

The Scivicque Family

Vincent Scivicque, founder of Port Vincent, was born "de La Ville de Gaeta de le Roune de Naples," Italy. He was baptized Nicola, Vincernzo, Francesco, Antonio, Scivicco and was the son of Saverio Scivicco of Naples and Hedwigi Figliola of the suburb of Gaeta. Vincent Scivicque, according to stories handed down for generations, was reared on a boat bringing goods and supplies to New Orleans. Very little has been documented from his birth until the time of his first marriage to Eleanore Brignac, widow of Alphonse Mais (Myers), daughter of Alexandre Brignac and Augnese Pauche.

Newspapers and magazine articles refer to Vincent Scivicque as a follower and companion of the famous Jean Lafitte. We know that he owned a schooner, bought and sold slaves, purchased a large amount of property, and settled in Port Vincent around 1810. His activities with Jean Lafitte have been well hidden from his life in Livingston Parish. He was referred to as the "Old Pirate."

Vincent and Eleanore had seven children: (1) Marie Louissa married Joseph Salassi; (2) Angelina Felisa married first, Charles Montecqui and second, Zenon Dursan Guitrau (3) Maria Jemelina died in New Orleans in 1940 at the age of 16 (4) Vincent Serverio married first, Marie Assene Keller and after Vincent Serverio died, she married Joseph Vicknair (5) A.E. Serverio died when he was 28 days old (6) Alexandre S. married Marie Louisa LeBourgeois. Alexandre died on December 20, 1865, drowning in Lake Ponchatrain while crossing into New Orleans (7) the baby boy, A.E. died twenty days after his mother, Eleanore Brignac Scivicque died March 30, 1832 and is buried at the foot of her grave.

Vincent's second marriage to his sister-in-law, Celest Brignac (widow of George Millet), took place on February 25, 1836. They had four children: (1) Celestine Leonise married Jean Theodule Cambre (2) Charles Renau married Marie Leida Lobell; (3) Pierre Joseph died at nine months; (4) Agnes Artemise married Captain Thomas C. Gibbens.

Vincent owned and operated a ferry and store on the Amite River and was prominent in community and Parish affairs. Being able to read and write several languages, he was called on to participate in legal, business and civil matters. His descendants still speak of him as a legend during his life on the Amite River.

Vincent Scivicque died on October 14, 1870 and is buried next to his two wives in the Port Vincent Community Cemetery.



Vincent Scivicque, founder of Port Vincent, Louisiana

Vincent Paul Guitrau and Feliska Marie LeBourgeois



Vincent Paul Guitrau
Mid-1940's



Feliska Marie LeBourgeois Guitrau (abt. 1920)

VINCENT PAUL GUITRAU was born December 24, 1861 in French Settlement, Louisiana, and died March 10, 1957. He married FELISKA MARIE LEBOURGEOIS, daughter of STENPHINE LEBOURGEOIS and CORINNE DECAREAUX, born December 25, 1869 in Whitehall, Louisiana, and died December 31, 1930. Both are buried at the French Settlement Community Cemetery, French Settlement, Louisiana.

V P Guitrau

Children of VINCENT GUITRAU and FELISKA LEBOURGEOIS are:

i. LEZIMA MAY GUITRAU, born November 27, 1891, French Settlement, Louisiana; died September 05, 1906, French Settlement, Louisiana.

ii. EDNA GUITRAU, born July 25, 1893, French Settlement, Louisiana; died November 13, 1973, French Settlement, Louisiana. She married FELIX BRIGNAC March 05, 1918. Felix Brignac was born May 18, 1893 and died September 30, 1978.

iii. **EDGAR PAUL GUITRAU**, born June 13, 1895, French Settlement, Louisiana; died April 05, 1982, Denham Springs, Louisiana. He married CATHERINE BROWN March 19, 1919, daughter of FREDERICK BROWN and THERESA VICKNAIR. Catherine Brown was born May 26, 1898 and died July 17, 1993. Both are buried in the Denham Springs, Louisiana Cemetery.

iv. ROGER STEVE GUITRAU, born March 26, 1897, French Settlement, Louisiana; died June 30, 1963, French Settlement, Louisiana; He married ENEZ MARIE LAMBERT, September 12, 1923. Enez Lambert was born January 18, 1900 and died March 2, 1963.

v. ANITA GUITRAU, born November 28, 1903. She married ALEXANDER A. BRIGNAC May 15, 1924. Alexander Brignac was born February 9, 1899 and died February 17, 1981.

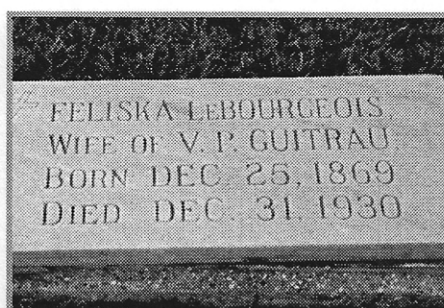
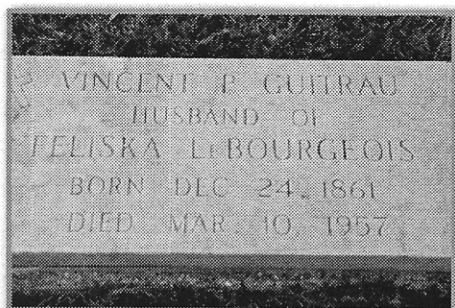
vi. ENA MAE GUITRAU, born May 05, 1906, French Settlement, Louisiana; died February 18, 1986, New Orleans, Louisiana; She married JOHN F. REILLY. John Reilly was born December 29, 1902 and died March 3, 1992. Both are buried in the French Settlement Cemetery.

vii. DINA GUITRAU, born September 26, 1908, French Settlement, Louisiana; died July 31 1972, French Settlement, Louisiana; She married DOLPHY P. LAMBERT. Dolphy Lambert was born September 22, 1905 and

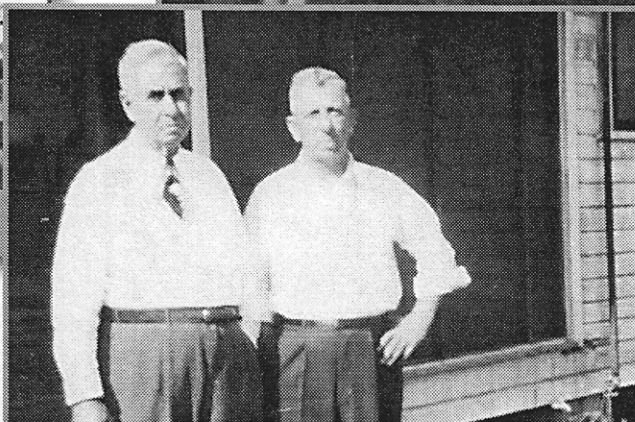
died July 4, 1989. Both are buried at the French Settlement Cemetery.

viii. HILDA GUITRAU, born August 07, 1911, French Settlement, Louisiana died March 23, 1995, Denham Springs, Louisiana. She married CARL R. SULLIVAN September 04, 1929.

Vincent Paul and Feliska Guitrau most likely had nine children. According to burial records of the French Settlement Community Cemetery, there is a grave for "Infant daughter of Vincent and Feliska Guitrau". This is not the grave of Lezima May Guitrau, which is listed separately in the cemetery records.



Catherine, Vincent Paul, Dina, Edgar, Ena Mae, and one of the girls



Vincent Paul Guitrau & Edgar Paul Guitrau



Vincent, Edgar, Dina, Ena, Roger, and Hilda Guitrau



Vincent Paul Guitrau



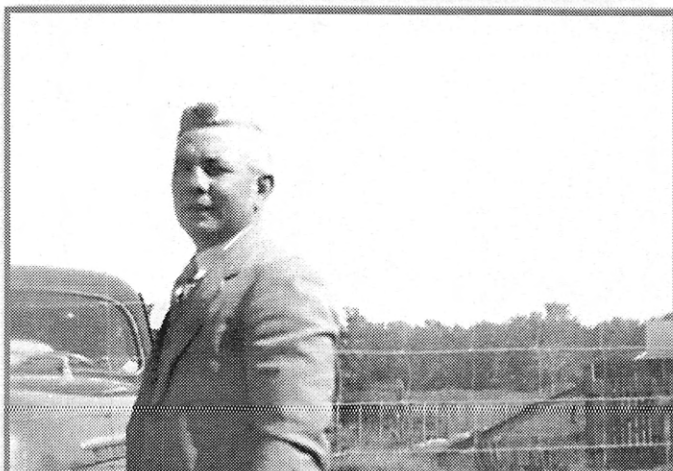
Vincent Paul and Daughter Hilda (1930's)



Nita, Ena, Grandpa, Ladd, Aunt Dina and others



Roger and Enez Guitrau (1942)



Roger Guitrau (1942)

"We have loved him during life; let us not abandon him, until we have conducted him by our prayers into the house of the Lord." ST. AMBROSE.



My Jesus have mercy on the Soul of

Roger S. Guitrau
Died June 30, 1963
Age 66 years

Prayer

☉ GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant.

Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct him to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord! and let perpetual light shine upon him. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him, Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for him. St. Joseph friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for him.

(100 days for each aspiration)



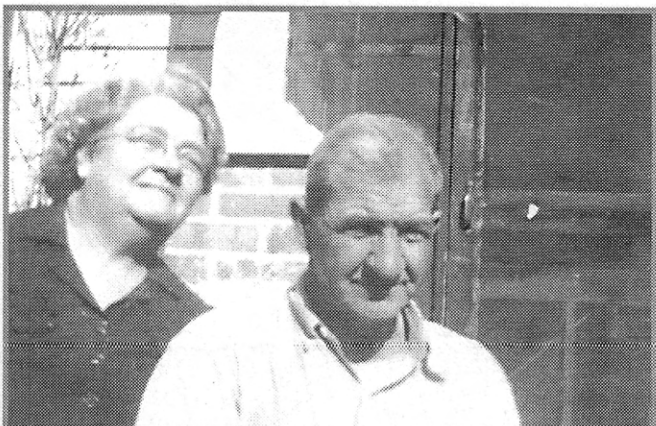
Hilda Guitrau and Carl Sullivan (1975)



Edna Mae and John Rellly



Edna and Felix Brignac (1949)



Edna and Felix Brignac



Dina Guitrau Lambert



Dina Guitrau



Dina Guitrau Lambert



Standing: Ena Mae and John Reilly, Hilda Sullivan
Sitting: Catherine Guitrau, Nita Brignac

PIERRE ETIENNE LEBOURGEOIS

Pierre was born on the twentieth of August 1787 and baptized in New Orleans at the Cathedral of St. Louis on the ninth of September 1789. He was the son of Pierre LeBourgeois, a native of Caen in Normandy, France and Marie Margarita Reine, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana.

In the Battle of New Orleans in 1812 Pierre is listed as a First Lieutenant.

Pierre married in St. James Parish, La. the 26th of December 1825, Artimise Matherne, daughter of Pierre Matherne and Celestine Fontenot. A few years later he negotiated with John McDonough, who was a neighbor in St. James Parish, to buy a tract of land on the Amite River. This property was the site of a Spanish Fort. It was also known as the Benjamin Key headright. There right on the banks of the river, was a stone-house, where Pierre and Artimise lived. It was known as the old LeBourgeois Place. After the Civil War, a new farm house was built about a quarter of mile inland from the stone-house, the new house was given the name "Whitehall".

No death dates have been found for Pierre and Artimise, however on this property there is a small family cemetery and I would like to believe they are buried there.

In the 1850 Census of Livingston Parish the family of Pierre LeBourgeois and Artimise is listed as follows:

LeBourgeois,	Pierre	age 63
	Artimise	age 44
	Aris	age 21
	Peter	age 18
	Louis	age 14
	Stephen	age 10
	Louisa	age 11

On the following pages are translated copies of the correspondence between Pierre LeBourgeois and "The John McDonough". Pierre's letters were beautifully penned in French. McDonough's letters were in English and very hard to decipher.

Letter No. 1

St. James Parish, October 24, 1828

Mr. McDonough

New Orleans

Sir:

Knowing that you own some lands along the Amite River, and intending to settle in that neighborhood, I would like for you to do me the pleasure of letting me know if it were possible for you to sell me a portion which would be advantageous to me, either for cultivation or for some other purpose.

As I recall having heard you say formerly, that the lot on which your sawmill is located, was advantageous to a man willing to work. Should you wish to sell this portion to me at a reasonable price and with reasonable conditions, perhaps I would be able to make arrangements with you. I think I should tell you that I am not rich, I dare flatter myself that you will have regard for my situation. In case these sawmill lands no longer belong to you, I will ask you to please give me the necessary information so that I may know to whom to address myself.

Please have the complacency of answering my letter right away, and believe me to be

With Consideration

Sir:

Your Very Humble And

Obedient St. And Friend

(signed) Pre LeBourgeois

(On back: Mr. McDonough, New Orleans)

Letter No. 2

New Orleans,

November 3, 1828

Mr. P. LeBorgois

(draft)

Your favor of the 24th was this moment handed to me and as you requested I will reply. You inform me of your intention to establish, on the River Amite and request to know whether I can sell you a tract of land in that District, and particular a tract where I formerly had a sawmill. To this I have observed that I will sell you a tract (with great pleasure) of valuable land, any where within my surveys, that you may select – with the exception of a few tracks which I wish to reserve, but as I had two sawmills on that river, one propelled by steam, the other by water power – I do not know which you referred to. The steam mill was near the lake, this tract I do not wish to sell, the other was high up on the Amite, above the mouth of the Comite. This situation with the improvement of land I will sell you, if it is what you wish.

Not knowing what your particular object is, I cannot say which part of the country would suit you best. If your object is commerce the country above at this time is the place for a store. If your view is agriculture, the land below is best adapted as they are generally rich. The whole country from the Lake to Galvez is a rich body of land. Those lands are now cheap being worth from 4 to 5 cents the acre. Say 160 to 200 dollars for six (?) acres front by 40 arpents in depth. But in a very short time, will settle the country and make the land very valuable, as in a few months we will be established**. It has been in contestation for 25 years and has kept the country from settling. The conditions will be made (East of the river) and I will feel pleased of being of service if it is in my power. The lumber business becoming a great object (in New Orleans). Two or 3 negroes even in making pine cord wood would make a great deal of money. It sells to the steam boats generally at 5 or 6 dollars for four cord and one half – at times they cannot procure it. On the Tickfaw River there is a great deal of pine. I send you a rough sketch of the lines of my survey for your information.

With Esteem and Regard

Verfied Lot 12

JMcD

P.S. Parish of St. Jacques

I have tracts of lands in various situations on the side of the lake– some of which perhaps might suit your object better than the Amite.

**Reference to the establishment of Livingston Parish (Founded 1832)



LeBorgois Home – Whitehall, Louisiana

Letter No. 3

St. James, November 18, 1828

Mr. McDonough

New Orleans

My Dear Sir:

This morning I had the honor of receiving yours of Nov. 3, in answer to mine of October 24th last. I am deeply grateful for the good offers you make me, and for the kindness you had in sending me expressions of your friendship. I did not know that you had two sawmills on the River Bank, one operated by steam which was located one league from Lake Maurepas. The other seemed to me, to be too far from the Capital. I had the occasion to travel through a good part of the Amite River, and the only place which could answer my purpose, would be the 1st where your steam operated sawmill was located. My wife (Artemise Matherne) who was raised in the country bordering on the Amite, is worrying me for a long time to make these arrangements with you. She wants to bring there her family, which is very numerous and very poor. It consists of first of all, her father (Piere Matherne), three or four brothers, as many sister, brothers-in-law and all of them have fathers and mothers of families of childrens. So that with from 5 to 6 slaves that I have, we will make a total of from 25 to 30 persons – they are industrious people accustomed to field-work. I will use some to cultivate the ground, others to make cord wood, posts, shingles, stave-wood. Besides, we will have the facilities for many animals, such as cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, and being near to New Orleans, by using a bark, we will be able to carry on a commerce which will enable us to pay you more readily. You are rich my dear Mr. McDonough, you can easily do without this land, in the name of old friendship which existed between you and us, sell it to me, or sell me a portion of it.

I promise you as an honest man, it is to facilitate the lives of these good people as it is for me. I will be at their head, you will have to deal only with me.

I have the honor of being with consideration

Sir

Your very humble & obedient

St. & friend

(signed) Pre LeBourgeois

Mr. John McDonough

New Orleans

Letter No. 4

New Orleans,

November 28, 1828

Mr. Piere LeBourgeois,

(my draft)

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 18th. In the contents of which I note and in reply have to observe that I have refused twenty times to sell to rich men the tract of land you wish to purchase of me and only then says I will, to a gentlemen with 50 slaves who wished to establish it as a sugar estate, but when you ask me to join you in the doing a good act (one that does you great honor) the objecting to make a dozen poor families comfortable and happy, I confess I cannot refuse you. I will therefore do all I can for the poor community you are desirous of serving, and upon how you will become their father. I will sell you a part of the tract of land you wish where I had my steam mill fronting the Amite River so as to include a sufficient body for all your friends. When your time will admit, take your horse and come down, that I may converse and explain to you in person, as I write you in haste being much occupied.

Present my respects to your venerable mother* and your lady**, and believe me to be in great regard and esteem,

Your friend and well wisher,

(signed) JMcD

* Mother – Marguerite Reine

** Lady (wife) – Artemise Matherne

LeBourgeois Cemetery, Whitehall, Livingston Parish, Louisiana

Location of cemetery:

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Section 39

On Louisiana Hwy. 22 from between Head of Island and Whitehall, LA

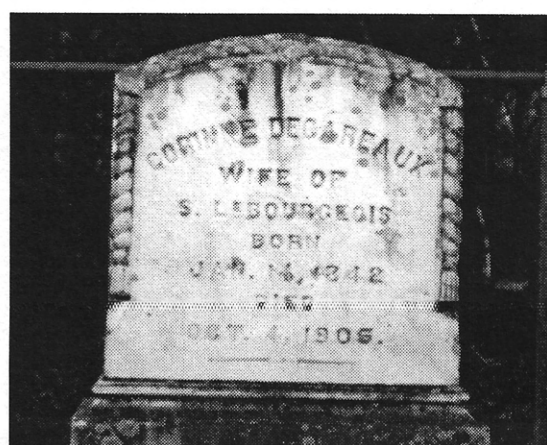
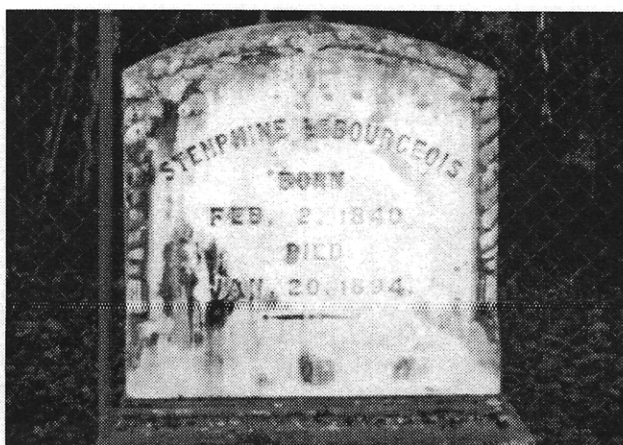
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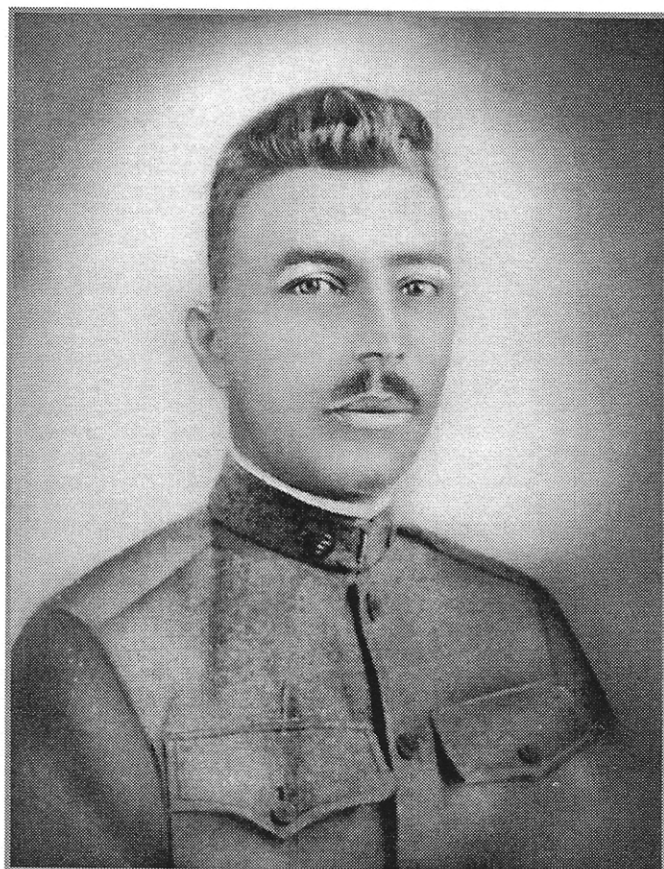
Oldest birth date from inscription: Stenphine LeBourgeois, Feb 2, 1840; Jan 20, 1894

Oldest burial date from inscription: Morice LeBourgeois, Oct 6, 1871; July 28, 1874

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| 1. Leonie Laiche LeBourgeoisz
1866 - 1953 | 9. Armand
Son of Gabriel and O. Fontenot
July 8, 1893
Mar 15, 1905 | 17. Florians LeBourgeois
Aug 6, 1873
Jan 9, 1900 |
| 2. Octave LeBourgeois
1864 - 1934 | 10. Gabirel Fontenot
Aug 11, 1853
Sept 3, 1932 | 18. P.E. LeBourgeois
Jan 18, 1899
Oct 10, 1899 |
| 3. Stenphine LeBourgeois
Feb 2, 1840
Jan 20, 1894 | 11. Octavie LeBourgeois
Wife of Gabirel Fontenot
Jan 26, 1863
Aug 21, 1939 | 19. Unice LeBourgeois
Oct 25, 1896
Jan 22, 1897 |
| 4. Corinne Decareaux
Wife of S. LeBourgeois
Jan 14, 1842
Oct 4, 1905 | 12. Joseph Kipson LeBourgeois
Jan 29, 1904
June 14, 1904 | 20. Richard LeBourgeois
Sept 4, 1895
Jan 11, 1896 |
| 5. Esther M. LeBourgeois
May 27, 1899
Apr 5, 1973 | 13. J.O. LeBourgeois
Mar 16, 1879
Jan 24, 1948 | 21. Louis LeBourgeois
Dec 18, 1882
Jan 30, 1883 |
| 6. Rita LeBourgeois
Aug 12, 1894
Mar 4, 1978 | 14. Bertha Laiche LeBourgeois
Apr 7, 1880
Mar 15, 1953 | 22. Eugenia LeBourgeois
Nov 15, 1876
Sept 7, 1877 |
| 7. Aurelia Decareaux
Wife of Aristide Laiche
July 6, 1846
Dec 22, 1930 | 15. Corinne N.
Dau. of O. and L. LeBourgeois
Nov 2, 1900
Feb 5, 1902 | 23. Morice LeBourgeois
Oct 6, 1871
July 28, 1874 |
| 8. Armantine
Dau. of Gabriel and O. Fontenot
Dec 4, 1891
Feb 11, 1905 | 16. Dearest Little Lea
Dau. of E. and M. LeBourgeois
Mar 18, 1900
Feb 17, 1902 | 24. Listz LeBourgeois
Oct 4, 1903
Aug 17, 1972 |
| | | 25. Elsie L. Berthelot
Feb 27, 1902
Aug 17, 1972 |

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Duplessie in the summer of 1978.





Edgar Paul Guitrau (abt. 1915)



Catherine Brown Guitrau (abt. 1925)

Edgar Paul Guitrau and Catherine Brown Guitrau

EDGAR PAUL GUITRAU was born June 13, 1895 in French Settlement, Louisiana, and died April 05, 1982 in Denham Springs, Louisiana. He married MARIE CATHERINE BROWN March 19, 1919, daughter of FREDERICK BROWN and THERESA VICKNAIR.

CATHERINE BROWN was born May 26, 1898 in Head of Island, Louisiana and died July 17, 1993 in Denham Springs, Louisiana. Both Edgar and Catherine Guitrau are buried in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Children of EDGAR GUITRAU and CATHERINE BROWN are:

- i. GENEVIEVE DORA GUITRAU, b. January 01, 1920, French Settlement, Louisiana.
- ii. EDGAR PAUL GUITRAU, JR., b. August 12, 1921, Springville, Louisiana; d. December 02, 1982, Denham Springs, Louisiana.
- iii. KATHERINE RITA GUITRAU, b. July 28, 1924, Centerville, Louisiana.
- iv. OLA MAE GUITRAU, b. March 27, 1926, Centerville, Louisiana.
- v. ALFRED SMITH GUITRAU, b. October 10, 1928, Centerville, Louisiana.
- vi. SHIRLEY ANN GUITRAU, b. November 15, 1930, Centerville, Louisiana.
- vii. THERESA CATHERINE GUITRAU, b. April 08, 1936, Centerville, Louisiana.
- viii. SYLVIA JOYCE GUITRAU, b. November 01, 1932, Centerville, Louisiana.
- ix. CAROL ANN GUITRAU, b. March 09, 1939, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Please see the following for detail on the families of the nine Guitrau children.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Livingston
Twenty-fifth Judicial District Court

TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:

You are hereby empowered to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between

MR. EDGAR P. GUITRAU and MISS. CATHERINE BROWN,

both of the Parish of Livingston, at such time and place as may be designated, and make a return of your proceedings to my office as soon as practicable.

Given under my hand and official seal, at the town of Springville, Parish of

Livingston, this 3rd day of March, 1919.

Virian E. Bellon
Clerk of Court.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Livingston

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 19th day of March A. D. 1919, at Bayou Pierre, Louisiana, I the undersigned authority, by virtue of a License issued out of the District Court of said Parish of Livingston, have united in Bonds of Matrimony, Mr. Edgar P. Guitreau and Miss Catherine Brown in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

WITNESSES:

W. P. Lambert
Wilson Lobell,

SIGNATURE OF PARTIES:

Edgar P. Guitreau
Catherine Brown

Rev. E. D. Miller
rector