

# GENERATIONS

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As we wrap up our 13<sup>th</sup> year of “Generations” we have another wonderful issue for all to enjoy during the Christmas holidays. I know everyone will find at least one or two interesting articles to read in this issue.

First, however, I would encourage all of our family to consider joining or renewing your membership in Les Guédry et Petitpas d’Asteur. Our dues are quite low at \$6 for an individual and \$10 for a family. What a nice gift to give to the rest of your family. Whether you join or not, you will receive everything that we have – access to our websites, our newsletter “Generations”, offers to attend our reunions, etc. - for free. But your membership dues help us to provide these services to the Guédry and Petitpas families. With more folks joining we could expand our offerings. I know that it takes a little time to fill out and mail the Membership Application or to use our online Membership Application with PayPal, but please take that time and contribute to your family association. Here’s our online membership application: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~guedrylabinefamily/membership.html>

In this issue you will find the very interesting biography of Albert Jeddry from Meteghan, Nova Scotia. Many of you may remember “Uncle Albert” as the one who carried the special Guedry banner of St. Mary’s Bay at our 2004 Reunion Mass in St. Alphonse, Nova Scotia.

And you’ll be amazed at the outstanding scholarship of two sisters – Olivia & Meridith Guidry – of Baton Rouge. Combined, these two students have attended and won recognition at six international science fairs during their young careers.

In an earlier issue of “Generations” we discussed the career of Michel Bernard Cantrelle – an early Acadian Commandant of the 1770s. Well – as we usually discover, there’s a Guédry connection here as well. So here is the rest of the story – the story of Philemon Guédry, overseer of Michel Bernard Cantrelle’s Plantation in Cabahanoce (St. James Parish, Louisiana) and eventual owner of this large, well-known plantation.

Long-time member Sandra Pettipas Perro provides us with another superb article on the early Petitpas family in “Acadians of Québec”. This article contains some very interesting information on the early Petitpas family in Acadia.

In addition to our regular features including “Historical Tidbits”, “Book Nook” and “Bon Appetit”, you’ll find a summary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Guédry et Petitpas Reunion held 10 October 2015 in Henderson, Louisiana.

So sit back after the hustle and bustle of the holidays and enjoy a few articles from the latest issue of “Generations”.



## THE SEVENTH GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS REUNION

### 10 OCTOBER 2015

*by Marty Guidry*

We all had a great time at our seventh Guédry et Petitpas Reunion in Henderson, Louisiana on Saturday, 10 October 2015. With over 200 attendees we reunited with many old friends and cousins and found several new ones. Most folks hailed from Louisiana and Texas; however, we had a nice representation from throughout North America.

Held at Henry Guidry Memorial Park in Henderson, this Reunion had a slightly different format than previous reunions with less formal presentations and more time for everyone to talk with cousins, share genealogy and pictures and mingle. Be sure and view all the photos of our reunion below.

“Chère Mom” with Christine Guidry Law and her family Wallace, LeeAnn and Taylor provided outstanding Cajun music throughout the day. It was special having a Guidry family band set an outstanding atmosphere for the reunion. Thanks for playing all day for us.

During the day we inducted six new members to the Les Guédry et Petitpas d’Asteur Circle of Distinction. They were Rebecca “Becky” E. Boggess (our longtime Les Guédry et Petitpas d’Asteur webmaster), Oran “Doc” Guidry (Cajun Hall of Fame fiddler), Colonel Roland David Guidry (retired USAF Special Operations), Roland J. Guidry (retired Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator), Clement “Clem” Walter Labine (professional baseball pitcher) and Leo F. Pettipas (renown Manitoba anthropologist and Canadian naval air historian). Biographical summaries for each are provided separately in this issue of “Generations”.

At noon everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner supplied by our superb chefs – Barry Guidry, Randy Menard and Ron Guidry. Barry prepared a great gumbo while Randy and Ron fixed us an outstanding jambalaya. Our premier sponsor – St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission – provided us with loaves of French bread and a beautiful cake that not only was very tasty, but also had our reunion logo on it. Many photos were taken of the cake before we could slice it. Bayou Teche Brewing along with Floyd and Rose Knott supplied excellent locally-brewed beer for all. And, of course, soft drinks, tea and coffee were available.

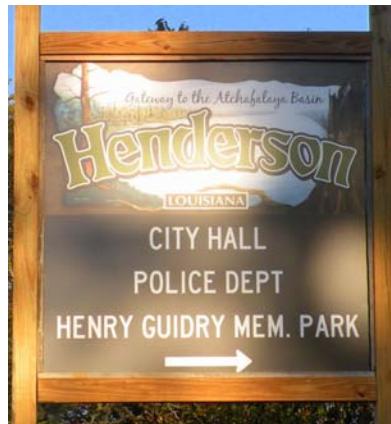
Throughout the day we drew tickets for the numerous door prizes provided by our many local sponsors. Folks were thrilled to receive the gift baskets, restaurant and shopping gift cards, family-related books and many other gifts. We sincerely thank the many grocery stores, restaurants, local government officials and local tourist commission for their generosity.

Horace Guidry, a long-time Cajun accordionist, brought several of his Cajun accordions and talked one-on-one with folks about the accordion, its history and how it’s played. Wayne Simoneaux, a Petitpas descendant, had his spinning wheel and loom set up and demonstrated the old Acadian method of spinning thread and weaving cloth.

A special treat for all was our Reunion pin designed and produced by the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission. All attendees received the free pin as a token of their attending the Reunion.

As the day wound down, folks said their good-byes and departed Henry Guidry Park knowing that our eighth Guédry et Petitpas Reunion will be in Prince Edward Island, Canada in August 2019. We do, however, plan to have several smaller events in the next 2-3 years in Louisiana.

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L: Rachel & Jeff Killingsworth & Marty Guidry   Center: Robert Choate presents a custom plaque to Marty Guidry  
 Below L: Rev. Mr. Ronald Guidry –Blessing the meal.  
 Below R: Becky Boggess & Roland J. Guidry, Circle of Distinction recipients.



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Randy Menard, Ron Guidry (above) and Barry Guidry prepared Jambalaya & Gumbo for the hungry crowd gathering below. A beautiful cake was provided by the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission. Jeanette Leger serving one of the many nice desserts and chatting with Randy Menard.



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L: Horace Guidry & his accordion collection



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**LES GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS D'ASTEUR**  
**CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION**  
**2015 INDUCTEES**  
*by Martin Guidry*

In 2011 The Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur created the Circle of Distinction to honor members of the Guédry and Petitpas families that meet specific critieria and are selected by the Board.

The Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur will periodically select up to six (6) persons a year to the Circle of Distinction. Recipients will receive a Circle of Distinction Certificate and a Gold Medal.

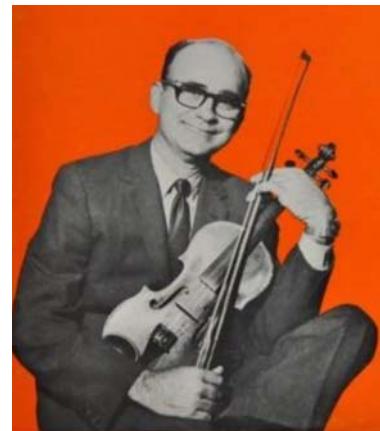
In selecting persons for the Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur Circle of Distinction, the Board will use these criteria:

- \* The person must be a direct descendant of either Claude Guédry and Marguerite Petitpas or Claude Petitpas and Catherine Bugaret.
- \* Persons with any variation of the Guédry or Petitpas surname are eligible.
- \* The person through their work, their avocation or their life must have brought distinction to the Guédry or Petitpas name.
- \* The person may be living or deceased.

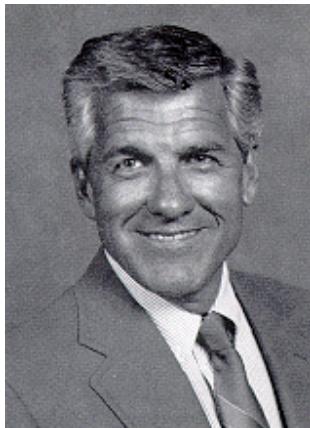
On 10 October 2015 the Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur appointed to the Circle of Distinction:

**Rebecca “Becky” E. Boggess** for her longtime commitment to the Guédry and Petitpas families as developer and webmaster of the Les Guédry et Petitpas website. In 2001 Becky volunteered to assist the association in developing a website to improve communication among the membership. An active genealogist of her Texas Guidry family and knowledgeable in website design, Becky developed an outstanding family history website that both promotes upcoming activities and contains historical information about the Guédry and Petitpas families. Becky continually improves the website to keep it attractive and up-to-date. Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur has received many compliments on its superb website – from its ease of use to the quality of information it contains and its attractiveness.

**Oran “Doc” Guidry** for his lifetime commitment to Cajun music and its revival. A true legend of Cajun music, Doc Guidry was an extraordinary Cajun fiddler for over fifty years and set the standard for Cajun fiddlers to come. His recordings of “Colinda” and “Chere Cherie” are still the cornerstones of today’s Cajun music. During his career Doc was sought by many Cajun bands and played with the best including Joe Werner, Leroy “Happy Fats” LeBlanc, Vin Bruce, Aldus Roger, Marc Savoy and Governor Jimmie Davis. His recordings on 78s, 45s and LPs spanned the years 1936 through 1980 and are sought by collectors worldwide. During the post-WWII years hardly a South Louisiana radio was not tuned to the “Happy Fats and Doc Guidry Show”. On several occasions Doc played the Louisiana Hayride, steppingstone to the Grand Ole Opry. Doc Guidry was instrumental in the resurgence of Cajun music in the 1970s as he made the fiddle popular among young Cajun musicians. Always a gentleman and willing to help the younger musician, Doc Guidry was an inspiration to generations of young fiddlers. The Louisiana Division of the Arts in 1988 awarded Doc Guidry a Folklife Fellowship and in 1997 Oran “Doc” Guidry was posthumously inducted as a charter member into the Cajun French Music Association Hall of Fame.



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**Roland David Guidry** for his outstanding 26-year U. S. Air Force career as a pilot and commander in USAF Special Operations. Colonel Guidry is a Vietnam War veteran with over 4,500 hours flying time. In November 1970 he participated in the Son Tay POW Camp Raid as a C-130 supporting pilot. Although the North Vietnamese (NVA) had relocated the Son Tay POWs in July, the POWs now knew they were not forgotten and their treatment by the NVA improved significantly. In April 1980 Colonel Guidry commanded the 8<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron and piloted the lead C-130 on Operation Eagle Claw – the Iranian Hostage Rescue mission. Although the mission had to be aborted, it led to the support and build-up of U. S. special operations forces and improved the integration of special operations among the services. Colonel Guidry led the training of USAF and USA aviation units for hostage rescue and counterterrorism operations from 1980-1983 when the Grenada rescue mission occurred. Colonel Guidry was inducted into the Air Commando Hall of Fame in 2008.



**Roland J. Guidry** for his exemplary service as the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator (LOSC) for over twenty years – serving under four governors. As LOSC, Roland was a nationally-recognized innovator in testing new research in real spill situations and in developing regional restoration plans to expedite natural resource recovery. During his long career Roland directed spill responses in many situations from small, localized releases, oil spills from tankers and barges on the Mississippi River and its channels to mega-releases during Hurricane Katrina and from the Deepwater Horizon (BP) disaster of 2010 in which he was Louisiana's lead response representative. Because of his extensive experience, innovative excellence and in-depth knowledge of spill prevention and response, Roland is sought worldwide as a speaker at seminars and training sessions.



**Clement "Clem" Walter Labine** for his outstanding career in major league baseball. One of the finest relief pitchers in all of baseball during the 1950s, Clem Labine, a right-hander, pitched for the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers from 1950-1960. Clem retired from baseball in 1962 after minor stints with the Detroit Tigers, Pittsburgh Pirates and the inaugural New York Mets team. Known for his wicked curve and unbelievable sinker, Labine mystified opposing batters as he led the National League in saves in 1956 and 1957 and earned All-Star status both years. Clem pitched in five World Series helping win the World Championship three times in 1955, 1959 and 1960. An original "Boy of Summer", Clem Labine was said to have the heart of a lion, the intelligence of a wily fox and was a really nice guy too. His courage was renown; he loved to enter a game in a crucial spot and pitch his team to victory. Well-liked by all, he was close to his teammates and beloved by the rowdy Dodger fans.



**Leo F. Pettipas** for his life-long accomplishments in the fields of anthropology and naval aviation history. A Halifax, Nova Scotia native with East Chezzetcook roots, Leo Pettipas in 1967 received an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Manitoba with a specialty in environmental archaeology. During his distinguished career he has authored over ten books and numerous articles on the archaeology and early peoples of Manitoba. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to this field, he has

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received the Prix Manitoba Award in 1995, an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Brandon University in 1999 and recently the naming of the Manitoba Archaeological Society Student Paper in his honor. Additionally, as an avocational historian on Canadian naval aviation, Leo has written seven books and several articles on both the history of Canadian naval aviation and on specific aircraft flown by Canadian naval aviators. The Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Naval Air Group (CNAG) has recognized Leo as an Honorary Historian for his exceptional publications on Canadian naval aviation. In 1986 he received national recognition as the 1986 CNAG Member of the Year. In his mid-50s Leo discovered his Acadian and Mi'kmaq heritage and earnestly began researching his roots – resulting in a superb paper on his Petitpas genealogy from the early 1600s until the present day.



**Circle of Distinction members and their dates of induction are:**

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| * Ms. Diane Adair Gaidry                    | Actress                | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Brigadier General Albert Louis Geddry     | Military               | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Mr. Daniel Charles Guidry                 | Founder/Genealogist    | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Mr. Ronald Ames Guidry                    | Professional Athlete   | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Ms. Rita Labine <sup>+</sup>              | Diplomatic Corps       | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Ms. Sandra Pettipas Perro                 | Genealogist/Author     | 8 Oct 2011  |
| * Mr. Bernard L. "Bernie" Geddry            | Genealogist/Author     | 25 Oct 2012 |
| * Mr. Velton Paul Guidry <sup>+</sup>       | Genealogist/Author     | 25 Oct 2012 |
| * Dr. Thomas Henry LaBean                   | Scientist              | 25 Oct 2012 |
| * Mr. Gilbert Adélard Labine <sup>+</sup>   | Mining/Prospector      | 25 Oct 2012 |
| * Mr. Georges Henri Petitpas <sup>+</sup>   | Personnel Management   | 25 Oct 2012 |
| * Mr. Earl V. Guedry Jr.                    | Portrait Artist        | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Mr. Richard James Guidry <sup>+</sup>     | Educator/Historian     | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Mr. Robert Charles Guidry <sup>+</sup>    | Songwriter/Musician    | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Mr. Robinson Joseph Guidry <sup>+</sup>   | Woodcarver/Modeler     | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Ms. Myrtle LaBean Pletos                  | Genealogist/Author     | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Mr. Mark Labine                           | Genealogist/Author     | 23 Oct 2013 |
| * Dr. Leo Joseph Guedry Jr.                 | Educator               | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Ms. Allison Lynn Guidry                   | Genealogist/Editor     | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Dr. Michael Wayne Guidry                  | Scientist              | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Mr. Daryl LaBine                          | Genealogist/Author     | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Mr. Roland Arthur "Clem" Labine Jr.       | Preservationist/Author | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Archbishop Gérard Pettitpas CSs.R.        | Religious              | 16 Aug 2014 |
| * Rebecca "Becky" E. Boggess                | Webmaster              | 10 Oct 2015 |
| * Oran "Doc" Guidry <sup>+</sup>            | Musician               | 10 Oct 2015 |
| * Colonel Roland David Guidry               | Military               | 10 Oct 2015 |
| * Roland J. Guidry                          | Government Service     | 10 Oct 2015 |
| * Clement "Clem" Walter Labine <sup>+</sup> | Professional Athlete   | 10 Oct 2015 |
| * Leo F. Petitpas                           | Scientist/Historian    | 10 Oct 2015 |

<sup>+</sup>Deceased

## Guidry Sisters Compete in International Science Fairs

by Barry Guidry

Eighteen-year-old Olivia Guidry, a Baton Rouge native and recent graduate of St. Joseph's Academy, was invited to present her research at the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) held May 10-15, 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA.

ISEF is the largest pre-college science competition in the world and provides an opportunity for more than 2,000 high school students to exhibit their independent research and compete for awards and scholarships. 2015 ISEF competitors convened in Pittsburgh from seventy-eight countries around the world. Maya Ajmera, president and CEO of *Science News*, said ISEF participants are "the smartest STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) students in the world."



Olivia & Meredith Guidry

Olivia's participation at ISEF 2015 marks her second consecutive year of participation at the event and her fifth international science fair exhibition over the last three years. She has also presented her research at the International Sustainable World Energy Engineering Environment Project (ISWEEEP) Olympiad in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Competing against the brightest high school students from across the globe, Olivia has represented the United States, the State of Louisiana and the Guidry Family very well and has been recognized for her outstanding work at each of the five international science fairs winning numerous awards and scholarships.

Olivia called ISWEEEP an amazing experience. "We are so blessed to have the opportunity to compete on an international level against such advanced projects," she said. "The intelligence and ingenuity put into the other participants' projects was absolutely astounding. Although the competition was an unforgettable experience, my favorite part was meeting and forming friendships with students from all over the world who share my interests. I can only hope I'll be able to meet some of them again. We learned so much about other cultures and the endless possibilities for a more sustainable world. It was an experience I will never forget."

Olivia's project, *A Greener Shade of Grey: The Effects of a Novel Water-Reducing Geopolymer on SO<sub>3</sub> in Non-Standard Coal Combustion Residues*, is a third year study aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of concrete by reducing the amount of cement in various concrete mixtures. Cement production requires enormous amounts of energy and, due to the vast amounts of concrete consumed everyday across the globe, even a small percentage reduction in cement would have a significant impact on the amount of carbon and other greenhouse gases released into the environment.

After receiving scholarship offers from different schools, the lifelong Tiger fan is attending Louisiana State University majoring in Environmental Engineering.

Following in the footsteps of her older sister, Olivia's 16 year old sister, Meredith, was also invited to present her research at the 2015 ISWEEEP Olympiad and was also recognized in her category.

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Meredith's project, *The Effects of Recycled Aggregate on Cementitious Fireproofing*, studies the effects of re-purposed waste stream products such as wood, plastic and polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) as aggregates in cementitious fireproofing material. Insulating properties of samples were studied using controlled flame impingement tests. Re-purposed waste stream materials used in light weight cementitious products such as fireproofing could significantly reduce the amount of wastes going to landfills.

Meredith felt honored to be invited to ISWEEEP. "Competing at the international science fair level was one of the most incredible experiences of my life," she said. "It was an honor to be accepted as a participant at ISWEEEP and I hope I can go back this year!" Achieving this level of success at her first ISWEEEP Olympiad has motivated Meredith to continue her research in anticipation of competing at the international level once again next year at ISWEEEP and ISEF. She didn't waste any time this summer planning her next round of experimentation, study and exhibition and has already been offered a mentorship and sponsorship for her project.

Olivia and Meredith are the daughters of Barry and Jeanne Sehring Guidry of Baton Rouge and granddaughters of Francis W. "Potat" Guidry and Gertrude Rome Guidry of St. John Parish, Louisiana.

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Marie Rundquist, Greg Wood and Marty Guidry recently completed an internet travelogue on Acadian tourism in Maryland called "Acadians Were Here". To view the site visit:

<http://acadianswerehere.org/>



## J. Alfred Jeddry Meteghan, Nova Scotia

*By Albert Geddry*

J. Alfred Jeddry of Meteghan, Nova Scotia was recently awarded the rank of Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour by the French Republic in recognition of his participation in the Normandy campaign in 1944. The Legion of Honour was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and is awarded for excellent civil or military conduct.

Alfred was born in 1921 in Meteghan Station, Nova Scotia. After graduating from school he took a job at the Meteghan shipyard as a welder during which time he met his future wife Marie Stella Comeau.

With WW 2 taking place, rather than wait to be drafted, Alfred enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1942 as a welder. He received basic training in Halifax and became a member of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and later a front line member of the new Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, a specialist engineering corps supporting army equipment.



In 1943 he received his orders to go overseas, but was granted military leave to get back to Meteghan and marry Stella before being deployed. After a short honeymoon, he returned to Halifax and sailed away on the liner Queen Elizabeth along with 17,000 other service personnel. After an uneventful crossing the troops landed in Glasgow, Scotland.

He was then posted to the Elgin Regiment, part of 4 Canadian Armoured Division, and crossed the English Channel to Normandy in July 1944. He participated in the breakout from Caen and the closing of the Falaise Gap and in the slow and fierce fighting in the hedgerows of Normandy.

Every soldier got some leave and Alfred remembers his nine days off in Paris - the food, the Moulin Rouge and the fact that if you were in uniform it opened many doors.

By February 1945 Alfred and 4 Canadian Armoured Division were heavily engaged in battle in the Hochwald area and soon after the Division crossed the Rhine River. Alfred describes the crossing:

“I was driving a tank and we came to the Rhine. All bridges were down in the river and we had to cross on a pontoon bridge. The officer told me to put the tank in the lowest gear and floor it! As we advanced, the tank’s weight caused each pontoon to sink a fair amount and this was repeated for the whole crossing. It was an unforgettable experience - quite a thrill actually!”

By the end of April 1945, 4 Canadian Armoured Division was well into Germany and on 5 May 1945 the war ended with Alfred at Meppen, Germany. He was then sent to Holland where a technical training school was set up to offer trades training to



**J. Alfred Jeddry**  
**Meteghan, Nova Scotia**  
*By Albert Geddry*



returning Canadian soldiers. He remained there as a welding instructor until February 1946 when he sailed for Halifax and to his wife Stella.

He returned to Meteghan Shipyards as welding foreman, then partnered with his brother Gus to create a short lived beverage cooler manufacturing business and then to work at Halifax Shipyards.

After a few years the family migrated to the New Haven, Connecticut area where Alfred worked at a bridging company for some years.

He then joined the A.W. Wright Nuclear Structure

Laboratory at Yale University as a technician, which meant learning the practical aspects of nuclear physics in a heavy ion accelerator. After 33 years at Yale Alfred retired as a Senior Technical Specialist Supervisor from the same lab. Upon Alfred's retirement, Dr. Alan Bromley, former Yale Engineering Dean, stated:

‘You can be justly proud of the part that you have played in making this one of the world’s best research centres in nuclear physics and of the part you have played in the education of over 100 graduate students who have received their degrees from this Laboratory and who time and again have called on you for help. These individuals are now spread around the world in positions of responsibility as part of the WNSL family; recently we discovered, for example, that more than 50% of all Directors of the major nuclear physics laboratories in the world have spent time in WNSL as graduate students, as postdocs or as junior faculty. All of them came to know that they could always count on you for advice, for help and for friendship. The vitally important role that this plays in the education of our students and postdocs is all too often left unspoken but I want you to know that it is very real and very much appreciated.’’

Alfred is now 94 years old, living in Meteghan and is in fairly good health. Some years ago, he and Stella retired in Meteghan, but regrettably Stella, passed away in 2007. Alfred has three children, Paul, James and Janet, who all live in the United States and frequently visit their Dad in Nova Scotia.

## Acadians of Quebec

*by Sandra Pettipas Perro*

*The following information is from Le Grand Arrangement des Acadians au Quebec (Notes de Petite Histoire Généalogies - France, Acadie, Québec - de 1625 à 1925) by Adrien Bergeron (Éditions Élysée; Montréal, Canada; 1981). It was obtained from the Société de Généalogie de Lanaudière (Joliette, Québec) in 2006 by Sandra (Pettipas) Perro and translated from French to English by Edward Ulysee Pellerin in 2007. Sandra Perro and Edward Pellerin are both descendants of Claude Petitpas and are originally from the Tracadie and Larry's River areas of Nova Scotia respectively. Highlighted comments below are by Sandra (Pettipas) Perro.*

In the history of Acadia, if anyone should be remembered for promoting his name and his country, it is certainly Claude Petitpas because he relentlessly and boldly wandered the lands of New France as well as New England.

Also, many Madelinots (**inhabitants of les îles de la Madeleine**) and Acadians from Québec's North Shore will find it particularly interesting to familiarize themselves with the exploits of this tireless servant of Charles de Menou d'Aulnay, of De Villebon, of d'Iberville, of Bonnaventure and many others. The testimonies on his behalf are prominent: *la Collection de manuscrits relatifs à la Nouvelle-France* alone mentions more than nine detailed accounts and strong evidence beginning in 1792. However there is an even older document which mentions his name; it originates in *la généalogie manuscrite de la famille de Menou (the Genealogical Manuscript of the Menou Family)*, which brings us to the 15<sup>th</sup> century and leads us to the Motin genealogy wherein is recorded in 1638 the marriage of Charles de Menou and Jeanne Motin who arrived in Acadia on the famous ship *Le Saint-Jehan*.

It is precisely in this genealogical manuscript of the Motin family that we find that which follows:

*Extract of baptism September 21, 1639 Pt Rl (Port Royal) stating that Marie, daughter of Sieur Charles de Menou, Esquire ... lieutenant- general for the King of the coast of Acadie, New France, was baptized at 4 o'clock in the evening of the day that she was born at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday September 21 and that she was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin by Claude Petitpas and Mr. Boudrot, first syndicates of Port Royal. In addition to this honourable citation, it is extremely interesting for Petitpas descendants to note that our ancestor Claude was present in Acadia even before 1639 because on this date he was already a deputy syndicate of Port Royal.*

**(It is thought by many that the Claude Petitpas referred to above as syndicate was Claude Petitpas Sr., Sieur de la Fleur, ancestor of Acadian Petitpas families of Atlantic Canada & of Petitpas families of Louisiana. Others, however, question this assumption noting that the Petitpas in question may have been a relative rather than Claude Sr. himself who was born in 1624 and would have only been 15 years old in 1639.)**

However, let us reflect on the year 1692 where in "Aux Isles des Monts Déserts Nov 9<sup>e</sup>" an edict appears in favour of Sieurs Saint-Aubin and Petitpas: (Col. des Man., II p.92):

*Regarding the requisition that we have made on behalf of Sieurs Saint-Aubin and Petitpas, residents of Acadia, it gives us great pleasure, given the services which they have rendered to the King i.e. they have remitted in the hands of the French two soldiers who had fled from Canada and had taken letters to the English who were coming to seize Sieur de St Castinet to deliver him to the English. This is after they (Saint-Aubin and Petitpas) had left behind their families who were at present prisoners detained in Boston where they had actually come to give us advice as to the plans of the English toward Canada and to give us account of the state of affairs of New England, this information having been burned and destroyed by the said English. Seeing them now hardly able to exist, we find it necessary to repay these inhabitants, having no funds to satisfy their extraordinary expenses.*

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*by Sandra Pettipas Perro*

*With the good wishes and in concert with Sieurs d'Hyberville and Bonnaventure, Captain and Lieutenant of a light frigate, at present moored at Isles des Monts Deserts, ordered the clerk (treasurer) of the gentlemen of Acadia to remit to said persons five hundred and fifty-four pounds, French money, from company coffers, to be distributed to said Saint Aubin and Petitpas, in payment for the important service that they rendered to Canada and promising to said clerk that he would be discharged and that it will please the court not to impede and order the payment.*

*Signed at Isles des Monts Deserts this ninth day of November, 1692.*

*Le C. de Villebon,  
D'Hyberville,  
Bonnaventure.*

Three pages further, the same *Collection de manuscrits officiels* presents us with a memorandum on the abduction of Sieur de Saint-Castin. It clearly states that Villebon, d'Iberville and Bonnaventure thought it necessary for that service to give 554 pounds to these two inhabitants deprived of everything and to provide them with means to liberate their wives and family from the hands of the English in consideration for their loyalty.

**(The Petitpas mentioned above refers to Jacques Petitpas, son of Claude Sr. and brother of Claude Petitpas Jr., ancestor of Acadian Petitpas families, and of Marguerite (Petitpas) Guédry. Saint-Aubain was the maiden name of Jacques Petitpas' wife Genevieve. The Saint-Aubin involved with Jacques is either his father-in-law or brother-in-law.)**

In 1693 (*ibidem*: p.109) a letter appears from the Minister of France to Count de Frontenac dated February 14 wherein it is stated,

*You will have learned that the advice that you have given us with regard to New England's attack on Québec next Spring by the people of New England has been confirmed by said Petitpas and Saint-Aubain and in such detail that there is no doubt . . .*

In 1698 (*ibidem* II/307) in a secret message in a letter from M. de Bonaventure to the Minister we learn

*that an English caïche (possibly a curse) has been made towards the Petitpas name at Nasiscaudabouet in the region of Pentagouët to the effect that the Indians have told them that the English have made the threat at Cap St. Tambre . . .*

Here, let us overlook all the rest so that we may deal with more recent dates and facts, beginning in the year 1752 with the Census of Sieur La Roque where we find a number of Petitpas families from the Acadian peninsula,

*refugees on Isle Saint-Jean" (Prince Edward Island): they are, at Port Toulouse (St. Peter's, Cape Breton), Judith Petitpas, 60 years of age, native of Port Royal, widow of Marc La Soude, living with two of her sons; Jacques Petitpas, coastal fisherman, married to Françoise Breault; Jean Petitpas coastal fisherman married to Françoise (Bertaud) Monthory; Then at Baie-de-l'Ardoise (Cape Breton) Joseph Petitpas, fisherman married to Anne Lafargue; Magdeleine Coste, widow of Barthélémy Petitpas; and lastly Louis (Benjamin) Petitpas married to Magdeleine Poujet: these latest families are situated on Île de la Sainte-Famille, near Port Toulouse.*

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Judith Petitpas was the daughter of Claude Petitpas Jr. and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Marie-Thérèse, a Mi'kmaq. Jacques was the son of Claude Petitpas Jr. and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Françoise Lavergne. Jean Petitpas (i.e., Jean Baptiste) was the son of Claude Petitpas Jr., and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Françoise Lavergne. Barthélémy Petitpas was the son of Claude Petitpas Jr., and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Marie-Thérèse. Louis Benjamin Petitpas was the son of Claude Petitpas Jr. and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Françoise Lavergne.

It was because of Louis Benjamin Petitpas' close association with Fr. Maillard, a French priest whom the English both feared and revered because of his ability to amicably control the Mi'kmaq, that the Petitpas were able to avoid deportation and to eventually resettle in the Tracadie, East Tracadie and Larry's River areas of Nova Scotia. All children of Claude Petitpas Jr. mentioned above would be nephews and nieces of Marguerite (Petitpas) Guédry.

In regard to the last person mentioned, and this is not too pleasant to relate, Abbé C.J. d'Entremont wrote a six page article published in *les Cahiers de la S.H.A. de Moncton*, vol. 7, no.1, pp.14ss entitled "The First Naturalized American Acadian in 1781." The author, citing the opinion of M. Roland J. Auger, Minister of Cultural Affairs of Quebec, suggests there is "in the United States at present, a population of at least one million residents of which one or the other of their ancestors was of Acadian descent" – let us not forget incidentally that Louisiana, consisting of many Acadian refugees, was not part of the Union until 1812 and consequently cannot be included in the count - the author himself who is Acadian-American believes *that the first Acadian to become a naturalized American citizen was named Louis-Benjamin Petitpas in 1781.*

*He writes that he was from Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia. For some time he conducted business between Halifax and Boston with his ship. One must add his name to those Acadians who fought in the army of Independence because he fought in the American expeditionary forces on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1782 against Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. (This is the same Louis-Benjamin Petitpas mentioned above, the son of Claude Petitpas Jr. and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Françoise Lavergne )*

Insofar as to the conclusions of the aforementioned article, it would seem to me difficult to endorse them totally. However, this is not the place to discuss one's opinion. Alone, from the rest and of the same points of view, this document is sufficient to prove that in Québec, for example, next door to old Acadia so dear to our hearts, there are more than a million and a half Acadians who, by their culture, their language and their conviction have remained faithful to their mother country, maintaining an integral part of its traditions.

That said, let us return to the two principal Acadian-Québécois Petitpas - those from Îles-de-la Magdeleine and of the North Shore. It is said that François, son of Guillaume and of Angélique Sceaux, was the first by that name to land on the Islands in 1804, coming from Miquelon; one year later, on September 16, he married Anne Boudrot at Havre-Aubert. It is, however, at Havre-aux-Maisons that they appear to have established their home.

(Miquelon is a small island located off the coast of Newfoundland and today, along with neighbouring St. Pierre, is France's only remaining possession in North America. Havre-Aubert and Havre-aux-Maisons are both islands of the archipelago of Îles-de-la-Magdeleine (i.e., the Magdalen Islands) belonging to the province of Québec, but located in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence just north of Prince Edward Island. It is here that my great grandfather, Captain Isiah Fougere, descendant of Françoise (Petitpas) Coste (daughter of Claude Petitpas Jr. and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Mi'kmaq Marie-Thérèse), sailed with his vessel *The Celeste* for supplies for his home community of Larry's River, Nova Scotia in the late 1800's. The former prestigious Hotel Fougere still stands today on the archipelago at Cap-aux-Meules.)

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Petit Pas Signage & Hôtel Fougeré  
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However shortly thereafter, if I am not mistaken, two of the four sons of François à Guillaume migrated towards the North Shore (**Québec**) via Pointe-aux-Esquimaux (**Eskimo's Point**): Francois II married Marie-Barbe Cormier and Lazare married Marie Lapierre - the latter hailing from Cap-aux-Meules (**part of Îles-de-la-Magdeleine**) and reaching Blanc-Sablon in 1854 (**East of northern Quebec and off the southern coast of Labrador**). These facts were found in the precious Journal of Placide Vigneau having left on May 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, 1857, from Havre-aux-Maisons (**part of Îles-de-la-Magdeleine**) aboard the schooner of Firmin Boudreau accompanied by the families of Raphaël Boudreau, Benjamin Landry, Louis Cormier and Joseph Boudreau. It is worthy to note that Vigneau always spelled his name 'Petit-Pas': if logic had anything to do with it, he would have had perfect reason to do so. But who can say if, in fact, this was the proper spelling of this very prominent name. (**In a copy of a document signed by Claude Petitpas Sr. in 1684 in the capacity of clerk at Port Royal, Acadia, Claude also spelled his name "petit pas" meaning 'little step' or one who treads or walks with a quick, light step. See below for a copy of this document.**)

And now what would you say if we ended these 'Short Commentaries' as we could or should have started: quoting from the first Acadian census of 1671:

*CLAUDE PETITPAS laboureur (plowman) 45 years of age, his wife, Catherine Bagard (Bugaret) 33 years of age. Their seven children: Bernard 12 years old, Marguerite 10 years old, Claude 8 years old, Jehan 7 years old, Jacque 5 years old, Marie 2 1/2 years old, and Elisabeth 1 year old. Their 20 cattle and 12 sheep and their 30 acres of cultivated land.*

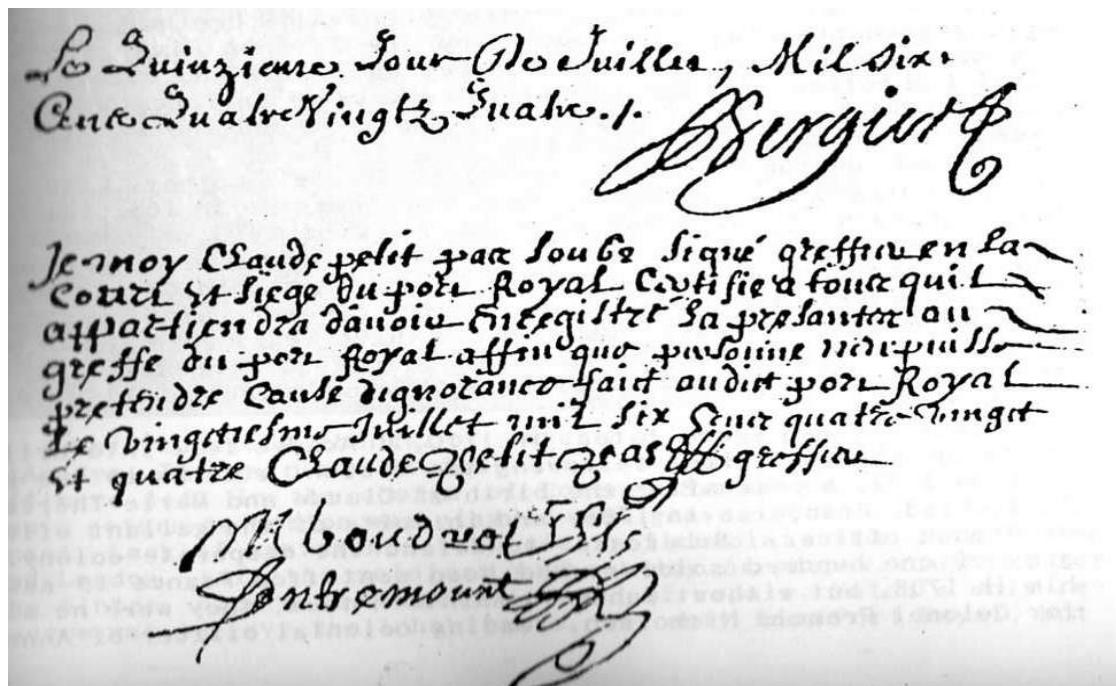
*(Marguerite Petitpas married Claude Guédry and is ancestor of all known North American Guédry families. Claude Petitpas, Jr. is the ancestor of present-day Pettipas families in the Tracadie and Larry's River areas of Nova Scotia)*

Nothing can be more reliably authentic than that.

**The following document signed by Claude Petitpas Sr., Sieur de la Fleur, Clerk at Port Royal, 1684. Provided by permission from Sandra (Pettipas) Perro, author of Getting To The Roots Of My Family Tree.** Translation is: *The fifteenth day of July One Thousand six Hundred Eighty Four I, myself, Claude petit pas, undersigned, clerk in the court and seat of Port Royal, certifies to all to whom it shall pertain, to have registered the present at the Clerk's office so that nobody can pretend to have no knowledge of it. Made at the said Port Royal the twentieth day of July, one thousand six hundred and eighty four. Claude petit pas, clerk M boudrot Dentremont No mention is made as to what is referred to by 'the present'.*

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### Liberal Ginette Petitpas Taylor takes the Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe seat



The former chair of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women and a member of the Coalition for Pay Equity, Ginette Petitpas Taylor will be a strong voice in Ottawa for the people of Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe.

With a passion for battling social issues, Ginette has volunteered with several community organizations, both provincially and locally, including the Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships and the Canadian Mental Health Association's Suicide Prevention Committee in Moncton.

Ginette is the Codiac RCMP Victim Services Coordinator, where she provides crisis counselling, domestic violence intervention, and domestic violence risk assessment to victims of crime. She also served on the City of Moncton's Public Safety Advisory Committee, which was commissioned by Moncton City Council in 1996, to proactively influence the community through crime prevention promotion and to help Council respond to problematic issues as they arise.

Ginette grew up in Dieppe and graduated from l'Université de Moncton with a degree in social work.

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The article “Michel Cantrelle – Commandant of the First Acadian Coast” in the Summer 2009 issue (Vol. 7 No. 3) of “Generations” discussed the public service of Jacques Cantrelle, his son Michel B. Cantrelle and two of his sons-in-law Louis Judice and Nicolas Verret. The latter three all served as Commander or Commandant along the First and Second Acadian Coasts.<sup>1</sup> The article also describes the 1762 land grant and subsequent plantation of Jacques Cantrelle just south of the present-day St. James Catholic Church in St. James Parish, LA.<sup>1,2</sup>

Michel Bernard Cantrelle, the second to youngest child of Jacques Cantrelle and his wife Marie Marguerite Larmusiau and baptized 24 March 1750 at St. Louis Catholic Church in New Orleans, LA, lived his early life in Captain Guinault’s military district in New Orleans. About 1765 Michel’s father Jacques established an indigo plantation on his Mississippi River land grant – calling it Cabahanoce.<sup>1,3,4</sup> In the late 1760s Michel Cantrelle along with his mother and younger brother Jacques moved from New Orleans to Cabahanoce Plantation along the First Acadian Coast of the Mississippi River.<sup>5,6</sup>



Saint Jacques de Cabahanoce Plaque near St. James Catholic Church in St. James, LA

In November 1775 Michel Bernard Cantrelle became Commandant of the Acadians in the district extending from Front Vacherie to the present Ascension Parish line.<sup>7</sup> He continued to live at Cabahanoce Plantation with his parents and siblings when in late October 1777 his father Jacques died.<sup>8,9</sup> Jacques Cantrelle inadvertently had built his home slightly to the south of his land grant property line and within the northern edge of the 1765 land grant of Nicolas Verret.<sup>2</sup> About 1780 Michel Cantrelle obtained ownership of the Verret land grant and the mislocated Cantrelle home; however, Michel did not take formal possession of the home until after

his mother’s death in 1785. He and his family continued to live in the family home Cabahanoce with his mother during this time.<sup>2,10</sup>

Shortly after becoming Commandant, Michel Cantrelle married Magdelaine Croiset, daughter of François Croiset and Marie Anne Trepagnier, at St. James Catholic Church in 1777.<sup>11,12</sup> Shortly after their marriage, Magdelaine died during childbirth in September 1778 and was buried in St. James Catholic Cemetery.<sup>8,13</sup> A year later Michel married Madeleine Celeste Andry, daughter of Louis Antoine Andry and Marie Jeanne Lapierre, at St. Louis Catholic Church in New Orleans on 20 November 1779.<sup>14,15</sup> In the ensuing years as Michel and Celeste watched their family grow, they continued to live at Cabahanoce with his mother Marie Marguerite Larmusiau. In 1785, when his mother died, Michel acquired formal ownership of the home. Upon Michel Cantrelle’s death in late October 1814, his son Michel Bernard Cantrelle Jr. took over ownership and operations of Cabahanoce Plantation.<sup>16,17,18</sup> By this time Cabahanoce Plantation had acquired a new name – Michel Bernard Cantrelle Plantation, which was frequently shortened by the local folks to M.B.C. Plantation.

M.B.C. Plantation fronted the Mississippi River for 7 arpents and was 40 arpents deep. It was located approximately one mile south of the St. James Catholic Church.<sup>18</sup> An arpent is both a linear and an area measurement. As a linear measure, the arpent is approximately 192 feet. As an area measure, it is approximately 0.85 acres.

Michel Cantrelle Jr. was born on 3 January 1788 in St. James Parish<sup>19,20</sup> and married Josephine Caroline Fabre, daughter of Joseph Laurent Fabre and Marie Croiset, in St. James Parish on 1 October 1810.<sup>21,22</sup>

Michel Cantrelle Jr. hired Philemon Guidry to be overseer of M.B.C. Plantation.<sup>18</sup> Philemon, the son of Jacques Guédry and Marie Bonvillain, was born in St. James Parish on 27 May 1795.<sup>23,24</sup> Philemon married Eulalie Rodrigues, daughter of Louis Rodrigues and Tonte Claireaux, on 27 November 1815 at Convent, LA.<sup>25,26</sup> Their eldest son, Philemon Guidry Jr., was born at St. James Parish on 8 February 1817.<sup>27,28</sup>

On 28 November 1844 at noon Michel Bernard Cantrelle Jr. died at his home on the M.B.C. Plantation. He left his widow and several children.<sup>29,30</sup> On Michel’s death Josephine Fabre, his widow, continued to run M.B.C. Plantation with the assistance of her overseer Philemon Guidry.<sup>18</sup> When Josephine Fabre died in New Orleans in 1872, Philemon Guidry Jr. purchased the M.B.C. Plantation from the

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estate. He purchased the property in the name of his son Philemon Guidry, for him and his siblings on equal shares.<sup>18</sup>



Michel Cantrelle headstone in St. James Catholic Cemetery at St. James, LA

Philemon Guidry Jr. first married Louisa Matherne, daughter of Michel Matherne and Claris Oubre, at St. James on 10 January 1844.<sup>31,32</sup> Louisa Matherne died in 1865 and Philemon Guidry Jr. remarried on 15 October 1868 at Convent, LA to Josephine Landry, daughter of Joseph Landry and Anastasia Poche and widow of Michel Poirier.<sup>33,34</sup>

Philemon Guidry Jr., his second wife Josephine Landry and the thirteen children from their previous marriages lived in the beautiful old M.B.C. Plantation home from 1872 until 1884.<sup>18</sup> The lovely home, typical of the plantation style of its day, had sixteen rooms, a square roof and a porch wrapped all around the house with square columns. It rested on pillars about five steps off the ground. Detached from the house was a brick oven and an outdoor kitchen. In 1898 it was razed due to seepage from the Mississippi River.<sup>18</sup>

Philemon Guidry Jr. and his first wife Louisa Matherne had a son Philemon born in St. James Parish on 15 September 1849.<sup>35,36</sup> There is considerable confusion in the genealogical literature as this son is often confused with his father Philemon Guidry Jr. since both were called Philemon Guidry Jr. His father apparently adopted the appellation Philemon Guidry Sr. after his father died. On 13 February 1878 Philemon Guidry, son of Philemon Guidry Jr. and Louisa Matherne, married Adele Poirier, daughter of Michel Poirier and Josephine Landry, at St. James, LA.<sup>37,38</sup> A week later on 20 February 1878 Philemon's brother Valmont married Adele's sister Josephine at St. James, LA.<sup>37,38</sup> Philemon Guidry, his wife Adele Poirier and their children lived in the garconniere on the M.B.C. Plantation.<sup>18</sup>



ca. 1845 M.B.C. Plantation House at the Cajun Village in Sorreto, LA

Two interesting and related court cases resulted from transactions involving these properties.<sup>46,47</sup> Apparently Philemon Guidry Jr. had sold and/or given some of his land to his children before his death in 1884. In 1873 Philemon Guidry, son of Philemon Guidry Jr. and Louisa Matherne and future husband of Adele Poirier, made a gratuitous donation of a tract of land to his father Philemon Guidry Jr. In 1881 Philemon Guidry Jr., being indebted to two of his sons, Philemon and Valmont, gave them a special mortgage on the same land. In 1883 Philemon Guidry and others, holding notes secured by the mortgage, foreclosed on the mortgage and caused the sale of the property.

The property was sold to J. E. Poche for \$18,000. Subsequently, Poche resold the property to Philemon Guidry, Valmont Guidry and Joseph Guidry for \$20,000 with the first two having a 5/12 interest each and Joseph having a 2/12 interest. In the sale the brothers paid \$3,925 cash with the remainder in notes secured by a special mortgage held by Jean Tessier. In 1887 Jean Tessier foreclosed on the mortgage and secured the property. In February 1888 Jean Tessier and Octave Roussel entered into an agreement in which Roussel would purchase the property from Tessier. Roussel subsequently learned of the 1873 gratuitous donation of the property from Philemon Guidry to his father Philemon Guidry Jr. and he refused to execute the agreement. Tessier sued to compel him to honor the agreement.

At the time of the donation Philemon Guidry, son of Philemon Guidry Jr. and Louisa Matherne, was not married, but he did marry later and in 1888 had five minor children. At this time he was insolvent. Also, by 1888 Philemon

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Guidry Jr. had died and left no estate.

Interestingly, in Louisiana Civil Code a parent must leave a portion of their estate to their children and, if they have three or more children, they must leave two-thirds of their estate to these children. The estate includes what the parent has at the time of death plus any donations he made during his lifetime. If the value of his holdings at the time of his death cannot cover the required two-thirds distribution, then the children can force that the needed portion of the donation be returned to them as part of the estate. Since both Philemon Guidry Jr. and his son Philemon were insolvent, Roussel knew that the children could reacquire a significant portion of the property at no cost to them – thus his reason for declining to complete the agreement. The court found in Roussel's favor and upheld the "donation clause".

The second case in 1935 by Wilfred P. Guidry and his six brothers and sisters, all children of Philemon Guidry and Adele Poirier, against Etienne Joseph Caire and Jean B. C. Graugnard to recover two-thirds of the property that their father had donated to his father Philemon Guidry Jr. Caire and Graugnard had purchased the property in 1898. The court agreed with the Guidry children.



View today of M.B.C. Plantation's northern sector lands

Over time all of the property of M.B.C. plantation passed from the Guidry family – either being lost due to indebtedness or being sold. The last major piece to be sold was that of Aimee Guidry Paille. Her heirs sold all, but a small piece of the estate of Aimee Guidry Paille in 1954 to J. Fernand Falgoust. That small piece, the northeastern most part of the property, measuring 72 feet on the road by 12.5 arpents deep, belonged to her son-in-law James E. Landry. On this property he operated a store for many years and eventually

the store and property were sold in 1980.

Today there is little left at the M.B.C. Plantation to remind us of its heyday. The old home was demolished in 1898 due to seepage from the Mississippi River. The garconniere was moved closer to the River Road and was being used as a home in 1967, but has since disappeared. The M.B.C. Plantation property is approximately one mile south of St. James Catholic Church on Louisiana Highway 18. Its northern boundary begins at approximately 6335 LA Highway 18, which is the former James E. Landry property.

At the Cajun Village in Sorrento, LA (intersection of LA Highways 22 and 70) is a building, dating from ca. 1845, stated to have come from the Michel Bernard Cantrelle Plantation in St. James Parish, LA. It currently houses the business C & C Treasures. Although it is listed as the Commandant's House, it appears more likely to be an overseer's house.



One of the last remaining old buildings on M.B.C. Plantation



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## BON APPETIT

**SHEPHERD'S PIE-  
THE ENGLISH WAY**  
*from Jean Guidry  
Naperville, VA*



1 lb. ground beef, lean  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 small can of corn, drained  
1 small can of mushroom  
1/2 tsp. of salt & pepper  
1/2 tsp. garlic powder  
1 tbs. fresh or dried thyme  
3/4 jar of beef gravy  
2 c. mashed potatoes  
1 c. shredded cheese  
1/4 tsp. paprika

Brown ground beef in a skillet, along with onion. When browned, drain and add corn & mushrooms. Add salt, pepper, garlic & thyme, to taste. Add about 3/4 of a jar of beef gravy. Mix all together. Pour into a large dish, cover

with mashed potatoes, sprinkle shredded cheese & paprika over potatoes & bake at 350F for about 35 minutes. Serves 6.

The recipes used in Bon Appetit are from 'The Guedry-Labine Cookbook-A cookbook for and by descendants of Claude Guedry and Marguerite Petitpas, 2004'. After 11 years, we have used most of the recipes submitted to create our cookbook. It's time to bring in some new flavor to our Bon Appetit page. If you have a favorite family recipe that you'd like to share, we would love to feature it in one of our future issues. Submit your recipe to Marty Guidry at [guidrymartin@gmail.com](mailto:guidrymartin@gmail.com)

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup oleo melted  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Topping:

1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup oleo melted  
1/3 cup flour  
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix together and put in buttered casserole dish.  
Add topping.

Bake at 350F for 30 minutes

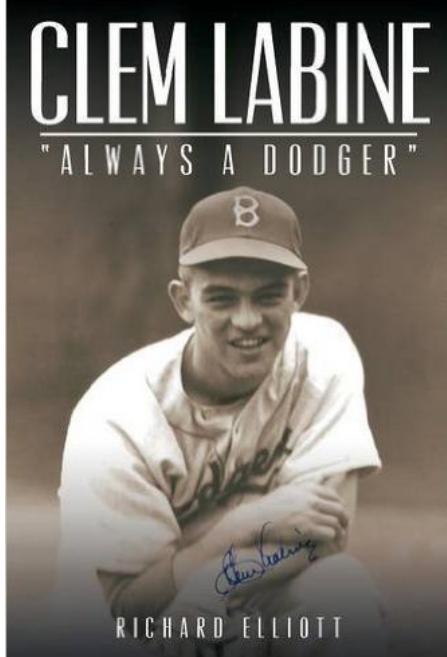
Serves 6-8

**SWEET POTATO-PECAN CASSEROLE**  
*-Carol Leger (Don) Loretta & Steve's  
Daughter-in-law  
From Jeanette Leger, Rayne, LA*



## BOOK NOOK

**CLEM LABINE**  
**“ALWAYS A DODGER”**  
*by Richard Elliott*



Richard Elliott, an avid Dodger's fan, retired owner of a construction company, lifelong friend of Clem Labine, writer and now author, has completed his new book "Clem Labine: Always A Dodger", an inspiring and remarkable work that showcases the various untold talents of the incredible baseball player.

Clem Labine was the "King of the Bullpen" so described by Robert Creamer of Sports Illustrated. He was baseball's premier 'closer' two decades before the term 'closer' was ever used. He led the League in 'saves' for years, a decade before 'saves' were even tallied. He was twice an All Star and three times a World Series Champion. As a Brooklyn Dodger, Clem ended with a Lifetime World Series ERA of a remarkable 1.65, and is a member of the Brooklyn Dodger Baseball Hall of Fame.

As a rookie, he shut out the Giants in the second game of the iconic best-of-three 1951 playoffs. In the Dodgers' 1955 World Series Championship, he saved one game and won another. The following year, he pitched the day after Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series and outdueled Yankee ace Bob Turley for a 10 inning 1-0 victory, going the distance. And yet, though acknowledged by his peers as one of baseball's all-time greats, he is nearly forgotten by all except the most ardent of fans. He played with Jackie Robinson and Carl Erskine and Pee Wee Reese and Campy and Hodges and the Duke. He was one of them and they knew it,

and all of baseball knew it. But the public recognition was never there. One time in New York, Chicago Cubs manager Bob Scheffing was asked by a reporter "If you had your choice of any one pitcher in the entire league, who would you pick?" 'Labine' Scheffing said, without hesitation." (Robert Creamer, Sports Illustrated June 3, 1957)

In 1725-1726 the British colonial government of Nova Scotia signed a treaty of friendship and peace with the local Mi'kmaq people. This treaty explicitly acknowledged the co-existence of Mi'kmaq and British law - but much of its meaning stemmed from its complex negotiation, which was influenced by the history of aboriginal-European relations in Acadia prior to 1726. William Wicken argues that after 1749 a more forceful British military presence led officials to re-interpret the treaty in the light of its own interests.

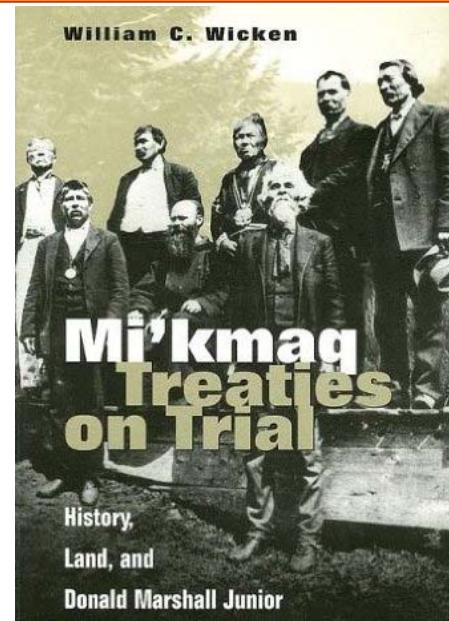
There's a large section devoted to the trial of Jean-Baptiste Guédry, his son and the three Mi'kmaqs in this book.

You can read more about the trial of Jean-Baptiste in a two-part article in these issues of "GENERATIONS":

Part I: Winter, 2007, Vol. 5, Issue 1, Page 9

Part II: Summer, 2007, Vol. 5, Issue 2, Page 12

**MI'KMAQ TREATIES ON TRIAL**  
*by William C. Wicken*



## IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

# FOUND DEAD IN ROOM AT MELROSE HOUSE

### Joseph Guedry, of Donaldsonville, La., Dies Suddenly and Morphine Tablets Found Arouse Suspicion.

Joseph Guedry, aged 35 years, was found dead in his room in the Melrose house, 211 North Stanton street, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and Justice Mitchell, who was summoned to hold an inquest, has not yet decided what was the cause of his death.

Guedry was a consumptive and had been in a weak condition for some time. Mrs. M. A. Hayre, the proprietress of the Melrose house, says that Guedry came to the house about three weeks ago. He was in a very weak condition and hardly able to walk. He said his home was in Donaldsonville, La., and he had served in the Spanish-American war. A part of his time was spent in the Philippines and he drew a pension.

In Guedry's room was found some morphine tablets and these aroused the suspicion that he committed suicide. Mrs. Hayre does not think the man took his life. She says that he had been in the habit of taking morphine at times, the doctor prescribing it. He might, she says, have taken an overdose.

The remains were taken in charge by McBean & Simmons, but no arrangements for the funeral have yet been made. A telegram has been sent to Donaldsonville announcing the man's death and an effort made to locate his relatives. No answer has been received.

*El Paso Herald, 11 Oct 1904*

*El Paso Herald (El Paso, Texas)  
12 Oct 1904*

### Justice Mitchell Completes His Investigation as to the Cause of the Death of Joseph Guedry.

Justice Mitchell has decided that heart failure was the cause of the death of Joseph Guedry who was found dead in his room at the Melrose house Monday afternoon. The justice completed his investigation Tuesday afternoon and rendered his verdict. The finding of some morphine tablets in Guedry's room led to a suspicion that he had taken poison with suicidal intent. Justice Mitchell in his investigation found that Guedry had been addicted to the use of the drug, taking it in the form of tablets in small doses. He was in an advanced stage of consumption and died from exhaustion. The body is still in charge of an undertaker, no word having yet been received from relatives at Donaldsonville, La.

*The Donaldsonville Chief, 9 Jul 1921*

### Death of William Guedry.

William Guedry, a highly respected citizen of Smoke Bend, died at his home at that place last Monday morning at 2 o'clock, after an illness of only about seven days. He was 36 years of age and a sugarboiler by occupation. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4:30 at St. Francis of Assissium Church, Smoke Bend, after which the remains were brought to Donaldsonville and laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery. Deceased is survived by his wife and four young children, the oldest of whom is 9 years of age. Peace to his ashes.

## IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

•••  
 Fergus Guidry was knocked in the head by Euphemon LeBlanc last Friday night. Leblanc was defending himself with a chair from the attack of Guidry with a knife. Dr. Lee Wood sewed up the scalp cut, which was about 6 inches long. The one armed man got away with the knife by a single blow.  
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*The Meridional, 18 Feb 1899*

Mr. Jules Guidry,  
 Scott, La.  
 Dear Sir:  
 Your grandson, Eli, returns to his home to-day, after having completed the full Diploma Business Course, for which he has received the Diploma of the Kentucky University; under seal.  
 We hope he may return in September and complete the Short-hand and Type-writing Courses, which his scholarship, entitles him to do. He has been a courteous and polite young man to both teachers and students alike. Wishing him a safe journey home and with my best regards to yourself, I am, most respectfully,  
 W. R. Smith.

*The Lafayette Advertiser, 6 Jun 1896*



ELIZABETH ANN GUEDRY

### Represents Auxiliary At State Convention

HULL-DAISETTA — Representing the American Legion Auxiliary at the States Convention held in Austin last week was Elizabeth Ann Guedry.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Guedry, Elizabeth Ann attended the convention sessions held at the Blue Bonnet College for the Blind in Austin.

*The Liberty Vindicator, 26 Jun 1958*

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS  
**GUEDRY'S PHARMACY**  
 111 S. RYAN HAS BEEN MOVED TO  
**GUEDRY'S**  
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 2305 RYAN

Located across from Theriot's. PHONE HE 6-7258 or HE 6-7644.  
 All new prescriptions and refills can be handled at this location.  
 We appreciate your patronage. Location at 111 S. Ryan for rent.  
 Fixtures for sale.

*Lake Charles American-Press, 20 May 1961*

## Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur

### What's in a name?

**Guédry** is the family to which you belong if your name is spelled Guédry, Guedry, Guidry, Gaidry, Guildry, Geddry, Jeddry, Labine, LaBine, LaBean or any of several dozen variations. The original name of our family is believed to have been Guédry. We are all descendants of Claude Guédry & Marguerite Petitpas.

Here are some common and uncommon variant spellings of the name.

|         |          |         |         |        |
|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| Guédry  | Guiddry  | Geddrie | Jeddrie | Labeen |
| Guedry  | Guiddery | Geddry  | Jeddry  | Labene |
| Guedrie | Guiedri  | Gedree  | Jederie | Labine |
| Guedris | Guidery  | Gedrie  | Jedrey  | LaBine |
| Guidry  | Guildry  | Gedry   | Jedrie  | LaBean |
| Gudiry  | Guildrie | Gettry  | Jedry   | LaBeau |
| Guidery | Guity    | Gidrie  |         | Labeau |
| Guidrey | Gaidry   | Gidry   | Lledre  |        |
| Guidrie | Gaidrie  | Grivois | Yedri   |        |

Our **Petitpas** cousins likewise have several variations of their name including Petitpas, Pettipas, Petipas, Petitpa, Petit Pas and Pitts.

## DUES REMINDER

Attached at the back of this issue is a membership application for renewing your membership in **Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur**. Our dues are very reasonable at \$6.00 for individuals and \$10 for a family in 2016.

Please take a moment, complete the Membership Application, enclose a check and send it to the address on the application. It will help all of us do so much for the family. And, if you would like to join at one of the Benefactor Levels, it would allow us do even more.



Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur is now on Facebook. Join us there and connect with other family members from all over the U.S., Canada and beyond. Feel free to post queries, photos, links, events or other items of interest to the family. Just search for 'Les Guédry d'Asteur' on Facebook to find our page.

## Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur

To share your ideas for the newsletter,  
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The Guédry-Petitpas Family Newsletter '**GENERATIONS**' serves as a focal point for family members to share and learn about us.

'**GENERATIONS**' newsletter is now in its 13th year. We hope to provide our readers with an interesting, informative and entertaining newsletter. Your input is always welcome and we look forward to another year of sharing family history and news with you.

Allie Guidry  
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Warren Guidry (TX)

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# **Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur**

## **Membership Application**

### **(Formulaire d'adhésion)**

Name (Nom)

|                       |                |                          |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Last (Nom de famille) | First (Prénom) | Middle (Deuxième prénom) |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|

Spouse (Épouse)

|                             |                |                          |
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| Maiden (Nom de jeune fille) | First (Prénom) | Middle (Deuxième prénom) |
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Children (Enfants)

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Address (Adresse)

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| Street (Rue) |
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| City (Ville) | State (État/Province) | Zip Code (Code postal) | (Pays) |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|

Telephone (Téléphone)

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Fax (Numéro de télécopieur)

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E-mail Address (Courriel)

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Hobbies or Special Talent  
(Passe-temps ou talent particulier)

Type of Membership (Type de cotisation):

Individual (Individuelle) \$ 6.00 U.S. Dollars (Dollars américains)

Family (Familiale) \$10.00 U.S. Dollars (Dollars américains)

Benefactor Levels (Niveaux de bienfaiteur):

dit Jovial Level \$50.00 U.S. Dollars (Dollars américains)

dit Labine Level \$100.00 U. S. Dollars (Dollars américains)

dit Grivois Level \$500.00 U. S. Dollars (Dollars américains)

Please return form and payment to: Make check to: *Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur, Inc.*  
(Retournez le formulaire et le paiement à:) (Libellez le chèque à: *Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur, Inc.*)

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