records of SW LA; CD of Confederate Civil War Veterans, Micro-film of Allen Parish WW1 Draft Registration Cards; and also has the Allen Parish 1930 Census Microfilm, plus Microfilms of older issues of Kinder newspapers.

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Renewal of Membership

If you forgot to renew your membership, there is still time. We hope that you will stay with us this year, attend meetings, and help our Society to grow and become the Best in this area.. We encourage submission of articles, documents, and family history for future issues of Crossroads.

Any volunteer help is appreciated (pick up a bundle of obituaries, and cut and paste), make a family history sheet of one of your Ancestors and submit, write an article on the history of your church, school, community, land grant, or Military Veteran. Interview some one of interest and write a brief article on that interview. There are so many ways to help.

Being a member is an excellent means of keeping up with the genealogical and historical events and people who helped form our Parish and Community. If you have a few lost relatives you just might discover a link or maybe even that person to help bridge the gap.

You can also submit a query in CrossRoads and some one may be able to help you find that missing link.

Or—you just might have that missing link for another person.

This issue of CrossRoads is being put out by the Assistant Editor, Ethel Sacker. Our own Editor, Fran, has had Hip Replacement Surgery, and will be recuperating for most of July. News is that she is doing fine, but will be confined for a time. Our prayers are with her and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

An updated copy of the **McGee Cemetery** has been included in this issue. It was a cool morning, so my son and I went out to the cemetery, and took pictures, and copied the grave markers. There were several new graves with shiny markers. All grave markers were easy to read. It is a very neat and well kept cemetery located on Highway 190 West just past the Allen Parish Hospital. It is fenced, but the gate is unlocked. I have included the annotations, which are as accurate as possible according to my findings. Any one noting any mistakes, please let me know and I will correct them. If you have family or friends buried out there, please let me know, and I will add the information. This updated copy will not be put online. Included also, are a few obituaries found of those buried in the cemetery.

There is another McGee Cemetery located in Oakdale, Louisiana. This one doesn't seem to be online, but Flossie McGee, who works in the Court House in Oberlin, talked about it. Flossie is a descendant of the Gidlows and is married to Herbert McGee, a son of Ezie McGee, whose ancestors are buried in the McGee Cemetery in Oakdale and the Cryer Cemetery in Oakdale. Flossie is always ready to help with any research done in her Records department. She has been an invaluable help in my research on the McGee Cemetery published in this issue of CrossRoads.

It is my hope to do Research on the McGee Cemetery in Oakdale for a future article for CrossRoads.

A Little More on Laonaise Hebert and the Hecker Area

Excerpts taken from an article by Nola Mae Ross

In 1840, the first Police Jury of Calcasieu Parish met in the home of Arsene LeBleu, then current patriarch of the LeBleu pioneer family that had settled in the area in the mid-1770s. He is credited with assembling the first police jury. Others at that meeting were David Simmons, Alexander Hebert, Henry Moss, and Rees Perkins. While the jurors met, Joseph C. LeBleu was probably toddling about somewhere in or near the house. Meanwhile, not far away in the settlement of Hecker, Lastie and Lucy Augustine Hebert were busy staking out their new homestead. With the Heberts was their baby daughter, Laonaise. Laonaise learned French at her Mother's knee. She also learned to speak the language of the Choctaw Indians, who camped near the Hebert home. She received no formal education, since there were no schools in the area. Joseph C. LeBleu had grown to manhood just as news of the Civil War reached the Chloe area. He wanted to enlist in the Confederate Army. Fearing he wouldn't get permission from his parents, he bade no one goodbye, he simply headed for Opelousas, and enlisted in Company K of the Tenth Louisiana regiment under Commander W.H. Spencer.

After the War ended, LeBleu attended a dance one night and caught the eye of pretty Laonaise Hebert. They met, fell in love, and were married in 1867.

"We had to ride horseback all the way to Opelousas just to get the priest to marry us", Laonaise told her grandchildren in later years.

After the wedding, an elegant reception was held at the LeBleu home in Chloe, with fiddlers, dancing, plenty of refreshments, and everybody in the whole country side invited.

The young couple moved into the LeBleu home and lived there the rest of their lives.

Laonaise Hebert LeBleu lived to be 103 years old. Much happened in her lifetime. And much has been written about her. One interesting fact, she never wore glasses. "I tried a pair of specs once, when I was 97 years old" she said, "But I looked down the road one day and everything was blurred. So I quit wearing them".

She celebrated her 103rd birthday, and welcomed over 300 guests who stopped by her home to wish her well. The LeBleus were a legend in their time.

A Short History of The McGee Family

(Taken from an article in LaVoix des Praires by John A. Young)

The progenitor of the first McGees in Southwest Louisiana was Peter Hugh McGee, also called Peter Hugo McGee of Ireland. Evidence shows that he was in the Mississippi Territory as early as November 17, 1800, a witness to a land transfer. Almost two years after signing the land transfer, a Hugh Pierre McGee and his wife Francoise Richard had a child, Hugh Pierre McGee, baptized at St. Gabriel in Iberville Parish, born on July 22, 1801. Sponsors at the baptism were Jean McGee and Marie Richard. Paternal grandparents were listed as Alexander Hugh McGee and Alice O'Hara, maternal grandparents as Paul Richard and Martha Babin.

No record has been found indicating when or where Hugh Pierre McGee and Francoise Richard were married. From the baptism of Hugh Pierre, (Jr) who is assumed to be the first child, it would appear that the couple were married sometime before 1801. A church marriage or validation, was recorded at St. Gabriel in 1804, showing where he was born and giving his parents names. Pierre Hugo and Marie Francoise apparently did not remain in Iberville Parish very long. The death of one of their children, Norval, is recorded in St. Martin of Tours Church, St. Martinville on September 9, 1809. Church Records state that he was 7 years of age at the time of his death, indicating his birth about 1802.

It is not known where the six children, known to have been born to the marriage of Pierre Hugo McGee and Marie Francoise Richard were born. According to records, the first five children were born in Iberville Parish, and the sixth child, Pierre, whose death at 18 years of age is recorded in St. Landry Church Register on February 6, 1831, was born in St. Martinville.

Records indicate that Pierre Hugo McGee and Marie Francoise Richard had the following children;

1. Hugu Pierre McGee, born 22 July 1801; bapt. 30 Sep. 1802 (St. Gabriel)
2. Norval (Jean) McGee, born ca 1802; d. 9 Sep. 1809 at age 7 years (SM Ch)
3. Thomas Emile Hugo McGee, m. 15 Apr. 1823 (Op. Ch.)
4. Joseph Hugo McGee, m. 4 May 1827 (Op. Ch.)
5. John (Jean) Hugo McGee, m. 4 May 1830 (Op. Ch.)
6. Pierre McGee, born ca. 1813; died 5 Feb. 1831 at age 18 years. (Op. Ch)

The death date of Pierre Hugo McGee is unknown, however his wife Marie Francoise Richard's death is recorded in St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in 1822. It appears that soon after Marie Francoise's death, four of her children migrated to the Opelousas area and settled in the area about four miles east of Eunice. There is no evidence that their father Pierre Hugo made the move to Opelousas with his children and it seems reasonable to assume that he died sometime prior to their move and possibly before the death of his wife.

First indication of their arrival in the Opelousas area is found in the marriage record of Thomas Hugo McGee to Marie Louise Savoie on April 15, 1823, and the birth of their first child in January 1824. The marriages of Joseph Hugo McGee to Patsy Perrine Young and John Hugo McGee to Anastasie Savoie, Thomas' brothers, were also recorded in S. Landry Church on June 20, 1827 and May 4, 1832 respectively. From this it appears fair to say that the McGees arrived in the Opelousas area after the 1820 census was taken and sometime prior to Thomas' marriage in 1823.

Sometime in the late 1800s, Pierre Dorsin McGee and his wife Louisa Aguiard and their children migrated from the Fakaitaic Prairie to an area about four miles south of Mamou. Pierre Dorsin was a grandson of John Hugo McGee and Anastasie Savoie. Because of the large number of McGees in the area, it became known as L'anse Meg (Megre) for McGee, a name which is still in use.

McGee Cemetery, Allen Parish, Louisiana

Submitted by Harold W. Harmon

Typed by Nancy Fruge'

Date: January 26, 2009

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Location:

The McGee Cemetery is located about 1.5 miles west of Kinder, LA on Highway US 190. The cemetery was given Row numbers "1" through "7" for the purpose of grave recording; although no Row Markers are in place. Recording began in Row "1" in the southwestern corner of cemetery. All rows run from south to north.

DIRECTIONS TO CEMETERY: From the intersection of Highways US 165 and US 190 in Kinder, LA, go west on US 190 for 1.6 miles to MCGEE Cemetery on right.

Original Recording; May 1, 1998 by Harold W. Harmon and F.L. Orman of Fort Worth, Texas.

Updating started: Oct. 2009 by Ethel F. Sacker

Row "1"

FONTENOT, Ollied J. Dec. 15, 1908 - Sep. 01, 1982
FONTENOT, Carrie M. (Lafleur) Sep. 24, 1914 - Jul. 14, 1989
(d/o Maurice Lafleur & Catherine ??) m. Ollied Fontenot
(unmarked grave)

Row "2"

FONTENOT, Lee Earl Sr. Jan. 24, 1944 - Reserved (?)

Row "3"

MATTHIS, Dora T. Mar. 22, 1900 - Aug. 20, 1959

Row "4"

LAFLEUR, J. Curley (Twin to Carrie) Sep. 24, 1914 - (Apr. 20, 1996>ES
(s/o Maurice Lafleur & Catherine ??) m. Della
LAFLEUR, Della M. Aug. 11, 1916 - Dec. 12, 1979
HAMLETT, Rita L. Feb. 07, 1945 - Oct. 18, 1994

Row "5"

HAMM, Henry Lee Feb. 16, 1933 - Apr. 06, 1995
(s/o Marshall P. Hamm & Nita Sonnier) m. ---- Fontenot>ES
FONTENOT, John Jr. Dec. 13, 1885 - Apr. 21, 1964
FONTENOT, Clonise (nee Darbonne)>ES Sep. 17, 1887 - May 13, 1970
MORGAN, James C. "J.C." Feb. 01, 1914 - Sep. 25, 1985
(s/o Charles D. Morgan & Carrie L. Peck) m. Jo Robin Parker>ES

MORGAN, Jo Robin P. "Robin" Aug. 23, 1918 - Apr. 24, 2003>ES
 (d/o Nevel D. Parker & Pearl Floyd) m. James C. Morgan>ES
 HAMILTON, Dean Ila Feb. 14, 1894 - Dec. 02, 1967
 (d/o James Blocker & Sarah Ann Blocker?) m. Boliver Edward Hamilton>ES
 SONNIER, Wilford (WWII Vet) Dec. 16, 1923 - Mar. 30, 1973
 SONNIER, Cecily Oct. 08, 1934 - Mar. 02, 1984

Row "6"

MCGEE, Olan Oct. 21, 1889 - Aug. 5, 1973
 (s/o Thomas H. McGee & Christine Fuselier) m. Lillian Courville>ES
 MCGEE, Lillian C. Oct. 10, 1891 - Oct. 8, 1955
 (d/o Jacques Courville & Susan Lavergne) m. Olan McGee <ES>
 MONTEAUX, Dudley "Pete" Sept. 13, 1915 - Feb. 3, 1981
 (s/o Pierre Monteaux & Ruth B. Chitty) m. Una Mary McGee >ES
 MONTEAUX, Una Mary McGee May 14, 1921 - (Dec. 18, 2009)>ES
 (d/o Olan McGee & Lillian Courville) m. Dudley 'Pete' Monteaux <ES>
 MCGEE, Kenney J. May 17, 1912 - Sep. 21, 1984
 (s/o Olan McGee & Lillian Courville)<ES>
 MCGEE, Ila E. Blocker Apr. 01, 1914 - Apr. 09, 1988
 (d/o Henon Blocker & Margareta E. Hamilton) m. Kenny McGee>ES
 MCGEE, Pauline A. (nee Burns) Jul. 22, 1921 - Jul. 04, 1972
 m1. Osey McGee>ES
 MCGEE, Osey Sr. Sep. 30, 1917 - (Dec. 12, 2010)ES
 (s/o Olan McGee & Lillian Courville) m1. Pauline Burns
 m2. Doreen Bungay>ES
 MCINTOSH, Billy Wayne (Dep/Sheriff) Sep. 14, 1965 - Oct. 01, 1997
 (s/o Foy McIntoch & Cleta McGee) m. -----
 MCGEE, Antna J. Oct. 02, 1915 - Aug. 3, 1972
 (s/o Olan McGee & Lillian Courville) m. Florine Hamilton>ES
 MCGEE, Florine H. Jan. 16, 1918 - (Sep. 26, 2002)>ES
 (d/o Fred Hamilton & Finis 'Etta' Hamilton) m. Antna McGee>ES

Row "7"

(unmarked grave - Infant)

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McGEE CEMETERY SUMMARY

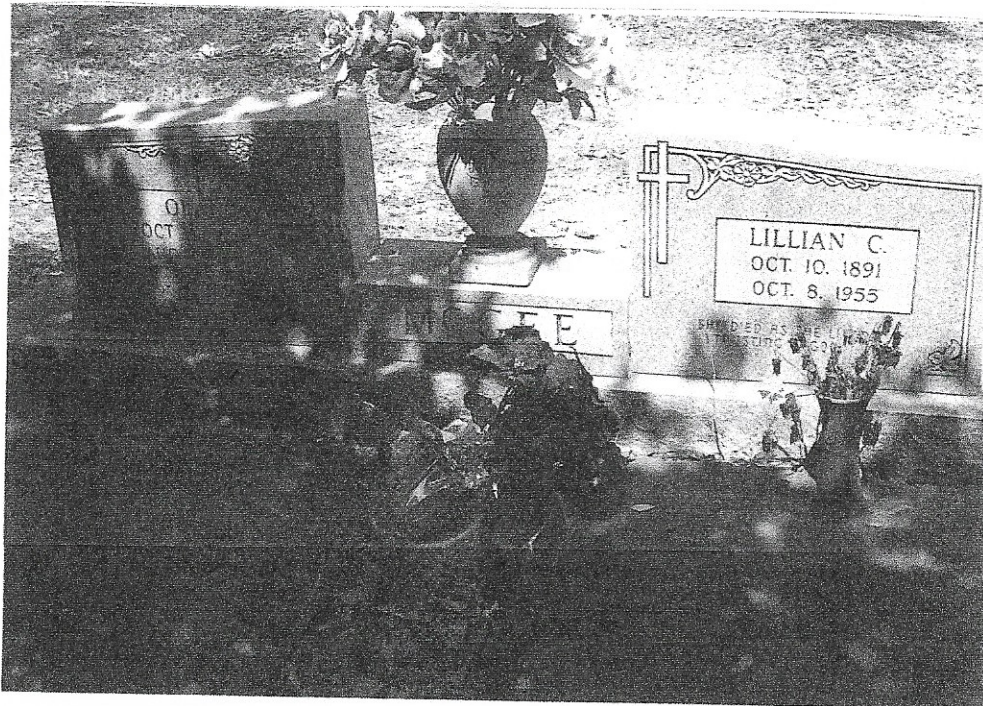
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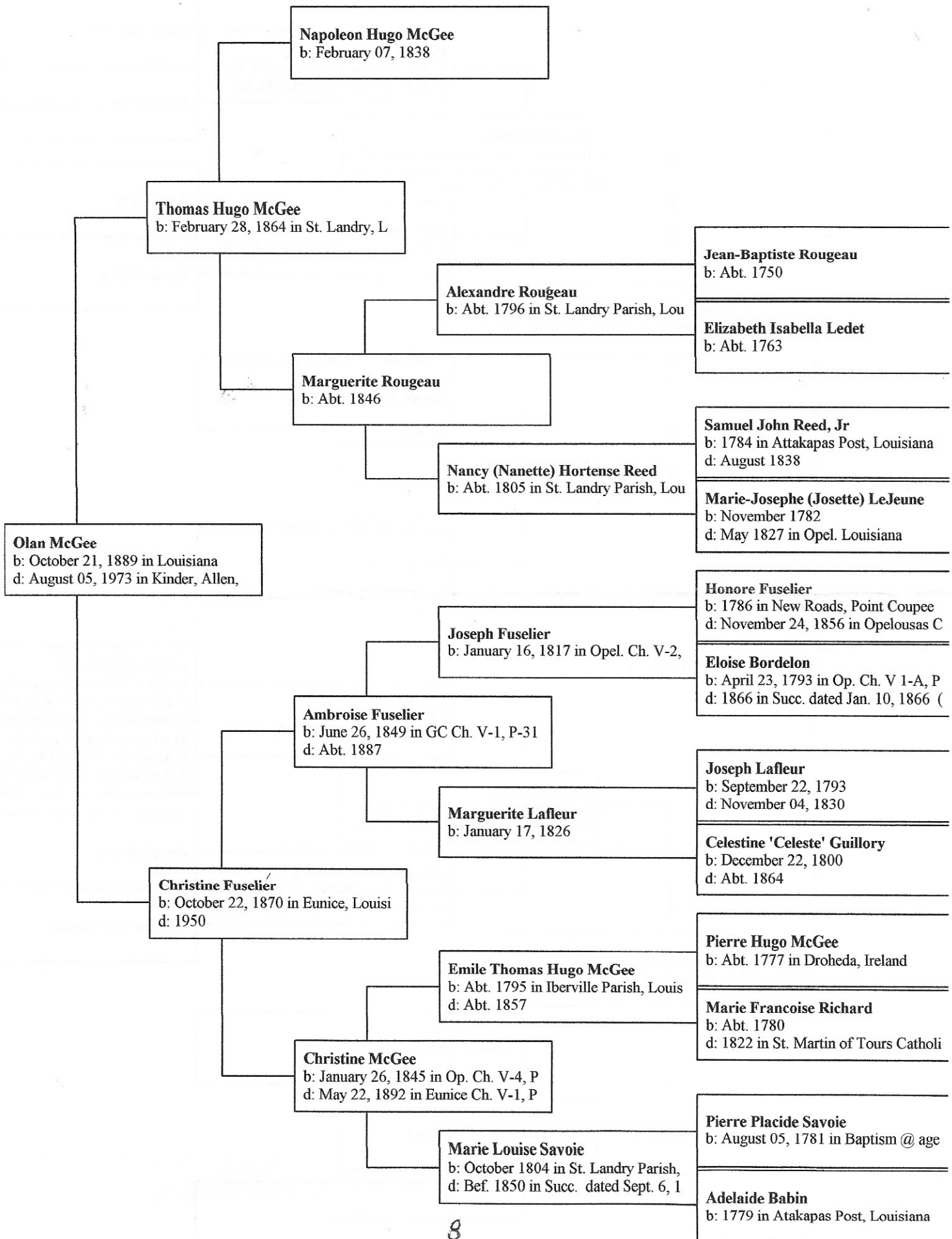
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Bordelon, James Frank	Apr. 12, 1978 - Feb. 7, 2002
Derouen, Daniel	B&D? - Sept. 2, 2002
Fontenot, Harry Lee	Nov. 12, 1935 - Apr. 14, 2008
Fontenot, Carl J. (md. Aug. 17, 1954)	Feb. 27, 1934 - Jan. 15, 2009
(s/o Olide Fontenot & Carrie Lafleur) m. Clara Touchet>ES	
Fontenot, Clara T. (Touchet)>ES	Jan. 02, 1934 - Pre-need
Hamm, Curtis W.	Feb. 22, 1939 - Mar. 19, 2009
Derouen, Beverly	Dec. 11, 1945 - Mar. 25, 2009
(d/o Osey McGee & Pauline A. Burns) m. Kenneth J. Derouen	
Duplichan, Steve	Apr. 11, 1923 - Aug. 7, 2009
US Navy WW11	
Duplichan, Marie M. (McGee)	Sep. 17, 1926 - Pre-need
Monteaux, Una Mary *see above	May 14, 1921 - Dec. 18, 2009
Derouen, Caleb John	Jul. 29, 1983 - Feb. 7, 2010
Nunnery, Freddie Manuel	May 28, 1923 - Jun. 17, 2010
(d/o Valentin Manuel & Eva Rozas)	

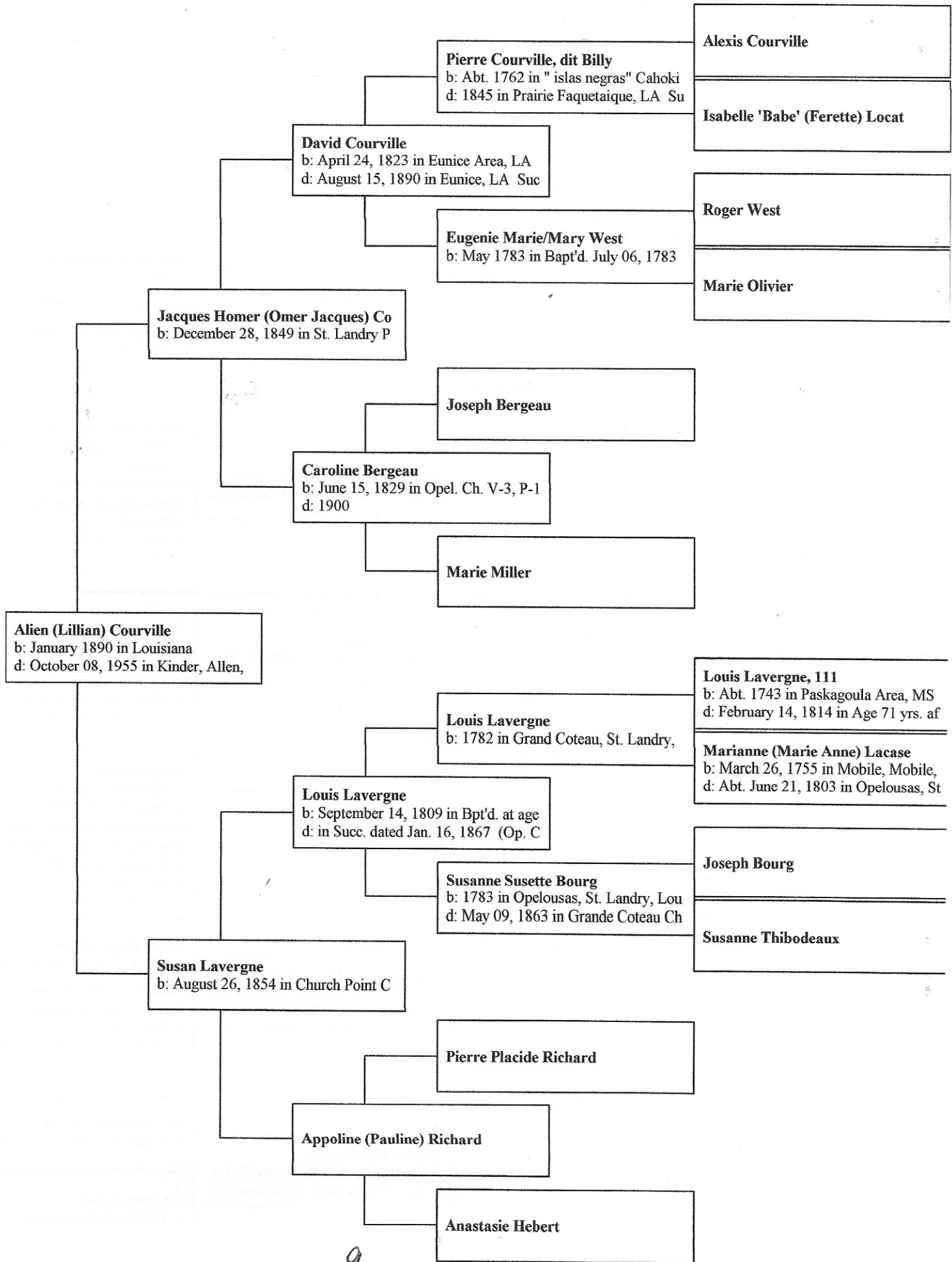
Graves of Olan McGee & Lillian Courville McGee



Ancestors of Olan McGee



Ancestors of Alien (Lillian) Courville



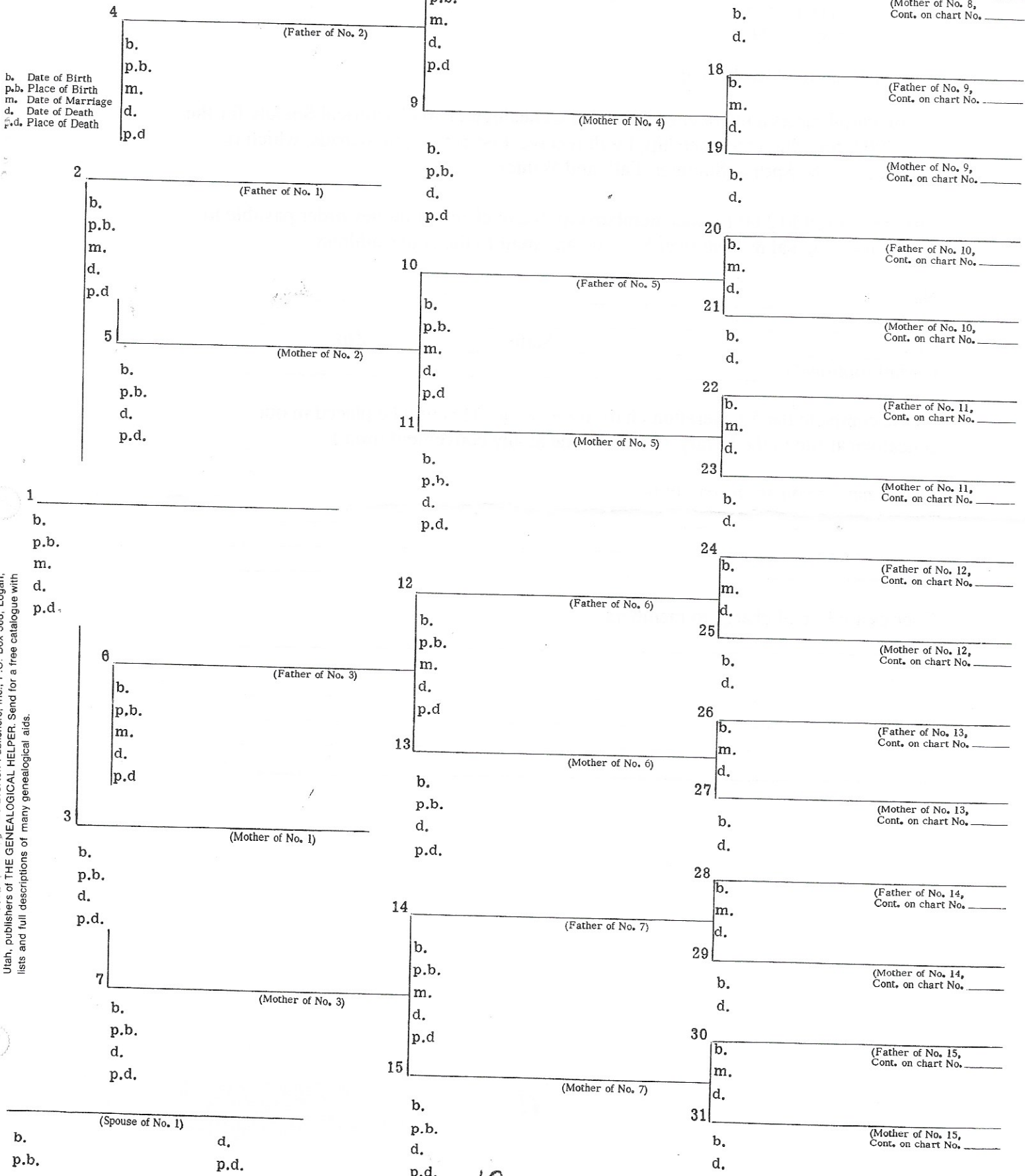
Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death



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I have enclosed \$12.00 for this membership. Make check or money order payable to Allen Genealogical & Historical Society, and mail to the above address.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail (optional) _____

Please complete the 5-generation chart in this issue. This will be placed in our genealogical file in the library. (Can be done at any convenient time.)

List surnames you are researching: _____

Queries are free of charge to members.

Query _____

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