

# ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

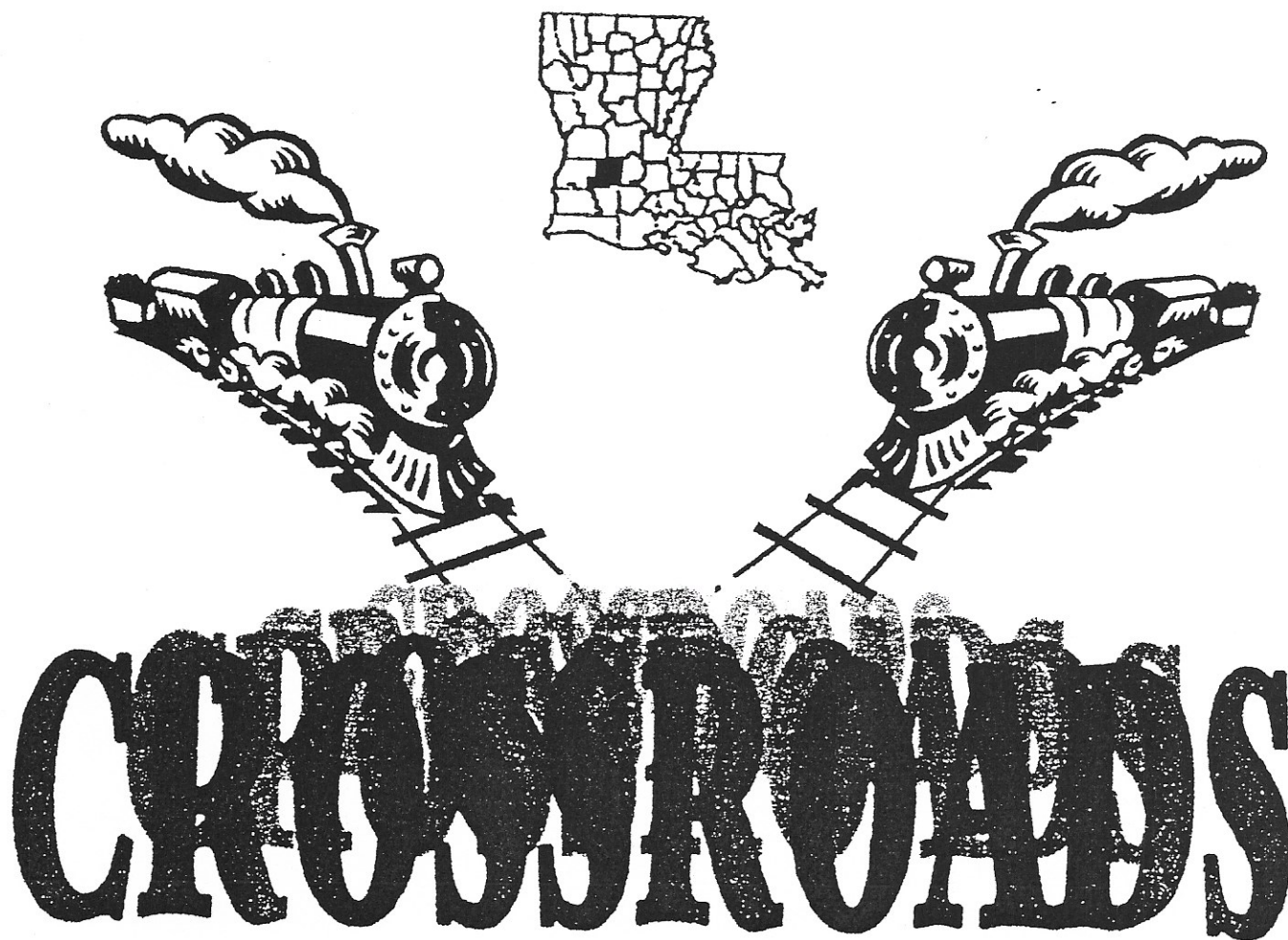
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# Allen Genealogical and Historical Society

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## 2004 Officers

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CrossRoads is published  
 quarterly; in January,  
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Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library, a branch of Allen Parish Libraries.

Membership fees are \$12.00 per calendar year for a single person, which includes an annual subscription to CrossRoads, our new publication, which will be published quarterly.

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.

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NEW SECTION: Books for Sale by the Society: (Prices, plus \$2.00 Postage)	
Rev. Paul Leeds' Congregational Ch. Records: Volume 1 "Marriages and Funerals" 1895-1957	\$25.00
Rev. Paul Leeds' Kinder Congregational Ch. Records-1893-1956 (Vol. 1)	\$25.00
Rev. Paul Leeds' Bethany (Green Oak) Ch. Records	\$25.00
Congregational Ch. Records of Indian Village, Edna, & Emad Communities	\$15.00
Congregational Ch. Records of Iowa, LA (Rev. Leeds) (Early Ch.)	\$15.00
St. Peter's Bayou Blue Indian Congregational Ch. Records (1901-1957)	\$25.00
Rev. Leed (includes St. Lukes' early Ch.)	
Jemison Family by Ethelinda Jemison Andrus (special permission)	\$25.00
China Cemetery, Elton, LA (Booklet--special permission)	\$ 8.00
LeBlanc Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA (Booklet)	\$ 8.00
Indian Village Cemetery, Kinder, LA (older version-Revised with some history)	\$10.00
Sonnier Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA (special permission-Booklet)	\$ 8.00
Resthaven Cemetery, Oakdale, Allen Parish, LA (Booklet)	\$ 8.00
Green Oak Cemetery, Kinder, Allen Parish, LA (older & latest version)	\$15.00
(Special Revised edition)	
Lyles Cemetery, Oberlin, Allen Parish, LA (special permission)	\$ 6.00
Liberty Cemetery, Elton, LA (close ties to Kinder) includes newest up-dated version, with family information.	\$12.00
Index to Surnames in all Allen Parish Cemeteries	\$10.00
St. Augustine Cemetery Basile, LA with short history (close ties to Kinder)	\$15.00
New Books coming soon: Kinder Ch. Vol. 2 (Kinder Church will be done in 4 volumes)	
Allen Parish Land Grants, with family notes-2 vol.( by order only )	\$30.00 ea
1941 Kinder High School Year Book (copy)—can be pre-ordered now for-	\$30.00
WWI Draft Registration Cards (Book pending)	
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, and plans are to compile these into a book. A blank five-generation ancestor form is included in each issue of CrossRoads.

**From the Editor:**

At the June 29th monthly meeting, a new officer was elected by unanimous vote. Loretta Headrick was elected Assistant Publishing Editor, to help with our book section, and our quarterly publication, CrossRoads. This section is growing rapidly, as the Society has some exciting plans for coming publications, some of which are already in progress. The Society warmly welcomes Loretta to the working force. The meeting was well attended, with a lively discussion by new members. Some of the newer publications were set out to view, and were quickly sold.

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

The research Department of the Library now has Rev. Heberts' CD of his Records of SW LA, and also has the Allen Parish 1930 Census Microfilm, plus Microfilms of older issues of Kinder papers.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Louisiana State Library for their generous order of books from our publication department. (Att'n: Alex Landry).

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Welcome New Members:

1. Todd Sonnier - P.O. Box 191 Kinder, LA 70648

Researching: LELAND, BRIDGES, McRILL, REYNOLDS, KIRKPATRICK, SIMS, HILL.

2. Margie Sanderson - 128 Doise Road Oakdale, LA 71463

3. Murphy Miller - 10108 NW 171 Terrace - Alachua, FL 32615 (386-462-5067)

Surnames: Miller (see flyer insert) \*Murphy has connections to the Fuselier Family.

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Trivia:

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments", answered the lady.

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand painted sign.. "Energy efficient vehicle; runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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Sept. 25, 2004

Genealogy Day at the Civic Center in Rayne, La was hosted by the Acadia Parish Genealogy Society, and was a great success. It was well attended by area groups, including Kinder, with much genealogical information exchanged. This was an excellent means of getting exposure for Societies, and seemed to generate much interest. Many suggested this become an annual event.

Allen Parish Gen. & Hist. Society was represented by six members: Betty Sarver, Bill Fawcett, Ethel F. Sacker, Loretta Nevils Headrick, Pierre Nevils, and Ouida Nevils Savant.

Appreciation and congratulations to the Host, "Acadia Parish Gen. Society".

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Going to Heaven



I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church,



Would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" By now I was starting to smile.

Hey, this was fun! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again. Again, they all answered, "NO!" I was just bursting with pride for them. Well, I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"



A five-year-old boy



shouted out,

"YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



This issue of CrossRoads is dedicated to the Memory of Huey "The Pish" Fuselier. Strange name, but if you say Huey Fuselier, many people might not know who you are talking about. He was simply "Pish", a legend of Kinder. He was "Sports, especially football, Church, Politics, Current issues, Community, Schools, and much more, all in one dynamic bundle, known to everyone as "Pish". His numerous "Letters to the Editor", spared no issue. He spoke out and voiced opinions others were reluctant to discuss openly. And the Editor of the Kinder newspaper (Stanley Leger) printed every letter he sent in. The letters were read by many with expressions like "Atta Boy, Pish" and "You tell em, Pish"; and then there were some who groaned with a slight feeling of embarrassment, but all were affected in some manner by his openness and frank expressions.

**THE MAKING OF A LEGEND**  
 by Rev. T. L. Smith  
 Pastor of Kinder First United  
 Pentecostal Church

Legends are not born, but made. The stuff of tall tales give us Paul Bunyan, Babe and the like. As children, we listen wide-eyed to these tales of thrilling wonder.

Kinder has produced its share of greats, near-greats, and didn't make its. Yet, no one else has ever had a "Pish."

Just what is a Pish?

Take 5'11" and stuff until well rounded. Put a heart as big as all outdoors.

Speaking of outdoors---put a liberal dash of athletics.

Take a mouth that is made for talking.

Add hands that itch to write "Letters to the Editor."

Continue with a Bible well-worn and marked. Be sure and include a love letter to a darling wife folded in the same pages as a political ballot.

Don't forget boldness that will challenge an individual or town council.

Shake a well-measured dose of love, color it red at Christmas time. Paste on a beard and call him Santa Clause. To top it all off, remember a love for his family that none could surpass.

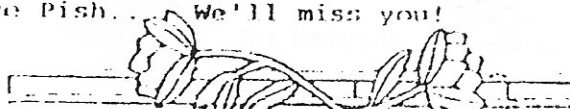
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Things may be a bit quieter and certainly less exciting, but Kinder will probably never be the same again.

For one more legend has gone the way of all flesh.

Good bye Pish... We'll miss you!



LCAP Thur. Sept. 25, 1986  
 Born: Apr. 8, 1928  
 d. Sept. 24, 1986

**HUEY FUSELIER SR.**

KINDER Funeral services for Huey "Pish" Fuselier Sr. will be at 2 p.m. Friday Sept. 26, in the First United Pentecostal Church.

The Rev. T. L. Smith will officiate. Burial will be in the Green Oak Cemetery under the direction of Ardoin's Funeral Home.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 25, in the church.

Mr. Fuselier died at 5 p.m. Wednesday in his residence.

A native of Kinder, he was retired from Cities Service and was a member of the Kinder Chamber of Commerce, the Athletic Association and the First United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Marie Fuselier; three sons, Huey P., Darryl S. and Ricky Lee Fuselier; four daughters, Mrs. Gail Nevils, Mrs. Bonta Taylor and Billie Jo Fuselier, all of Kinder, and Mrs. Burnell Taylor of Lake Charles; one brother, Clifford Fuselier of Alexandria; his mother, Mrs. Avie Fuselier of Kinder, and seven grandchildren.



BY  
STANLEY LEGER

## The Pish Is Gone

As the editor of this newspaper I wish to express our sadness at the death of Mr. H.P. "Pish" Fuselier. He was a frequent contributor to our "Letters to the Editor" section, and I know our readers from far and near will miss his comments and observations.

Pish was a man of many convictions. Everything from single-handedly selecting Kinder's "Father of the Year," to criticizing the practice of employing non-Kinder residents in local public works projects, were part of his sphere of operation. And he possessed the courage to publicly state his convictions in the newspaper, at public meetings, on the street corner, or wherever. You always knew where Pish was coming from.

When the news of his death at age 58 circulated through this small community on the afternoon of September 24, it had a devastating effect on all who heard it.

And no wonder why! Over the years Pish had grown to become as much a part of the fiber and fabric of Kinder as even our legendary Yellow Jackets, whom he loved so dearly.

After his family, church, and the KHS Yellow Jackets, I guess politics was Pish's next greatest love. He ran for municipal office numerous times but to my knowledge he was never elected. However, that didn't stop him from trying again. In fact, he wanted to run for alderman in the September 27th election and had announced his candidacy. He later withdrew because of his health. At that time he told me, "I hate to pull out. I believe I would've made it this time."

Well, Pish didn't realize it and neither did the rest of us. But he already had made it in his beloved Kinder. The massive outpouring of grief at his death from his fellow-citizens of all ages, all races, and all religions is irrefutable evidence that he had achieved more on his own than anyone could have given him at the ballot box.

Yes, the Pish is gone. He was one of a kind. Another like him will not come our way again. Somehow, I like to think that God was surveying His heavenly kingdom last week and decided he needed a good man—someone to help with one of his junior varsity teams—and the thought came to Him: "There's this man in Kinder. They call him Pish. He's done a lot to help the Yellow Jackets. I need him more than they do...."



## Obituary

### Fuselier

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## Letters

Pish is already telling the angels in heaven how to play ball. There will never be tranquility in heaven with Pish up there. Already I can imagine the angels complaining to the Most High God that they must play ball his way.

My deep appreciation to Bro. T. L. Smith, Pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church, the good food from the host of friends who were so gracious in seeing that we had plenty to eat, and to the singers who left their inspirations upon the service.

Thanks again dear friends of my brother. I shall never forget what a host of friends he had. I hope someone in Kinder will pick up the torch and carry it for the youth of Kinder.

GUM and Nell Fuselier

1302 Plantation Drive  
Alexandria, La. 71801  
Sept. 27, 1988

The Kinder Courier  
Kinder, La. 70948

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please tell the fine folks of Kinder how proud I was of them in giving so much love and support to Pish's family. I was impressed with the youth of Kinder who came by and paid their last respects to him. I WAS MOVED TO TEARS WHEN I SAW TEARS FLOWING FROM THOSE FOOTBALL PLAYERS and the host of friends that came by. So much love for Pish.

Someone touched me with these beautiful words for Pish, "Pish WAS KINDER." He had his whole heart in Kinder. A very personal loss from my life has vanished... but my dear hearts



May 24, 1979

Kinder Courier News

Box AK  
Kinder, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

## HOW TO SOLVE AMBULANCE PROBLEM

I have read the paper the last two times that I have been home about an ambulance in Allen Parish. I work offshore 14 and 7.

I read about all the good citizens of Allen Parish wanting an ambulance and there seems to be no way to solve the problems.

My suggestion to you the people of Allen Parish is "Don't get me wrong that I am a politician 'God forbid'." But a few months ago I came home and saw that there was an election in Allen Parish for an ambulance. I wanted my friends my love ones and my children to have what they needed most. I didn't have to be talked to by some so-called politician. I drove my car straight to the polls and voted for ambulance. I told some of my friends about that I had voted YES. They all told me they were against the tax, that the hospital had too much money already. But I will never in any way vote against something that will better my Parish. I have to pay taxes the same as you do and I figure that if it would cost me \$1.50 a year to know that my children and my friends to have the protection and privilege to have an ambulance in Allen Parish then back to the polls I would go and vote yes for all of you.

A house that prays together stays together. A house divided will not stand.

I love you all in  
Christ Jesus,  
Pish Fuselier

July 26, 1979

# Letters to the Editor

## Civic pride

Kinder Courier News  
Drawer AK  
Kinder, La.

Dear Editor:

Have you taken a walk around Kinder lately? The sidewalks are covered with grass and debris. The business places have weeds knee-tall at the doors. Many vacant lots have weeds man-tall. Where is our civic pride? It is covered with grass.

Wanda Mayfield

## Ambulance

Kinder Courier News  
Drawer AK  
Kinder, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am still trying to get an ambulance. My concerns of ambulance service in Allen Parish are very serious. After reading and talking about some of our neighbors losing love ones in wrecks and their feelings, I just can't seem to be able to understand why we do not have an

ambulance in Kinder, Reeves and Oberlin district. The first commandment that I think of is: Love thy neighbor as thy self. Love to me is a great thing when it comes to helping someone that is in need of help.

Maybe you as myself has never had a love one pinned beneath a steering wheel of an auto, or a love one trapped beneath a car, or with a piece of timber through your body, and to have a good friend to show his love for you and cut the timber on both sides of your body so you can be rushed to a hospital.

Oh, what love it could have been to have had your help and my help there, not in person but with an ambulance there to give first aid.

I have heard men make statements in Kinder. I am talking about some of our elected officials. Men that are suppose to be our leaders say we do not want an ambulance because it might cost them maybe \$1.50 a year. I say shame on you. I'll pray for you.

Really and truthfully

you elected officials where is that great love, that you are suppose to have for people that have put you in office that really need you? If I were a leader of this community, which I am not, I would go before the people and get them what they the citizens need. I would first go to our laymen of God, Priests, Preachers, deacons, ladies, and all organizations and our wonderful school teachers and most of all the man and lady that walks in every day life and tell them we need an ambulance at all cost, cause we have love ones in need and that this is our neighbor.

Friends if I have stepped on your toes pray for me, because I do want an ambulance for people I love in everyday life.

There has to be a reason that I have taken time to be concerned about my neighbor in Allen Parish for an ambulance, not taxes, not for fame, not for a name, but for Love.

I remain your friend in  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Pish Fuselier

June 12, 1981

Kinder Courier News  
Drawer AK  
Kinder, Louisiana 70648

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was just thinking who should be named the Father of the Year in Kinder. I have looked back to the last 15 to 20 years of the progress of our children for a father of Kinder a man that at so many times has worked so hard in our

community to build our parks up for our children to have such a beautiful place to play in. A man at many times that has had to fight every inch of the way. A father that has never received money to see to it that my children and your children would have these nice parks to play in. Now I know that we have all helped to get this nice park in Kinder, but if you check your records straight, who

was the man involved in it all you would pick the same father as I have. I, Mr. Editor, pick Bruce LaFargue in all honesty to our town of Kinder.

Your friend Mr. Editor,  
Pish Fuselier

P.S. I am very proud to have a man in Kinder and Father like Bruce LaFargue.



HUEY "PISH" FUSELIER, SR.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1985

KINDER FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

KINDER, LA. 7 2:00 P.M.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Lighthouse.....Kinder Chorale

Prayer & Obituary.....Bro. Chester  
Bushnell

Song.....The Haymons

Remarks.....Bro. Haymon

It'll Be Different.....Kinder Chorale

Sermon.....Pastor T. L. Smith

Amazing Love.....Kinder Chorale

Pallbearers:

Jerry Nevils  
Roger Nevils  
B. B. Granger  
Kris Thompson  
Kristian Sonnier  
Micheal Karam

Honorary Pallbearers:

John Jane Cappel  
Blair Fontenot  
Sammy Mayes  
Scotty Shuff



## On Leave



H. P. FUSELIER, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fuselier, has returned home on leave.

He has a brother, Clifford C. Fuselier, seaman first class, who has been in service two years, and has been in three major bat-



Huey Paul "Pish" Fuselier  
Age 21, father of Gayle,  
Bonita, Huey Jr, Darryl,  
Burnell, Billie Jo and Ricky.  
Grandfather of Jerry, Jr and  
Roger Nevils, Bridgette and  
Phillip Taylor, Jr, Courtney  
Fuselier, April and Spencer  
Fuselier, Alexa and Jade  
Taylor, Christian and  
Emma Longoria. Great  
Grandfather of Justin, Taylor  
Elizabeth Nevils, Adrienne,  
Jonathan and Karly Nevils,  
Brittany Clark, Blake Miller,  
Parker and Payton Taylor.  
Beloved husband of Dorothy  
Sheriden for 40 years. Pish  
passed away on 9-24-1986.  
Dorothy passed away 9/23/1990,



Cliff Fuselier, brother  
of Pish. Father of Bill,  
Phillip, Thomas and  
David. Grandfather of  
Sarah, Kayla, Blake,  
Kelly, Kristen, Mark,  
Anna Claire and  
Abigail. Melisa Dunn,  
Dorsey and Robert Howe.  
And husband of Ora Nell  
Buller of Kinder for 55  
years.

Teles "Bolo" Fuselier, the son of Teles Fuselier, Sr and Lecodice Duplechain, was born February 13, 1898 in Basile, Louisiana, and died March 30, 1974 in Kinder, Allen Parish, Louisiana. He married Eva "Avie" Marcantel July 1922 in Kinder, Louisiana, daughter of Alphonse Marcantel and Domelese Bell. She was born July 8, 1907 in Kinder, and died December 19, 1993 in a Lake Charles, Louisiana hospital.

Both Bolo and Avie are buried in Green Oak Cemetery, in Kinder.

Children of Teles and Avie Fuselier:

1. Clifford Cecil Fuselier m. Ora Nell Buller
2. Huey Paul "Pish" Fuselier m. Dorothy Sheridan



Huey Paul Fuselier, Sr  
Dorothy Sheridan  
Kinder, Louisiana  
August 3, 1984





**Kinder High School Class Reunion - 1943-1993**

**Front Row - Lou Anna Saucier, Rose Chachere, Marie McGee, Lois Fruge,  
Betty Pitts and Ray Odom**

**Back Row - Brantley Bell, Stuart Buck, Norris Lambert, Berwyn Richard, and  
Clifford Fuselier**



### *WHAT'S IN A NAME?*

How did Pish get his nick name?

Back in 1928, when Pish was born there was still lots of French spoken in South Louisiana. My parents and relatives would refer to Huey as "pistache," meaning peanuts. As a three<sup>yr</sup> old brother, pistache was one of those French words difficult for me to pronounce. I begin to refer to him as "Pish." The nickname stuck! As a youngster I can still hear my relatives refer to Huey as "pistache."

Pish was named after Huey P. Long, the popular Governor of Louisiana when he was born.

When I was 6 and Pish was 4, our parents gave us a tricycle for us to share in riding it. At that time they had a cafe next door to Bell Brothers. Grocery Store, Mr Oscar Bell spoiled us by giving us pieces of candy almost every day.

Mr Lee Dysert ran a gas station across the street from my parent's cafe. Pish and I were about 8 and 10 and Lee would sic Pish on me for a nickel. Course Pish always won as he was stronger than me at ten years old. You can be assured that our mom, Avic, would chew Lee out for making us fight.

At age 18 when I was drafted into the Navy, Pish, only 16 wanted to go with me. After a year Pish joined the Navy. Altho our ships crossed paths in

San Diego, we were never able to make connections for time of togetherness.

I was always proud of Pish because he was so outgoing and friendly. When it was time for political battle for a new governor, a mayor, you could push his belly button and get him excited for his man. But you if you were against his man, forget it, you lost Pish as a friend.

His deep religious conviction about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ made a person wish that they were as bold as he was with his faith. I expect to see my precious brother one of these days. Don't you know that he must be giving the angels a fit if they don't play ball the way he wants them to. I can almost imagine Gabriel complaining to God that he called Pish home too soon - heaven is in a shamble due to his many demands. The angels knows where he stands and so did the folks of Kinder.

Pish's heart was also with the football games - what would a football game be like without Pish. After he passed away everybody noticed the difference. I will always cherish those precious moments when those football players was let out of school so that they could attend Pish's funeral.

To my nieces and nephews, you were so fortunate to have had such an outstanding dad.

In passing, Alvin Nevils was in our high school graduating class of 1943, who volunteered for services in the Army after graduation. Another high school friend was Harvey Medici, who joined the Marines. Both of these men gave their best to Kinder. I cherished their friendship in good old Kinder High School.

Cliff Fuselier, brother of Pish.

Family info from the Marcantels and Fuseliers of Kinder. Pish was born into a large family background of the Marcantels and Fuseliers. Alphonse Marcantel and his first wife, Laura Steen Vige, had 6 children. His second wife was Domelese Bell and had a large family of 13 children...a total of 19 children. Due to this large family, Pish had 86 first cousins both living and deceased. On the Fuselier side, Teles, Sr had 5 children. These 5 children had 16 children, making a total of 102 first cousins. Read on. The second cousins had 180 children...so you all be careful when you talk about those Marcantels and those Fuseliers in Kinder, Oberlin and De Quincy. They are related to good old Pish. My computer biew a fuse when figuring how many Fontenots we are kin to on my mom and dad's side.

Family Tidbits gathering. Cliff Fuselier



## Some Marcantel History

(Submitted by Merle Marcantel and Clifford Fuselier)

During the 1750s, France sent groups of soldiers to Louisiana to protect French territory and to raise a family in the area. Francois Marcantel (spelled in different ways) was one of these pioneer soldiers.

French outposts all along the Mississippi River protected Louisiana from the English, and around Mobile, Alabama, outposts gave protection against the Spanish in Florida.

Francois Marcantel came from his home in Chambéry, France, to the outpost at Point Coupee, Louisiana.

The Marcantels came from Chambéry, which in 1752 may have been ruled by Italian Royalty. Today this section of France is called Savoy and lies on the edge of the Alps.

Francois Marcantel, a soldier and mason, came here with a "detachment of 40 men of the troops of Monsieur de Gignoux and embarked Oct. 17, 1752, on the ship *Le Chariot Royal*", according to historian Winston Deville.

He met Anne Rondot (also spelled Rondeaux), who was also of French background. They were married in Point Coupee in 1754, and had three children – Marie Anne, Julie, and Francois Nicholas. Before the Marcantels could mark their eighth anniversary, Anne died at age 25.

Francois Nicholas Marcantel is the common ancestor of members of the Marcantel family. He was the first Marcantel in Opelousas. He tended vacherie – cattle – for Donato Bello, a soldier comrade of his father's, on the prairie near the Opelousas Post.

After his first wife Anne's death at age 25, Francois Marcantel married Marie Richaume Soileau, a widow whose husband Noel had been quartermaster at Natchez, Mississippi. Francois helped raise her five children from that marriage. One of them, Noel Soileau, Jr. was taught by Francois Marcantel at the Point Coupee Station and later became the second commander of the Post Avoyelles. Another stepson was tutor in one of the French outposts.

A century after coming to America, the family Marcantel had a number of descendants who served in the Civil War. Two of the sons of Antoine Marcantel – Maxile and Dupre Marcantel – served as Confederate soldiers. Maxile and Dupre both returned home after the Civil War, but both died young.

Maxile Marcantel enlisted in Co. K 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Louisiana Volunteers in 1861, and fought in 14 battles, starting at Dam No. 1 and then Williamsburg, Virginia, all the way through the battles of Petersburg and at High Bridge, Virginia, before being released in 1865. Maxile came home from the war and married Marguerite Doise. He died of pneumonia in 1895, near Fenton, Louisiana.

His brother, Dupre was wounded while a Confederate soldier and was crippled. He, too, came home from the war, married Marcelite Hebert (listed in pension application) and settled in Iowa,

Louisiana. Many of his descendants live there, as well as in Welsh and Jennings. He was killed by a rolling log at a logging camp near Bayou Arsene in 1896. His wife Marcelite received a pension of \$12.00 per month from 1906 until her death in 1913.(estimate about \$300 a month in 1996).

Another member of the third generation Marcantels in Louisiana, was Zenon Marcantel, Sr. , who married Sidalise Miller. They were the parents of 15 children, of which Alphonse Marcantel born April 18, 1854, was the 13<sup>th</sup> child to be born to this union. Most of these children live in the DeQuincy, Lake Charles, and Kinder area. Zenon Sr. lived at Sugartown, moved to Beckwith and finally settled in Fields. One of the largest concentrations of Marcantels still lives in the Fields area.

Zenon Sr. and Sidalise had at least four sons serving in the Civil War. One of these sons named Rosemond Marcantel, born November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1844, enlisted in 1862 near Franklin, LA on Bayou Teche. He served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Cavalry and was later transferred to Wetherly's Infantry Battalion. At the time of the surrender he was at Mansfield, LA. After he returned from the war he married Clemance Langley, was a farmer and lived out his life in the DeQuincy area. He died February 4, 1924

Zenon Jr., born 1832 was also a Confederate soldier but little is known about his war service or his life at that time. One of his wives, Lovicy Johnson, applied for a pension. It is known that he lived in DeQuincy area for years and has many descendants here and in East Texas. Stories of his activities, include running wild horses through the neutral Sabine area.

Two other sons of Zenon Sr., Joseph born 1835 and Toussaint born 1842 also served as Confederate soldiers in the Civil War.

Although Zenon Jr., Rosemond and Alphonse Marcantel were brothers, Alphonse was too young to be a soldier in the Civil War. His descendants during World War II enlisted in the military. All of those relatives who served our country during this time of distress came home – none were lost through enemy action. Included are Alphonse “Kotch” Guillory, his brothers Sidney, Davis, Lloyd and their dad, Mathis Guillory, Zemon Marcantel, Clifford & Huey “Pish” Fuselier, and L.C. Fontenot, Winfred Fontenot, Wilfred Amy, and brothers Robert and Dillion Gordon, brothers Edward & J.D. Duhon, Titus Bushnell, husband of Audry Gordon, granddaughter, and Elliott Fontenot, father-in-law of Earline Marcantel. “Kotch” received a Purple Heart due to enemy action in Luzon Island, Philippines during the assault on 9 January 1945.

Alphonse Marcantel, born in 1855, a tall handsome man with piercing blue eyes, a man of conviction and love for his family, lived near Kinder for years as a farmer. He had a large family with two wives; with his first wife, Laurastine Vige, born in 1858, he had the following children: EDMOND (married Catherine Coward), EMILY LEE (married Joe Duhon), MARY (married Louis Duhon, brother to Joe Duhon), JOHNNY (married Dora Martin) and LAURA MARIE (married William “Bill” Gordon). Laurastine VIGE died at age 33 and is buried in Green Oak in Kinder, according to Bro. Leeds' Congregational Church Records (no marker found).



Alphonse then married Domelise Bell, age 18 in 1894, he 39. From this union these children were born into his second family: ORELENE (married Lucien Humphrey), ALPHONSE B. (died at age 2), ALZENIA (married J.P. Vige), LOU ELLA (married Geron Duhon), WILLIE (died at age of 19), ELLEN (married Thodose Fontenot), LEONA (died at age 12), EVA "Avie" (married Teles "Bolo" Fuselier), JO ANNA (married Mathis "Chalk" Guillory), ROSE (married Felix Amy), RAYMOND (married Anita "Nita" Doget), ZEMON (married Edith Soileau) and LORENE (married Gus Soileau). A total of 13 children. Two children were lost due to miscarriage. Domelise died Dec. 6, 1950 in Kinder, LA at the age of 73 and is buried in the Green Oak Cemetery, north of Kinder. Alphonse died Jan. 16, 1924 and is also buried in the Green Oak Cemetery.

As of June 1996, none of the children of Alphonse's first family are living; only three of his second family – two reside in Lake Charles – Rose Amy-Daigle and Lorene Soileau. Raymond Marcantel resides north of Kinder in the Green Oak community with wife "Nita."

\*\*Note: Raymond Marcantel died: September 5, 2001 at age 87 years.

His wife, Nita Doguet Marcantel has moved from Green Oak area to the Kingsfarm settlement to live near her daughter, Earline Marcantel Fontenot.

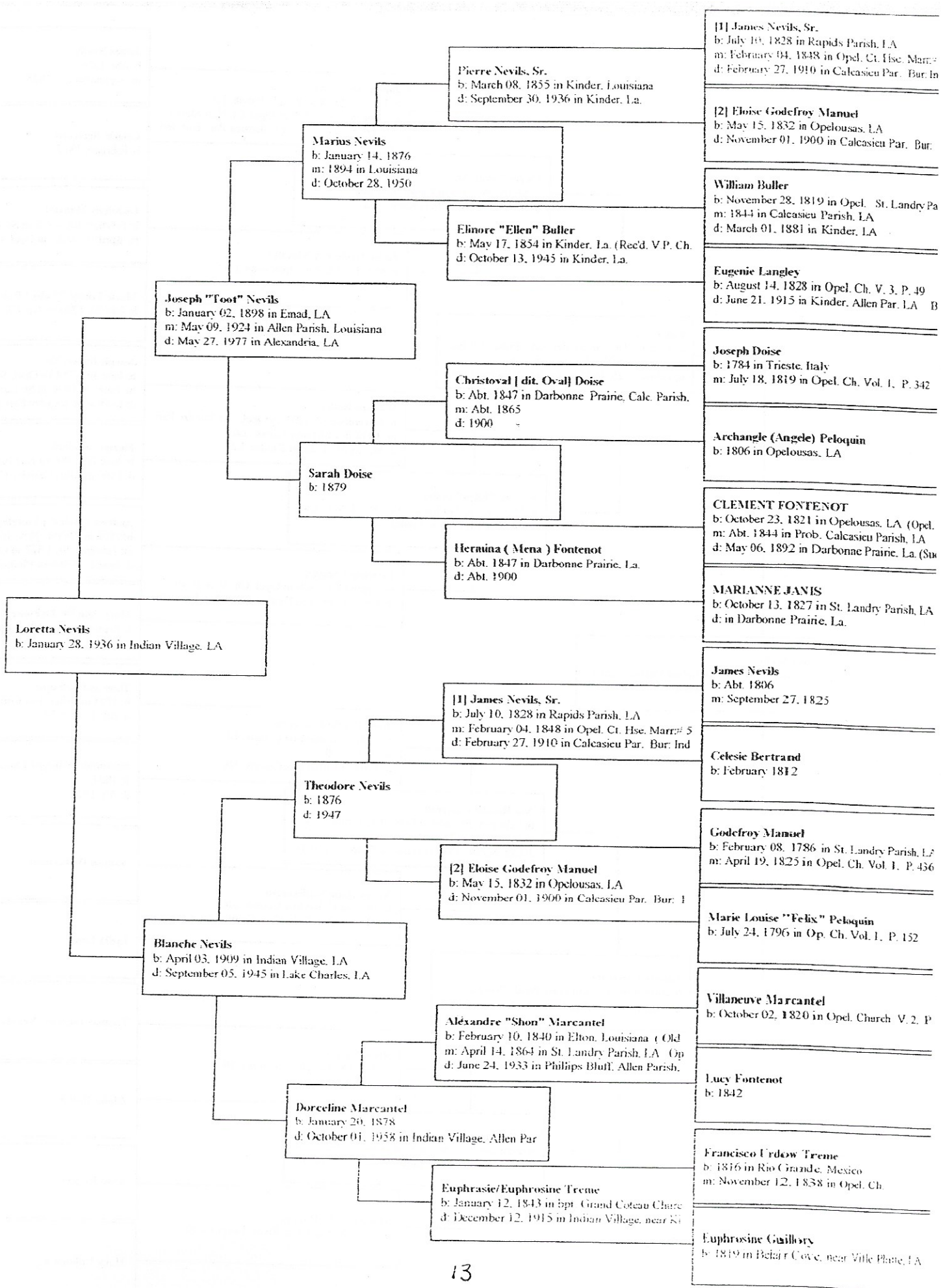
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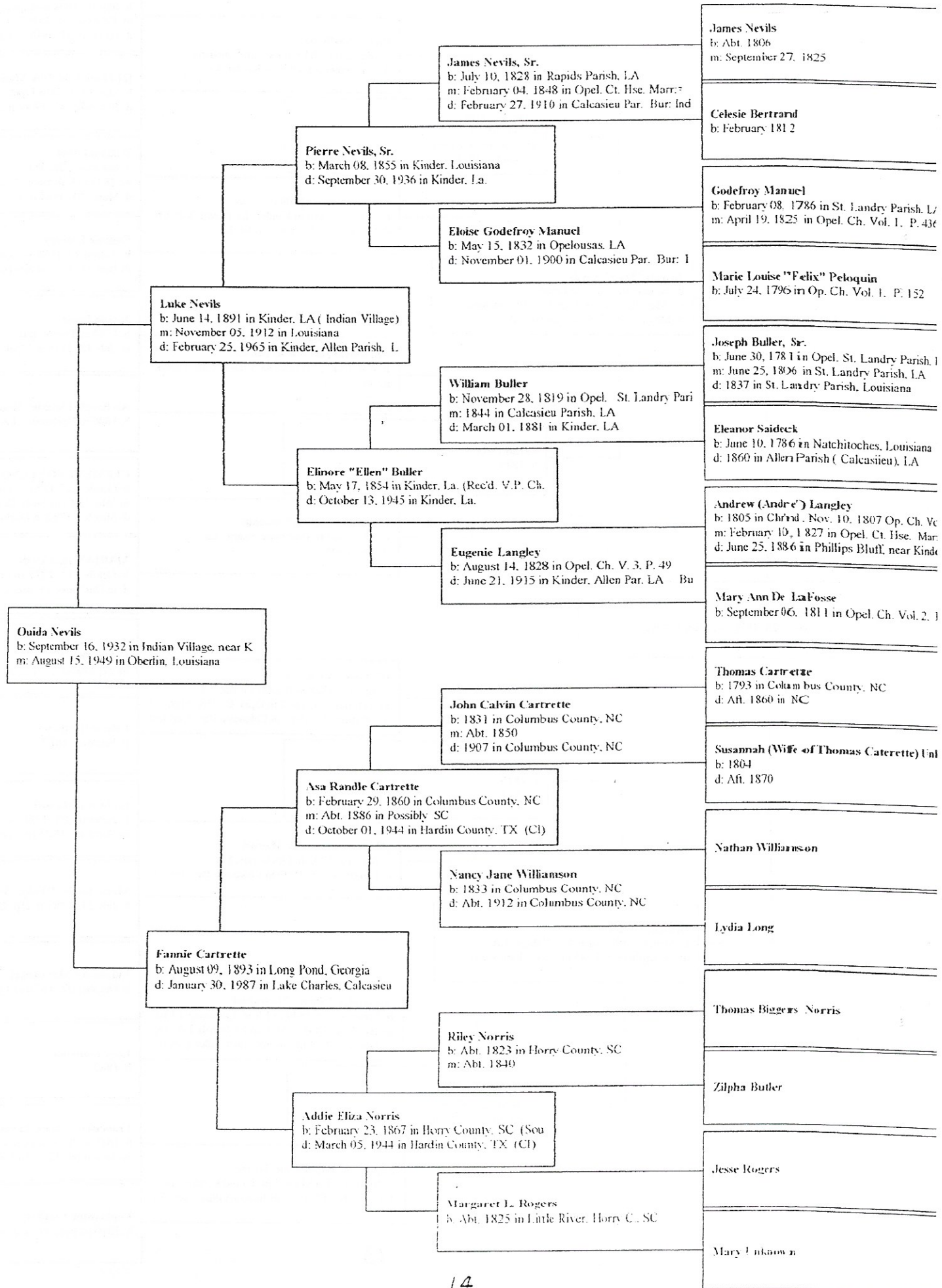
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Sweet summer rain

Never again on earth to hear  
Her sweet voice calling, "Mother dear",  
Sweet summer rain

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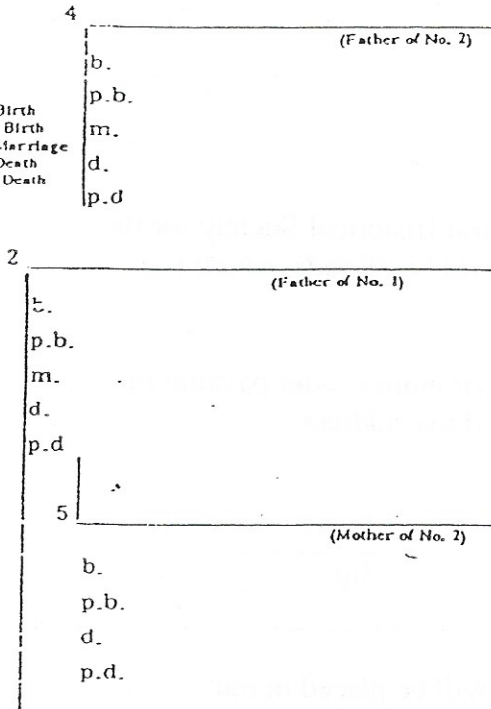




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