

GENERATIONS

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LES GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS D'ASTEUR 2015 REUNION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 10 October 2015
Henry Guidry Memorial Park
Henderson, Louisiana

(9:00 am until 5:00 pm)
(130 Park Drive)

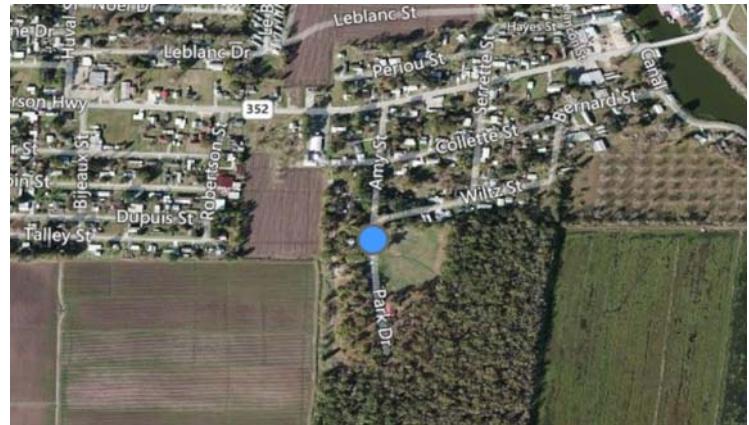
Our upcoming Guédry & Petitpas Reunion will be under the large, covered pavilion at Henry Guidry Memorial Park in Henderson, Louisiana on Saturday, 10 October 2015.

This is in the heart of Guédry country in southwest Louisiana. Of course, the spellings you'll encounter in the area are Guidry, Guedry and Gaidry so be prepared to meet your many cousins. You may even find a local Petitpas cousin or two although they are not as numerous in south Louisiana.

We are still planning the Reunion at this time and will continue to update everyone via email and "Generations" as we complete arrangements. At this time we have reserved the large, covered pavilion and associated buildings at the Park and have a Cajun band scheduled to play some two-steps and waltzes.

This Reunion will be a bit different than some of our recent reunions. It will be outdoors along the edge of the Atchafalaya Swamp. It will be a more relaxed setting with lots of time to mingle, meet everyone, exchange family history and stories and enjoy the area. We will not have a formal agenda as in the past with only one or two short activities planned. We will have a local Cajun band from our family play a little music during the day and will set aside time to induct some special folks into the Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur Circle of Distinction. We are planning to have local family chefs prepare a series of Cajun dishes for our noon dinner. The Reunion will be free to all although we may need to charge a small amount for the optional meal.

October is a wonderful time in Louisiana with cooling temperatures, mild weather patterns and the least rain of any month.



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Two other major events in mid-October 2015 in South Louisiana

- * **Grand Réveil Acadien** (Great Acadian Awakening)
 - 3-12 October 2015
 - Events throughout South Louisiana (Lake Charles, Lafayette, Carencro, Loreauville, Rayne, Houma, New Orleans)
 - For more information & program of events, visit their website & Facebook page:
<http://www.louisiane-acadie.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/GrandReveilAcadien>
 - Key dates are: 9 October (Genealogical conference), 10 October (Reunions) and 11 October (French mass, Cajun music and food)

- * **Festivals Acadiens et Créoles**
 - 9-11 October 2015
 - Girard Park in Lafayette, LA
 - Large music, food and crafts festival
 - For more information & program of events, visit their website & Facebook page:
<http://www.festivalsacadiens.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/festivalacadiens>
 - October 11th will be a key date to visit this festival and also each evening

A Few Acadian Historic Sites in Lafayette, LA Area

- * Acadian Village
- * Vermilionville Folk Life Park
- * Jean Lafitte National Historical Park's Acadian Cultural Center
- * Alexander Mouton Home Museum
- * St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cathedral & historic cemetery and live oak tree
- * Acadian Memorial in St. Martinsville, LA (17 miles southeast of Lafayette)
- * Town of Abbeville, LA (20 miles south of Lafayette)
- * Town of Opelousas, LA (20 miles north of Lafayette)



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Henderson, LA Travel Information

Henderson, Louisiana is located about 12 miles east of Lafayette, Louisiana and is at the edge of the Atchafalaya Swamp. It is just off Interstate Highway I-10 at Exit 115. Henderson is approximately 9 miles southeast of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Three commercial airports serve the Henderson, LA area:

- * Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
 - 116 miles from Henry Guidry Park on Interstate Highway I-10
 - Serviced by most major airlines including Air Canada, Delta, United, US Airways, American Airlines, JetBlue, Southwest
 - Rental Cars (Most companies including National, Avis, Alamo, Dollar, Thrifty, Budget, Hertz, Payless, Enterprise)
- * Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport
 - 53 miles from Henry Guidry Park on Interstate Highway I-10
 - Serviced by Delta, United, American, US Airways
 - Connects to Dallas (American), Charlotte (US Airways), Houston (United), Atlanta (Delta, United), New Orleans (United)
 - Rental Cars (Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National)
- * Lafayette Regional Airport
 - 13 miles from Henry Guidry Park via Interstate Highway I-10
 - Serviced by Delta, American, United
 - Connects to Dallas (American), Atlanta (Delta), Houston (United), Denver (United)
 - Rental Cars (Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, National, Enterprise)

To reach Henry Guidry Memorial Park from any of the airports via I-10, proceed to Exit 115 (in Louisiana I-10 exits are numbered by miles heading east from the Texas-Louisiana border with the LA-TX border being 0). Exit south onto LA 347 from I-10 at Exit 115 and proceed to the stop light (0.2 miles). Turn left (east) at the stop light onto LA 352. Proceed about 2.4 miles on LA 352 and watch for Henry Guidry Memorial Park sign on your right. Turn right at the sign onto Park Drive and proceed to the pavilion (ca. 0.5 miles).

Lodging in the Vicinity of Henderson

Lafayette is a relatively large city of 125,000 people. There are many motels, hotels and bed & breakfast inns in the immediate area. The Lafayette Convention and Tourism Website has a nice listing of available lodging as well as restaurants, attractions, events and festivals in the local area. View its website at:

<http://www.lafayettetravel.com>

Breaux Bridge is a small community of 9,000 folks about 9 miles from Henderson. The Tourism in Breaux Bridge Website provides lodging, cultural, dining, music, attractions and other information. View its website at: <http://tourism.breauxbridgelive.com>

Henderson is a very small community of 2,000 folks. It has excellent dining facilities and cultural activities. You can learn a bit about these at the website: <http://www.louisiana-destinations.com/henderson.htm>

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A Little History

Shortly after the Great Flood of 1927 Henry Guidry and his family left their home at Atchafalaya, Louisiana and resettled near the railroad stop at Lenora, Louisiana. Here he opened a restaurant. Shortly afterwards, he moved his restaurant and family a little closer to the river and founded the settlement later to be called Henderson, Louisiana. At Guidry's Place (the name of his combined restaurant, bar and dance hall), Henry Guidry began serving crawfish dishes and the public loved it. He developed and prepared many of the tasty dishes. Henry brought crawfish to the world stage - prior to this they had been eaten by the Acadians in Louisiana, but only at homes. Guidry's Place eventually evolved into Pat's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, which is still serving crawfish today. Henry's brother, Edwin 'Mulate' Guidry, was a crawfish marketer, catching the tasty crustaceans in the Atchafalaya Swamp. Mulate later opened the Rendevouz Club near Henderson and then moved his Club to Breaux Bridge. Here he renamed it Mulate's and began a restaurant famous for its crawfish dishes and live Cajun dance music. Today Mulate's Restaurant in Breaux Bridge is known as Pont Breaux's (aka Breaux's Bridge).

Registration Form

Attached to this newsletter is a Reunion Registration Form. There is no charge to attend the Reunion. We may have to charge a small fee for the optional Cajun meal that we plan to cook at the Reunion.

We will need to know approximately how many folks will attend the Reunion so we can cook enough food and also to have adequate seating.

If you are considering or you know that you will attend, please complete the attached Reunion Registration Form. This is not a commitment to attend – just to assist in planning the Reunion.

So set aside the first half of October to be in south Louisiana for the Grand Réveil Acadien, the Festival Acadiens et Creoles and the Guédry et Petitpas Reunion. We'll all have a great time enjoying our culture and being with our cousins from throughout North America.

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DANCEHALLS AND THE GUÉDRY'S

(An Update)
by Marty Guidry

In the Fall 2012 Issue of Generations (Volume 10 No. 3) we wrote about "Dance Halls, Hostelries and the Guédry's". Since that article, we have learned about several other dancehalls owned and/or operated by the Guédry family. Because dancehalls and dancing play such a prominent role in the Acadian culture and because of the significance of dancing in keeping the Acadian culture alive, this article will update the earlier article. Speaking the Acadian language, playing Acadian music, cooking the unique Acadian dishes and mastering the Acadian crafts usually require years to achieve; however, any Acadian can learn to dance the two-step or waltz with a few quick lessons and thus help preserve a vital aspect of our culture.

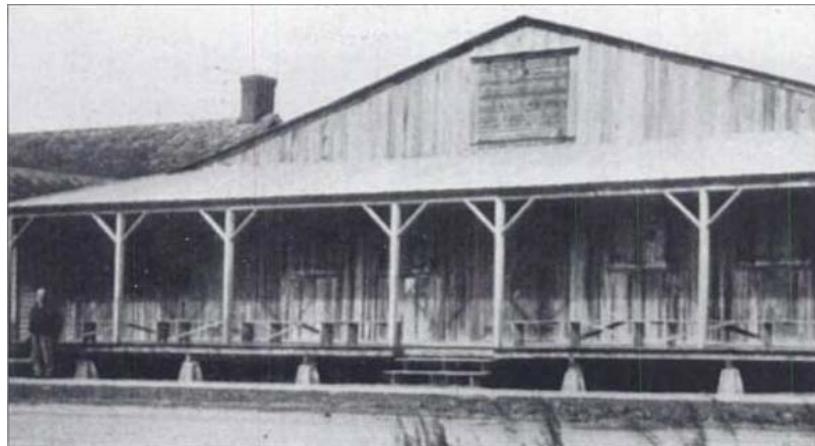
The Acadians have long been known as thrifty, hard-working people - whether in their agricultural, forestry, fishing, business, educational or other pursuits. They also have a reputation for playing with equal enthusiasm - fully enjoying their leisure time. In South Louisiana during the late 1800s and early 1900s Acadians typically worked from sunup to dusk Monday through Friday in farming, fishing, trapping or moss-gathering - often rising long before the sun to warm the house and prepare breakfast and going to sleep shortly after sundown. Saturdays began similar to other days, but work ended a bit earlier so folks could meet friends and enjoy life a bit - the *joie de vivre* of Acadian culture.

Almost invariably for the young Acadian men this meant saddling the horse or hitching it to the buggy to pick up your girlfriend and then traveling an hour or longer to the nearest home dance or dancehall. The older folks piled all the young 'uns in a buggy or wagon and headed for the same destination. Here young Acadian ladies filled their dance cards while their beaus enjoyed a not-so-soft drink outside. While waiting for the dance to begin, mothers rocked the babies and encouraged the toddlers to lie down and fall asleep (to "faire dormir" or "go to sleep", later shortened to "fais-do-do") on blankets in the back corner of the dancehall while young boys and girls played on the fringes of the dance floor and outside. When the music started, couples young and old danced the night away to Cajun two-steps and waltzes - often into the early morning hours while children slept to the music.

Knowing a profitable business, Guédry's owned many of the dancehalls visited on Saturday evenings. Described below are several of the dancehalls owned by our family - principally in South Louisiana.

* **Oneziphore Guidry's Blue Goose Club (Rayne, LA)**

In the early 1900s Oneziphore Guidry opened the Blue Goose as a *fais-do-do* dancehall in Rayne, Louisiana. Often folks simply referred to it as the *Fais-do-do*. Located near the Opelousas, Gulf and Northwest Railroad, it stood at the corner of East Harrop and North Arenas Streets. Interestingly, the Blue Goose dancefloor was circular rather than the traditional rectangular common in Cajun dancehalls.



L: Blue Goose Dancehall, 1936. Below: Musicians in front of the Blue Goose Dancehall



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Joseph Falcon, a noted Cajun accordionist and the first person to record a Cajun song ("Allons à Lafayette"), began his career as a professional musician at the Blue Goose. One evening he decided to take his accordion with him to the fais-do-do at the Blue Goose. When the scheduled band didn't show, Oneziphore Guidry asked Joe to play. At first he resisted, because he only played for fun and was unsure of himself. With much coaxing from Mr. Guidry, Joe did play and the crowd loved him. At midnight he received four dollars for his night's work. In April 1928 a local jeweler George Burr in Rayne persuaded Columbia Records to record Joe Falcon and Joe's wife Cléoma Breaux. On April 27, 1928 in New Orleans they recorded "Allons à Lafayette" which caused a sensation when it was released. Thousands of copies were sold and Joe and his wife Cléoma became the first Cajun recording stars.

* ***La Salle de Tee-Gar Guidry (Tee-Gar Guidry's Club) (Merkertau Cove, LA)***

Tee-Gar Guidry opened his dancehall in Merkertau Cove, Louisiana before 1920. The legendary Cajun accordionist Nathan Abshire played his first performance there in 1921 at the age of eight. After launching his professional career at Tee-Gar Guidry's dancehall, Nathan became the most recorded Cajun accordion player.

* ***Guidry's Friendly Lounge (Guidry's Club) (Lewisburg, LA)***

Guidry's Friendly Lounge on Tony Street in Lewisburg entertained a varied crowd with authentic Cajun music. As the fiddle and Abbeville squeeze box (a.k.a. accordion) hummed from the bandstand, old-timers and young folks alike crowded the old wooden dance floor to two-step the night away. The pool tables, foosball game and, of course, bar in the front were always occupied. Located nine miles south of Opelousas in the tiny hamlet of Lewisburg, Guidry's was worth the short drive from Lafayette to enjoy an old-time Cajun dancehall. The simple plank wood construction and the low ceilings at Guidry's typified Cajun dancehalls.

* ***Guidry's Place (Henderson, LA)***

With the building of the levees around the Atchafalaya Swamp shortly after the massive 1927 flood in south Louisiana, Henry Guidry, a bridge tender at the small community Atchafalaya, moved his family in 1930 the short distance to Lenora. One of the earliest settlers of Lenora, Henry immediately built a grocery store, restaurant and dancehall. After Henry opened these businesses in Lenora, other folks moved to the area and the town began to grow. In 1934 using mules Henry Guidry hauled his businesses about a mile southwest and reopened. Folks began to settle around Guidry's businesses and the small community of Henderson came into existence. Today Henry Guidry is known as the founder of Henderson, Louisiana.

Left: Guidry's Friendly Lounge (Guidry's Club)

Center & Right: Guidry's Place, Guidry's Place-Flooded



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by Marty Guidry

Henry was quite a cook and is best known for making crawfish the premier seafood it is today. Diners drove on dirt roads for miles to eat crawfish at Guidry's Place in Henderson. Within the same building was Henry Guidry's dancehall of the same name. Diners could enjoy the Cajun music while dancers from throughout the area glided across the cornmeal-strewn floor to the two-steps and waltzes of the Cajun bands that played long into the night. As a young woman, Helen Boudreaux, award-winning Cajun singer and songwriter, remembers sitting on the balcony at Guidry's Place and watching her two brothers woo the girls with their outstanding dancing. At Henry Guidry's death in 1954, the family sold the restaurant and dancehall to Pat Huval and it became the world famous Pat's of Henderson Seafood Restaurant.

* ***Henri Guidry's (Henderson, LA)***

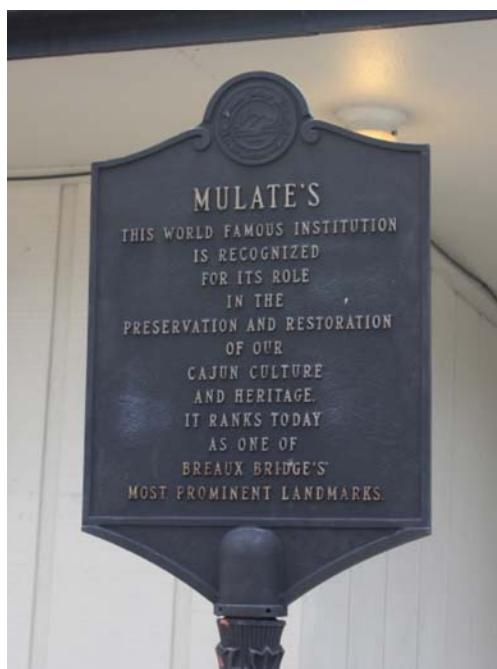
Located in Henderson, Louisiana, Henri Guidry's featured Cajun music. Henri Guidry's may be another name for Guidry's Place as the owner of Guidry's Place was Henry Guidry.

* ***Rendezvous Club (Henderson, LA)***

Henry Guidry's brother Edwin "Mulate" Guidry owned the Rendezvous Club from its opening in 1937 until 1953 when he moved it to Breaux Bridge and renamed it Mulate's. The Rendezvous Club, a saloon-type dancehall, was on the Henderson Highway and drew large crowds in the 1940s and early 1950s. Here one could hear Cajun music played by some of the finest bands in the area and watch dancers waltz across the wooden dance floor.

* ***Mulate's (Breaux Bridge, LA)***

In 1953 Mulate Guidry moved his Rendezvous Club from Henderson to nearby Breaux Bridge and renamed it Mulate's. Mulate's was both a restaurant and dancehall located at 325 West Mills Avenue (LA Highway 94) in Breaux Bridge. In 1980 Kerry Boutte purchased Mulate's and expanded it. In 2011 it was purchased by the long-time manager Jimmy LaGrange and renamed Pont Breaux's, but it's still the same fine Cajun restaurant and dancehall with some of the best Cajun bands playing there. I remember hearing Oran "Doc" Guidry, the premier Cajun fiddler, playing there in the 1980s.



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by Marty Guidry

* **C. A. Guidry's Bar, Café and Dancehall (Arnaudville, LA)**

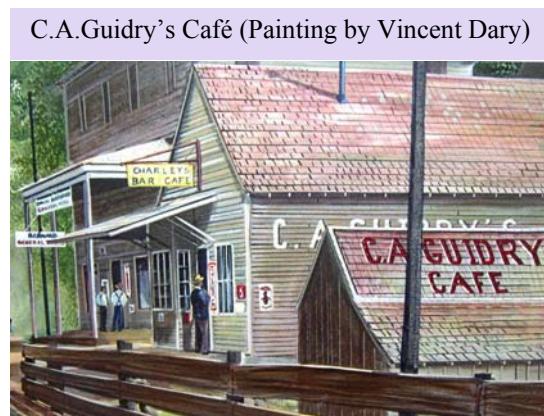
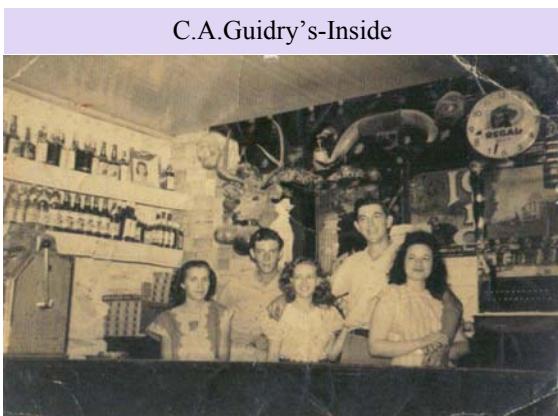
In the early 1900s Charley Guidry opened his bar, café and dancehall in a large building on the edge of Bayou Teche in Arnaudville, Louisiana – on the northwest side of the old bridge across the bayou. Local folks often called this business Charley's Bar and Dancehall. The large dancehall was attached to the back of the bar so patrons could hear Cajun music whether they were eating, drinking or dancing. On Charley's retirement in the mid-1900s, his son William "Bill" Guidry continued operating the bar, café and dancehall until 1960 when ill health forced him to close. Unfortunately, the building was demolished in 1964. Today Guidry's Fresh Cuts – a wholesale produce business owned by Charley's grandson Kevin – occupies the site.

Visitors to Arnaudville during the 1940s and 1950s fondly recall Charley Guidry and Jake. Charley Guidry loved people and always had a story to tell – holding the ear of folks at his bar and dancehall as he related this happening and that. During the early depression whiskey was outlawed. To support his family, Charley would motor to Mississippi where he would purchase cheap moonshine and then head to Port Arthur, Texas where he would sell it at a premium. Of course, the "revenue agents" were out to catch anyone illegally transporting whiskey, so Charley would dress as a priest during his frequent "runs". Fortunately, he was never stopped during these journeys. On one of his many trips to Texas, the buyer of Charley's moonshine did not have any money. Charley demanded payment or "else". The man said the depression had hit hard and all he had left was his pet monkey so Charley took the monkey "Jake" for payment. And that is how Jake wound up in Arnaudville. Charley and Jake went everywhere together. Jake could play a small hand-crank organ and loved to drink beer and get drunk.

People would visit Charley's bar and dancehall to see Jake and would throw coins and peanuts at him. On one occasion a visitor wanted to tease Jake so he rolled up a dollar bill and threw it to Jake – thinking Jake would throw back the piece of paper. But instead Jake swallowed the dollar much to the chagrin of the visitor. He was so upset that he exclaimed "What a stupid monkey". I am sure Jake thought someone else was really stupid for throwing him a dollar. Jake would put the coins tossed to him into a bucket and these paid a lot of Charley Guidry's bills. Of course, Charley always kept small bags of peanuts for sale so folks could feed Jake.

Another visitor started teasing Jake with a peanut. Jake finally had had enough and reached through the bars grabbing the young man's corduroy cap. Jake then proceeded to do his "business" in the cap and then sat on the cap. Of course, everyone, but the young man, laughed till the tears flowed.

Thanks to Rose Guidry Knott, granddaughter of Charley, and her husband Floyd for sharing the history and stories of C. A. Guidry's Bar, Café and Dancehall.



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(An Update)
by *Marty Guidry*

- * **Guidry's Club (Arnaudville, LA)**
Little is known about Guidry's Club in Arnaudville. This may have been C. A. Guidry's Bar, Café and Dancehall.
- * **Cyrille Trasimond Guidry's Dancehall (Abbeville, LA)**
In September 1894 Cyrille Trasimond Guidry opened a grocery, bar and dancehall at the northwest corner of W. Lafayette Street and S. State Street in Abbeville, LA. It closed with his death in December 1902. The building is still standing at the original location, but is no longer a dancehall.
- * **Felix Guidry's Dancehall (Leroy, LA)**
Felix Guidry was a farmer, a musician playing clarinet and a dancehall owner. He owned Felix Guidry's Dancehall in Leroy, LA - just southwest of Maurice, LA.
- * **Kaiser's Place (Breaux Bridge, LA)**
Owned by Leland Guidry, Kaiser's always has Cajun bands including Johnnie Sonnier and Cajun Heritage, Danny Brasseaux & Cajun Express, Howard Noel and Cajun Boogie, Jimmy Thibodeaux with the Gumbo Cajun Band, Walter Mouton and the Scott Playboys, Sheryl Cormier and Cajun Sounds and the legendary Rufus Thibodeau. Kaiser's is located on Louisiana Highway 94 approximately ½ mile west of Mulate's in Breaux Bridge. Folks still enjoy two-stepping at Kaiser's to the sounds of some of the best Cajun bands of South Louisiana.
- * **Tokio Fun Pavilion (Raceland, LA)**
Opened in 1919 by Mr. Guidry, a retired chemist, the Tokio Fun Pavilion included a dancehall, an inn and a theater. There was a fence around the dance floor. Next door was the Tokio Restaurant. Frequented mostly by young folks, the dance floor became a skating rink during Lent. In the old days they had gentny dances in which the men paid. Tokio's was at its height during the 1930s. Fats Domino played there. The Tokio Fun Pavilion was located on Louisiana Highway 1 across from the Raceland Bridge. Mr. Guidry eventually sold the dancehall to a Mr. Hillman Andrew Labat, who renamed it the OST. The OST was torn down in 2003.

C.T. Guidry's (Abbeville, LA)



Tokio Fun Pavilion (Raceland, LA)



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* **Webster's Bar (Cecilia, LA)**

Webster and Mildred Guidry Calais opened Webster's Bar in 1947 at 2685 Grand Pointe Highway in Cecilia, LA. Webster's was a Cajun dancehall although at times hillbilly and Swamp Pop music flowed through the hall. Known for having the longest bar in Louisiana, Webster's was of frame construction with a side-gabled, metal roof and a wooden dance floor. Some of the more popular bands playing at Webster's were Jimmie C. Newman, Vin Bruce, Al Terry, Fats Domino, Rod Bernard, Johnny Allan, T. K. Hulin, Cookie and the Cupcakes and Bobby Charles (Robert Charles Guidry). Webster's had a jukebox for folks to enjoy before the dance began and sold hamburgers and beer with Blatz and Goebel being the favorites. You could also buy setups which included ice, liquor and mixes. Other entertainment included the nickel and quarter slot machines, a card game or two including bouree and, of course, the occasional fight. Webster's closed in 1969 and converted to Webster's Meat Market.

To view an interesting, entertaining video of south Louisiana dancehalls of a bygone era, click on this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adDcc5nzRIE>

Also, the Welcome to Louisiana Dancehalls Facebook Page has superb photos, several videos and brief articles about many south Louisiana dancehalls.

<http://louisianadancehalls.com>

If you know of other dancehalls owned by the Guédry and Petitpas families, please send the names and locations to Marty Guidry at guidryrm@cox.net .

Webster's Grill and a current view inside, now Webster's Meat Market.



BON APPETIT

RAPURE

From Patricia Knodel (nee LaBine)
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1 lb. cubed pork or chicken
2 diced medium onions
1 dozen grated potatoes
2 cups mashed potatoes
Salt & Pepper
4 slices dried bread

Fry onions and meat together until tender. Strain
grated potatoes until all water has been drained.
Mix all ingredients together and place in 8" x 12"
pan. Cook in 400F degree oven with bacon or fat
strips on top. Reduce heat to 350F after 30 minutes.
Cook until golden brown, or about 2 hours.



BLUEBERRY CAKE

From Bernie & Barbara Geddry
-originally from New England now
living in Arizona

4 eggs separated
2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
3 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2/3 cup milk

3 cups blueberries coated with 1 tbsp. of
flour.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold in 1/2 cup sugar and set aside. Cream butter, salt, vanilla and 1 1/2 cup sugar. Add eggs yolks, beat until creamy.

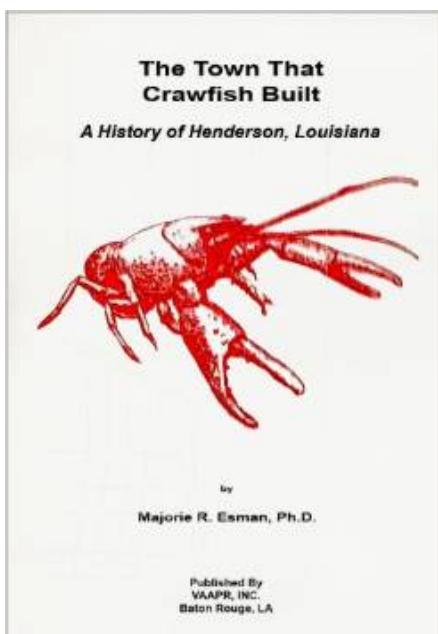
Add sifted dry ingredients, alternating with milk. Fold in whites and berries. Sprinkles top of cake with sugar very generously before baking.

Bake in a 9" x 13" pan at 350F for 45-60 minutes until done.

Recipes in our BON APPETIT section are from [The Guédry-Labine Cookbook: A Cookbook For and By Descendants of Claude Guédry and Marguerite Petitpas, 2004.](#)

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share here, please submit it to Marty Guidry at guidryrm@cox.net and we will include it here.

BOOK NOOK



The Town That Crawfish Built
A History of Henderson, Louisiana
By Marjorie R. Esman, Ph.D.

Located in St. Martin Parish on the fringe of the great Atchafalaya swamp, Henderson, a combined farming and fishing community represents Cajun culture to many outsiders due to its flourishing restaurant industry.

Histoire de l'Acadie

2nd édition

by Nicolas Landry and Nicole Lang

This new edition of Acadian History confirms its status on the subject. Nicolas Landry and Nicole Lang shed new light on the history of Canada in the Maritimes, the first attempt at colonization to the present. They revisit the challenges facing its people for more than four centuries of history by integrating the studies of both new and traditional. The importance of particular experiences, whether it be those of women, Native Americans, ordinary people or the elite, is finally put forward. They also demonstrate that the concept of territory, specifically its occupation, is very important to understanding the movements marking the history of the Acadians from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



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FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM



Closemere Guildry Labine Dupras

Marie Clausimire Guildry dit Labine

B. 14 Sep 1855 in Norte Dame de Montreal, Quebec
D. 18 Jun 1993 in Marquette, Marquette Co., Michigan

Clausimire is the daughter of Charles Guildry dit Labine and his second wife, Sophronie Archambault.

Clausimire married **Amedee Dupras** (B. 10 Feb 1851 in Ste. Scholastique, Deux Montagnes County, Quebec, Canada, D. 05 Feb 1925 in Marquette, Marquette, Michigan, US) Amedee is the son of Jean Baptiste Dupras and Catherine Desjardins.

Special thanks to Jean Trudeau Paquette for sharing her family photos with us.

Left: Closemere and Amedee Dupas Center: Amedee Dupras, Mother-in-Law Sophorine Archambault Labine & Closemere Labine Dupras Right: Closemere G. LaBine

Closemere Amedee Dupras



EMERY LOUIS GEDDRY
A CANADIAN SOLDIER WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
(WORLD WAR II)
By Marty Guidry

Emery Louis Geddry was the only Canadian of the Guédry family to give his life in combat during World War II.^{1,2}

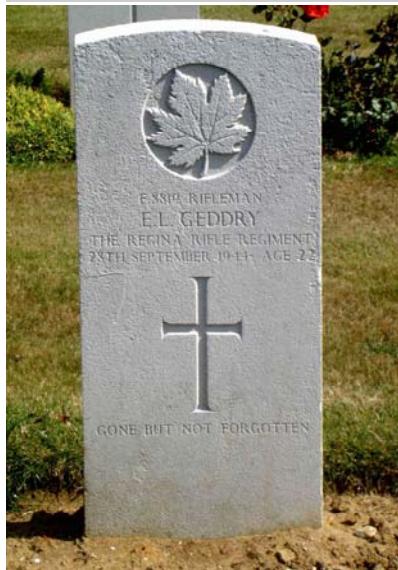
Born about 1922 at St. Alphonse, Nova Scotia, Emery Louis Geddry was the son of Joseph Isaac Geddry and Frances (Françoise) Marie Dugas. Little is known of Emery's early life in the St. Alphonse area.

With the outbreak of World War II in 1939 and Hitler threatening England, Emery enlisted during the early 1940s in "The Johns" of the Canadian Army as the Regina Rifle Regiment was affectionately known. Called "The Johns" because of the high proportion of "Farmer Johns" in the Regiment, the men of the Regina Rifles proudly embraced the moniker. During World War II the Regina Rifle Regiment was part of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, II Canadian Corps of the 1st Canadian Army. Based in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Regina Rifles had four companies (A, B, C, D) and support troops.

Interestingly, during WWII the Canadian Army assigned Military Service Numbers based on the geographical area in which the enlistee lived. The Saskatchewan area was part of Military District 12 and enlistees from this district were assigned an "L" as the initial letter of their service number. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were part of Military District 6 and enlistees from these two provinces were assigned an "F" as the initial letter of their service number. Emery Geddry's Service Number was F8819. He was the only member of the Regina Rifles with an "F" designation. Most enlistees in the Regiment had either an "L" or "M" designation with "M" representing Military District 13 (Alberta).

In early 1940 the 1st Battalion of the Regina Rifle Regiment inducted enlistees from three Saskatchewan communities – Regina, Prince Albert and North Battleford. The Regina enlistees were organized into Companies A and C, the new soldiers from Prince Albert formed Company B and those from North Battleford became Company D. By July 1940 the 1st Battalion was training at Dundurn, Saskatchewan; however, in September of that year they moved to Debert, Nova Scotia.

Grave Marker of Emery L. Geddry
at Calais Canadian War Cemetery
(Leubringhen)



Regina Rifles in damaged storefront at Caen
on 10 July 1944



Company D, Regina Rifles in forward position at Bretteville on 10 June 1944



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It was at this time that Emery Geddry probably traveled from St. Alphonse to Debert (just northwest of Truro) and enlisted in “The Johns”. The 1st Battalion trained at Debert between September 1940 and August 1941.

In August 1941 the 1st Battalion, Regina Rifle Regiment departed for the United Kingdom and landed in Scotland in September. During the remainder of the year the Regina Rifles trained and defended the southern coast of England. During 1942 and early 1943 their training began to focus on offensive strategies rather than the earlier defensive tactics.

As planning for Operation Overlord (the code name for the Normandy Invasion) began in 1943, the generals chose the Regina Rifles as one of the assault battalions. Demanding training to prepare for their new role began in earnest during the spring of 1944 and completed in May. During the first days of June “The Johns” loaded onto the invasion craft waiting for the word from General Eisenhower. Finally, in the very early hours of June 6th, General “Ike” gave the “GO” and the invasion fleet headed across the English Channel to France. The men of the Regina Rifles now had to face two difficulties – that of the rough seas causing havoc with their stomachs and the uncertain welcome they would receive on the French shores.

At 0805 hours on 6 June 1944 the men of the Regina Rifles tasted battle for the first time when A Company disembarked from the “Isle of Thanet” and waded toward the shore on Juno Beach in the sector designated NAN GREEN. Juno Beach at Courseulles sur Mer, Normandy was the designated landing site for the Canadian forces. B Company followed to the left of A Company at 0815 hours. Companies C and D landed at 0835 hours and 0855 hours respectively. Two of Company D’s landing craft were blown up by mines causing many casualties.

The Johns encountered heavy fighting as the trudged ashore through the heavy seas and suffered 128 casualties in the first hour of the battle. By 0900 hours “The Johns” had cleared the beach and began their assault on the designated target – the town of Courseulles. By evening the 1st Battalion, Regina Rifles Regiment had moved inland and consolidated their position at Reviers. Rifleman Emery Geddry had experienced fierce battle firsthand this day and helped his unit breakthrough the beaches.

And so began the first of many battles the Regina Rifles and Rifleman Geddry would fight during the ensuing months. Between 6 June 1944 and 5 May 1945 the regiment would suffer 1,831 casualties including 463 fatalities – including the death of Rifleman Emery Louis Geddry.

On 8-9 June the Regina Rifles counter-attacked the German forces at Bretteville-l’Orgueilleuse – a critical crossroad town on the march to Caen. During heavy night fighting they drove back the Panther tanks and secured the town.

The battle for Caen commenced on 4 July with heavy peripheral fighting and softening up of German positions with bombs and artillery. The Regina Rifles did not engage in the fighting until 8 July when they joined British and other Canadian forces in the invasion force. As they marched toward Caen, the Canadians attacked Gruchy and Buron and retook Authie and the Abbaye d’Ardennes. When the Regina Rifles captured the Abbaye d’Ardennes, they silenced a hornet’s nest and deprived the Germans of their bird’s nest view of the Canadian positions below. The fighting was slow and fierce with landmines tearing flesh from the body and shrapnel penetrating the bodies of soldiers. Early on 9 July the Germans evacuated Caen on the north side of the Orne River. Canadian casualties were higher in the fight for northern Caen than on D-Day.

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On 18 July the Regina Rifles and other Canadian forces crossed the Orne River after heavy bombing and artillery fire onto southern Caen. The Canadians captured Colombelles and then Faubourg-de-Vaucelles on the outskirts of Caen. The Germans remained strong in their positions with well-concealed tanks and guns. They continually harassed the advancing Canadian forces causing heavy casualties. On 10 July Caen fell. In just 33 days this band of untried young Canadians had turned into battle-hardened soldiers fighting their way through France.

After assisting in the capture of Caen, the Regina Rifles and most other Canadian units were placed in reserve for a bit of rest. Operation Spring began on 18 July in the Canadian push to Falaise. On 19 July 1944 the Regina Rifles helped capture the villages of Bourguébus and Faubourg de Vaucelles.

On 8 August the British and Canadians finally broke out of the Caen region and headed to Falaise. Fighting was heavy on this 'Corridor of Death', but the Canadians persisted. Finally on 20 August the Allied forces shut the gate on Falaise and captured a significant part of the German Army and equipment in Normandy.

With the fall of Falaise the Normandy campaign came to an end and a new phase of the war began. During the last days of August, the 1st Canadian Army was designated to clear the coastal area of Northern France. The Regina Rifles and other Canadian units accomplished the Seine phase during 25-28 August.

As September began the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division prepared for the battle to take the fortified French port city Calais – a key supply depot. On 24 September 1944 Allied forces began softening the German defenses with naval and aerial bombardments as well as artillery assaults. Earlier the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade with the Regina Rifles had sealed off Calais. During this period the Regina Rifles captured the coastal town of Wissant – isolating the Cap Gris Nez batteries of the Germans and capturing the Batterie Wissant with its four guns.

On 25 September the 7th and 8th Canadian Infantry Brigades began the assault on Calais. Initial operations on Cap Blanc Nez went smoothly and German soldiers began surrendering. The Regina Rifles with other Canadian units began the attack through the Belle Vue fortifications to the seafront east of Sangatte. Initially "The Johns" progressed rapidly on the target; however, soon the fighting became fierce and the Reginas suffered heavy casualties. Sangatte was reached on the morning of 26 September.

Next the Regina Rifles were to advance through Coquelles to Fort Nieulay and conduct a direct attack on Calais. The advances were difficult because of flooded ground and "The Johns" had to withdraw temporarily to allow Allied bombing. Together with other units the Reginas captured Fort Nieulay and reached their immediate target – the factory district. The Regina Rifles made further advances toward Calais on 28 September and after a brief truce Calais fell on 1 October.

During the fighting on 28 September 1944 near Les Fontinettes on the southern outskirts of Calais Riflemen Emery Louis Geddry was fighting from a house. The house was hit by shelling – seriously wounding Rifleman Geddry. He was immediately taken by stretcher to the Regimental Aid Post; however, he died on the way to the Post. Rifleman Emery Louis Geddry served Canada bravely – dying at the young age of 22 years.

Shortly after the battle ended, Rifleman Geddry's platoon brought him and two other casualties, Riflemen Donald M. Darby and Russell L. Finner, to a Roman Catholic Church cemetery in the nearby town of Coquelles, southeast of Calais, where the pastor of the church performed the funeral. The three were buried in the church cemetery, which was probably the Assumption Catholic Church Cemetery in Coquelles.

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A brief note written about this incident shows the gratitude of the French people for the Allied soldiers. Captain Graham Jamieson, the chaplain of the Regina Rifles, had been trying to arrange a funeral for the three young soldiers recently killed. A French priest agreed to arrange burial services at the local Catholic church and the mayor of Coquelles delivered an inspiring homily to the many local residents and soldiers attending. The homily was so inspiring that Captain Jamieson provided each member of the 1st Battalion with a copy:

Ladies and gentlemen:

Seldom on this earth is there any joy which is not mingled with sorrow. Thus today, although we are very happy, we must dim the brightness of our joy to take part in mourning and sorrow – the price of restored liberty.

Is it not a gracious gesture of Providence to have sent to liberate us from the clutch of strangers, Canadian soldiers, sons of Canada, distant from yet dear to French people; from Canada where the memory of France is always fresh, where numerous are those who speak our language: from Canada loyal to England and faithful to France?

Also it is with deep feeling that I bow my head to the glorious remains of these courageous soldiers who have fallen on our soil. I do it on behalf of the municipal authorities of Coulonne and of the entire population.

Rest in peace, noble sons of Canada. May the soil of France lie lightly on you. You lie at rest among our ancestors and near the French and English soldiers who found death on our soil in 1940.

Your remembrance among us is assured and your more happy comrades who live to carry on the fight may rest assured that our hearts beat in unison with theirs so valiant. May they soon, victory having been assured and peace brought to the peoples of the world, be enabled to return to their beloved country and carry with them a mark of recognition of France's debt of gratitude to Canada.

Across the seas we send our sincere and affectionate sympathy to the families of the three soldiers whom we honour today. We salute the glorious armies of the allied nations and we look forward with complete confidence to total victory.

Glory to the valiant fallen on the field of honour. Long live Canada. Long live the allied nations. Long live France.

After the war ended Emery Geddry's remains were removed from the small Catholic cemetery and reinterred at the Calais Canadian War Cemetery (Leubringhen). This Canadian military cemetery is located about 16 kilometers (10 miles) southeast of Calais on the east side of Road A16 from Calais to Boulogne. The grave of Rifleman Emery Louis Geddry is in Plot 7, Row D, Grave 5 – just below and to the right of the Cross of Sacrifice.



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Shortly after the fall of Calais on 1 October 1944, Emery Geddry's platoon leader Lieutenant C. C. Williams wrote a short letter to Emery's mother explaining the circumstances of her son's death. This is one of the toughest jobs a military leader must do, yet it brings great relief and closure to the mother and family of the young man who gave his life for his fellow countrymen. The letter, shown below, reads:

*Regina Rifle Regt.
5th Oct. 44*

Dear Mrs. Geddry:

As your son was in my platoon I am writing to inform you of the circumstances regarding his death. At the time we had moved into the outskirts of Calais and were gathering our forces for an attack on the city itself.

During this time there was considerable shelling on both sides and the house in which your son's section was at the time was hit. This was on the afternoon of 28th Sept. We immediately called a stretcher and took him to the Regimental Aid Post but he died on his way.

I had the honour of having your son in my platoon for only a short time but during that time he proved himself a good soldier. He was very reliable and any job he was given to do was well done. He was well liked by the rest of the men he fought with.

It's men like him, Mrs. Geddry that will, & are making victory possible. He was buried in a Roman Catholic church in the town of Couquelles just outside of Calais. The Priest of that church performed the ceremony.

To you his mother & all his loved ones I send my deepest sympathy. If there is anything I can do or anything more I can tell you, please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely

*C. C. Williams
Lieut.*

Unfortunately, Lieutenant Cameron Collin Williams died less than a month later on 2 November 1944 at the age of just 24 years at Breskens Pocket during the Battle of the Scheldt. He is buried at the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery.

Emery Geddry has been honored by Veteran Affairs Canada with the placing of his name in the *Books of Remembrance* for Canadians who fought in wars and died during or after them. Emery is remembered on Page 314 of the *Second World War Book of Remembrance*. The *Books of Remembrance* for each war are kept in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. Each morning at eleven o'clock a member of the House of Commons Protective Staff turns the pages of the *Books of Remembrance*. The ceremony is quite elaborate as a uniformed guard marches to the first *Book*, bows, salutes and turn the page. He then proceeds to the next *Book* and repeats the ceremony. This continues until all the pages to be turned are done. The guard then marches to the center of the room, bows and salutes a last time.

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Lt. Gaynor, Frank William	Regina Rif	RCAF
Pte. Gazley, Earl Maseo	1r RC	
Sgt. Gazzard, James Frederick	RCAF	
Cmr. Geary, Edmund	RCA	
Pte. Geber, John Caspar	CB Highrs	
Pte. Geddes, Edward William	SD&G Highrs	
Pte. Geddes, Garnet Cecil	HLt of C	
Sgt. Geddes, Jack	RCAF	
WO II Geddes, Stanley Henry	RCDC	
P/O Geddes, William Howard	RCAF	
Rfn. Geddry, Emery Louis	Regina Rif	
Pte. Gedrasik, Walter	Scorlorth of C	
Cpl. Gee, John Mofat	RRC	
F/O Gee, Nelson Henry	Walter	
Gnr. Geiger, Darcy James	RCA	
F/O Geigie, George Johnston	RCAF	
Pte. Gehue, James Alexander	RHLI	
Pte. Geikie, Jack Taylor	48 Highrs	
Pte. Geize, Martin	Perth R	
Cdsm. Geizer, Gerald Vincent	CGG	
F/O Geddart, Douglas Emerson	RCAF	
Pte. Gelinas, Hector	Fus. MR	
F/O Gelinas, Joseph Edward	RCAF	
Cpl. supp. Gelinas, Roland	Rdc. Mais	
Tpr. Gelman, David	Sher. Fus R	
Pte. Gemmell, Thomas Joseph	RCAMC	
Pte. Gemmill, Thomas Barr	RHC	
L/Sgt. Genaille, John Henry	L Sup R	
Pte. Genaille, Lewis	PPCLI	
Rfn. Genaille, Phillip Alfred	RWpg Rif	
Cpl. Gendron, Edward Ernest	S Alta R	
SQMCie Gendron, Lawrence Arthur	RHLI	
Pte. Generaux, John Bernard	Hast & PER	
Pte. Generaux, John William	Cdn Para Bn	
Pte. Generaux, Phillip Gerard	L Edmn R	
Pte. Genest, Armand Joseph	Fus MR	
Rfn. Genest, Emile Yves	RWpg Rif	
Capt. Gentles, Thomas Patrick	Learnn R	
F/O George, Alan Baldwin	RCAF	
L/Cpl. George, Albert Murray	1r RC	
Pte. George, Albert Ronald	Perth R	
P/O George, Andrew Lorne	RCAF	
MM George, Douglas	RCNVR	
Pte. George, Ernest Baptiste	Lan & Ren Soot R	
Pte. George, Ernest Livingstone	RHLI	
Pte. George, John Kingston	N Shore R	
Pte. George, William Henry	SSask R	
F/O Georgeson, Louis Rockford	RCAF	
Pte. Gerassimou, Constantinas	PPCLI	
Pte. Germain, Roger	Fus MR	
P/O Germiquet, George Edward	RCAF	
Cpl. Gerow, Leslie Clarence Robert	RHLI	
P/O Gerrard, Norman Harrison	RCAF	
L/Sgt. Gerrard, David Girdwood	N Shore R	
P/O Gerrard, Robert Allan	RCAF	
Pte. Gerrie, Alexander George	RHC	
P/O Gerrie, Vernon Chester	RCAF	
P/O Gerrings, George William	RCAF	
Pte. Gertel, Joseph	Nth NS Highrs	
S-Lt. A Gervais, Joseph Pierre Cyril	RCAF	
Pte. Gervais, Lionel	Fus MR	
Cdsm. Gervais, Renaud Gerald	GGFG	
Sgt. Gervais, Thomas Ernest	RCE	
Tpr. Getty, John	GGHG	
Capt. Ghawy, Bernard Ernest	CGG	
Gnr. Giardino, Louis	RCA	
Pte. Gibb, Gordon Clark	Hast & PER	
Pte. Gibb, Henry Patrick	RHC	
LAC Gibb, Lorne Clinton	RCAF	
Pte. Gibb, Marvin James	RCAMC	
Gnr. Gibbens, John Peter	RCA	
WO I Gibbon, Donald Ernest	RCAF	
Cpl. Gibbons, Donald Joseph	Alg R	
L/Cpl. Gibbons, Ernest Wilfred	RCE	
Pte. Gibbons, George William	RCR	
Rfn. Gibbons, Harold Earl	RRC	
P/O Gibbons, James Walter	RCAF	
AB Gibbons, Marshall Lloyd	RCNVR	

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In Memory of

Rifleman

Emery L. Geddry

F/8819, Regina Rifle Regiment, R.C.I.C. who died on 28 September 1944 Age 22

Son of Isaac and Frances Geddry, of St. Alphonse de Clare, Digby Co., Nova Scotia.

Remembered with Honour
Calais Canadian War Cemetery, Leubringhen



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which cares for the Canadian military cemeteries, commemorated the service of Rifleman Emery Louis Geddry with a Memorial Certificate.

The town of Saulnierville, Nova Scotia and Branch 52 of the Canadian Legion in Saulnierville have erected a beautiful monument on the Branch grounds to honor local Canadians who served during World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The name of Emery Geddry is embossed on the plaque commemorating soldiers who fell during World War II.



Although he only lived a brief time, Emery Louis Geddry gave the ultimate sacrifice so that his family, his countrymen and free peoples throughout the world could live in peace and prosperity.

Special thanks to Ms. Lorraine Geddry Dunleavy for providing a copy of Lieutenant C. C. Williams' letter and sharing information on Emery Geddry's service and life. Emery Louis Geddry is Lorraine's uncle and also her godfather. Lorraine is an active member of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur and the daughter of Benoît Geddry, brother of Emery Geddry, and Rita Deveau.

¹ In the Canadian military records Emery L. Geddry's name often is incorrectly spelled as Enery L. Geddry.

² Eight Candian members of the Petitpas family died in combat during World War II – Emile Petitpas, James Joseph Petitpas, Raymond Edmund Petitpas, Guy Dennis Pettipas, Leonard Francis Pettipas, Wilfred Benvie Pettipas, William Harold Pettipas and Robert Michael Pitts.

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GUÉDRY GENEALOGY OF EMERY LOUIS GEDDRY

Emery Louis Geddry (b. ca. 1922)

Joseph Isaac Geddry m. Frances (Françoise) Marie Dugas

James (Jacques) M. Geddry m. Rosalie Maillet

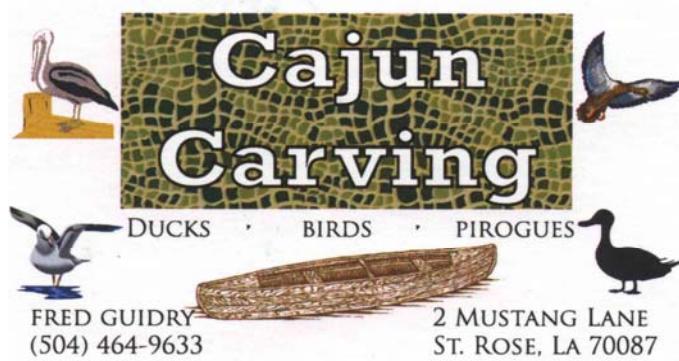
Maximin (Mark) Geddry m. Marie Seraphie Babin

Philippe Gedree m. Angélique Theriau

Augustin Guédry dit Grivois m. Marie-Françoise Jeanson

Pierre Guédry dit Labine m. Marguerite Brasseau

Claude Guédry dit Grivois m. Marguerite Petitpas



IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

Albin Petitpas, The Ottawa Journal
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
March 27, 1941

Recover Miner's Body Trapped in Cave-in

GRINDSTONE, M.I., Que., March 27.—J. W. Storer, manager of the Magdalen Manganese Mines, today was credited with personally retimbering the shaft and leading the rescue crew which recovered the body of Albin Petitpas, 35, trapped in a cave-in.

Storer worked exhaustively until the rescue crew reached the body, which was brought to the surface last night.

No other workers were injured or trapped in the accident. Petitpas' body was recovered at the 45-foot level station. He will be buried today at Lavernier, Magdalen Islands.

Camille Guedry.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA., May 6.—Camille Guedry, a native of Ascension Parish, died at his home near St. Amant, April 27, aged 80 years. Mr. Guedry had been ill a long time and spent several months in southern California. He returned recently to await the end. The funeral took place April 28, with services and interment in the St. Amant Catholic Church and cemetery. Mr. Guedry is survived by his wife, nee Miss Olive Guedry, and a little daughter, Hilda.

Camille Guedry
Times Picayune, New Orleans, LA
May, 6, 1913

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES OBSERVED BY LA BINES

Trout Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong LaBine of Michigamme, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on June 27. Also celebrating their wedding anniversaries on this day were—Mr. and Mrs. Medric LaBine of Trout Creek, married eighteen years; Mr. and Mrs. Martin LaBine married nine years; Mr. and Mrs. William (Reatha) Yoblanski married seven years; and Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Rachel) Jendzyski married five years.

Attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert LaBine and children, Herbert Jr., Paul, and Diane of Manitowac; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jerczyski of Chicago; Mrs. Martin LaBine and children, Annette and Martin Jr. of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Medric LaBine, Trout Creek.

Williard and Buddy of Detroit and WAC Fern LaBine of Washington, D. C., are three children, who were not able to attend.

Ironwood Daily Globe
June 6, 1935

Thomas L. Petitpas

Airman Thomas L. Petitpas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Petitpas of 472 Greensboro Ct., Claremont, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Amarillo AFB, Tex., for specialized schooling as an administrative specialist.

Airman Petitpas, a 1965 graduate of Orange High School, attended Chaffey College.



Thomas L. Petitpas

Progress Bulletin, Pomona, California
April 20, 1968

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, Grivois, 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 2015.

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. and CAN. Feel free to post queries, photos, links, events or other items of interest to the family. Just search for 'Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur' on Facebook to find our page.

Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur

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The Guédry et 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.

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Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur
REGISTRATION for 2015 REUNION
(L'enregistrement pour 2015 Réunion)
10 October 2015 – Henderson, Louisiana

Name (Nom)	Last (Nom de famille)	First (Prénom)	Middle (Deuxième prénom)
Spouse (Épouse)	Maiden (Nom de jeune fille)	First (Prénom)	Middle (Deuxième prénom)
Children (Enfants)	First Names of Children (Prénoms de enfants)		
Address (Adresse)	Street (Rue)		
	City (Ville)	State (État/Province)	Zip Code (Code postal)
			(Pays)
Telephone (Téléphone)			
E-mail Address (Courriel)			
Number of People Attending (Le numéro de Gens qui assistent)			
No. of Meals at Reunion (A l'intention de Manger des Repas à la Réunion) _____ (There may be a charge of \$7-\$10 per meal / Il peut y avoir une charge de \$7-\$10 par repas) [This is not a commitment to purchase meals; we just need an estimate of potential meals needed]			

COST:

The Reunion will be **FREE** to all attendees.
(La Réunion sera **LIBRE** à tous les participants.)

I will attend
(J'assisterai)

I am considering attending
(J'ai considéré d'assister)

Please return form to:
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Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur, Inc.
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Membership Application
(Formulaire d'adhésion)

Name (Nom) _____
Last (Nom de famille) _____ First (Prénom) _____ Middle (Deuxième prénom) _____

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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)

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