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In this Fall 2014 edition of "Generations" we review our recent Guédry & Petitpas Reunion in Van Buren, Maine and announce our most recent Circle of Distinction honorees. Several other articles in this edition may interest you.

Recently our Board of Directors decided to modify the name of our association from Les Guédry d'Astcur to Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur. This change recognizes the strong, long-term support we have received from the Petitpas members of our association. They not only constitute a significant portion of our association membership, but also attendance at our reunions. We use the historic surname spellings of our two families – Guédry and Petitpas – in the association name. We will make this change over the next year as there are many items that need to be modified.

The Grand Réveil Acadien (Great Acadian Awakening) will be 3-12 October 2015 in the south Louisiana cities of Lake Charles, Houma and Lafayette. Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur is planning to have a reunion during the Grand Réveil Acadien. It will be a more relaxed, less structured reunion that we have had in the past. Tentatively, we are planning to have a home-cooked Acadian lunch, possibly a little Cajun music and lots of time for visiting and sharing information. We don't have a date yet, but are considering Saturday, 10 October 2015 in the Lafayette, LA area. You can visit the Grand Réveil Acadien website at:

<http://www.louisiane-acadie.com/gra-english.html>

Go to the bottom of the page for information on the program, transportation, lodging, etc.

As 2014 winds down, we remind our members and friends that this is the dreaded time of year when we ask you to contribute to the support of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur by paying our modest dues of \$6 for individuals and \$10 for families. Your financial support lets us continue our reunions and programs including our websites and newsletter. You may wish to contribute at one of our benefactor levels - dit Jovial, dit Labine or dit Grivois. Please visit our Membership Page to pay your dues:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~guedrylabinefamily/membership.html>

We have also attached a Membership Application to this issue of *GENERATIONS*.

Your Board of Directors takes this opportunity to wish everyone Bonne Fête de l'Action de Grâces, Joyeux Noël et Une Heureuse Nouvelle Année.



**THE 6th GUÉDRY AND PETITPAS REUNION
VAN BUREN, MAINE (ACADIAN VILLAGE)
SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2014**

Surrounded by the Acadian buildings of the 1700s and 1800s, the Guédry and Petitpas families met on Saturday, August 16, 2014 for their sixth North American Reunion in historic Van Buren, Maine. With the beautiful Acadian Village hosting us, over 75 family members gathered to meet new cousins, renew old acquaintances and enjoy the day's program.

As folks entered the Reunion hall, they began enjoying the several poster and video displays including Origins of the Labine Family, Historic Louisiana Towns Named Guidry, Lest We Forget Our Military Family, Occupations of the Guédry and Petitpas Families, Interesting Road Signs Bearing Our Names and others. Of course, familiar faces were recognized and conversations began.

As 9 am approached, Marty Guidry, master of ceremonies, announced that Les Guédry d'Astcur was changing our association's name to Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur in recognition of the significant contributions and participation from Petitpas members over the years. The spellings Guédry and Petitpas were chosen as these are believed to be the historic surnames of our founding families in early Acadia.

Marty also announced that the Board of Directors has obtained for each member of our honorary Circle of Distinction a 4-inch gold medal with our family crest imbedded on the front. The medal hangs from a wide red, white and blue ribbon and has the member's name and year of induction printed on the back. He then presented a gold medal to each past Circle of Distinction member present. Those not present have received their medals through the postal service.

During a short break attendees located new and old cousins, mingled at the Sales booth and visited the displays surrounding the room. We were especially happy to have a number of local Grivois and Petitpas members attend the Reunion – coming from nearby towns of northeastern Maine and northwestern New Brunswick. In the mid-1800s the Guédry name in northeastern Maine slowly transitioned to today's spelling of Grivois – a name derived from their ancestors Augustin Guédry dit Grivois and his son Romain Guédry dit Grivois of St. Alphonse, Nova Scotia.

As mid-morning approached, Marty presented an audiovisual presentation "The Acadians of Madawaska – A Long and Difficult Journey". He discussed how these Acadians that eventually settled in the Madawaska region straddling the St. John River of today's northeastern Maine and northwestern New Brunswick began their epic journey to avoid being deported by the British. First moving from their Acadian homesteads in Nova Scotia to new lands in lower New Brunswick, they eventually migrated toward the lower St. John River. Gradually through British harassment and English settlers fleeing the new United States, they had to move further and further north on the St. John River. Finally, obtaining promises of land grants on the upper St. John River in the Madawaska region, they relocated to the beautiful Aroostook Valley. At almost the same time several French Canadian families from lower Québec also moved to Madawaska. With persistence, hard work and assisting each other, the two groups survived several very difficult winters in their initial settlement years and then thrived to build the Acadian-French Canadian community that we find today. They are a vibrant, friendly community in which French is spoken by almost everyone.

As 11 am approached we all enjoyed the short walk to the replica of the historic Notre-Dame de l'Assomption Chapel in the Acadian Village where Ms. Charline Petitpas-Bossé and Rémy Fritzgerald sang several beautiful French hymns and led us in the French rosary. As we filled the small chapel, Father Jacques Lapointe celebrated a lovely French mass – much as our ancestors would have experienced in these historic surroundings. His sermon on the often-overlooked role of the strong and nurturing Acadian wives and mothers, who throughout our history have held our families together, touched everyone.

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It was especially appropriate immediately after the holy day for the Assumption of Mary – the patron saint of the Acadians.

Returning to our hall, we enjoyed a very tasty local Acadian meal of chicken, local vegetables, fresh-baked bread and a variety of sweets for dessert. The noise level was high as everyone visited while eating and during the break afterwards.

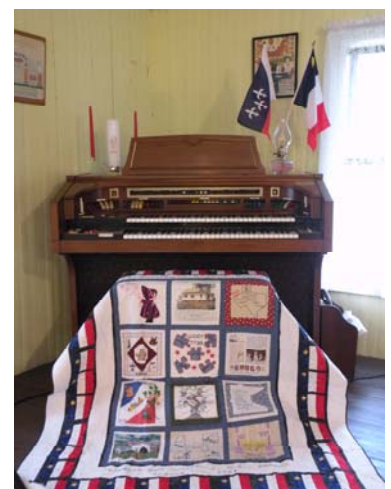
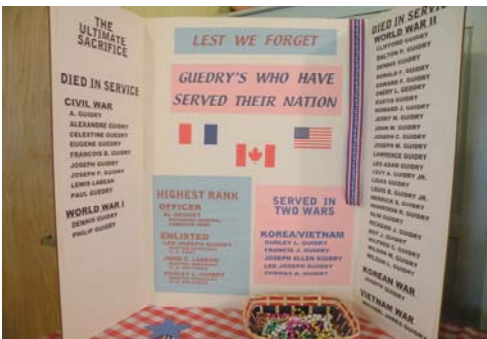
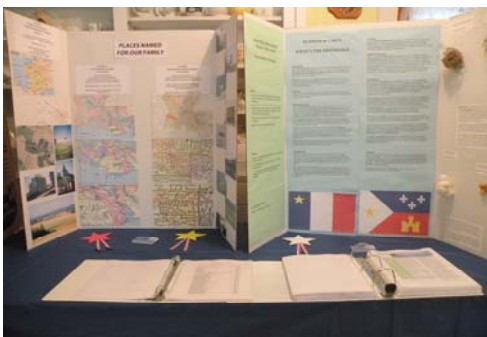
Reconvening, Marty announced the new 2014 inductees into the Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur Circle of Distinction. Each new inductee received a certificate of induction and a gold medal. Those honored were Dr. Leo Joseph Guedry Jr., an educator from Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Allison Lynn Guidry, a genealogist and Editor of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur's newsletter, *GENERATIONS*, from Springfield, VA; Dr. Michael Wayne Guidry, a scientist from Knoxville, TN; Mr. Daryl LaBine, a genealogist and author from Port Orange, FL and St. Catharines, Ontario; Mr. Roland Arthur "Clem" Labine Jr., a home preservationist and author from Brooklyn, NY and Archbishop Gérard Pettipas C.Ss.R. from Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. Congratulations to our newest class of inductees. (You can read a summary of their accomplishments elsewhere in this issue of "Generations".)

After another energizing break, Marty presented a brief audiovisual talk on the "Origins of the Guédry Family in North America, 1764-1900". During this discussion he traced the Guédry family emerging from end of the deportations to 1900 – noting the various surname changes and relocations of the family. Areas with identifiable Guédry family communities today include south Louisiana (Guidry, Guedry, Gaidry), southeast Texas (Guedry, Guidry), Michigan (LaBean, Grevious), Minnesota (Labine), lower Québec and Ontario (Labine, Guildry), northeastern Maine (Grivois), eastern New Brunswick (Guidry) and southeastern Nova Scotia (Geddry, Gedry, Jeddry, Jedry, Gidry, Guidry). As the original Guédry settlers in each area were discussed, a picture emerged of how broadly the Guédry family has expanded across eastern North America.

As the day ended, Marty announced that we would have afternoon refreshments and could visit for a couple of hours exploring our genealogies, talking with friends and relatives and relaxing. Most participants stayed an extra hour or two and enjoyed the relaxing conclusion to the Reunion.



GUÉDRY & PETITPAS REUNION PHOTO GALLERY - OUR VENUE AT THE ACADIAN VILLAGE



GUÉDRY & PETITPAS REUNION PHOTO GALLERY - CIRCLE OF DISTICTION AWARDS



Circle of Distinction Recipients - *Left: Sandra Pettipas Perro Center: Albert Geddry Right: Mark Labine*

Clem Labine



Allie Guidry



GUÉDRY & PETITPAS REUNION PHOTO GALLERY



Above: Marty Guidry, our host, and family members chatting between presentations.
Center left: Father Jacques Lapointe *Center:* Ms. Charline Petitpas-Bossé
Right: Pierre Guidry (aka Marty Guidry) *Below left:* Marty Guidry's presentation on the
 "Origins of the Guédry Family in North America, 1764-1900"
Below right: Jeff and Rachel Killingsworth, two members of the Sales Committee



LES GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS D'ASTEUR
CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION
2014 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 criteria 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 16 August 2014 the Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur appointed to the Circle of Distinction:

Dr. Leo Joseph Guedry Jr. for his significant contributions nationally in the fields of education, agricultural economics and agribusiness. During his 33-year career at Louisiana State University Dr. Guedry's outstanding research, teaching and administrative accomplishments led to his promotion to Executive Vice Chancellor of the LSU Agricultural Center. His groundbreaking research in the area of rural and natural resource development aided communities in determining impacts of industrial development on rural economies and influenced industry location. Teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels, Dr. Guedry was instrumental in developing many of today's outstanding agricultural professionals. In 1979 he was named the Outstanding Professor in the LSU College of Agriculture. Dr. Guedry served on many national and state committees and associations, published widely in his field and received numerous national and state honors and awards. As an administrator for over 20 years, he brought national recognition to the LSU agricultural program by providing a quality undergraduate program, an outstanding graduate school education and enhanced interface and coordination among all branches and activities of the LSU Agricultural Center. In 2003 the Southern Agricultural Economics Association presented Dr. Guedry with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Leo J. Guedry retired from LSU in 2003.



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Ms. Allison Lynn Guidry for her many years of unselfish service to Les Guédry et Petitpas d'AstEUR and all members of the Guédry and Petitpas families. Since 2003 Allison has published "*GENERATIONS*" – the newsletter of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'AstEUR. Under her innovative editorship, "*GENERATIONS*" has developed from a small, 9-page, typewritten document to a fifty-plus page, professionally-edited journal with an eye-pleasing design, seasonally-oriented mastheads and varied articles about the Guédry and Petitpas families including historical tidbits, family recipes, book reviews, interesting photographs and in-depth research. Additionally, Allison is Founder and Administrator of the Les Guédry et Petitpas d'AstEUR Facebook Page where she shares information about the Guédry and Petitpas families and assists others in posting their stories.

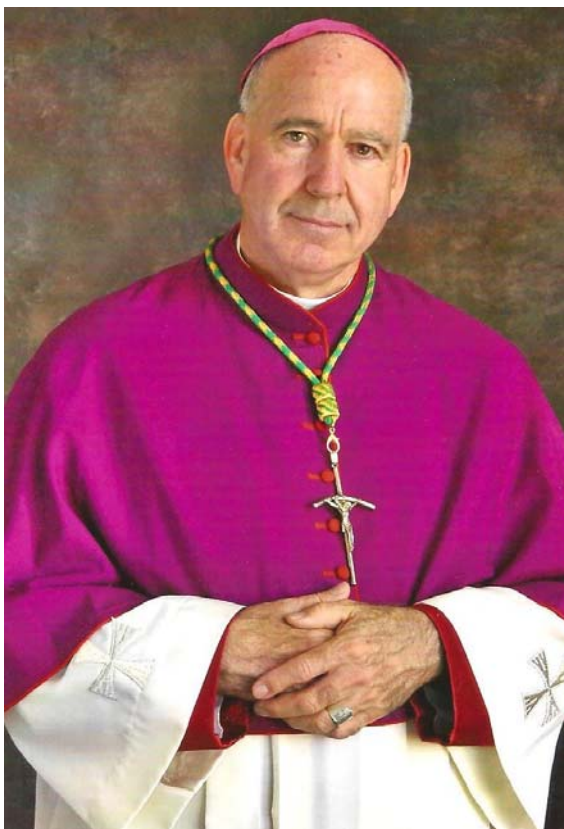
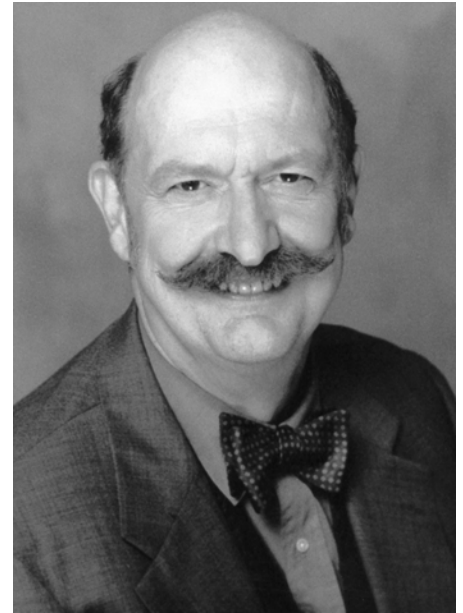
Dr. Michael Wayne Guidry for his innovative research in developing new algorithms for solving large coupled sets of differential equations, in understanding the mechanism for Type 1a supernovae and in developing new many-body techniques for understanding high-temperature superconductors. Currently a Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Tennessee and an Adjunct Staff Member at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Michael is the author of over 200 journal publications and 6 textbooks covering the fields of nuclear physics, computational science, astronomy, astrophysics and general relativity. He has been the lead educational technology developer for a dozen major college textbooks in introductory physics, astronomy, biology and genetics. During a teaching and research career spanning over 38 years in the U. S., Denmark, England and Switzerland, Michael has earned international recognition and acclaim for his work in the classroom and the laboratory. Among these are the 1999 University of Tennessee Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Educational Technology and the 2006 University of Tennessee Teacher of the Year Award.



Mr. Daryl LaBine for his extensive genealogical research on the Guédry family and its several branches. Daryl published a major genealogical work on the Guédry family in 1999 with his two-volume set "The Guédry, Guidry, Geddry, Jeddry, Guildry dit LaBine, LaBine & LaBean Family: Descendants of Claude Guédry & Marguerite Petitpas". As chairperson of the Les Guédry d'AstEUR Genealogy Committee, Daryl monitors several family websites and daily responds to queries about the Guédry family. Always willing to assist others, Daryl encourages those in the Guédry family seeking their roots and aids them with his extensive knowledge of the family genealogy and history.

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Mr. Roland Arthur “Clem” Labine Jr. for his award-winning accomplishments in building preservation. His pioneering publications The Old House Journal, Traditional Building and Period Homes are a prized record for the building arts and an essential resource for historic preservationists using traditional methods and materials. A chemical engineer from Yale, Clem’s passion for historic preservation stems from his 1967 purchase of an 1883 brownstone that he restored to its original elegance. Clem has received numerous national awards for his work including the 1997 Harley J. McKee Award from the Association for Preservation Technology, the 2011 Arthur Ross Award from Classical America and the 2012 Newington-Cropsey Cultural Studies Center’s Award for Excellence in the Arts. In 2009 the Clem Labine Award was created to honor an individual for a consistent body of work that fosters humane values in the built environment. Recognized as a pioneer in historic preservation using Classicism, Clem today serves in Emeritus status on several historic preservation boards, writes for various publications and blogs on preservation websites.



Archbishop Gérard Pettipas C. Ss. R. for his significant ministerial accomplishments in the Roman Catholic faith. A Halifax, Nova Scotia native with East Chezzetcook roots, Father Pettipas was appointed Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan Archdiocese (Alberta, Canada) on 30 November 2006 by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Ordained a priest into the Congregation of Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) on 7 May 1977, Father Pettipas began his pastoral work as associate pastor of St. Theresa’s Catholic Church (St. John’s, Newfoundland). In 1980 Father Pettipas transferred to Toronto, Canada as the vocation director for the Redemptorists and was a vital member of the Redemptorist parish mission team there. Father Pettipas was rector and director of the Holy Redeemer College Retreat Centre (Windsor, Ontario) from 1990 – 1992 before serving in youth ministry from 1992 – 1995 in Ontario and Newfoundland. He was pastor of St. Patrick’s Parish (Toronto) from 1995-1999 and St. Joseph’s Parish (Grande Prairie, Alberta) from 1996 – 2006. Proud of his Acadian roots, Archbishop Pettipas has incorporated the yellow star of the Acadian flag, representing the Assumption of Mary, Patroness of the Acadian people, into his Coat of Arms. A man of deep faith with a sense of humor, Archbishop Pettipas has dedicated his life to serving his fellow man.

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Circle of Distinction members and their dates of induction are:

* 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*	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*	Genealogist/Author	25 Oct 2012
* Dr. Thomas Henry LaBean	Scientist	25 Oct 2012
* Mr. Gilbert Adélar Labine*	Mining/Prospector	25 Oct 2012
* Mr. Georges Henri Petitpas*	Personnel Management	25 Oct 2012
* Mr. Earl V. Guedry Jr.	Portrait Artist	23 Oct 2013
* Mr. Richard James Guidry*	Educator/Historian	23 Oct 2013
* Mr. Robert Charles Guidry*	Songwriter/Musician	23 Oct 2013
* Mr. Robinson Joseph Guidry*	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 Pettipas CSs.R.	Religious	16 Aug 2014

*Deceased



BON APPETIT

OLD FASHIONED GRILLED LOBSTER ROLL

from Alain Bosse of The Kilted Chef



Chef Alain Bosse demonstrates how to prepare his delicious Lobster Roll recipe on Louisiana Day at Expo Monde in Grand Falls, New Brunswick. You will find many wonderful recipes on the Kilted Chef website and can follow them on Facebook:

<http://kiltedchef.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thekiltedchef>



6 hot dog buns
3 oz. soft butter
1 lb. (500 g) lobster meat, chopped
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
1/4 cup diced celery
Pinch of salt
Pinch of pepper
3 oz. shredded iceberg lettuce

Butter hot dog buns on both sides. In a bowl, mix the lobster meat, mayonnaise, celery and salt & pepper to taste. Place 1/2 oz. of the iceberg lettuce on an opened grilled bun, then spoon the lobster mixture onto the center. Traditionally served with potato chips.

Top loading buns work the best for this recipe.



5 CUP SALAD *from Maudry Guidry Viator Abbeville, LA*



INGREDIENTS

1 cup mandarin oranges
1 cup crushed pineapple
1 cup small marshmallows
1 cup coconut (angel flake)
1 cup sour cream

Drain fruits and combine all ingredients together. Mix well and chill overnight covered. Stir and serve the next day. A holiday tradition.

DNA & GENEALOGY-A BRIEF PRIMER

by Martin Guidry

Using DNA as a genealogical tool is growing throughout the worldwide genealogy community. Surname groups and geographical groups using DNA testing are expanding. The Guédry family is considering some limited genealogical DNA testing to solve difficult problems in the family genealogy. In the near future we may begin a more widespread DNA project on the Guédry and Petitpas families to learn more about our respective genealogies and ancestral backgrounds. If you decide to have your DNA tested for genealogical purposes, consider having it done at FamilyTreeDNA so that we will have all of our family DNA results at one laboratory.

DNA and Genealogy

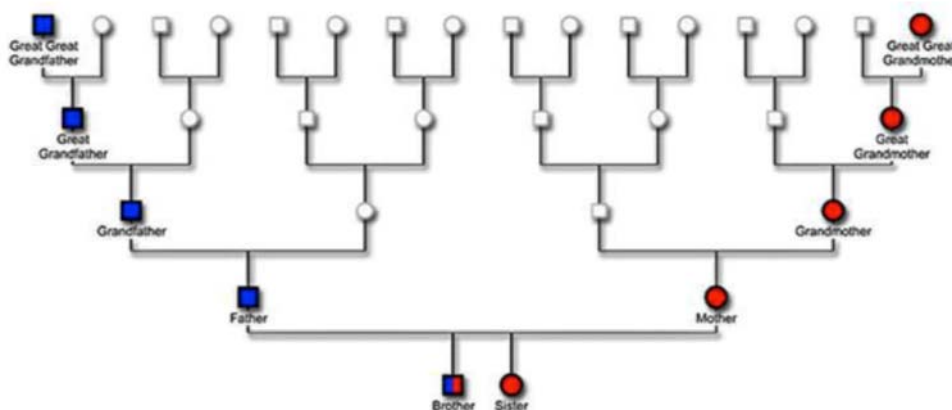
DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is the molecule in which all living organisms encode their genetic makeup for transfer to their offspring. Nucleic acids, proteins and carbohydrates are the three macromolecules essential for life. The basic structure of DNA is two molecular strands wound around each other to form a double helix. The two strands are connected to each other through a series of ladder-like steps composed of the nucleobases guanine (G), adenine (A), thymine (T) and cytosine (C) arranged in a strict order. These ladder-like steps are where the genetic information is encoded. (See Figure) And that is the chemistry lesson for today.

To use DNA as a genealogical tool, we do not need to know any of the chemistry. It is a very simple concept. DNA is a very complex molecule and the parts of DNA used for genealogical purposes are totally different than those used for medical and crime-solving purposes.

Having your DNA analyzed is a simple, multi-step process:

- * Determining which DNA tests you would like to order
- * Selecting a reputable laboratory to do the analyses and to maintain the results
- * Ordering a DNA sample kit
- * Collecting a sample of your DNA and returning it to the DNA analytical laboratory
- * Having your DNA sample analyzed at the lab for the tests you ordered
- * Receiving your results
- * Comparing your results to the analyses of other folks who have had their DNA analyzed for the same tests that you ordered.

DNA testing will not tell you who your ancestors are nor will it give you a genealogical chart. DNA must be used in conjunction with old-fashioned genealogical research. DNA testing can confirm your genealogical research or indicate that there may be errors in your research. DNA testing can assist you in overcoming “brick walls”. DNA testing can provide information on your ethnic ancestry. DNA testing can assist adoptees and also may indicate that one’s biological parent(s) are not the same folks as those that raised them. DNA testing may also connect you to “cousins” you have never met before.

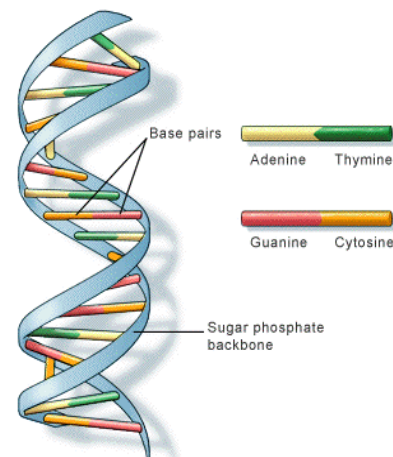


DNA & GENEALOGY A BRIEF PRIMER *by Martin Guidry*

DNA testing is a powerful tool for the genealogist. Today, through cutting-edge research, new types of DNA tests in the genealogical arena are being found. And, once you have had your DNA sample taken, the lab maintains the excess sample under ideal conditions so that you can have additional tests run on your DNA without having to resample.

KEY DNA TESTS

Selecting the DNA tests that you desire requires some thought as to what you want to achieve. Each set of tests costs significant dollars; therefore, you want to consider exactly what you are trying to achieve so you can conserve monetary resources and maximize results. Fortunately, most DNA analytical laboratories allow you to upgrade tests for a very modest fee and to add additional tests later.



U.S. National Library of Medicine

Some folks decide to do the complete suite of DNA tests initially while others with limited resources may do only one or two of the tests now and consider others later. Perhaps you are joining a genealogical research project for your surname and only need the Y-DNA test for the project. So you only order the Y-DNA test at this time. Or maybe you want to identify the ethnic ancestry of your maternal line and thus only order the mtDNA test. Whether you order the complete DNA suite of tests or a limited subset of tests, either approach is fine and nothing is lost. Upgrades and additional testing can be done later if needed.

There are three primary DNA tests:

- * Y-DNA (Y-chromosome DNA)
- * mtDNA (Mitochondrial DNA)
- * atDNA (Autosomal DNA)

Each test provides different information about our genealogical (family) tree.

Y-DNA

Y-DNA testing focuses on the Y-chromosome which only males have. Men inherit the Y-chromosome from their father, who got the same chromosome genetic material from their father, etc. along the direct paternal line. The Y-chromosome passes almost unchanged along the direct paternal line; therefore, it provides an “eye” into one’s paternal past for several hundred years. (See the blue squares of Chart) Although females cannot be directly tested for Y-DNA since they have only X-DNA, they can access their paternal Y-DNA information by having their paternal grandfather’s, father’s, paternal uncle’s or brother’s Y-DNA tested.

Y-DNA can provide information about one’s ethnic ancestry along his direct paternal line. Y-DNA generally follows a person’s surname unless an adoption occurred or one’s biological father is not the father that raised him (e.g., an “unexpected” pregnancy).

Analytical laboratories sell Y-DNA test kits by the number of markers that you want tested. Generally, the more markers tested, the greater the accuracy of the results (i.e., that two people with near identical results are related). Test kits for 12, 25, 37, 67 and 111 markers are sold. **It is recommended that at least 37 markers be tested.**

DNA & GENEALOGY A BRIEF PRIMER by Martin Guidry

mtDNA

mtDNA passes from the mother to all of her children – both male and female. Only females can pass mtDNA to their offspring. Males have their mother's mtDNA, but cannot pass it to their offspring. Like Y-DNA, mtDNA passes almost unchanged from one generation to the next over hundreds of years. It provides genealogical information on one's direct maternal line. (See the red circles in Chart) Both males and females can be tested for mtDNA.

mtDNA can provide information about one's ethnic ancestry along his/her direct maternal line.

mtDNA test kits are sold for either "HVR1 + HVR2" regions or for the Full Sequence (which covers the "HVR1 + HVR2" regions and more). **It is recommended that the Full Sequence mtDNA be used.**

atDNA

Autosomal DNA passes down from all of your ancestors. At the moment of conception, a child receives approximately 50% of his autosomal DNA from each of his parents. The specific atDNA each child receives is random so siblings do not receive the same atDNA mix.

Each succeeding generation from the past contributes less and less atDNA to the newly-conceived child. For example, a child's four grandparents contribute approximately 25% each of his atDNA. A child's eight great-grandparents contribute approximately 12.5% each of his atDNA and so on. The actual percentage contributed can vary with each ancestor. The amount of atDNA contributed by an ancestor from the fifth generation (and farther) back becomes so small as to be difficult to detect.

Autosomal DNA provides genealogical information about our uncles, aunts and cousins primarily. (See the white squares and circles in Chart) Unlike Y-DNA and mtDNA which provide information over hundreds of years, atDNA only provides information for a few generations back – generally fifth cousins and closer.

One caveat – for close-knit ethnic groups in which genealogical lines cross frequently (i.e., a person is related to another person along more than one genealogical line), the atDNA test can overstate the relationship. For example, the atDNA may indicate a 2nd – 4th cousin relationship whereas the actual relationship may be 3rd – 5th cousin. The Acadians meet the "close-knit" criteria since Acadian villages were often isolated and contained members of only a few closely-related families.

atDNA can provide information about the percentages of one's ethnic ancestry from different regions of the world.

Only one type of atDNA test kit is sold. Over 700,000 markers are analyzed in the test.

Other Tests

There are other DNA tests as the Big Y DNA Tests and Y-DNA SNP tests; however, these are less frequently used by genealogists at this time.

DNA Analytical Laboratories

There are several genealogical DNA analytical laboratories providing test kits and analyzing the samples; however, most offer very limited services.

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by Martin Guidry

The major DNA analytical laboratories offering genealogical tests are:

(1) **AncestryDNA** (from Ancestry.com)

AncestryDNA offers only the autosomal DNA test (called AncestryDNA) for \$99. AncestryDNA does maintain a database of results from its tests.

You can access the AncestryDNA website at <http://dna.ancestry.com> .

(2) **23andMe**

23andMe only offers the autosomal DNA test for \$99. 23andMe maintains a database of results from its tests.

You can access the 23andMe website at <https://www.23andme.com> .

(3) **FamilyTreeDNA**

FamilyTreeDNA offers the full suite of DNA tests including Y-DNA, mtDNA and atDNA.

Their Y-DNA tests are Y37 (37 markers) at \$169, Y67 (67 markers) at \$268 and Y111 (111 markers) at \$359. Their mtDNA tests are mtDNA+ (HVR1+HVR2) at \$69 and mtFullsequence (Full Sequence) at \$199. Their atDNA test is Family Finder (>700,000 markers) at \$99.

FamilyTreeDNA offers two ways to save money with their testing. You can join one or more surname or geographical projects listed on their website and receive a discounted price. Also, periodically FamilyTreeDNA has sales of its products. Surname and geographical projects can be joined initially or at any time after having your DNA testing done.

FamilyTreeDNA maintains the largest database available for results from each of their DNA tests. They provide excellent graphics and tables of your results as well as tutoring lessons, interpretation aids, blogs, forums and FAQs.

FamilyTreeDNA also has a service for transferring autosomal DNA results from other laboratories to their website which increases their database size and enhances opportunities for matches.

FamilyTreeDNA maintains the integrity of your original DNA sample and lets you upgrade to a more comprehensive test (e.g., from Y67 to Y111) at a discounted price. They also can provide additional tests without having to resample your DNA.

FamilyTreeDNA processes the public participation kits for the National Geographic Genographic Project. (See http://isogg.org/wiki/Genographic_Project .)

You can access the FamilyTreeDNA website at <https://www.familytreedna.com> .

I have used FamilyTreeDNA for Y-DNA, mtDNA and atDNA tests on myself and would recommend them as an excellent analytical firm for DNA testing.

DNA & GENEALOGY-A BRIEF PRIMER

by Martin Guidry

Should our Guédry and Petitpas families develop a Surname Project, it is likely that we would use FamilyTreeDNA as the host laboratory.

Sampling Your DNA

Once you determine what DNA tests you desire and what DNA analytical laboratory to use, you will order your DNA test kit from the laboratory. The kit is similar for all the laboratories mentioned above.

The FamilyTreeDNA test kit consists of two cotton ‘toothed’ swab kits. Once you open the sterile cotton swab from each kit, you scrape the inside of your cheek, place the swab in the tube containing a small amount of fluid that stops bacteria growth and return the two tubes with swabs to FamilyTreeDNA in the self-addressed mailer. The kit contains instructions for ensuring a “good” sample of your cheek cells and a Release Form.

The Release Form allows FamilyTreeDNA to share your name and email address with persons that match your genetic fingerprint exactly. Only persons with whom you match have access to your name and email address and you will have access to their information. This is needed so you can contact each other to determine exactly how you are related (remember the old-fashioned genealogy research).

Once taken, your DNA sample will remain “good” for many months and can be used for upgrades or new DNA tests. The same sample is used for essentially all the DNA tests.

You can view a 4-minute video on how to take your DNA sample at this website:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/dna-test-kit-instructions/> .

Your DNA Results

Once the laboratory receives your DNA sample, it will assign a unique test kit number to it. Only you and the laboratory will know this number. It is your key to viewing your DNA test results on your section of the laboratory website and exploring potential matches from the laboratory’s database for each DNA test you did. The laboratory also will mail your analytical results to you; however, the mailing will not indicate any potential matches in their database.

Using your test kit number, you can access your section of the laboratory website that contains your DNA information and potential matches for each DNA test done. For each match of your DNA results you can click on the person’s name and then email that individual with information from your genealogical tree and ask about their genealogy. FamilyTreeDNA lets you place your genealogical tree in your section of the website so that persons that match your DNA can view it and you can view their genealogical trees if they have input them.

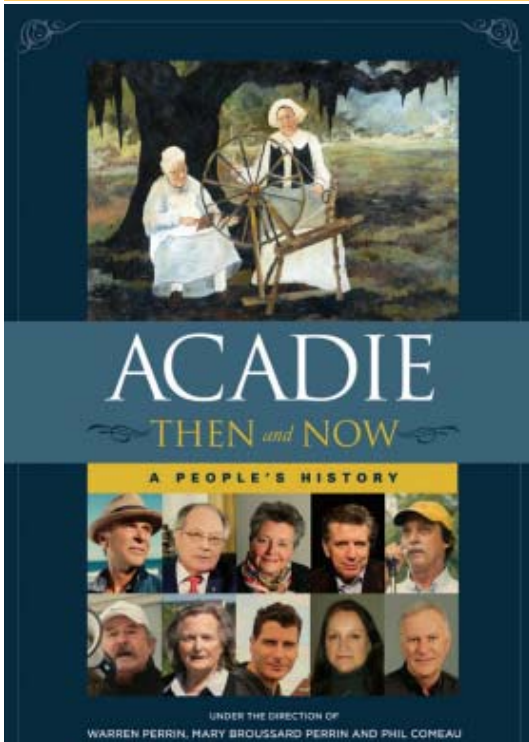
As additional people test their DNA, the laboratory will notify you of additional matches and post these on your section of the website. Periodically, you should visit your section of the website and see if any new matches are found.

As the laboratory offers new or expanded DNA tests, you may wish to have your DNA analyzed for these new DNA tests.

As more and more people have their DNA tested, the opportunities for using DNA in our genealogical research grows. From the test results alone we gain little information; however, when our DNA results match that of other individuals, we can learn a great deal about our genealogy and ancestral background.

BOOK NOOK

ACADIE THEN and NOW A PEOPLE'S HISTORY



Acadie Then and Now: A People's History is an international collection of articles from 50 authors, which chronicles the historical and contemporary realities of the Acadian and Cajun people worldwide. In 1605, French colonists settled Acadie (today Nova Scotia, Canada) and for the next 150 years developed a strong and unique Acadian culture. In 1755, the British conducted forced deportations of the Acadians rendering thousands homeless, and for the next 60 years these exiles migrated to seaports along the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, eventually settling in new lands. This tragic upheaval did not succeed in extinguishing the Acadians, but instead planted the seeds of many new Acadies, where today their fascinating culture still thrives.

This collection includes 65 articles on the Acadians and Cajuns living today in the American states of Louisiana, Texas and Maine, in the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Quebec, and in the French regions of Poitou, Belle-Ile-en-Mer, and St-Pierre et Miquelon. This book takes an international perspective and provides the readers with new insights on the past, present, and future of the Acadian descendants from all the Acadies of the world.

(Under the Direction of Warren Perrin, Mary Broussard Perrin, and Phil Comeau)

Several of the contributing authors were present for the book launch on Louisiana Day at Expo Monde in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada including Marty Guidry (4th from left), President of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astéur.



TWO HOMES BUILT BY EXILED ACADIANS IN CONNECTICUT

by Marty Guidry

Acadian history is replete with the suffering that the deported Acadians underwent within the English colonies of North America, England and western France. Too little food, not being able to practice their Catholic faith, children being removed from parents and lack of work are but a few of their hardships. Islands of hope did spring up occasionally where courageous men attempted to help the Acadians as Anthony Benezet in Philadelphia and Henry Callister in Oxford, Maryland.

A brief note in the diary of Joshua Hempstead on Wednesday, 21 January 1756 notes “a Ship arrived with 300 french Nuterals (sic) from Nova Scotia. Both Sexes &c.”¹



New London, CT-Waterfront

As the 277 ragged, starving Acadians, some suffering serious illness, slowly trudged from the 166-ton *Elizabeth* to the New London docks, the townsfolk surely kept their distance, wondering how they should approach these French-speaking Catholics and how they would care for them. They had left their Annapolis Royal lands a prosperous people and arrived in New London a desperate lot.

Soon other Acadians began arriving. The next day, 22 January, a sloop under Captain Worster delivered another 173 souls from the Minas Basin to the Connecticut shores. Then on 30 January Captain Samuel Forbes anchored his 87-ton sloop *Dove* in the harbor and offloaded an additional 114 Acadians from Annapolis Royal. Finally, on 22 May 1756 the 139-ton sloop *Edward* under the hand of Captain Ephram Cooke arrived at New London after encountering a bad storm that drove it into the harbor at Antigua. Almost 100 Acadians died of smallpox while kept onboard at Antigua. On arriving in Connecticut months after leaving their Annapolis Royal homes, the remaining 180 Acadians struggled from the *Edward* to the New London shores. Immediately their meager belongings were burned to prevent an outbreak of disease in the town. Approximately 744 Acadians survived the treacherous journey amid storms, starvation, cold and disease and arrived in New London, Connecticut.²

Connecticut distributed the Acadians among 50 towns and New London was allotted 12 of them.⁴ Desperate and poor the Acadians sought work to support their families. Capt. Nathaniel Shaw, a wealthy merchant and ship owner of New London, wanted to help them and hired approximately 35 Acadians to construct his new home. Most of these Acadian men must have journeyed from neighboring towns or perhaps, hearing of work, some Acadians destined for other towns were able to settle in New London at least temporarily.

Shaw Mansion

Begun in early 1756, Captain Shaw built a stone house using granite cut by 35 Acadians from the ledge at the back of his property.⁵ At the time Captain Shaw resided in a frame dwelling toward the rear of his property, which stretched to the Thames River in front. Commencing from a rock-hewn foundation, the Acadians began constructing a large Georgian-style granite home. After two years of hard work, the Acadians finished the home in 1758. As a testament to their outstanding workmanship, the home stands today in excellent condition.

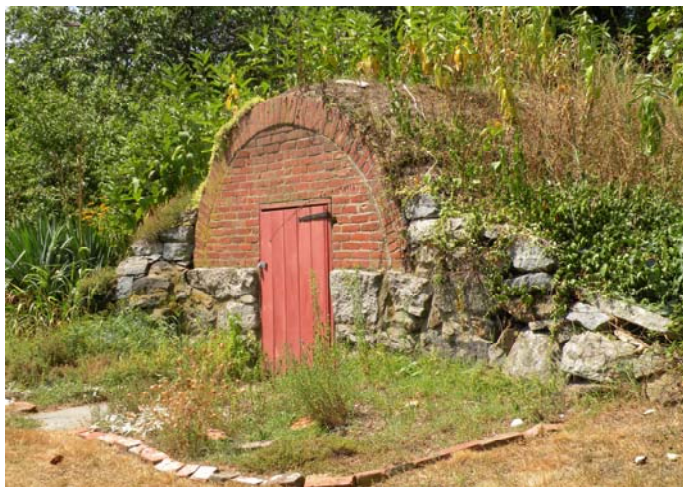
A flight of brown stone steps leads to the main entranceway. Supported by seven square posts and surrounded by an ornate iron fence, the spacious porch extends across the front of the main building. Inside the large front door, a central hallway greets the visitor. From this hallway four large rooms open. A beautiful quarter-turn stairway at the rear of the central hallway climbs to a large square hall on the second level.

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Here five bedrooms served the Shaws and their guests. The third floor of the main house contains six rooms and a square hall. A stairway from this level leads to the dark, low attic. All of the walls of the house are plastered. Seven fireplaces provide warmth from the cold Connecticut winters. Dr. Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, a later owner, added a stone annex to the right of the main house in 1845. About 1843 a root cellar was built in the rear yard.⁶



The three-story home has seen American history unfold within its walls. Nathaniel Hale briefly visited the Shaw Mansion about 1775. It was the headquarters of George Washington during the American Revolution when he stayed at the Shaw Mansion on the 9th and 10th of April in 1776. During the American Revolution Nathaniel Shaw Jr. was the Naval Agent for Connecticut and the Shaw Mansion served as the Naval War Office during this time.⁷ On the 6th of September 1781 Benedict Arnold led his British invaders into New London and proceeded to burn the town. As they approached the stone Shaw Mansion, they lit it on several sides, but soon realized it was difficult to set ablaze. The soldiers looted the interior of the house and were successful starting several small fires around the exterior. Fortunately, a neighbor approached the house as the soldiers departed and, using a pipe, he broke open a barrel of vinegar. He climbed to the roof and poured vinegar down the roof until the flames were out. Because of his quick-thinking and decisive action, only the kitchen suffered damage.^{8,9} Since 1907, the Shaw Mansion has served as the headquarters of the New London Historical Society. It stands today as a testament to the hard work and superb craftsmanship of the exiled Acadians.



The Shaw Mansion at 11 Blinman Street in New London is open to the public for tours.



TWO HOMES BUILT BY EXILED ACADIANS IN CONNECTICUT

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Nathaniel Hempstead House

Shortly after the Acadians in New London completed the Shaw Mansion, they were hired by Nathaniel Hempstead to construct a stone house less than a quarter mile distant from the Shaw Mansion. The Acadians cut granite from a ledge at the base of the house. The cut granite was laid in regular horizontal courses with a small amount of mortar to secure it – providing a wall twenty-four inches thick. This type of stonework with regular horizontal rows is characteristically French. English stonework is typically rubble-work. Thus, it appears likely that the Acadians brought this technique with them to New London rather than learning it locally.^{10,11} The Shaw Mansion and the Nathaniel Hempstead House are unique in New London with their stonework.

Nathaniel Hempstead had his home built in front of his grandfather Joshua Hempstead's 1678 wood frame house.

The one and one-half story, gambrel-roofed Nathaniel Hempstead House has four rooms on the ground floor with a chimney at each end of the house. The second floor has two large rooms. Two stone steps lead to the large, wooden front door. Completed in 1759, the house originally was on the waterfront before Bream Cove was filled in.¹⁰

Interestingly, the Nathaniel Hempstead House contains the first confirmed evidence of stone blasting in the northeastern United States. A partial cellar was created under the house by blasting the stone ledge. The stone from the blasted ledge was hammered into small paving blocks and used to build the house. A single surviving round, drilled blast hole one inch in diameter and eight inches in depth survives in the cellar.¹²

Owned today by Connecticut Landmarks, the Nathaniel Hempstead House at 11 Hempstead Street in New London is open to the public for tours.



Acadian House

Although not built by Acadians, the Acadian House in Guilford, Connecticut housed an Acadian family when they first arrived in Guilford in the Spring of 1756. Built in 1670, the classic two-story, saltbox Acadian House was home to the family of René Hébert and Marie Boudreau with their son Pierre, daughter-in-law Elisabeth Dupuis and at least five grandchildren. They were deported from Grand-Pré, Acadia.^{13,14}

The Acadian House at 37 Union Street in Guilford is a private home today and not open to the public.

**TWO HOMES BUILT BY
EXILED ACADIANS IN CONNECTICUT**
by Marty Guidry

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AND WHERE DID YOU SAY THEY LIVED

by Martin Guidry

Our Guédry and Petitpas surnames have seen many spelling variations over the years. Often, knowing the spelling of the name, we can identify where a family lives or where their name originated. Below are geographical areas where variations of our surnames originated and/or are found today.

Guedry

Terrebonne, Ascension & St. Landry Parishes, Louisiana; Hardin County, Texas

Gaidry

Terrebonne & Lafayette Parishes, Louisiana

Guidry

Throughout South Louisiana; Southeast Texas; Eastern New Brunswick

Grivois

Aroostook County, Maine

Grevious

Muskegon County, Michigan

Geddry (Gedry)

Clare, Nova Scotia

Jeddry (Jedry)

Clare, Nova Scotia

Guildry

Québec Province, Canada

Labine (LaBine)

Québec & Ontario Provinces, Canada; Ramsey County, Minnesota

LaBean

Bay, Roscommon & Wayne Counties, Michigan

Petitpas

Québec & Ontario Provinces, Canada; Madawaska County, New Brunswick

Pettipas

East Chezzetcook and Larry's River, Nova Scotia;

Ontario & New Brunswick Provinces, Canada

Pitts

Ontario Province, Canada

IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

Marty R. Guidry (President of Les Guedry et Petitpas d'Asteur) receives his Eagle Scout Badge

April 7, 1963 Lake Charles American-Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana



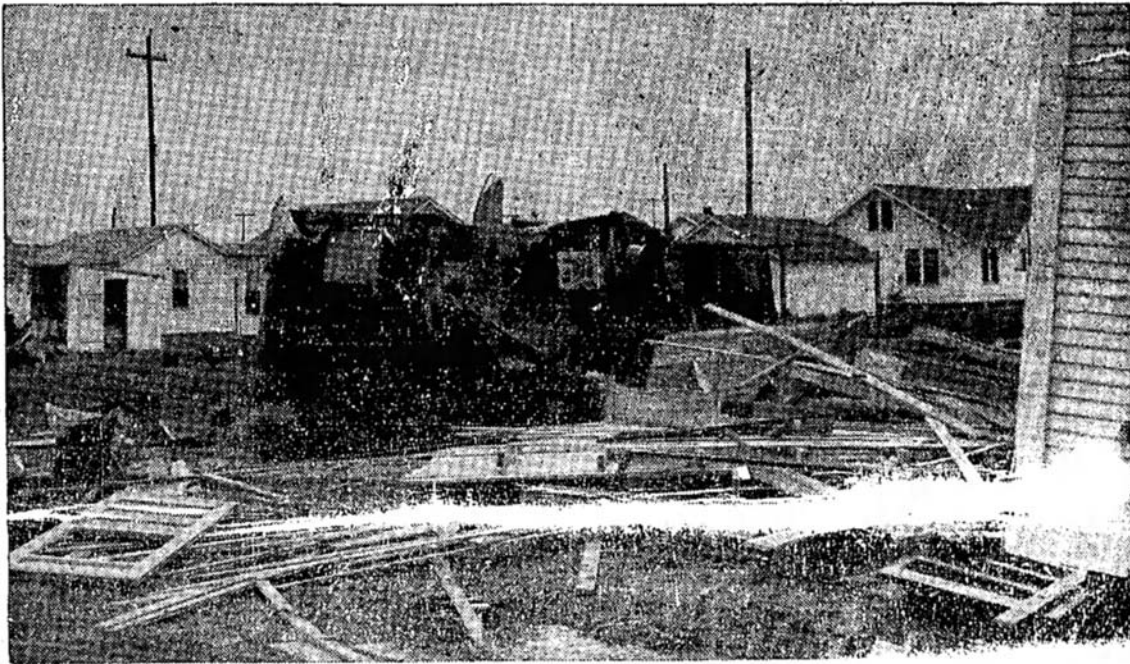
NEW EAGLE SCOUT—Marty R. Guidry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Summerall M. Guidry of 1508 Meadow drive, has his new Eagle Scout badge admired by his mother after a recent Lakeside Boy Scout district Court of Honor where he received the advancement in rank. Marty, 14, is a member of Post 132 and a student at Forrest K. White school.

IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

Vol. 33—No. 16.—Established in 1913.

Freeport, Texas, Thursday, November 11, 1943

Brazoria County's Leading Newspaper.



DEATH STRUCK HERE at 610 West Fifth, the home of Joe A. Guidry. Mrs. Guidry was found dead beneath the wreckage shown in the right foreground. Mr. Guidry and the couple's daughter, Goldie Ann, were severely injured. —Photo Courtesy Houston Post.

*Above: Mr. & Mrs. Joe A. Guidry, November 11, 1943, Freeport, TX, The Freeport Facts
Below left: Miss Virgie Lea Guidry, November 21, 1953, Times-Picayune, New Orleans LA*



FEATURED SPEAKERS at youth section sessions of the annual conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held in Houma Sunday include (from left) Miss Gleny Lee Castagnos, Houma, and Miss Virgie Lea Guidry, Bayou Dularge.

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*Above: Summerall Guidry, Mgr. of Sunset Developers, Inc.
August 19, 1961, Lake Charles American-Press, Lake Charles, LA
Below: Oliver D. Guidry, Justice of the Peace
Times-Picayune, New Orleans, LA, May 25, 1867*

☞ Oliver D. Guidry has resigned the position of Justice of the Peace for the Nineteenth Ward of the parish of St. Landry, to take effect from the 13th inst.

IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS



*Left: Rep. Richard Guidry of Larose, LA
Oct. 6, 1964, Boston Record American*

Lost.
By the undersigned Celestine Touchet, widow Theodule Guidry, Military Warrant No 80,559.
I, Celestine Touchet, hereby caution the public, not to trade, barter or negotiate Military Warrant No 80,559, said warrant being my property ; my intention being to apply, to the Hon. Commissioner of Patents at Washington, D. C., for a duplicate of the same.
CELESTINE TOUCHET.
Widow Theodule Guidry.
June 8, '78

DEVASTATION — Gov. John McKeithan of Louisiana, is accompanied by Rep. Richard Guidry, left, on tour through Larose, La., which suffered heavy damage from a tornado and Hurricane Hilda last weekend. Thirty-nine persons were killed and millions of dollars worth of crops, especially sugar cane, were destroyed, in Louisiana which bore the brunt of the storm.

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*Above: Celestine Touchet Guidry
June 15, 1878, The Meridional, Abbeville, LA*

*Below: Florence M. Guidry, May 13, 1933
Times Picayune, New Orleans, LA*

Guidry Family Reunion

SULPHUR (Spl.) — The Guidry family reunion was held recently at the Benoit Guidry home in Carlyss. A barbecue dinner was served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Guidry, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Guidry and Doug, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Guidry and Maurita, Mr. and Mrs. Gus LeBlanc, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guidry and Pam, Liz and Jan, all of Breaux Bridge.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melancon and Iric, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Guidry and David, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Guidry, Janice, Deborah and Terry, all of Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moreau, Jimmy, Wayne and Charlotte of Lake Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Rosseau Guidry and Johnny of Sulphur;

Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Humphries, Phyllis, Janice and Ira of Beaumont; Mr. and Mrs. Benson Guidry, Vince and Vick of Perkins; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Guidry of Carlyss.



Leading members of classes graduated by the Mercy hospital and Hotel Dieu schools of nursing Friday night are shown above. Top photo, left to right, Misses Marie D. Crull, president; Winona Robichaux, pediatrics medal winner, and Florence M. Guidry, valedictorian, of the Mercy hospital class. Lower picture shows, left to right, Mrs. Marie H. Miller, honor pin winner; Miss Thelma McBride, gynecology pin winner, and Miss Agnes Mosby, valedictorian of the Hotel Dieu class.

*Above: May 11, 1964
Lake Charles American Press*

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	Guiedry	Gedrie	Jedrey	LaBine
Guidry	Guildry	Gedry	Jedrie	LaBean
Gudiry	Guildrie	Gettry	Jedry	LaBeau
Guidery	Guitry	Gidrie		Labeau
Guidrey	Gaidry	Gidry	Lledre	
Guidrie	Gaidrie	Givois	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., 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.

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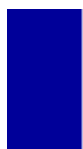
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The Guédry-Petitpas Family Newsletter '**GENERATIONS**' serves as a focal point for family members to share and learn about us.

"**GENERATIONS**" newsletter is now in its 12th 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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