

FRENCH SETTLEMENT (LA COTE FRANCAISE)

FRENCH SETTLEMENT (LA COTE FRANCAISE) is situated 18 miles southeast of Denham Springs in the southwestern part of Livingston Parish, specifically in T8S-R4E and T9S-R4E of the Greensburg Land District. Colyell Bay divides the village limits of French Settlement and Port Vincent. Louisiana Highway 16 is the main thoroughfare in the settlement, while La. Hwy. 42 connects French Settlement with Frost and La. Hwy. 444 connects the village with Killian.

The settlement is included within the triangle of land known as French Louisiana. (1) Its location is on a ridge lying parallel with the Amite River, which is one mile more or less due west of the village limits with a beautiful cypress, red maple and tupelo gum swamp land in between. The soils are somewhat acid, but considered good for farming.

The elevation varies from five to 20 feet above sea level. French Settlement was settled via the Amite River, which for many years was the chief means of travel by way of the lakes to New Orleans. Iberville's famous Mississippi River expedition of 1699 took a return trip through Bayou Manchac (the back way to the Amite River), then descended the river in an eastward direction to Lake Maurepas, Pass Manchac, Lake Pontchartrain and the Rigolets to the Mississippi Sound. (2) Thus we find that the French viewed "La Cote Francaise" at a very early date.

The next available historical data pertaining to this area is a record of English trading posts set up along the Amite River before 1776 to trade with the French and Spanish settlers. English land grants given in West Florida for the year 1772 indicate through description that the location given was the French Settlement area. This same land under Spanish control in 1804 was known to have been in the District of Galveztown. (3) While later events included becoming a part of the West Florida Republic and later the United States, the village was already settled and the people were enjoying their self-sufficient way of life. As the community developed, the most prominent resource was the tidewater cypress. Sawmills were in full operation for many years due to the large virgin cypress groves in the swamp. There was a sawmill on the Amite River in 1804. (4) The names of some of the later mills included "Hardtimes," "Goodtimes," "Shoefly No. 1 and 2," "Bowman" and "Opdenweyer."

The first settlers called French Settlement "La Cote Francais." "La Cote" means a hill and to these newcomers this feature alone made it an ideal place to settle. The early Creole land claimants were Alexander Brignac, 1809; Antonio Didell, 1810; Louis Loubill, 1808; Matthew Brignac, 1809; Avery Breed, 1810; Christopher Nordan, Paul Guitrau,

1808; John L. Picou, 1810; H. Villars, 1800; Joseph Lambert, 1808; Gregory Brown, 1809; J.B. Vicknair, 1809; Joseph Herd, 1802; Jacob Vauser, 1802; Alex Vrina, 1808; and Louis Brignac. (5) From 1810 to the 1870's there came other settlers by the name of Hebert, Salassi, Millet, Keller, Mayer, Berthelot, Durand, Bowman, Borns, Matherne, Perriloux, and Schexnaider.

The division of the land along the Amite River and road through French Settlement seems to follow a plan used in northwestern France. (6) The land was divided into long narrow strips with so many arpents most often wide and long, thus creating a line type village. This type survey gave each land owner some river frontage.

A predominantly Catholic community since its beginning, French Settlement has records at St. Josephs Catholic Church dating from 1839 and written in French for many years. Hubert Aydell donated property for the Roman Catholic church on Oct. 16, 1876 in Section 39, T9S-R4E. (7) A resident priest has been on the church field since 1889. (8) After this date many social functions were centered around the church, and the fairs which were held every year in the old church hall always provided jovial entertainment in "La Cote Francais." In 1974, it was sold and moved away.

Joseph Salassi was the first postmaster when a post office was established in the settlement on Jan. 25, 1856. It was discontinued several times, only to be re-established each time, and the post office exists today. (9)

Early roads followed the river, one of them made of logs which followed the north bank to Head of Island ferry. (10) The French Settlement to Springfield Road appears on an 1853 state land map, but most of the traveling was via the waterways until around 1910.

Much economic activity was centered around the old warehouse and port site on the south end of the village at the river's edge in Section 37, T9S-R4E when the commercial boat traffic on the Amite River was in full swing. Some of the names of the boats and schooners in operation during this time were the Louise, Daisy, Alice, Jessie, Elizabeth Ann and Morning Light. (11) The United States mail boats were the Minnie

B. and Arthur. (12)

Farming has always meant a lot to the economy of the area. In 1880 the main crops were cotton, corn, rice and sugar cane. Sweet potatoes became the main crop in later years, especially near Colyell Bay where they

still grow well and produce plenty for the market. The 1920' ushered in truck farming, especially the strawberry crops. Ponchatoula became the main market place for berries.

Today most of the working-age residents commute to the large industrial plants located on the Mississippi River. There are factories and many other types of work available for both men and women in the Gonzales and Baton Rouge areas.

According to the 1850 census there were two school teachers residing in French Settlement; Louis Kischlegan, age 44, born in France, was listed with the Adam Lobell family and Peter Morte, age 42, born in France, was living with the Paul Getro family. According to Richard Lobell, the first school was a one-room schoolhouse. (13) The North and South Schools of French Settlement had 10 trustees for the years 1898-1905. On July 7, 1900 Bowman School was established at the forks of the Port Vincent and Centerville Roads. Central School was established Jan. 4, 1902, and Perrilou School was established July 6, 1909. (14) On Jan. 7, 1899, a company charter was obtained for "French Settlement High School, Ltd." This stock company sold shares at \$10 each to raise funds to build a high school building. (15)

French Settlement was incorporated on Jan. 27, 1965 by proclamation of Governor John J. McKeithen. The first official who were appointed were Schofield Lobell, Sr., mayor; C.F. Meadours, Lee Roy Salassi, and Earl Berthelot, aldermen; and O.M. Lambert, marshal. The first elected officials (June 13, 1967) were John Raymond Schexnaider, mayor; Felix V. Brignac, Jr., Ruben L. Keller and Leon Roy Murphy, aldermen; and O.M. Lambert, marshal. (16) The population of French Settlement, which was 670 in 1970, now enjoys some of the conveniences of an incorporated municipality. The volunteer fire department, King George Recreation Center, parish branch library, post office, justice of the peace and constable, village government, American Legion Post 372 and its auxiliary, the school, French Settlement First Baptist Church, and St. Josephs Catholic Church all stand ready to help and be of service to the people. — Mrs. Lucille Cooper

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- (1) Kniffen, Fred, Louisiana, Its Land and People (Baton Rouge, La. State University Press 1967) pp. 5 and 8
 - (2) Kniffen, op. cit., pp. 118-119.
 - (3) British and Spanish Land Grants (Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Library-Louisiana Room. Book 1C1).
 - (4) Exhibit of private land claims, state of Louisiana, Greensburg District.
 - (5) Louisiana State Land Office, Baton Rouge (Land Maps and Exhibit of Private Claims, State of Louisiana, Greensburg District).
 - (6) Kniffen, op. cit., p. 122
 - (7) Map by Livingston Parish surveyor, Feb. 15, 1879.
 - (8) Copies, St. Joseph's Catholic Church records, Mrs. Mercy Cambre and Mrs. C.F. Meadours, sources.
 - (9) "Postal Records" in National Archives, Washington, D.C., 20408. Record Group 28. Compiled by Clark Forrest, Jr. Holden, La.
 - (10) Personal interview by Mrs. Lucille B. Cooper with Frank Lobell, Gen. Del., French Settlement, on July 10, 1974.
 - (11) Times Picayune, New Orleans, La. November 24, 1869 and January 31, 1870. Microfilm copied by Pamela Lass, March 5, 1975, at Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge.
 - (12) Men and Matters, Vol. 8, nos. 2-3, p. 16, New Orleans, La.
 - (13) Estes, Mark Duane. Story of French Settlement.
 - (14) Minutes of Livingston Parish School Board, School Board Building, Livingston, La. Copied by Jonnie Dorris and Pamela Lass. Personal interview with Mrs. Henry Lambert, French Settlement, on July 10, 1975.
 - (15) Copied from original charter at French Settlement High School.
 - (16) Louisiana Secretary of State's Office, Baton Rouge. "Records of Municipal Officers."

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Paul Guitrau (II) and Marie Marguerite Magdelaine Brignac

PAUL GUITRAU II was born Abt. 1794 in False River, LA. He married MARIE MARGUERITE MAGDELAINE BRIGNAC February 22, 1819 in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, daughter of MATHIEU BRIGNAC and MARGUERITE VICKNER. MARIE BRIGNAC was born on February 28, 1801. They were first cousins.

The last record of Paul Guitrau II and Marguerite Brignac is the 1850 census. Older members of the family have stated Paul had gone by horseback with his two youngest sons into the Opelousas Country to settle an estate. While there he became ill and died, leaving the two young boys to return home alone in the wilderness where tribes of Indians were living.

Children of PAUL GUITRAU and MARIE MARGUERITE BRIGNAC are:

i. MARGUERITE (MIZRA) GUITRAU, born July 20, 1820, Amite River, St. Helena Parish; died July 08, 1874, French Settlement, Louisiana. She married Jean (John) Symphorien Lambert, son of Joseph Lambert and Theotiste Vickner. Jean S. Lambert was born March 15, 1807 and died June 28, 1858.

ii. ELIZABETH GUITRAU, b. August 26, 1822.

iii. LEONARA GUITRAU, b. Abt. 1825; m. OCTAVE MATHERNE, son of Paul Matherne and Marguerite Helte.

iv. **ZENON DURSON GUITRAU**, b. June 03, 1831, French Settlement, Louisiana; d. May 4, 1926, French Settlement, Louisiana. He married Felice Angeline Scivicque.

v. HYPOLITE (PAUL) GUITRAU, born Abt. 1832. Married five times.

1. Clotilde Berthelot, daughter of Henry Berthelot and Emelissare Haydel.
2. Philomene Brignac, daughter of Nicholas Brignac and Delphine Haydel.
3. Angeline Deslattes, daughter of Francois Deslattes and Eulalie Gautreaux
4. Scholastic Laiche, daughter of Ursin Laiche and Scholastic Berthelot.
5. Mrs. Mary Marte Deslattes, daughter of Francois Deslattes and Eulalie Gautreaux and sister of third wife, Angeline Deslattes. Mary Deslattes was the widow of Pierre Scalaur Guidry at the time.

vi. FRANCOIS ELIZEE GUITRAU, born April 10, 1833; died December 02, 1858, French Settlement, Louisiana.

vii. JULE GUITRAU, born January 27, 1838. Deceased before 1850 census.

viii. MARIE EVE GUITRAU, born February 12, 1839; Deceased before 1850 census.

ix. MARIE GUITRAU, born December 17, 1841; died July 9, 1917. She married Antoine Lambert, son of Joseph Lambert and Cesaire Haydel (Aydell)



John Cyprien Lambert and his wife, Marguerite "Mirza" Guitrau

LES FAMILLE LAMBERT, GUITRAU ET BRIGNAC

Submitted by Marietta L. Lambert

"Au Chaloupe" they came, one hundred sixty eight years ago, in the cold month of January eighteen hundred and eight to clear and inhabit this land (defrechie' et habite' une terre). Three families joined a few settlers along the Amite Rivver. They were the families of Joseph Lambert, Paul Guitrau and Alexandre Brignac of whom I shall write. Other related families came to the Amite River Colony called La Cote and by eighteen hundred and ten, starting at Bayou King George to Bayou Collyell were the following settlers:

Jacob Fauser married to Scholastic Villic

Joseph Fauser married to Anastasic Villar

Joseph Heard married to Harriet Norton

J.B. Vickner married to Rosalie Picou

Gregory Brown married to

Joseph Lambert married to Theotiste Vickner

Henri Villar married to Rosalie Vickner

Jean Louis Picou married to Marie Francoise DeMoulin

Paul Guitrau married to Josephine Vickner

Mathew Brignac married to Marguerite Vicknair

Louis Lobell married to Leonide Vicknair

Antoine Hidell married to Cesaire Millet

Alexandre Brignac married to Agnes Poche

The Vicknair sisters, Theotiste, Rosalie, Josephine, Marguerite and Leonide, were daughters

of Nicholas Vicknair and Apolonie Helfre of German nationality.

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Paul Guitrau II or Guidroz is a descendant of Abraham Guidroz a Swiss soldier in the Militia of New Orleans before 1770. Paul Guitrau II was baptised in St. Ann's Church in Morganza, La. the 18th day of April 1802 at the age of seven. His parents, Paul Guidroz I and Josephine Vickner, were residents of False River. Several years later the family moved to the Amite River Colony with other related families.

In December of 1810 when land ownership was being registered, Josephine Vickner states that her husband had cleared this land of four arpents front and that she had inhabited it since the 20th of January 1808. The affidavit is signed with the ordinary mark of the widow of Paul Guitrau.

Congress had passed an act on the 8th of May 1822 for adjusting claims to land and establishing Land Offices in the District East of the Isle of New Orleans. The next ownership registration is with the new Land Office established in St. Helena Parish the 19th of July 1824. The original claimant is registered as Paul Guitrau. However, Paul Guitrau II confirms that the land was a donation and that he is entitled to a patent for six hundred and forty acres situated in St. Helena Parish and claimed by virtue of inhabitation and cultivation prior to the 15th of April 1813. As he was the eldest son, he had assumed the responsibility of keeping the land in the family. He was the brother of Charlotte, born 1798 who married first Jean Baptiste Vickner, Jr. and secondly George Brown. 2. Artimise, born 1800; 3. Nicholas, born 1804 married to Marguerite Arsene Matherne; 4. Marcelin, born 1807 married to Marguerite Aurora Vickner and secondly Eleonora Celine Matherne and 5. Marie Marcelline, born 1809 married to Zena Berthelot.

Paul Guitrau II married his first cousin Marguerite (Manon) Brignac, the daughter of Mathew Brignac and Marguerite Vickner, the 22nd day of February 1819. Their children were: 1. Marguerite (Mirza) born 1820, she married John (Jean) Lambert; 2. Elizabeth born 1822; 3. Lenora born 1825, she married Octave Matherne; 4. Hypolite (Paul) born 1827, married five times, a) Clotilde Berthelot; b) Philomene Brignac; c) Angeline Deslattes; d) Scholastic Leiche; and 3) Mrs. Mary Marte Deslattes Guidry; 5. Zenon Durson born 1831, he married Felice Angeline Scivicque; 6. Francois Elisee born 1833, deceased by 1858; 7. Jules baptised in 1838; 8. Marie Eve baptised in 1840 and 9. Marie baptised in 1841, married Antoine Lambert.

The last record we have of Paul Guitrau II and Marguerite Brignac is the 1850 Census, other than hearsay by older members of this family, that Paul had gone by horseback with his two youngest sons into the Opelousas Country to settle an estate. While there he became ill and died, leaving the young boys to return home alone in the wilderness where tribes of Indians were living.

by Marietta L. Lambert

The Brignacs

Born 1757 near "Fort Toulouse" now Montgomery, Alabama. The son of Simon Pierre Brignac, a soldier attached to the garrison, and Marie Louise Fontenot. In 1764 after the Treaty of Paris, Simon Pierre Brignac was discharged and moved with his family to the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. John the Baptist Parish. In the 1770 census of the second German Coast, Simon Pierre Brignac is listed as #13 living between Constance Urare #12, and David Rommel (Rome) #14. By January 1, 1777 census of the Acadian Coast, St. James Parish, on the east bank of the Mississippi River between Marie Francoise Lagrange, the widow of Jean Fontenot and Saviur Lacombe, Simon Pierre Brignac is listed as follows:

Pierre Brignas	Age 50 Born circa 1727
Marie Louise Fontenot	Age 36 Born circa 1741
Mathieu (son)	Age 20 Born circa 1757
Marie Louise (dau)	Age 18 Born circa 1759
Alexander (son)	Age 14 Born circa 1763

Mathieu Brignac married January 8, 1784 (St. John the Baptist Church Records, Edgard, La. Madalene Materne, daughter of Nicolas Materne and Regina Rommel (Rome)).

There are no records of Madalene's death or issues from this marriage.

Mathieu Brignac married a second time on November 7, 1793 at St. John the Baptist Church, Edgard, Louisiana, Marguerite Vickner, the widow of Lorenzo Gregoire Villique (Willief), (Vilic), and the daughter of Nicolas Vickner and Marie Apoline Elfer (Helfer). Mathieu became the stepfather of:

1. Scholastic Vilique
2. Felicite Vilique
3. Marguerite Vilique

Mathieu and Marguerite Vickner then had the following children:

1. Mathieu Jr.
2. Henry Simon
3. Marie Emilia
4. **Marie Marguerite Magdelaine - called "Manon"**
5. Celeste
6. Sylvain
7. Nicolas
8. Marie

By the year of 1810 Mathieu Brignac moved his family to the Amite River colony and joined his brother Alexander Brignac who was living on Section 38 along Bayou Colyell and his brother-in-laws, Paul Guitrau and Joseph Lambert.

An interesting document recorded in St. Helena Parish on the fourth day of July 1814 by the Judge Shepherd Brown of said parish gives us the following information on Mathieu Brignac and his brother-in-law Louis Lobell.

"Know all men by these presents that we Shepherd Brown Judge being Shepherd Brown and John McDonough have bargained and sold to Mathieu Brignac a plantation or tract of land on the river Amite in the Parish of St. Helena on which he at present resides containing five hundred arpents above the landing of Jacob Vauser (Fauser) at the upper line of a tract engaged by Paul Guidron (Guitreau) thence twelve arpents and one half in a north west line from whence and also from the commencement, running back

in parallel lines a north east course forty arpents making the quantity as above mentioned of five hundred superficial arpents, the front of said tract to be the distance of five arpents in the swamp or between the edge of the high lands and the river on the lower line of adjoining Paul Guitrau and for and in consideration and in full payment of said tract of land we the said Shepherd Brown judge acknowledge to have received in hand of the said Matthew Brignac the sum of two thousand dollars being the price agreed on between the parties. We have here to signed our names this twenty-second day of March 1811."

Shepherd Brown, Judge

Witness:

Jean Louis Picou

Francois Bonnet

On the same day July 8, 1814 is recorded this sale of property:

"Know all men by these presents that I Matthew Brignac of the Parish of St. Helena in West Florida have this day for the sum of nine hundred and sixty dollars to me in hand paid and that receipt where of, I hereby acknowledge bargain, sold and delivered to Louis Lobell a tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and forty superficial arpents, being part of a tract of land of five hundred arpents purchased of Shepherd Brown, Judge on which I at present reside and bounded as follows, to wit commencing at the upper or north western line of my tract in front thence down river along the front line a south east course six arpents from thence back a north east course forty arpents being bounded above by my upper line in its

extent of forty arpents making the quantity as above of two hundred and forty arpents superficial and I the said Matthew Brignac do hereby warrant and defend to him the said Louis Lobell his heirs and assigns the said tract of two hundred and forty superficial arpents against myself, my heirs and assigns forward (or forever).

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my mark and caused my name to be
written this twenty second day of March 1811."

Mathieu Brignac

(his mark)

Witnesses:

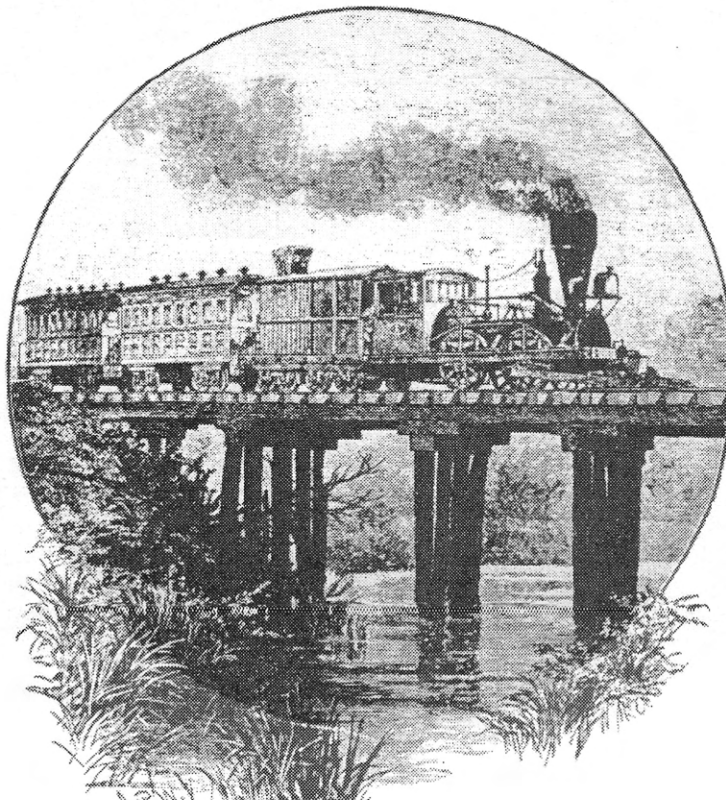
Jean Louis Picou

Francois Bonnet

(his mark)

This document establishes the move of Mathieu Brignac and Marguerite Vickner from St. James Parish, they are now residents of La Cote Francaise, in the parish of St. Helena. Their home was in section 41, several hundred feet from the present highway and in the rear of the present post office.

Another document in St. Helena Parish Court House dated 10 July 1832, by the virtue of an order of the Court of Probate, State of Louisiana, the property of Mathieu Brignac and his deceased wife was exposed for sale. We now know that Marguerite is deceased. The inventory and appraisal listing the community property and also separate property, tells us that Marguerite was separated from Mathieu before her death. We have not been able to establish where Marguerite died or where she is buried. The 1840 Census of St. Helena Parish does not list a Mathieu Brignac. By this time Livingston had been established as a parish and probate records were being recorded in the parish court house. These public records were destroyed by a fire on October 14, 1875. Mathieu's death and the division of his estate we cannot establish. We can just say it went up in smoke.



Zenon Durson Guitrau and Felice Angeline Scivicque

ZENON DURSON GUITRAU was born January 03, 1831 in French Settlement, Louisiana, and died May 04, 1926 in French Settlement, Louisiana. Zenon Durson is the son of Paul Guitrau II and Marie Marguerite Magdalene (Manon) Brignac. Marie Marguerite Brignac is the daughter of Mathieu Brignac and Marguerite Vickner. About 1853, ZENON DURSON married FELICE ANGELINE SCIVICQUE, daughter of VINCENT SCIVICQUE and ELEANORA BRIGNAC. Felice Scivicque was born July 27, 1822 and died March 25, 1888. Felice Angeline Scivicque was the widow of Charles Montechio, a business partner of her father, Vincent Scivicque, in New Orleans. Both Z.D. and Felice are buried in the French Settlement Community Cemetery.

Children of ZENON DURSON GUITRAU and FELICE ANGELINE SCIVICQUE are:

Zenon D. Guitrau

- i. FELICE RODELLIA GUITRAU, b. August 12, 1854; d. July 30, 1951; m. JULES AYDELL
- ii. MARIE ANGELINE GUITRAU, b. August 02, 1857; d. January 28, 1920, French Settlement, Louisiana; m. TIMOTHEE LOBELL
- iii. ZENON ELIZEE GUITRAU, b. July 25, 1859; d. December 01, 1946, French Settlement, Louisiana.; m. Aurelia LeBourgeois
- iv. MARGUERITE PAULOMIE GUITRAU, b. December 24, 1861; d. October 12, 1894.
- v. **VINCENT PAUL GUITRAU**, b. December 24, 1861; French Settlement, Louisiana; d. March 10, 1957. m. Feliska LeBourgeois
- vi. CHARLES DURSON GUITRAU, b. June 26, 1864; d. October 26, 1882
- vii. ALEXANDER DAVID GUITRAU, b. June 26, 1867; d. March 23, 1948. m. Marie Agnes Scivicque



Partition of Property belonging to Zenon D. Guitrau

No. 771

Alexander David Guitrau

vs

Zenon D. Guitrau et-als

In this case the defendants each and respectively having been duly cited and more than ten clear days having elapsed and the defendants all of them, each failing to appear or file an answer a judgement by default was duly entered up against them each and respectively on the 2nd day of the term and more than two legal days having elapsed and the defendants, all of them and each of them still failing to appear or file an answer and the plaintiff by his counsel having appeared and proved their demand and the law and the evidence being in favor of the plaintiff Alexander David Guitrau and against the defendants Zenon D Guitrau, Rodelia Guitrau wife of Jules Aydeff and Jules Aydeff to authorize and assist her; Angeline Guitrau, widow of Timothy Lobell, Zenon E Guitrau and Vincent P Guitrau, each and respectively; it is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed, - that the legal community of acquets and gains existed between the said Zenon D Guitrau and Angeline Scivicque his wife and that the said wife departed this life intestate in Livingston parish Louisiana March 25th 1888, leaving six children all issue of her marriage with the said Zenon D Guitrau and as named in the petition of the plaintiffs herein and that said six children were her sole heirs and as such inherited from her an undivided one half of all of the property herein after described, said property having been acquired during the existence of the marriage

between the said Zenon D Guitrau and Angeline Scivicque and belonging to the legal community of acquets and gains which existed between them until her death.

That Paulomie Guitrau one of her said children and heirs departed this life intestate, unmarried after the death of her mother, leaving her father the said Zenon D Guitrau and her three brothers and two sisters to-wit Rodelia wife of Jules Aydeff, Angeline widow of Timothy Lobell, and Zenon E-, Vincent P-, and Alexander David Guitrau as her sole heirs. That the estate of the said Paulomie Guitrau consisted of an undivided 1/6th of 1/2 of the property herinafter described and her father the said ZD Guitrau inherited from her an undivided 1/4 of her estate and each of her brothers and sisters above named inherited from her an undivided 3/20ths of her said estate.

That the property above referred to is described as follows to-wit

A. An undivided 1/2 interest in and to a certain tract of land containing 26 1/2 acres of swamp land more or less; said tract of land is bounded north and east by Charles Guitrau, south by Zenon D Guitrau and west by lands of Salassi & Herbert.

B. An undivided 1/2 interest in and to a certain tract of land containing one hundred and twenty-two acres and 24/100 of an acre situated on Amite River; said tract of land being fractional Sections Four and Five in T9SR4E.

C. A certain tract of land containing one hundred and firty acres situated on Amite River; said tract of land forms part of Headright 45 T9SR4E and is bounded on the north by Brignac and Guitrau, east by Lambert, Brignac and Salassi; south by lands belonging to the estate of E B Salassi - , headright No 46 and the Amite River, and west by the Amite River.

D. A certain tract of swamp land containing twenty six acres more or less bounded north by land of Octave Mattherne, south by V P and A G Guitrau; east by Z D Guitrau and west by the Amite River.

E. A certain tract of land containing forty acres and 16/100 of an acre; said tract of land being the S E 1/4 of the North East Quarter of Section Ten T8SR4E

25th Jud Dist of La
in re for the purpose of
Livingston

A. D. Guitrau
vs
Zenon D. Guitrau et-als

Judgment of partition

Filed Nov. 17th 1913
E. B. Salassi
Deputy Clerk

F. A certain tract of land containing thirty acres more or less bounded north by the estate of E B Salassi, south by J O Lobell,, east by lands belonging to the estate of Timothy Lobell, and west by Palmett Creek.

G. A certain tract of land situated in French Settlement containing seven acres of land more or less, with building and improvements thereon, said tract of land is the south half of fourteen acres of land more or less, said fourteen acres is bounded north by land of Mrs Adam Lobell, South by Mrs Alcest Vicknair, east by the public road and west by lands belonging to Guitrau and Mattherne.

H. A certain tract of land situated in French Settlement containing seven acres more or less, with the fencing thereon; said seven acres being the north half of fourteen acres of land more or less, said fourteen acres being bounded north by Mrs Adam Lobell,, south by Mrs Alcest Vicknair, east by the public road and west by lands belonging to Guitrau and Mattherne, all of the lands above described being situated in Livingston Parish Louisiana.

The right of VP Guitrau to remove and take from the land described under the letter "H" the dwelling and other buildings and improvements thereon belonging to him, is reserved to him, provided the buildings are removed within sixty days after the sale hereinafter ordered has been made in case he chooses to exercise his right to remove and take same off from said land.

I. Twenty five head of cattle more or less

J. Ten head of hogs more or less, said cattle and said hogs being situated at French Settlement in Livingston Parish Louisiana.

It was further ordered adjudged and decreed that Zenon D Guitrau is the owner in indivision of an undivided half of all the property above described as survivor of said community and of a further 1/4 of 1/6 of 1/2 as an heir of Paulomie Guitrau and that each of the children of Angeline Scivicque, deceased wife of Zenon D Guitrau, to-wit Rodelia-, Angeline, Zenon E, Vincent P and AD Guitrau are the owners of an undivided 1/6 of 1/2 each and respectively of the above described property as heirs of their mother Angeline Scivicque and also in addition, of a further 3/20ths of 1/6th of 1/2 interest in the same each and respectively as heirs of their sister Paulomie Guitrau deceased subsequent to the death of her mother. It is further ordered and decreed that the plaintiff herein AD Guitrau is entitled to a partition of said property and that the said property is not divisible in kind without diminution in value and loss and inconvenience to the co-owners thereof and that a partition of the same by licitation is therefore necessary and it is now ordered that a partition be made by licitation. It is further ordered that said property be sold without appraisement to the last and highest bidder for cash and that an order and commission of sale issue to the sheriff of Livingston parish Louisiana authorizing and directing him after due advertisements to make said sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder and that he sell said property piece by piece and as prayed for. It is ordered that after making said sale that the sheriff deliver the proceeds to the The Clerk of Court of Livingston parish La and that said Clerk proceed to effect said partition by dividing the proceeds of the property among those entitled thereto and according to their interests as herein fixed after deducting from the same the cost of this suit and of the partition herein ordered. It is further adjudged and decreed that the buildings and improvements belonging to VP Guitrau situated on the seven acres described in the petition and in this judgement under the letter "H" be not sold, but that the land be sold on which same are situated subject to the right of the said VP Guitrau to remove the same within 60 days from the day of the sale.

Thus done, rendered, read and signed in open court this November 17th, 1913



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On February 2 1914, the public auction was held. Vincent Paul Guitrau purchased the northern seven acres for six hundred fifty dollars as described under "H". He also purchased the property described under "A" for fifty dollars. The south seven acres, "G" was purchased by Z.E. Guitrau for five hundred dollars. A few days later Z.E. transferred "G" seven acres to Vincent Paul for five hundred dollars, giving Vincent Paul the fourteen acre tract.

In the Livingston Parish Court House there are records illustrating the division of cash amongst the children of Z.D. Guitrau. The 1920 Census shows Z.D. Guitrau living in the Jules Aydehl household.