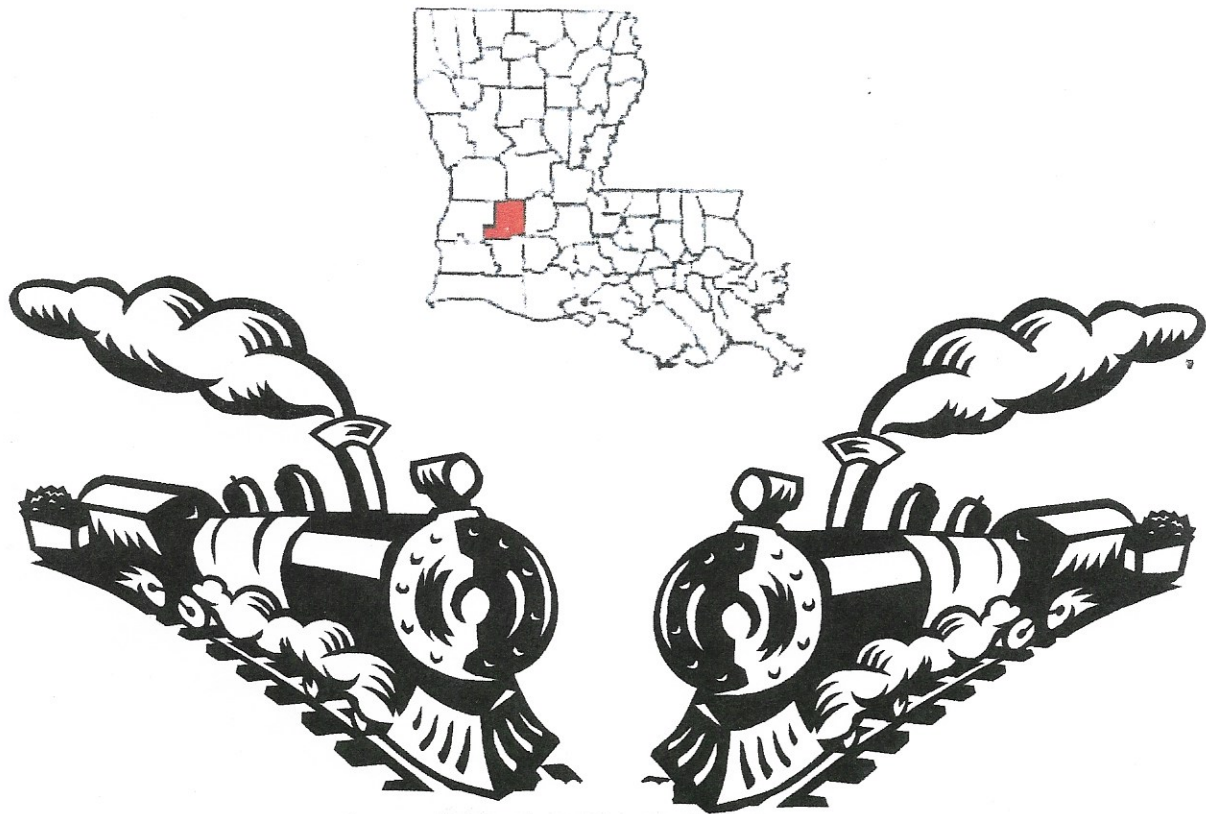


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Quarterly society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th St., Kinder, LA. Members are always willing to help visitors with research and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

The following books published by the AGHS are available for purchase for the prices listed plus \$2 each for shipping and handling fees.

Rev. Paul Leeds' Congregational Church records	
"Marriages and Funerals" – 1895 -1957 - Vol. 1	\$25
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Volumes 1 and 2	\$25 ea.
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LeBlanc Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA.....	\$8
Indian Village Cemetery, Kinder, LA (includes family histories).....	\$15
Sonnier Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA.....	\$8
Resthaven Cemetery, Oakdale, LA.....	\$8
Green Oak Cemetery, Kinder, LA (updated version).....	\$15
Lyles Cemetery, Oberlin, LA.....	\$6
Lyles Cemetery - Barnes Creek, Reeves, LA (with family histories).....	\$15
Liberty Cemetery, Elton, LA (close ties to Allen Parish families	
and includes family information).....	\$15
Index of Surnames in all recorded Allen Parish Cemeteries.....	\$10
St Augustine Cemetery, Basile, LA with short history	
(close ties to Allen Parish).....	\$15
Ancestor Charts – 5 generation charts – Allen Parish Ties.....	\$25
1941 Kinder High School Year Book Copy (by special order only).....	\$30
Jessie Johnson Cemetery, Kingsfarm, Kinder, LA	
(Includes photos and family history).....	\$15
Nevils Cemetery (with photos and headstone inscriptions).....	\$12
Kingrey Cemetery, Barnes Creek, Allen Parish, LA with recent	
photos and history (Old abandoned cemetery).	\$12

**THESE BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!**

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Epitaphs

Lester Moore was a Wells Fargo Co. station agent, and is buried at
Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:

*Here lies Lester Moore
Four slugs from a .44
No Les No More*

Jedediah Goodwin
Auctioneer
Born 1828
Going!
Going!!
Gone!!!
1876

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE AGHS WOULD MAKE A VERY SPECIAL GIFT
THIS CHRISTMAS FOR LOVED ONES OR FRIENDS**

QUERY FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please type or print clearly all information. Use a separate form for each person you are seeking information on. Please capitalize the last name of each person you are seeking information on. Fill in all the applicable blanks. If not applicable, place a dash in that space. Place a question mark where the information is speculative. Use "ca" for any date that is approximate or a good guess.

Subject's name: _____

Date and place of birth: _____

Date and place of death: _____

Father's name: _____

Father's birth year: _____ Death year: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Mother's birth year: _____ Death year: _____

Spouse's name: (Maiden name): _____

Spouse's date and place of birth: _____

Spouse's date and place of death: _____

Date and place of Wedding: _____

Subject's children: _____

Subject's siblings: _____

Subject's places(s) of residence: _____

Subject's military service: _____

Any additional information on subject: _____

Queries are free to all members. Non-member fee is \$3.00 per Query.

Send Queries to:



**ALLEN GENEALOGICAL
AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

P. O. BOX 789
KINDER, LA. 70648

President's Comments

We are glad that Fran Clemmons has recovered from surgery and is back to her usual routine. She is such a great asset to the society and diligent in her duties. She was greatly missed during her recovery.

I want to say that we appreciate the cooperation we receive from the Allen Parish Tourism Commission. We enjoy working with them. When parish entities work together it benefits everyone. We all have the same goal; to keep the history of Allen Parish alive as the parish grows and moves forward.

Speaking of keeping the history of the area, my husband recently met Mr. Eaves while in therapy and found out that he had discovered a wonderful old booklet in a house he was repairing. It was a pictorial record of the 1953 flood in Southwest Louisiana. I asked if he would allow us to copy it and Mr. Eaves graciously consented. His family had carefully preserved the crumbling pages in vinyl sheet protectors. We want to sincerely thank Mr. Eaves and his family for sharing this wonderful record of a portion of our history. We now have a copy in our files. Parts of this booklet by the Lake Charles American Press are included in this issue. I'm sure many of you will be reminded of those days and how your family was effected.

We also want to thank Sue Fawcett for her generous donation of all of her husband's genealogy files and books. Bill loved working in genealogy and was a great asset to our society. He is greatly missed.

Wishing you pleasant memories,

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President



A POINT TO PONDER

One of the sanest, surest and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others.

Archibald Rutledge

from the editor.....*Fran Clemmons*

I should start by thanking Ms Ethel Sacker for doing the July issue of our publication of **CROSSROADS** while I was recovering from surgery. I do appreciate her help very much. Time flies and it doesn't seem possible that this is the last issue of **CROSSROADS** for 2011. At this time, I ask for **HELP!!!** from each and every member to contribute material for our publications in 2012.

The next meeting of the **ALLEN GENEALOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will be on **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012, at 10:00A.M.** in the genealogy room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th street, Kinder, La. The society extends an invitation to you to come join us.

The Kinder Hope and Garden club invited the members of the Allen Genealogical and Historical society to their October meeting to share with them information about the society. Durvin LaFleur, vice president of AGHS, Ouida Savant, and I, Fran Clemmons, represented the society at this meeting.

Christmas is near and Thanksgiving is even closer. The two holidays seem to surprise us earlier every year. I pray your holiday season is filled with blessings of happiness and good health. Make memories with your families and friends.

PLEASE mark your calendar to show the upcoming **AGHS** meetings in 2012

MEETINGS IN GENEALOGY ROOM OF KINDER LIBRARY

JANUARY 3---TUESDAY---AGHS REGULAR MEETING---10:00 A.M.

APRIL 3---TUESDAY---AGHS REGULAR MEETING---10:00 A.M.

JULY 3---TUESDAY---AGHS REGULAR MEETING---10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 2---TUESDAY---AGHS REGULAR MEETING---10:00 A.M.

FLOOD!



LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

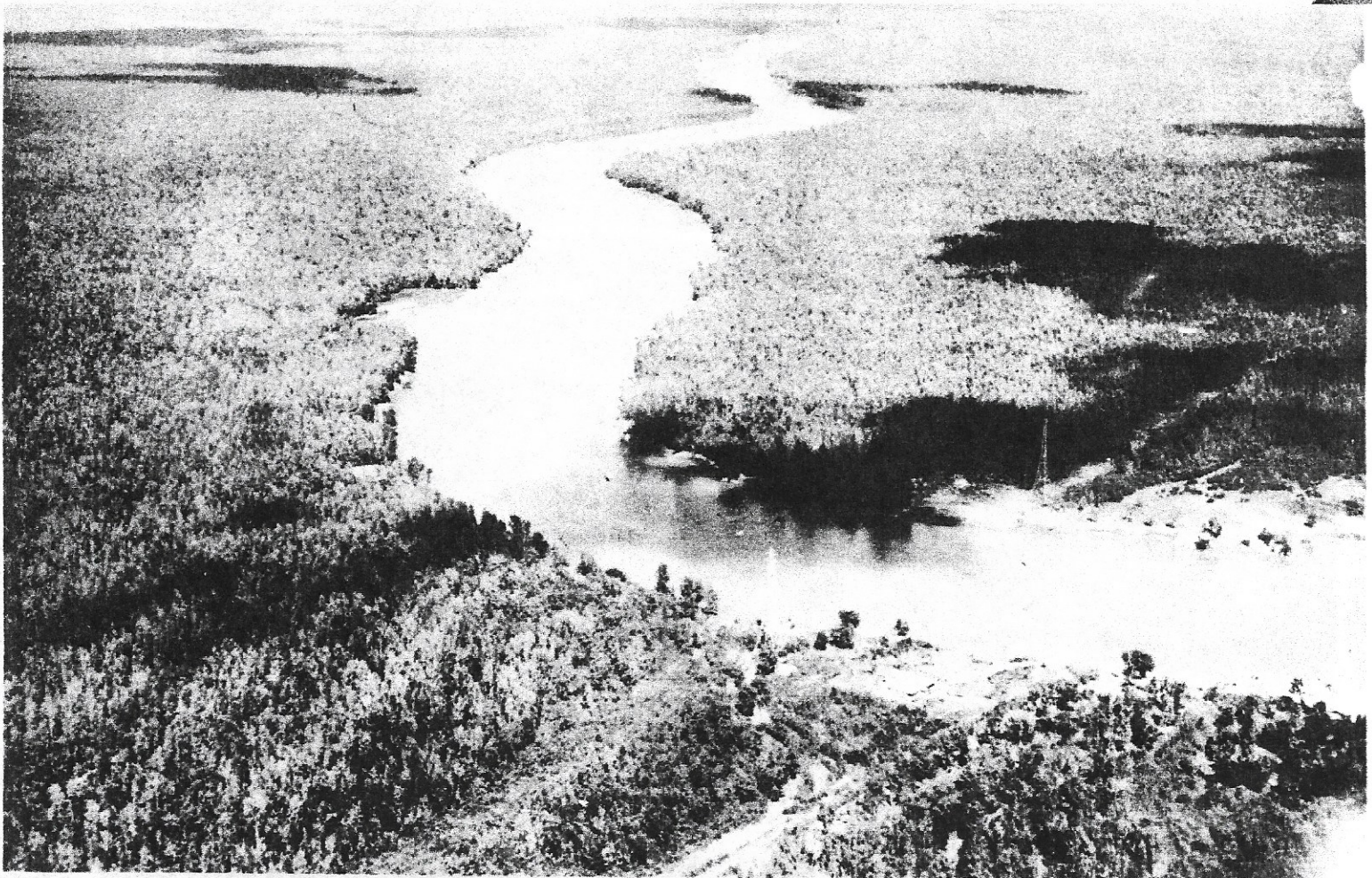
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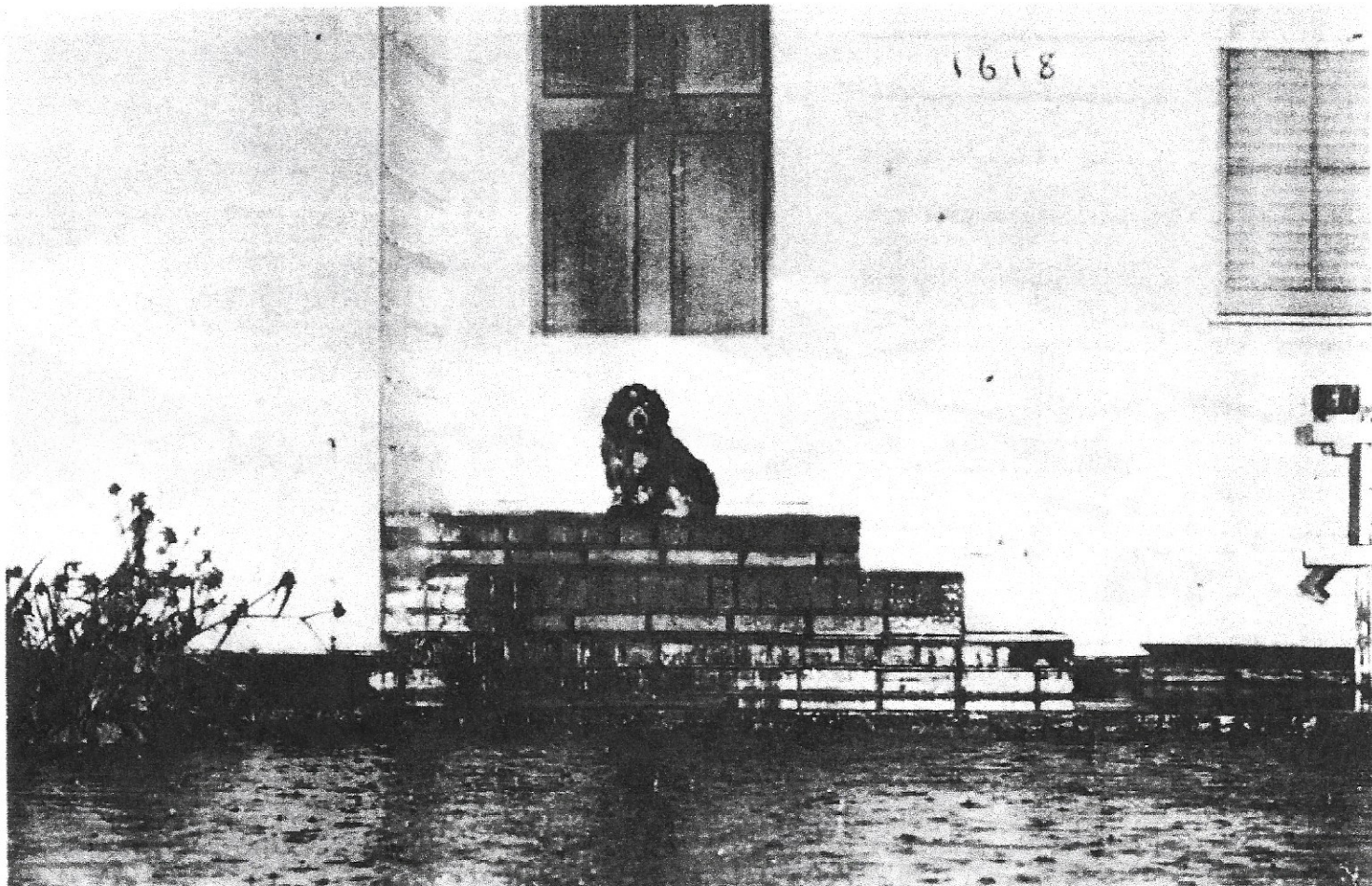
TEN DAYS OF DISASTER

The ten days from May 17 to May 27, 1953, were disastrous days for the people of Lake Charles, Louisiana. During that period, the worst flood in 40 years rose to its destructive peak and then slowly ebbed from the city and surrounding area. There was high water before the flood and it remained high for some time after, but those were the ten days that will be remembered for generations to come. At the flood's peak, some 15,000 of the city's approximately 50,000 residents were homeless. When it ebbed, it left damage estimated in the millions. Miraculously, there was only one fatality - a miracle which officials said was made possible by the swift and united cooperation of the entire community which mobilized overnight for rescue and rehabilitation work. This booklet is an attempt to tell the pictorial story of that disaster and of the magnificent conduct of the men and women who rose to meet it.

Photographs in this booklet were taken by Sam Guillory and Charles Weston of the Lake Charles American Press, Donald G. (Red) Johnson of Industrial Photographers, Inc., and airmen from the Lake Charles Air Force Base.



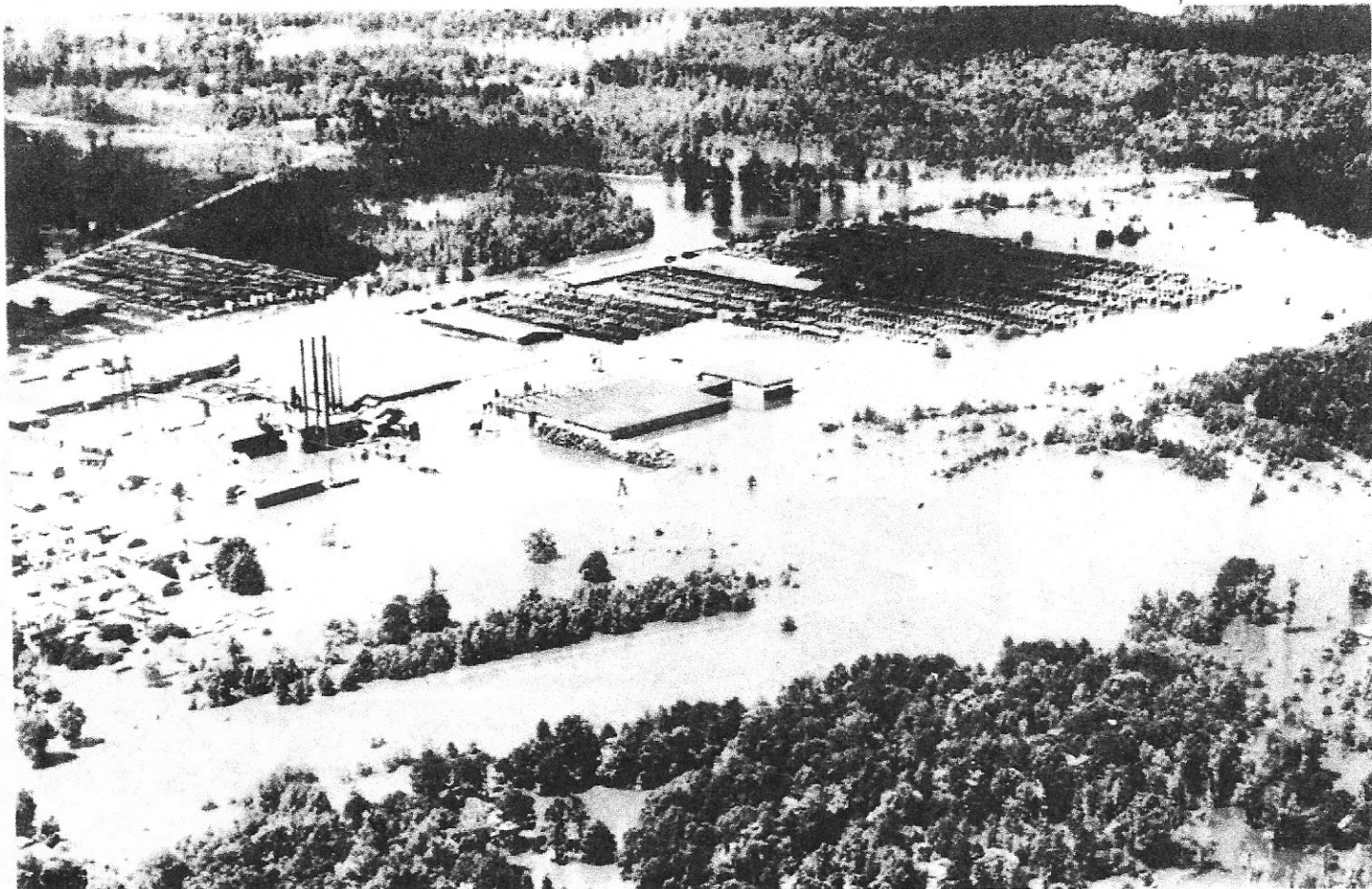
This is the Calcasieu river, above Lake Charles, in Southwest Louisiana, deep and powerful but running normally between its banks, cutting a serpentine track through forest and swampland to the Gulf of Mexico. . .



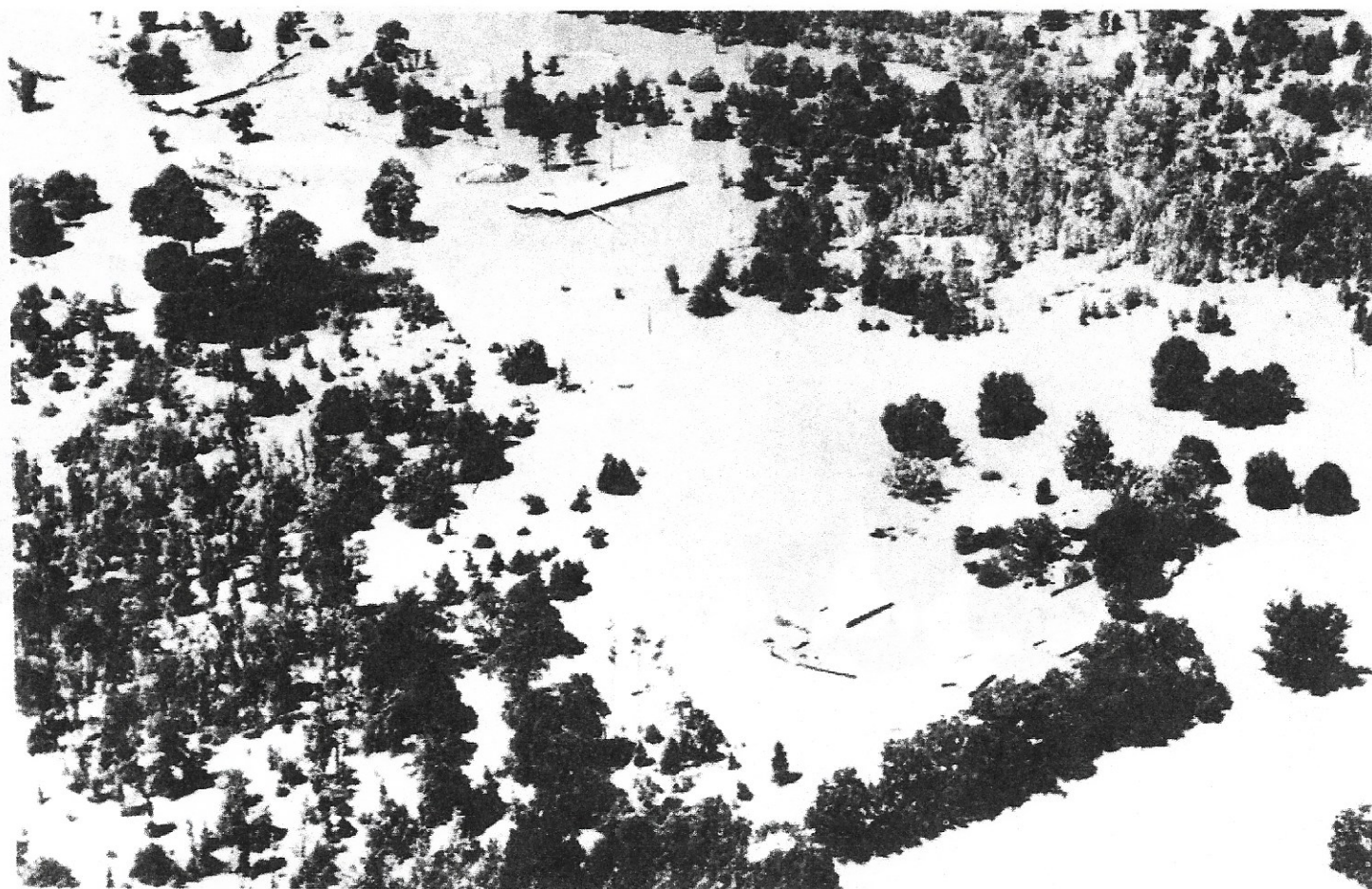
Wiser than their masters, animals sensed the danger first; the stranded puppy whined an early warning. . .



. . . And nervous chickens stalked the rising water's edge and cackled, clucked, and crowed.



When, for the first time in 40 years, the river really ran amok, it hit Oakdale, far up stream, at first . . .



. . . And, widening as it rose, spread on out and overflowed into the town of Kinder on down river.



From up-river the warnings grew grim and tense as the river waters inched toward the city. . .



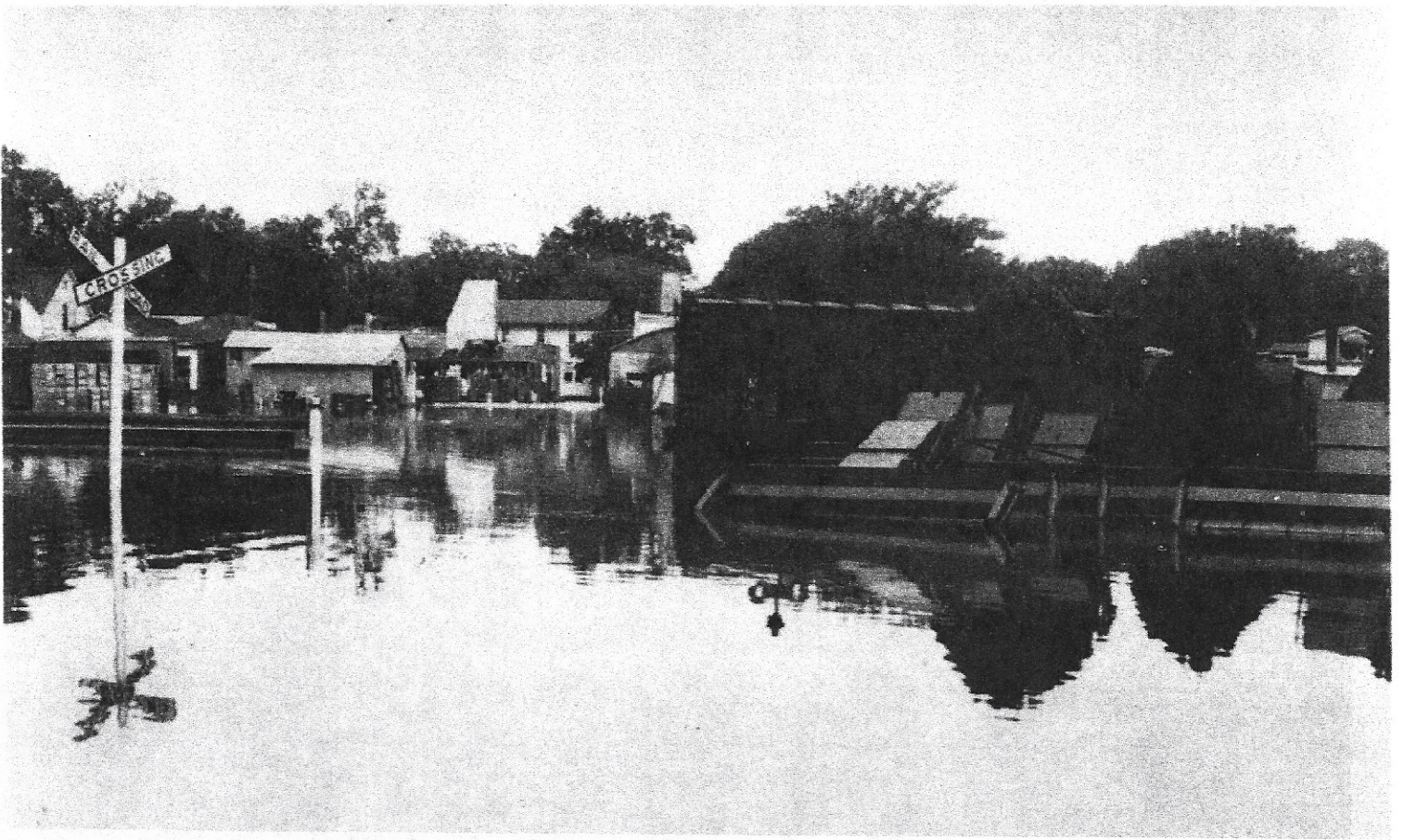
. . . And, heeding the warnings, some streets and roads were closed, purely as a safety measure.



All the while, the cresting Calcasieu surged on down from the north, flooding houses along English Bayou. . .



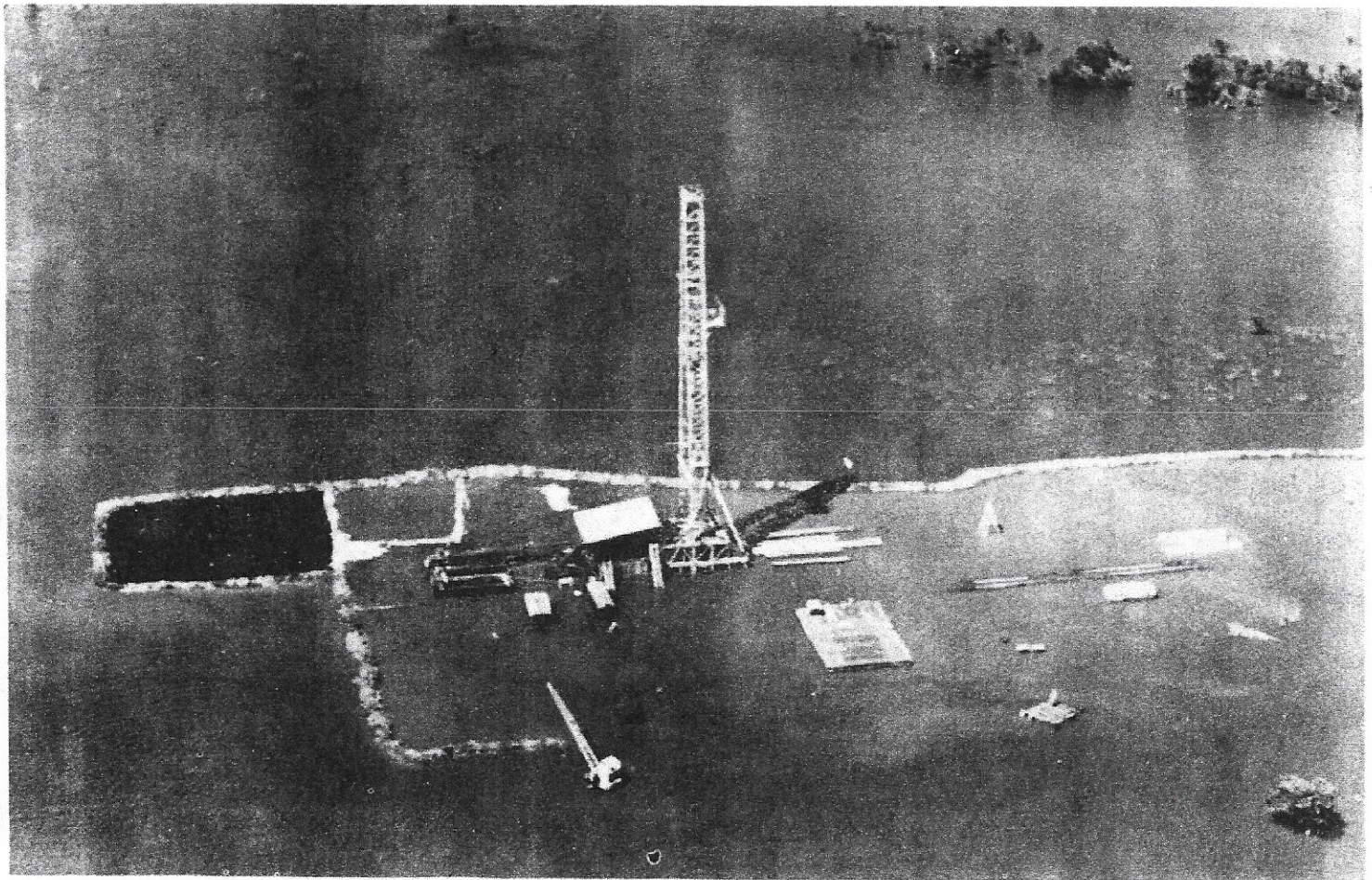
. . . And putting those refugee families to quick flight by boat—on down into Lake Charles. . .



The flood nose slowly tightened around the city, closing many state and federal highways. . .



Southwest of the city, the raging Calcasieu river spread wide over swamps and marshlands. . .



. . . Until the rolling waters isolated and threatened scores of oilfield drilling operations.

MAY 1953 FLOOD IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA--CALCASIEU RIVER

Flood Categories	(in feet) near Oakdale,La.	Historical Crest
Major Flood Stage	22	(1) 22.62 ft on 5-19-53
Moderate Flood Stage	16	(2) 21.36 ft on 5-02-53
Flood Stage	12	(3) 21.00 ft on 6-30-89
Action Stage	12	(4) 19.53 ft on 2-13-66

Flood Categories	(in feet) near Oberlin, La.	Historical Crest
Major Flood Stage	19	(1) 26.53 ft on 5-19-53
Moderate Flood Stage	15	(2) 24.70 ft on 7-02-89
Flood Stage	13	(3) 24.33 ft on 12-30-82
Action Stage	12	(4) 23.07 ft on 2-14-66

Flood Categories	(in feet) near Kinder, La.	Historical Crest
Major Flood Stage	23	(1) 32.00 ft on 5-19-53
Moderate Flood Stage	20	(2) 26.28 ft on 7-02-89
Flood Stage	16	(3) 26.22 ft on 12-29-82
Action Stage	13.5	(4) 24.70 ft on 8-11-40

Flood Impact in Oberlin, La.

- 12 feet water begins to over flow the banks of the river
- 13 feet minor lowland flooding near river
- 15 feet moderate flooding with several river access roads
- 19 feet major flooding –secondary roads and homes near river affected.
Reed Bridge Road flooded upstream of Oberlin
- 26 feet flooding begins to impact Hwy 26 east of the bridge---Homes near river subject to flooding
- 26.5 feet River is at it's Flood of record
- 32 feet Water is at top of elevated mobile home along the river

Flood Impact in Kinder, La.

- 16 feet Flooding of wooded area near the river will occur
- 18 feet When gage reading at Kinder reaches 18 ft, flooding begins to cut off some of the roads around Topsy in N W Jeff Davis Parish
- 19.5 feet Lowland sections of Old Pump Road...Kinder Cemetery Road...
Nevils Bluff road begin to flood
- 21.5 feet Two feet of water over Old Pump Road and Kinder Cemetery road. The Old Pump road bridge over Calcasieu River begins to flood
- 23 feet Water is over numerous roads along the river. Several structures are subject to flooding in the Nevils Bluff community. Some of the roads that may be flooded are...Hecker Road from Jefferson Davis Line to Hecker in several places. Amos Bluff...Old Ferry...Old Pump...Kinder Cemetery...Green Oak...Fossett and Lyles Roads

- 24 feet three feet of water over the Calcasieu River Bridge on Old Pump road—Homes along Old Pump road are flooded. Homes near Phillips Bluff...Lormand Bluff and Indian Village begin to flood
- 29 feet Flood waters reach the top of the rail on the railroad bridge down stream from Hwy 190 Bridge. Flooding of the Bridge approaches Hwy 190
- 32 feet The river at it's Flood of Record. Widespread Catastrophic Flood damage will occur. Communities along and at some distance from the river become flooded. These communities include Kinder, Indian Village, Buller, and Hecker. Portions of Hwy 165 may also flood.

information for this article taken from The National Weather Service

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT-----FAMILY HISTORY

Christmas time is almost here again and the dilemma of what to get for your family that will be a very special and memorable gift from yourself to them could be a family history lesson. Teach your family basic facts about their ancestors---names, places, family stories, customs and traditions. Make a simple book with photos and information about your parents and grandparents, their occupations, their church affiliations, their military service, where they lived, their favorite meals, Christmas customs, and special experiences and family stories that you know of them. Remember to give family health information in case of certain diseases such as diabetes or heart problems that may be inherited. Give your family its own unique gift---Their Family History

Strangers In The Box

Come, look with me inside this drawer, In this box I've often seen, At the pictures, black and white, faces proud, still , and serene. I wish I knew the people, These strangers in the box, Their names and all their memories, Are lost among my socks. I wonder what their lives were like, How did they spend their days? What about their special times? I'll never know their ways. If only someone had taken time, to tell, who, what, where, and when, these faces of my heritage, would come to life again. Could this become the fate, of the pictures we take today? The faces and the memories, someday to be passed away? Take time to save your stories, seize the opportunity when it knocks, or someday you and yours, could be strangers in the box.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MAY LAUGHTER FILL YOUR HOME, FRIENDS FILL YOUR HALLS, MEMORIES FILL YOUR MOMENTS AND LOVE FILL YOUR HEART WITH JOY.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Complete and mail this form with payment to:
ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 789
Kinder, LA 70648

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, 2011.

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.

Record this membership under the following name and address:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL (optional) _____

Surnames I am researching: _____

Please attach any queries you would like published.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____

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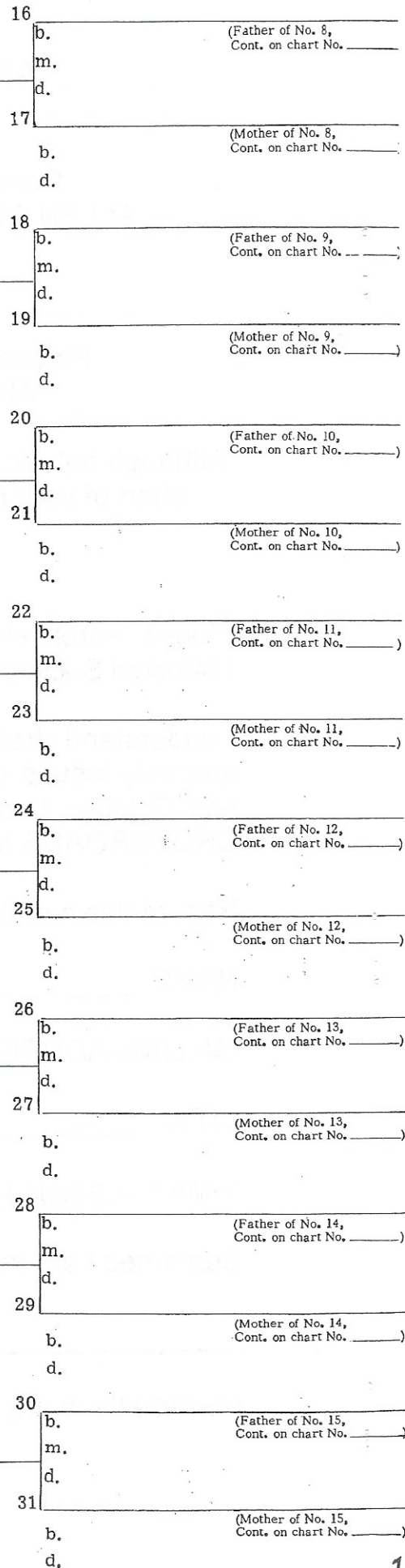
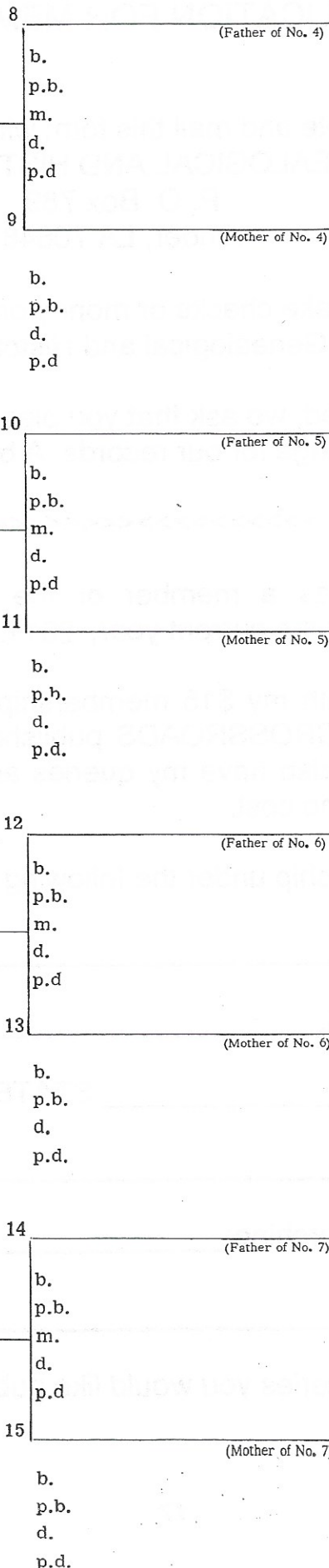
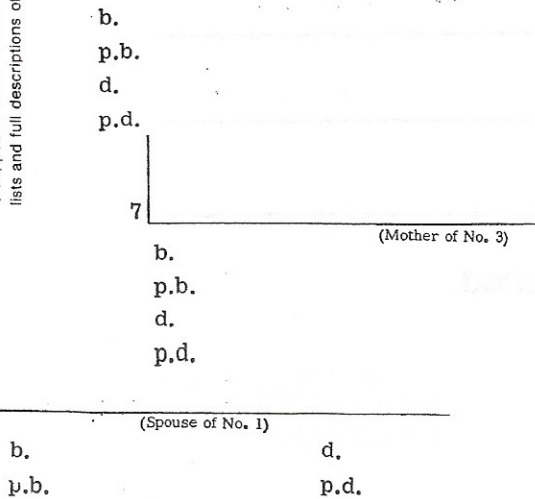
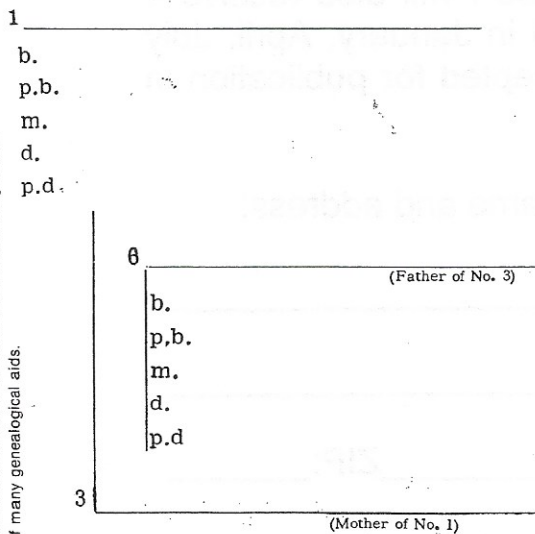
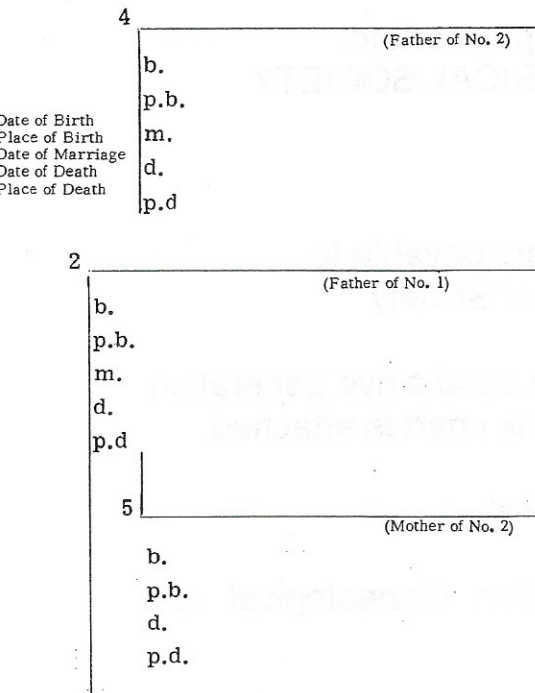
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Address _____

City, State _____

Date _____

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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