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AGHS meetings are held every other month on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am in the genealogy room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Library located at 833 4th Street, Kinder, La. Members are willing to help visitors with research and to answer questions they may have.

MEMBERSHIP fees are \$15 per calendar year per person and includes an annual subscription to *CROSSROADS*. Correspondence and dues should be sent to AGHS, P. O. Box 789, Kinder, La. 70648.

CROSSROADS is published semi-annually. Issues will be sent out in January, and July. Please let AGHS know of change of address to assure delivery. 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.

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DONATIONS of books, periodicals and other material of genealogical and historical interest relating to Allen Parish are accepted by the Society. We accept family histories, newspaper clippings, old photos, filled out 5-generation charts. The society will catalog these items donated and place them on file in the genealogy room at the Kinder library to be used for research purposes. Memorials and honorariums are also welcomed by the society.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ALLEN GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Rev. Paul Leeds' Congregational Church records ("Marriages & Funerals"—1895-1957—vol.1) \$25

Rev .Paul Leeds' Kinder Congregational Church records (1893—1957—volumes 1, 2, 3, & 4) each \$25

Rev. Paul Leeds' Bethany (Green Oak) Church records \$15

Congregational Church records of the Indian Village, Edna, and Emad Communities \$15

Congregational Church records of Elton and China Communities \$15

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China Cemetery, Elton, La. \$8

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Sonnier Cemetery, Allen Parish, La. \$8

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St Augustine Cemetery, Basile, La. \$15

Ancestor Charts—five generation charts—Allen Parish ties \$25

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

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PLEASE mark your calendar with the following Allen Genealogical and Historical Society regular meetings on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November at 10:00 a.m. in the genealogy room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Library, 833 4th Street, Kinder, La.

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January 6, 2015, March 3, 2015, May 5, 2015, July 7, 2015, September 1, 2015 and November 3, 2015

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"When you have the Energy and the time—you haven't the money!"

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THIS IS THE STORY OF MY LIFE!!!

President's Greetings

It's a new year with new plans, hopes and dreams; a time to renew old acquaintances and find out more about your family history.

Make 2015 the year you find the answers to all the questions you have about your ancestors. There are many sources for research, but one of the best ways to start is within your own family circle. Visit that great-aunt or uncle that you haven't seen is a while. Bring a list of questions you have been wanting to ask someone about the family and a picnic lunch. You can even picnic in their kitchen. You will be surprised how happy they will be to see you and the wealth of information they have strored away in their memories. Many will even have a box of old photos that help bring their stories to life. Not only will you learn a lot, but you will give them a great day!

Happy New Year and happy hunting for ancestors,

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President

P.S. The society members are always happy to help you with your reasearch; just give us a call.

Here we are into a new year and it is getting away from me. I started working on this issue of *Crossroads* awhile ago and was sure to get it ready to go out in January, but things happened to slow me down a bit and those of you that know me, know that I am already a slow go person anyway. "Slow but sure," and "A day late and a dollar short" are two of my proverbs. Please accept my apology for getting this issue out late.

I do hope you enjoy the articles I chose to publish in this issue of *Crossroads*. The articles came from my favorite source of past happenings, places, and people from Allen Parish. The source I am talking about is the book, "Looking Back at Kinder". One other source of information I used in the articles came from Brother Paul Leeds Congregational Church records. Ms Ethel Sacker did some research for me on one of the articles I used in this issue, and I thank her so much for the help. HELP is what I need very much of in putting together information for *Crossroads*. I am asking for any stories about your family that could be used in our publication. I would love to get some feedback from the readers as to what you think about *Crossroads*. There's nothing more gratifying as an editor than having you, the reader, thank us for articles used in *Crossroads*, so feel free to make our day here at the society by letting us hear from you!

Being a genealogy buff is a noble hobby, and is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the western world, as more and more people get into ancestor hunting. The collection of genealogical and historical records grow larger and the time and money in collecting grow also...so here is a question I ask the genealogist---"What happens to all your genealogical research records collected if you should pass from this life." So many genealogical and historical collections are lost to future generations because their owners do not make provisions for dispersal of these collections upon their deaths. It would be wise to have a codicil to the Last Will and Testament requesting that the family do not destroy the genealogy records, but name someone to receive the materials. I have included in this issue a copy of a document—'Draft Language for Genealogical Materials Disposition', that may be used by the owner to defer decisions about the dispersion of their material while keeping the collection intact.

The next regular meeting of the *Allen Genealogical and Historical Society* will be on *Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.* in the genealogy room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th Street, Kinder, La. Coffee and fellowship begin when you arrive. The Society extends an invitation to you to come join us and bring someone with you. Guest are always welcome.

It's time to pay your 2015 dues!!! When sending in your dues, why don't you include an interesting ancestor's story/stories to be used in our publication.

Draft Language for Genealogical Materials Disposition

Historical/Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children, guardian or executor:

Upon my demise, I request that you do not dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession at the time of my death, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs, for a period of two years.

During the time specified, I request that you attempt to identify one or more persons willing to assume custody of all said materials and to assume responsibility for maintaining the materials and to continue to promote the family histories contained therein. If such a person or persons are found, the entire collection is to be placed in his/her custody for his/their use and disposition, as he/they deem proper.

[If you know family or friends who are likely candidates to accept these materials, add the following:]

I suggest that persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to: [list the name of those individuals with their addresses and telephone numbers].

In the event you do not find any person or persons to accept these materials under the terms stated above, I request that you contact the historical or genealogical organizations where I have been a member, listed below, to determine if any will accept all of these materials and to place my collection in their custody for their use as they will determine by their policies and rules, to be the exclusive property of said historical or genealogical organization or chapter, in perpetuity. [list of organizations or chapters, including any safe organizations, with addresses and phone numbers].

In the event that no organization is located, I then request that one of the following museums and universities be offered the exclusive use of my entire collection for its purpose as defined by its policies and rules, to be the property of said museum or university in perpetuity. [list of museums and universities]

The decision to place my collection with an organization, chapter, museum or university will be the exclusive right and decision of my executor, in consultation with my family.

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a matter that will make them available to others.

Signature	
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MEMORIAL

The first of this year we lost a dear friend to the Allen Genealogical and Historical Society. She will greatly be missed....Her smile, her enthusiasm, and her eagerness to search for information about her ancestry.

Melvina Foreman Kroll, 77, passed away January 17, 2015, in Lake Charles, La.

She was born May 10, 1937, in Lake Charles, La., to Melvin Louis Foreman, and Jennie Lorena Cranford Foreman. She worked as a secretary throughout her work career. She was a member of Apostolic Temple in Lake Charles where she served as church hostess. She loved to read, was active socially, never meeting a stranger, a caring and giving, sweet Lady.

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She is survived by her brother, Louis Foreman & wife Janet; nieces, Melissa Hebert & husband Gary, Natalie Cruseturner & husband Daniel; great nieces & nephew, Kaila Hebert, Koby Hebert, Caroline Cruseturner & Eve Cruseturner, all of Lake Charles, La., and also her beloved church family and a multitude of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Seorge Joseph Kroll, and her parents, Melvin & Jennie Foreman.

Dr. Gurdon (Pete) Buck "The Grand Old Man of Medicine"

Gurdon (Pete) Buck was born February 16, 1886, in Evergreen, La. His parents, William Powell Buck, and Sarah Ann Cappell married on April 27, 1876 and they had nine children; Henry, Jane C., Joe Clifton, William Powell, Jr., Gurdon, Mildred Lee, Karl Otto, Tucker and Carroll. Henry, William Powell, Jr. and Gurdon followed in their father's footsteps and became doctors.

On completion of high school, Gurdon attended LSU, where he majored in pre-med. He played varsity football which he enjoyed very much, but after a few years, as school became more demanding, he was forced to choose between "football or medicine." He gave up the game playing but kept an interest in the sport the rest of his life. He went to Louisville, Kentucky to finish medical school and graduated in 1911.

His brother Henry, was living and practicing medicine in Kinder, La. In the winter of 1912, there was an epidemic in town. Gurdon or "Pete" as he was called, came to Kinder to assist Henry. He stayed on in Kinder, setting up an office in Cappel's Drug store to practice medicine. The owner of the drug store, Ward Cappel, Sr., was a first cousin. Dr. Pete had hoped one day to return to school to specialize in pediatrics, but this dream was never achieved. World War I started and his services were needed in the area.

In September 1919, Mary Christine Schilling arrived in Kinder to teach second grade, a position she had applied for after graduating from Normal College in Natchitoches, La. She was born November 2, 1897, in the small town of Pleasant Hill in Washington Parish. Her family moved to Amite, in Tangipahoa Parish around 1900, where the Schilling children could get a better education. On arriving in Kinder, she rented a room from Mr. & Mrs. Cole. The very first week in town, she and her roommate went to the drug store where she met Dr. Pete. He invited the two ladies to go with him on a house call in the country and from then on, he and Christine attended social events together. She would also go with him on house calls after school hours.

Another epidemic hit the Kinder area in November, and the school closed for five weeks. Christine returned to her home in Amite during this time, then on her return to Kinder, Dr. Pete popped the question of marriage. She would not answer him until he had met her family. He immediately left for Amite, and called on her family unexpectedly and stated, "I am here for your inspection." They were married quietly on February 28, 1919, by Rev. Paul Leeds in the home of his sister Jane and husband John Jordon. In March 1919, he bought a house on 10th street. This is where all their children were born; Gurdon, Jr., on June 5,1921, Sarah, on September 13, 1923, Lorine, on March 25, 1925, Linda, on September 24, 1930, Ann on July 31,1932, and Robert Clyde on November 12, 1937.

Dr. Pete remained a General Practitioner— a country doctor—not a glamourous, exciting life as depicted in movies or on television, nor could you describe his life as dull. He treated everyone and everything without benefit of a clinic or hospital. Minor surgery was often done in an office or at home. Babies were delivered at home. He often served as anesthetist, nurse, doctor, and maid. Many babies took their time coming into the world, and Dr. Pete waited patiently—often all night. Obstetrics were not the only cases that called him out at night. Patients seemed to find their pains intensified when it grew dark, illness became worse, so the doctor was called. He went not only to treat the pain or illness but in his quiet way to lend moral support, simply understanding, perhaps, with a sprinkling of his quiet humor.

He loved people, and it seems he knew everyone and their families and treated each as an individual regardless of race, creed, or color, rich or poor. All were his friends and he showed interest in them and their work and respected and honored their beliefs, sharing their joys and sorrows as the case may have been.

The practice of medicine demanded that confidences were kept private. Dr. Pete never talked about his patients, not even to his family. His fee was modest, and if he knew a family was destitute, he would give back half or all of his fee stating, "Buy that child some milk," or "pay me when you can." He never sent a bill. His philosophy was "Let a man know that you trust him, and he will develop a sense of responsibility. A man who feels responsible pays his bills."

Dr. Will Buck, the brother of Dr. Pete, returned from the army, and came to Kinder to help Dr. Pete. They set up a practice together, which lasted until 1938, when Dr. Will became ill. He died in 1939, leaving Dr. Pete alone to care for the health of the entire area. Many patients came to his home after hours---a practice which increased until Agnes Kingrey opened a clinic in Kinder.

During WWII, Dr. Pete served as coroner and also took care for his practice. He would have to go to Lafayette to examine men for the service. After the war, he was given a Presidential Citation for his service.

In 1946, with the arrival of Dr. J. J. Storer, Dr. Pete's load lessened.

He loved his wife and family above all. He attributed 80% of his success to "Miss Chris." She took care of their home and children and entertained the many unexpected guests he brought home for dinner. All were made welcome in their home.

In February 1956, the town of Kinder held open house at the school to pay homage to Dr. Pete, "The Grand Old Man of Medicine," and to honor him on his seventieth birthday. Each guest was asked to register, and a special book for all Dr. Pete's babies to sign was then given to him. He was crowned "King of Hearts" and given a large heart filled with donations which he contributed to the Heart Fund.

He semi-retired in 1956, allowing him more time to enjoy his home and visit his children and grandchildren. On May 7,1961, at the age of seventy five, Dr. Pete died of cancer. In 1971, he was presented the Kinder Rotary Humanitarian award posthumously for humanitarian contributions to church, community and civic organization. Mr. Orlando Sneve presented, posthumously, the award to Mrs. Christine Buck and children.

An article about his life appeared in the Kinder News in February 1971, ending with: "Where do men like these come from and what have we lost? Men like this individual is what our American Heritage is all about." A lasting tribute to Dr. Pete.

Information for this article taken from "Looking back at Kinder" Linda Buck Wilhelmi wrote the original article and it was published in "Looking back at Kinder"



Dr. Gurdon "Pete" Buck in his office.

Dr. Buck with the employees of Cappel's Drug Store. Pictured left to right: Dorothey Fruge, Bill Fawcett, Odell Garlington, Mayola Robinson and Georgie Kingrey.



GREEN OAK

In the late 1800's, before Kinder became a chartered village, many pioneers began to come gradually into a small settlement about three miles north of Kinder. John B. Langley, a soldier of the war between the States, came into this settlement after the war, moving his family from Beaver Creek near Oakdale. His family was originally from the state of Mississippi. He bought 80 acres and settled down to farm with his family, sons Austin and Andrew. John was married to Susan White. The Hal Myers family, and the Narisise Fruge family made their home in the vicinity also. Narisise Fruge was the son of Judge William Fruge of St. Landry Parish, who had come to Louisiana from Nova Scotia, originally from Alsace-Lorraine. Narisise married Emily Langley, and their son, Jeff, married Amelia Marcantel, and they had three sons---William, John, and Edward. Edward is still living and still resides in the area.

The Myers house was used for a school for the children of the families living in the settlement, which was called "Pitre Settlement" at that time. Helen Ratcliff was one of the early teachers at the settlement. She rode a bicycle from her home to teach, then back home, which was about twelve miles round trip. She later married Spurgon Porter, and they had two children—Raymond and Alice. The Myers home was located farther north than the homes of the majority of the students, so Mr. Andrew Langley donated three acres of land in a more central location. A small school house was built by the help of many interested citizens. When the little school house was completed, the men decided that it should be named, so since a giant oak tree stood in the yard near by, they called the building Green Oak School, and eventually Green Oak became the name of the community. Some of the early teachers in this school were Lee Simons, Nettie Nugent, and Elizabeth Barrett.

When transportation became available, the students were brought into Kinder to attend school, and the little school building was sold to the Congregational Church, with Rev. Paul Leeds as the pastor. Brother Leeds had been living in the Sol Pitre home and was holding church services there. The church was called Bethany Congregational

church, but over time the name of the church changed, and is now called The Green Oak Bible church.

A paved road off of the US Highway 165, north of Kinder, is now Green Oak Road and is lined with beautiful trees and spacious country homes on both sides.

Information for this article taken from "Looking back at Kinder"

The Way We Were...1907...



Green Oaks School

The home of Harrel and Emily Myers served as the Green Oaks School in 1907. Pictured above are students at the school: Back row: Susie Fruge, Celeste Fruge, Della Langley, Eva Vige, Wise Langley, Yates Hampton. Second row: Lena Fruge, Vina Langley, Fern Hampton, Monte Foster, Leila Hampton, Annie Foster, Gladen Hampton. Bottom row: Mansel Langley, Bruno Hampton, Josh Foster, George Myers, Dice Hampton, Mollie Langley. The teacher was Helen Porter-Ratliff.



GREEN OAK SCHOOL

Front Row, left to right, Letha Nixon, Virgie Marcentel, Lucy Langley, Ernest Rogers, Roy Anderson, George Savant. Second Row, left to right, Carl Nixon, Ernie Englund, Edich

Englund, Maurice Langley, Fanny Savant, Jake Langley. Back Row, left to right,

Dempsey Langley, Edwin Englund, Barney Nixon, Syvella Marcentel.

Descendants of William Edward Ratliff

WILLIAM EDWARD RATLIFF was the son of ROBERT RATLIFF and PENINA KIRKLAND. He was born on February 28, 1841 in Morgan, Alabama, and in 1865, married ISABELLA DICIE YATES, in Hunt Texas.

Children of WILLIAM EDWARD RATLIFF and ISABELLA DICIE YATES are: WILLIE AVIS 1845-1895, NINA BELLE 1869-1958, LOUISIANA 1872-1953, ALICE EDWINNA 1877-1881, CLARA EULA 1878-1962, HELEN ROBERTA 1880-1973.

Notes for NINA BELLE RATLIFF:

NINA BELLE was born on August 12, 1869 in Skidmore, Bee County, Texas. On June 12, 1887, in Greeneville, Texas, she married WILLIAM HENRY VAUGHN.

Children of WILLIAM HENRY VAUGHN and NINA BELLE RATLIFF are: EZRA ROBERT 1890-1967, EDWARD JOHNSON 1892-1957, MABEL EUNICE 1893-1979, MYRTLE IRENE 1895-1986, ARA OPHELIA 1897-1983, WINNIE HENRIETTA 1898-1917, LARKIN HENRY 1901-1976, DELLA ISABELLA 1904-1935, EUGENIA INEZ 1907-1970, NOEL DOUGLES 1921-1974.

NINA BELLE died on June 7, 1958, in Eustace, Henderson County, Texas, at 89 years of age.

Notes for LOUISIANA RATLIFF:

LOUISIANA was born February 19, 1871 in Texas. She married HERBERT WADE HAMPTON Abt. 1890, son of JAMES JOSIAH HAMPTON.

Children of HERBERT WADE HAMPTON and LOUISIANA RATLIFF are: YATES 1892-?, LELA HAMPTON 1893-1931, FERN SENOBIA 1899-1989, BRUNER 1901-1969, DICIE 1904-1942, NINA HAMPTON 1906-1990, BYRON 1910-?

LOUISIANA died on May 30, 1953, at 82 years of age. She is buried in Green Oak Cemetery, Kinder, La.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM EDWARD RATLIFF continued

Notes for CLARA EULA RATLIFF:

CLARA EULA was born about 1878 in Texas. She married MARION FRANCIS HAMPTON on February 12 1894.

Children of MARION FRANCIS HAMPTON and CLARA EULA RATLIFF are: WATHEN HAMPTON 1896-1929, WADE G. 1897-1983, AVIS EDWINNA 1900-1941, HERBERT S. 1902-1991, MARION BERTHER 1913-1992, EULELA J. 1920-2002.

CLARA EULA died on February 7, 1962 in Newton, Texas.

Notes for HELEN ROBERTA RATLIFF:

HELEN ROBERTA was born on March 1, 1880 in Wolfe City, Texas. She was a school teacher, being the first to teach the children of the "Pitre Settlement", now called "Green Oak" in the home of Harrel(Howell) and Emily Myers in 1907, and she also taught school in Woodlawn, Louisiana in 1909, at the Center School.

She married SPURGEON LAMONT PORTER son of EZRA PORTER and ELIZABETH STEDMAN, on September 19, 1914 at the Congregational Church by Brother Paul Leeds.

Children of SPURGEON LAMONT PORTER and HELEN ROBERTA RATLIFF are: ALICE ETHEL 1916-1994, RAYMOND EARL 1918-1999

HELEN ROBERTA died on October 10, 1973 in Beaumont, Texas at 93 years old. She is buried in Green Cemetery, Kinder, La.

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History of the Green Oak Bible Church

Back in the Good old days, church, religion, and all things spiritual weren't just things the people did once a week---they were part of their lives. When the early settlers arrived in the areas around Kinder, there were no churches to worship in and they wanted to have places of worship for their families, but it took time for permanent church buildings to be established. "Circuit Riders" would come through the area about once a month and they were welcomed by all the settlers.

In July of 1893, Dr. C. I. Scofield, superintendent of the Congregational Home Missionary Society in Texas and Louisiana, of Dallas, Texas, sent a young man from his church to serve as a supply minister to a small group of rice farmers in the Jennings area for a couple of months to give the young man some experience in preaching to help prepare him for missionary work in Central America. The young man that Dr. Scofield sent to the area was Paul Leeds. While supply preaching in Jennings, he made a missionary journey into the piney woods of Southwest Louisiana at the urging of the Reverend J. C. Huntington, Missionary-at-large, who was working with the unchurched population of no-man's land between the Calcasieu and Sabine rivers. (During the late 17th century, when Louisiana was being settled, the territory which is now Allen and Beauregard Parishes was a neutral strip between Spanish Mexico and French Louisiana; the laws of neither government were enforced in the strip, so that few permanent residents stopped, and for a number of years the section was a refuge for renegades. In 1840, Calcasieu Parish was created from part of the original St. Landry; the parish seat at Lake Charles attracted many who valued law and order.) Paul Leeds saw the need in the area for the ministry and accepted the call of God to minister to the people of the Piney Woods.

On the fourth Sunday in November, 1893, the first preaching service was held in the Piney Woods at a plank schoolhouse in the Pitre settlement, (Green Oak). Services continued to be held in the School house until 1899 when a comfortable house of worship 26 x 36 was built. The house was built and August 1899 during a meeting of the Congregational Association of S. W. Louisiana was dedicated to the service of God. This church continued under the name of the Darbonne Cong'l church until 1902 when by reason of many deaths and removals, it was voted to remove the domicil of the church to Kinder, then a growing Village. Occasional services were held in the homes of neighborhood families in the Pitre Settlement. In 1914 Sunday School services began in the new Green Oak School House. Soon a meeting was held by the ministers Apostolic faith, who held the field about a year and then abandoned it. On April 23rd, 1916, Brother Leeds reorganized the Sunday School and began regular services which continued until December 31, 1916, when a church was organized with 17 members,

and named Bethany Congregational Church. The work continued with varying success and small growth until 1921 when through revivals, numbers of members were added to the church. On September 19, 1924, the Green Oak School building was purchased with the help of friends for the sum of \$100.00 cash.

During a business meeting of the church in March 1925, Mr. Matt Englund presented the church with a beautiful pulpit that he made himself. During this meeting, the pastor announced that the M.E. Church at Welsh offered the church a bell once used at the Congregational Church at Welsh and the offer was accepted. The bell was brought from Welsh on May 25, 1925.(the bell was stolen many years later)

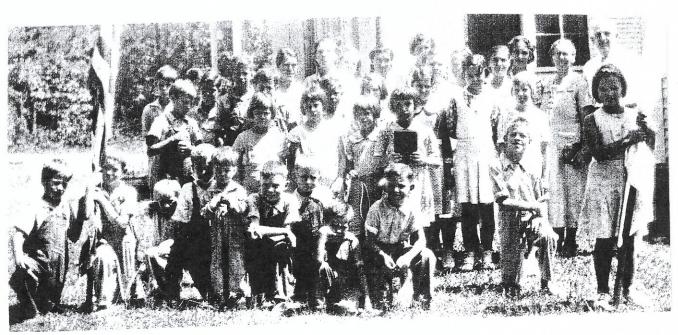
On July 8, 1999, the name of Bethany Congregational Church was changed to Green Oak Bible Church. The church is located at 1544 Green Oak Road, Kinder, Louisiana. The Reverend Jerry C. Long is the pastor of Green Oak Bible Church. He and his lovely wife, Amelia, have a passion to serve God, to love God, and love people. They are "God Sent" to Green Oak Bible Church.

Information for this article taken from Bethany Congregational Church records and "Looking back at Kinder"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURES AT BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH





ARE YOU A GOOD ANCESTOR ?

A good ancestor keeps certificates including birth and death certificates; records including health, military, naturalization, and school; passports; newspaper and church notices; awards; photos; art and craft work; journals; Bibles; diaries; baby, school and wedding books; heirlooms.

He or she dates correspondence, cares for tombstones, keep research organized, writes or tapes the family stories, and supports family organizations.

A good ancestor dates everything, is sure that full names are included, records where material may be found and always sees that at least one other copy of important date is somewhere else. A hundred years from now, will they think you were a good ancestor?



SOUTHERNERS

I'm a proud southerner and being from Louisiana, I've heard the "Southern Vocabulary" sometime during my 60+ years.

Southerners know everybody's first name---Honey – Darlin – Shugah-Sweetie.

Southerners know their religions---Bapdiss -- Methdiss -- Football.

Southerners know their cities dripping with Southern charm: Chawl'stn-S'vanah—Addlanna—N"awlins –FoatWuth.

Only a Southerner knows the difference between a hissie fit and a cooniption fit, and that you don't "Have" them, you "Pitch" them.

Put 100 Southerners in a room and half of them will discover they're related even if only by marriage. (A true statement)

QUERY FORM

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Spouse's date and place of death: _	
Subject's children:	
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Subject's places(s) of residence:	
Subject's military service:	
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Queries are free to all members. Non-men	mber fee is \$3.00 per Query.

Send Queries to: Allen Genealogical and Historical Society, P. O. Box 789, Kinder, Louisiana 70648

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