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Membership fees are \$15.00 per calendar year for a single person, which includes an annual subscription to CrossRoads, our new publication, which is published quarterly.

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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.

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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.

The Society 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; CD of Confederate Civil War Veterans, and also has the Allen Parish 1930 Census Microfilm, plus Microfilms of older issues of Kinder newspapers.

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#### \*\*\*This is the last issue of CrossRoads for this year (2007).

Hard to believe that another year is almost gone. It is the hope of our staff members that all of you have Peace and Joy in the coming Holiday Season. We hope you stay with us, 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 from Bill or Ethel, 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.

#### Welcome New Members:

- 1. Steven Fontenot 9638 Hwy 165 Kinder, LA
- 5. Dr. Michael Karam PO Box AD Kinder, LA

Society News: Update on Current Projects

KHS Yearbook Project still in progress. We are still in need of items for the yearbook.

Another on-going project of the Society is: Recording, documenting, and up-dating of Allen Parish Cemeteries. \*\*\*\*\*STILL in PROGRESS

The Kingrey Cemetery Book (Barnes Creek) is complete and for sale. Pine Chapel Cemetery, and Reed Cemetery in Oberlin, and Oak Hill Cemetery near Oakdale, LA are being updated. Many people who have family buried in these cemeteries, are contributing information toward this project. We are grateful for all help. It is a valuable contribution to recording the history of our area.

All these are put into individual books and sold by the Society. Inquiries can be made at the Kinder Library.

- \*\* Still in Progress\*\*
- 1. WW1 Registrations of Allen Parish
- 2. Ancestor Charts BOOK 1 Completed (may be purchased from Society) -\$25.00
- 3. Obituaries of Allen Parish and related areas year 2003 completed (still collecting, but progress is slow). These books will be available for research in Library.

Note change in our monthly meeting date: FIRST TUESDAY of each month. Dues now \$15.00

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A Brief Follow-up on the 'Ignace Rodrigues' Obituary from last Issue of CrossRoads:

Ignace Rodrigues & Josephine Rodrigues were siblings: parents were Diego Rodrigues & Louisa Unknown.

Ignace Rodrigues married Abt. 1878 Therese Hebert, daughter of: François Hebert & Denise Miller. Their daughter, Ida Rodrigues, married Adam Buller, of Hecker, s/o Andrew Buller & Aglia Hebert. \*\*Aglia Hebert was also the daughter of François Hebert & Denise Miller.

Josephine Rodrigues married Adalar Hagan.

**FONTENOT Family Reunion** was held Sept. 29, 2007 at the Kingsfarm Pentecostal Church Annex. Descendants of Leazey Fontenot & Amelia Lormand gathered together in memory of David Fontenot & Azeline LeJeune (first family) & David Fontenot & Daisy Buller (second family). David Fontenot & Azeline LeJeune children are all deceased; however many grandchildren were present.

David Fontenot & Daisy Buller children are all living except Dudley, who died in WW11. Attendance was very good; food was plentiful, and the fellowship was truly heartwarming. This is an annual event presently hosted by Mason & Laura Mae Fontenot (and many helpers).

#### Tombstone Inscriptions:

"I came into this world without my consent, and left in the same manner"

"She lived with her husband for 50 years, And died in the confident hope of a better life"

"Tears cannot restore her, therefore I weep"

"I knew this was going to happen to me"

On a Coalminer's grave - "Gone underground for good"

On an Attorney's grave - "The Defense Rests"

On Mel Blanc's grave - "That's all folks"

#### Wife:

"Grieve not my husband dear, I am not dead but sleeping here With patience wait, perchance to die, and in a short time come to I. Husband added:
I am not grieved, my dearest life; sleep on, I've got another wife. Therefore I cannot come to thee, for I must go and live with she.

#### A TRIBUTE TO OUR CAJUN COUSINS

Acadiana is the name given to the traditional twenty-two parish Cajun homeland, which in 1971 the Louisiana state legislature officially recognized for its unique Cajun and Acadian heritage (per House Concurrent Resolution No. 496). Despite the frequent association of Cajuns with swamplands. Acadiana actually consists mainly of prairies, marshes, and wooded river (or bayou) lands.

The term Acadiana was coined by accident around 1963, when KATC-TV 3 in Lafayette, owned by the Acadian Television Corporation, received an invoice bearing a typographical error: someone had mistakenly added the letter "a" to the end of Acadian, forming Acadiana. Noting the error, the station's manager found the new word catchy (particularly as it seemed to combine the words Acadian and Louisiana). KATC began using the new word to describe the region covered by its broadcast signal. The word soon took on a life of its own, and came to describe most of south Louisiana.

As evidence of its popularity, a survey of a recent phone directory covering forty-seven communities in south-central Acadiana shows that over two hundred fifty businesses use the word in their titles. Acadiana often is mistakenly applied only to Lafayette Parish and several neighboring parishes, usually Acadia, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes, and sometimes also Evangeline and St Mary; this eight-parish area, however, is actually the "Cajun Heartland, USA" district, which makes up only about a third of the entire Acadiana region.

Sources: Ancelet et al., Cajun Country; Dormon, People Called Cajuns; Dunning, "Cajun Heartland",

First Place Winner - 2005 Reminiscent Writing Contest

### She Survived the Typhoid Epidemic©

by: Ethel Sacker

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Emily was born in 1875, the second child of Alphonse Marcantel and Laurestine Vige, and grew up in the Phillips Bluff settlement near Kinder, Louisiana. Her mother died when she was but a young girl about thirteen to fourteen years old. Her brother, Edmond, was a little over two years older than she, so the two of them looked after the other three children. Her father, Alphonse, wasted no time in finding another wife to help him with his young family. He married Domelise Bell about 1890, who was almost twenty years younger than he, so she quickly began raising a family of her own. Emily Marcantel, first daughter of Alphonse, met and married Joseph Duhon, Sr. of Elton, Louisiana, son of Lastie Duhon and Mary Anne Langley. She was only fifteen years old but since her father was marrying again, she left home and married, still a young girl. She and her older brother, Edmond, continued to help care for their younger sister, Laura, my grandmother. Emily and Joseph Duhon began their own family. Lucy Duhon was born in 1895, followed by Dewey in 1898. About four years later, in 1902, a daughter Katie was added to the family. During these years my grandmother, Laura, was living part of the time with her father and stepmother and at other times with her sister, Emily, and brother, Edmond. So, Emily Marcantel Duhon had her hands full. She was known as a very strict and old-fashioned woman but my grandma always said she was good to her. Grandma Laura looked to her sister Emily almost as a mother.

In 1906 a son Cefus Mitchell, Mitch, was born, and in 1909 another son Joseph, Little Joe, was added to the growing family of Duhons. Meantime, Grandma Laura Marcantel was being courted by a tall, slim man almost twenty years her senior, and in 1903 she married Bill Gordon. She was barely fifteen. They settled in the Phillips Bluff settlement near the Calcasieu River, west of Kinder, Louisiana.

Emily Marcantel Duhon gave birth to another daughter, Hettie, in 1910. Her household was full but her own siblings had married and settled so she was busy raising her family. It is not improbable that she was still helping her younger sister adjust to married life and also helping with sister Laura's new babies.

In 1911 Emily gave birth to another child but a dreadful scourge, the Typhoid Fever epidemic, was spreading rapidly and reached its tenacious fingers of death into her home. Her husband, Joseph, died quickly and then, almost simultaneously, she lost her newborn baby. A couple weeks later, she became deathly sick with the dreaded sickness. Typhoid, now spreading rapidly throughout the area. All hope was given up for her recovery.

Following is an account written in the Lake Charles Daily American newspaper, published September 14, 1911:

#### Mrs. Duhon's Husband and Child Died, but She May Recover

Mrs. Joseph Duhon was brought to St. Patrick's Sanitarium from her home in Kinder last evening suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, with which she was stricken a few days ago. Reports from the hospital today were to the effect that Mrs. Duhon's condition had improved since coming to the institution. When she left her home her fever was 106. It dropped from this point and this afternoon stood at 101. Mrs. Duhon's attack of the fever draws more than the usual attention to cases of this kind, she having within the past two weeks lost her husband and little child by the disease. Precautions have been taken at Kinder since Mrs. Duhon's removal from her home to prevent any further spread of the fever.

So Emily Marcantel Duhon went home from the hospital to grieve the loss of her husband and infant child, by the dreaded disease which had almost taken her life. She still had a young toddler to care for, and her other older children. From all accounts her life was a difficult one; raising young children alone with no means of support.

By 1915 she had met and married Remi Ardoin. He had lost his wife just the year before. They were married August 28, 1915 in Kinder by Rev. Paul Leeds. Her children were maturing, marrying and leaving home, the two older daughters married in that same year. Her son, Dewey, was drafted into the army in World War I.

In the late 1930's and the early 1940's Emily was living alone in Kinder with her daughter, Katie, and husband, Eurick Fuselier. She operated a restaurant in Kinder for several years and was a very frugal and resourceful woman, but still old-fashioned and strict in her ways. Her speech was rather strange, such as she would say "I hoped her," instead of "I helped her."

As I grew up my Aunt Emily was very close to our family so I spent lots of time in her house. I thought she lived in the biggest house in Kinder since it had an upstairs, (mostly an attic), and I was so fascinated by that attic. Only about twice was I allowed up there, and it seemed to be filled with all kinds of magical and mysterious items which I longed to investigate. Sometimes when I thought no one saw me I would climb up to the top of the stairs and peek over the top railing to see, and try to figure what that dark, secret chamber held. I remember seeing a couple of old trunks, boxes and pieces of furniture. But I never did get to explore, and maybe I was a little afraid of the unknown.

In her living room was a low chest like a wash stand, with a swinging mirror that could tilt up or down. On it she had some fascinating items, such as a golden clock inside a glass dome with the clock works visible. I was very small for my age but I could tilt the mirror down until I could see myself, and I would stand in front and admire all the pretty things and look at myself. She would laugh and encourage me to tilt the mirror.

As I grew up I would go visit Aunt Emily with my grandmother, and much to my surprise, I realized that her home was really very small compared to how it seemed to me as a child. And, in those later years I learned to appreciate the old furniture in her home. It was furniture many people would pay a fortune to own today. I often wish I had just one or two pieces of what I used to call drab, dark, heavy old furniture.

In her last years she was confined to bed, and her family put her in one of those large, old antique beds in the living room so that she could be with family and friends. She was dearly loved and had almost daily company, which she always graciously entertained, dressed in her old fashioned gowns and looking every bit like a 'Queen."

I only learned later in my life about her near death episode of typhoid fever, and I was so grateful that her life had been spared so that I was blessed with knowing such a remarkable great-Aunt. Yes, I have many fond memories of my old-fashioned Aunt Emily. She was a 'precious gem,' living a simple life style, old fashioned, with no modern conveniences, and content with what "The Lord provides."

Trivia: On the lighter side - Kids thoughts about angels

I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold.

- Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it.

- Olive, 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die.

Then you go to heaven; then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

- Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.

- Mitchell. 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.

- Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows.

- Jack 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven.

The basic message is where you went wrong before you got dead.

- Daniel, 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado.

- Reagan, 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter.

- Sara, 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.

- Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses, and boys didn't go for it.

- Antonio, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.

- Katelynn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it.

- Vicki, 8 My favorite - Mary

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

- Sarah, 7

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