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Welcome to the Fall 2019 edition of "Generations". You may note that this edition is numbered Issues 2-3. It is a combined edition of the Summer and Fall editions since preparing for the CMA 2019 and the Guédry et Petitpas Reunion on Prince Edward Island did not allow time for a separate Summer 2019 edition.

In this edition we note with much sadness the passing of Bernie Geddry of Peoria, AZ on 22 August 2019. Bernie gave a wonderful presentation at our Reunion on 17 August for which he received many accolades. Shortly after returning home to Peoria, he passed away suddenly while eating supper. Please read the Memoriam about Bernie in this issue of "Generations". He will be missed by many of us.

If you missed the Reunion or attended and want to relive a few moments, we have provided a brief summary of all that happened at Summerside, PEI during the Reunion. And there are lots of photographs. We had a great time, visited a lot of old friends, met many new ones, ate heartily, enjoyed some Cajun music and Acadian stories and listened to a great presentation on the origins of the Guédry name in the Middle Ages.

You always thought the Congrès Mondial Acadien was only having fun with our cousins? Think again and read this intriguing story about Marie Louise Petitpas Vetter.

At the Reunion on PEI we inducted six new members to the Les Guédry et Petitpas Circle of Distinction. Each of their stories is unique and interesting. All have contributed to the Guédry and Petitpas families in a positive way. I believe you'll enjoy each short biography and be proud of how many Guédry and Petitpas cousins we have that have been outstanding in their fields of endeavor and/or avocations.

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Grand Revéil Acadien 2020

The 3rd Grand Revéil Acadien will be held throughout South Louisiana on 3-11 October 2020. Centered around Lafayette, Louisiana, there will be events from the east to the west side of southern Louisiana. We are already planning a Reunion for the Guédry and Petitpas families. For this event we will be teaming up with the Hébert and Breaux families for a joint reunion somewhere near Lafayette. We have had smaller joint Guédry-Hébert-Breaux Reunions for the past four years with great success. Remember all Acadians are related and almost all of us have some direct ancestor who was an Hébert and/or Breaux. If not, you will still enjoy meeting all these wonderful Acadians. Once we secure a venue for the Reunion, we will announce the date, place and other pertinent information. In addition, we are considering having a separate Guédry et Petitpas get-together on another day. This is very tentative right now.

Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024

The 2024 edition of the Congrès Mondial Acadien will be 10-18 August 2024 in the southern region of Nova Scotia around the municipalities of Clare and Argyle. The Geddry/Jeddry stronghold of St. Alphonse and Meteghan is in the Clare municipality. We already have a team of folks being to plan our Guédry et Petitpas Reunion in August 2024. It likely will be in the area of Meteghan and St. Alphonse where we had our 2004 Reunion. As plans become firmed up a bit, we will be making announcements on date, place, etc.

Honoring Our Guédry and Petitpas Ancestors

One of my unfulfilled goals in leading Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astcur has been to recognize in a permanent way our ancestors that were instrumental in establishing our Guédry and Petitpas families that we are a part of today. My idea is to place a permanent marker (similar to the roadside plaques throughout the country) honoring specific ancestors. I would like to start by placing plaques in specific locations near the sites where we have held Reunions and where a Guédry or Petitpas ancestor had a major influence. Here are some suggested sites: (1) **Lunenburg, Nova Scotia** (where Claude Guédry and Marguerite Petitpas resided for many years and several brothers of Marguerite Petitpas lived nearby. There are a couple of plaques mentioning the Guédry family at Lunenburg, but nothing of a permanent nature.), (2) **St. Alphonse, Nova Scotia** (St. Alphonse/Chéticamp was founded by Augustin Guédry and Marie Jeanson. Through the hard work of Albert Geddry and the local Guédry organization in Clare, we placed a beautiful bronze plaque next to the cemetery at St. Alphonse in August 2007), (3) **Grand Isle, Maine** (Romain Guédry dit Grivois and his wife Marie Comeau settled near Grand Isle in the 1820s and were a major part of the community. We held our 2014 Reunion at Van Buren, ME – just 5 miles from Grand Isle. It would be nice to have a plaque honoring Romain and Marie either near the local cemetery or along Grivois Road.), (4) **Houma, Louisiana** (a number of Guidry families settled in Terrebonne Parish near Houma, LA after the deportations and still comprise a major part of the population of that area. We would dedicate the marker to the founding Guédry families of the area. We held our 1999 Reunion in Houma, LA.), (5) **Cut Off, Louisiana** (similar to Houma, LA in that many Guédry families settled the Bayou Lafourche area including Cut Off after the deportations and comprise a large part of the population in this area today. We held a Reunion in 2011 at Cut Off during the 1st Grand Revéil Acadien.). A couple of other locations that we may consider in the future are **Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia** and **Larry's River, Nova Scotia** – both strongholds of the Petitpas family.

So what do we need to get the ball rolling – someone to chair a small group to select one location and begin the process of getting a plaque erected. I have some familiarity with the process in that I was one of the persons instrumental in having a plaque erected to the Acadians at Princess Anne, Maryland in 2013 and also worked with Albert Geddry on the plaque at St. Alphonse in 2007. We will need to raise some funds for the plaque and installation and get some approvals to install, but these are not difficult issues.

Folks periodically approach me and want to volunteer to help with our family association. Here is a great way to help that honors our ancestors. I am hoping that several folks will volunteer to chair and be on the Ancestral Plaque Group. Just email me at guidryrmartin@gmail.com to let me know your interest.

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DNA

We have discussed DNA in some detail in “Generations” earlier so I will not go into detail. There are three types of genealogical DNA: (1) Autosomal DNA (at-DNA) that is passed down by a mother and a father to their children; a child receives roughly 50% of at-DNA from each parent. Autosomal DNA is excellent for tracking cousins and direct relatives in your genealogical tree, but it is only useful for about five generations back; (2) Y-DNA that is passed down from father to son almost unchanged for generations. Women do not have Y-DNA, but their father, brothers, paternal uncles, and paternal male cousins have the same Y-DNA that they would have received. Y-DNA follows the ancestral direct male line for at least 12 generations almost unchanged and (3) Mitochondrial DNA (mt-DNA) that is passed down from a mother to her male and female children; however, males cannot pass mt-DNA to their offspring. Mitochondrial DNA remains unchanged for thousands of years and follows the ancestral direct female line.

Evolving research on Y-DNA is beginning to identify unique branches of the ancestral tree that can point to individual children of the original ancestor. These branches are minor mutations that have occurred in individual lines. Remember almost all mutations are harmless, but they can offer information that may separate closely related lines. Currently we have several members of the Guédry family that have had their Y-DNA tested, but we need more to be able to use this new research. There is only one commercial research firm that currently does Y-DNA – FamilyTreeDNA.com. I have used them over the last 15 years for many of my relatives and find that they are quite reputable. One can test their Y-DNA at several levels: Y-37, Y-67, Y-111 and Big Y-700. The number refers to the number of “markers” tested. The larger the number, the more information gained.

I would encourage all of our direct descendant male Guédry family members (Guedry, Gaidry, Guidry, Geddry, Gedry, Jeddry, Jedry, Gidry, Labine, LaBine, LaBean and other variations) to test your Y-DNA at the Y-111 or Big Y-700 level. And, women, get one of your paternal male Guédry relatives to test their Y-DNA.

Around Thanksgiving and Christmas FamilyTreeDNA offers steep discounts on all of their tests. Just check their website for the deals. Also, join the Guidry Project Group at FamilyTreeDNA and get a discount.

DUES

Now the part that I dislike the most. This is our last newsletter of 2019, which means 2020 is just around the corner. It is time to renew your membership in Les Guédry et Petitpas d’Asteur. Our dues are really inexpensive at \$6 per individual and \$10 per family. We use our funds for our Reunions, websites, book donations and other projects. We hope that you will consider either joining our association or renewing your membership. Attached to this newsletter is a Membership Form.

**LES GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS D'ASTEUR
CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION
2019 INDUCTEES**

In 2011 The Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astaur, Inc. 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'Astaur 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'Astaur 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 1 July 2019 the Board of Directors of Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Astaur appointed to the Circle of Distinction:

Nathalie Geddry - From Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia Nathalie Geddry has had a distinguished career in the entertainment and broadcasting industries. She began singing semi-professionally in 2003 and in July of that year her fellow Nova Scotians selected her as the best contemporary Acadian singer in the province. Shortly afterwards, she was a finalist in a strong competition of Acadian musicians from throughout the Maritime provinces. Her inaugural CD "Liberté" received many accolades. Fluent in both Acadian French and English, Nathalie joined Radio-Canada in 2007. As her broadcasting career progressed, she has held many exciting positions at Radio-Canada including host and producer of the program "Ça se passe ici" and cultural reporter for "Le Réveil" among others. Reporting for Radio-Canada, Nathalie frequently brings to her listeners interesting and informative broadcasts about Acadian history and culture.



Nathalie Geddry



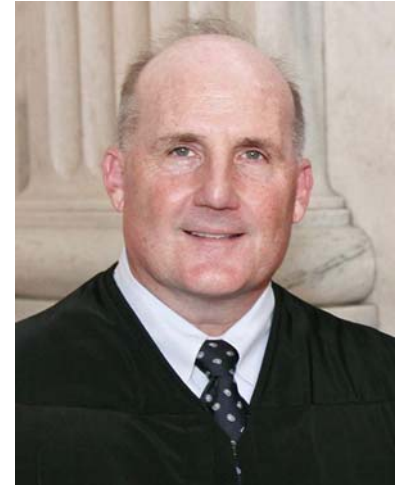
Christine Guidry Law

Christine Guidry Law - The daughter of John Lloyd Guidry Jr. and Shirlene Lejeune, Christine Guidry Law proudly promotes both her Acadian and her Mi'kmaq heritage. Counting many well-known Cajun accordionists in her Lejeune ancestry, Christine mastered the diatonic accordion as a youth and uses it to teach others about her Acadian culture and heritage. Renewing a Cajun tradition, Christine formed the Cajun family band "Chère Mom" with her son Taylor, daughter LeeAnn and husband Wallace. Using "Chère Mom" to teach others about Acadian history and culture, Christine and her family play at a variety of venues including festivals, concerts, reunions and school events – always mentioning the Acadians, their survival as a people and their culture. A member of the Acadian-Mi'kmaq Nation, Christine organizes Annual Gatherings of her Nation in south Louisiana and participates with her daughter LeeAnn in Acadian-Mi'kmaq events in Nova

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Scotia. The Acadian-Mi'kmaq Nation bestowed on Christine the position of Aboriginal Spiritual Leader of the Acadian-Mi'kmaq of Louisiana. She frequently makes presentations to organizations throughout south Louisiana on the Acadians and the Acadian-Mi'kmaq people.

Greg Gerard Guidry - Born in 1960 in Jefferson, LA, Greg Guidry earned in 1985 his Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. In 2010 he received a Master of Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada. During his legal career Greg Guidry has worked in commercial litigation law and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana where he focused on public corruption and commercial fraud. Greg Guidry served from 2000-2006 as a district court judge for the 24th Judicial District for Jefferson Parish and from 2006-2008 as circuit court judge with the Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal. In November 2018 Judge Guidry was elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court as an Associate Justice. He began his term in January 2009 and continued to serve the people of Louisiana as an Associate Justice until 2019. During his legal career Judge Guidry has assisted the U. S. Virgin Islands, the Republic of South Africa and Malawi as an instructor and advisor in legal affairs. In 2019 the President nominated and the U. S. Senate confirmed Justice Greg Guidry to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Throughout his college and legal career Judge Guidry has received many honors and awards and has served on numerous civic and professional organizations. For relaxation Judge Guidry rides and shows Western performance horses which he has on his St. Tammany Parish, LA farm.



Judge Greg G. Guidry



Eleanor Labine

Eleanor Labine - The daughter Roland A. Labine, Jr. and Claire Wood, Eleanor Labine is an American screenwriter. A graduate of Yale University, Eleanor joined her mother in the 1980s in writing a number of highly-rated television screenplays. She was the co-head writer for "Ryan's Hope" in the late 1980s and has written for "One Life to Live", "General Hospital", "Port Charles", "Another World", and "Guiding Light". In 1995 she garnered a Daytime Emmy Award in Best Writing for "General Hospital" and in 2005 she won the Writers Guild of America Award for her writing of "Guiding Light". Additionally, Eleanor was nominated in 2002 and 2003 for the Writers Guild of America Award and in 2003 and 2005 for the Daytime Emmy Award in Best Writing for her screenplays of "Guiding Light" in those respective years. Expanding the scope of her work, in 2016 Eleanor wrote the play "Black Powder", a true story of an 1750s free African American family during the French and Indian War. "Black Powder" was selected as a finalist for the 2016 GI Film Festival in Washington, D.C. – a film festival dedicated to promoting positive portrayals of United States veterans. Honoring her Acadian heritage, Eleanor presents a dramatized multimedia program in period costume of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem "Evangeline" to audiences throughout the northeastern United States.

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Guy Labine – The son of Robert Labine and Hortense Joliat, Guy Labine gained a strong work ethic and sense of direction from his parents. After graduating in 1984 from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, Guy began working as a supervisor at the Employment and Immigration Student Employment Centre. Here began his inspiration for public service. Soon, he moved to Statistics Canada where he worked on the 1986 census of the Algoma Region. In 1988 at age 27 Guy Labine became one of the youngest persons elected as Municipal Councillor of the Town of Rayside-Balfour. He served until 1993 when he formed the town's first economic development office. Continuing his public service, in 1997 Guy became manager of the Sudbury Regional Development Corporation. In 2001 Guy joined Science North as Director of Business Development. Science North, located on Lake Ramsey in Sudbury, is an outstanding science education centre offering interactive venues from lakes, rivers and forests to



Guy Labine

space and astronomy, technology and engineering, the human body and DNA as well as computers and communications. Because of his experience and demonstrated leadership, Guy has risen in the ranks at Science North and in 2011 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer. Under his visionary leadership Science North provides an outstanding program of inspirational, educational and entertaining science experiences for the student and the public. It is northern Ontario's most popular tourist attraction and the second-largest of the more than forty science centres in Canada. In 2017 the Association of Science and Technology Centers, a 670-member worldwide body, elected Guy Labine as Chair of the ASTC Board of Directors.



Randy Pettipas

Randy Pettipas - Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Randy Pettipas is President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Public Affairs – Canada's largest privately-held public affairs firm. Since joining Global in 1997, Randy has provided strong strategic policy advice and delivered positive results to his clients in the energy, natural resources, telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure and not-for-profit sectors. He has driven growth in Global to include offices in six major cities. Randy serves as a trusted advisor to the leaders of many of Canada's largest corporations. Prior to joining Global Public Affairs, Randy Pettipas held a number of key positions in Canada's federal government including being a senior advisor to Prime Minister Jean Chretien and being Chief of Staff to Ministers in the departments of Transport Canada and Canada Revenue Agency. He is quite active in community affairs being past-Chair of the Board of Hospice Calgary and currently is a member of the Boards of the Calgary Zoo and the Arts Commons. Additionally, he sits on the Advisory Board of the Canada Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

LES GUÉDRY ET PETITPAS 8TH REUNION - RECAP
SLEMON PARK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
17 AUGUST 2019

On a beautiful Saturday, 17 August 2019, ninety Guédry and Petitpas cousins and friends gathered together at the Slemon Hotel and Conference Center in Summerside, Prince Edward Island for our 8th Guédry et Petitpas Reunion. The accommodations in the Lancaster Room were superb with excellent seating and lots of space for registration, sales booths, exhibits and milling about.

As everyone arrived, they began finding old friends and meeting new ones. Small groups of folks conversing began to fill the room.

With 9:00 am approaching Marty Guidry made a few welcoming remarks and Rev. Mr. Ronald Guidry, deacon of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, Louisiana, formally opened the Reunion with a moment of prayer. Ms. Nathalie Geddry of Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia then led everyone in the *Ave Maris Stella* – the Acadian National Anthem.

Marty Guidry provided an historical context to our meeting location on the grounds of the now-closed Canadian Forces Base Summerside – largely an air force training facility and air rescue center. He also discussed the history of the Guédry family on Île St-Jean (Prince Edward Island) in the 1750s. Today no Guédry's reside on Prince Edward Island although there are a few Petitpas families living on the Island. We then took an extended break so folks could visit with each other and rehash old times, discuss families and enjoy seeing each other again.

After the break everyone was toe-tapping to the sounds of Chère Mom – a Cajun family band (Christine Guidry Law, Wallace Law, Taylor Law, Lee-Ann Law and Emily Simon) from Zachary, Louisiana. We even had a few couples waltzing and two-stepping to the music. Christine and band played many well-known Cajun classics and a couple of original songs that she wrote.



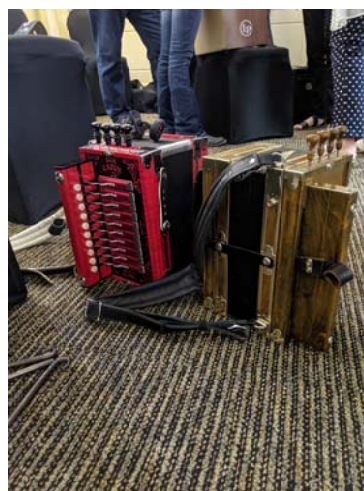
Rev. Mr. Ronald Guidry



Ms. Nathalie Geddry



Chère Mom



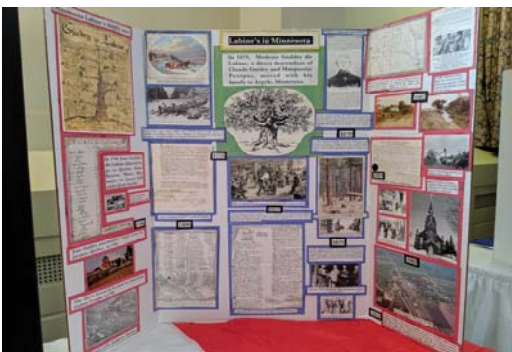
Marty Guidry

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Saturday, August 17, 2019

The aroma of lunch filled the air as the waiters began preparing the buffet tables so we all took another break to meet some of our new cousins and get to know them. After the tables were set, everyone enjoyed a great buffet of homemade soup, special salads, turkey, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, lasagna, apple pie as well as tea, coffee and water. After eating their fill, folks then relaxed and enjoyed sitting around their tables chatting with each other or visiting the many displays and sales tables.

As the afternoon rolled around, we regrouped and Noel Labine of Minnesota entertained us with several interesting and humorous Acadian tales from his youth. Noel grew up in the small Acadian/French Canadian village of Argyle in the far northwest corner of Minnesota. His superb presentation style and humorous anecdotes kept everyone on edge.



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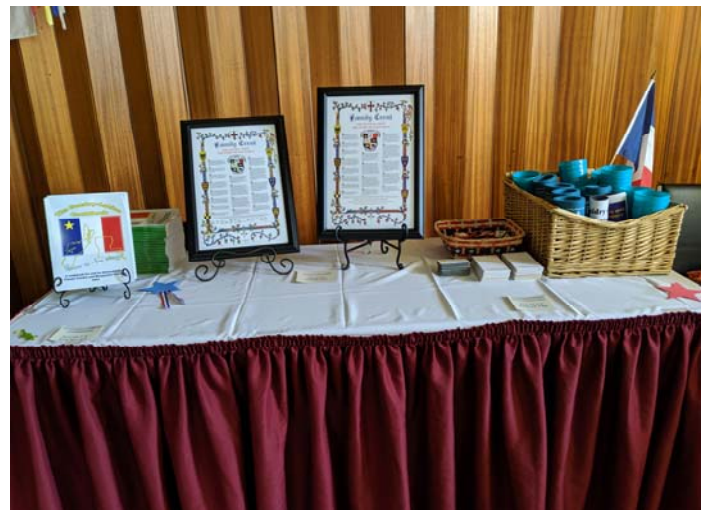
As we traditionally do during our Reunions, we inducted six new members into the Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur Circle of Distinction. To be inducted into the Circle of Distinction one must be a direct descendant of either Claude Guédry and Marguerite Petitpas or Claude Petitpas and Catherine Bugaret; must have any variation of the Guédry or Petitpas surname; must through their work, avocation or life have brought distinction to the Guédry or Petitpas name and may be living or deceased. At the Reunion we inducted Nathalie Geddry (Acadian vocalist & Radio-Canada cultural reporter), Christine Guidry Law (musician & promoter of the Acadian and Acadian-Mi'kmaq cultures), Greg Gerard Guidry (former Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and currently Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana), Eleanor Labine (award-winning screenwriter and playwright), Guy Labine (global recognition as CEO of Science-North & his government service) and Randy Pettipas (international recognition as CEO of Public Affairs and his government service). One can view the award certificates for these and all earlier inductees of the Circle of Distinction at our Guédry-Petitpas Family website: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~guedrylabinefamily/genealogy/circle-of-distinction.html>

After another extended socializing break, we had planned to hear from Art Guidry and his presentation "My Journey in the Guidry Family"; however, two days before the Reunion Art had to enter the hospital due to a sudden illness. Dedicated as Art is, he initially wanted to Skype his presentation to the Reunion; however, the hospital facilities were not adequate. Art will present his presentation at the next Reunion. Art has recovered well from his illness.

Fortunately Adam Pousson happened to have his accordion available so he was called up for special duty and superbly played several Cajun songs to the delight of everyone present. Noel Labine then did double-duty entertaining us with another of his Acadian stories. Nathalie Geddry then graciously sang a beautiful song that had everyone's attention and ear. It is wonderful to have so many talented and willing folks in our family that can fill in when an "emergency" occurs. Thanks to each of you for pitching in at the last moment.



Adam Pousson

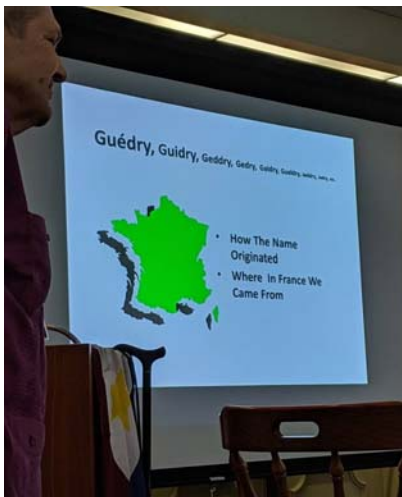


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After a final break to socialize and make dinner plans with each other, Bernard “Bernie” Geddry of Peoria, AZ gave an outstanding presentation on his “Search for the Origins of the Guédry Family”. This presentation resulted from Bernie’s research over many years on how our Guédry name evolved and where our family began. This research not only included primary source and internet research, but also a trip to the Franche-Comté region of France and the town of Arpenans where he met the chief archivist for several days. His presentation was well-received evoking many questions and comments. It has opened up new avenues of research for us.

With the conclusion of Bernie’s presentation we brought out the snacks, everyone grabbed a beverage and we all relaxed and enjoyed each other’s company for an hour or so.



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Thanks to all who attended the Reunion and made it the success it was. Special thanks to Allie Guidry, who worked the registration desk and kept everything running smoothly throughout the day; to Jeff and Rachel Killingsworth for manning the sales tables and providing superb IT support; to Chuck Guidry for his help in setup and takedown and to all of the folks mentioned above that provided the entertainment and presentations. Without y'all, none of this would have happened.



Allie Guidry



Jeff & Rachel Killingsworth



Daniel "Chuck" Guidry
& wife Stephanie



Marty Guidry



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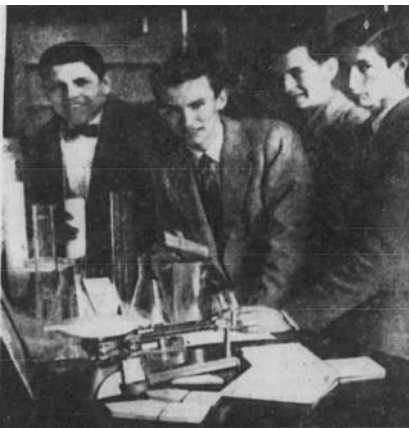
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IN MEMORIAM
BERNARD L. "BERNIE" GEDDRY
4 NOV 1935 – 22 AUG 2019

On August 22, 2019 the Guédry and Petitpas families lost a strong supporter, a wonderful researcher, an excellent genealogist, a superb author and a great friend when Bernard L. "Bernie" Geddry of Peoria, Arizona passed away at age 83. Although a proud man of his many accomplishments, Bernie was not one to expound on all he had done – except about his family of which he was exceedingly proud. A graduate of Boston College with a PhD in Physics, Bernie quickly tired of physics after briefly working in the field and switched to the more exciting field of electronics. Here he worked for Sanders Associates/Lockheed Martin throughout his career on my projects vital to the interests of the United States. He became an expert in the emerging field of radar and became a national leader in research in this field. With his outstanding knowledge and unique capabilities recognized by corporate management, Bernie rose through the levels to Chief Engineer before his 1994 retirement. During his distinguished career he garnered many honors and awards including the coveted "Excellence in Technical Achievement Award".

Interestingly, even as a young child, Bernie had a strong interest in astronomy. As a young teenager, he built his own telescope and the heavens became his passion. Today, if you visit Bernie's home in Peoria, you'll notice his observatory in the backyard – one of America's few homes so adorned.



The Boston Globe
Boston, Massachusetts
29 Mar 1952



The Boston Globe
Boston, Massachusetts
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Bernie's backyard
observatory in Peoria

Unknown to most, Bernie was the oldest person in the world to receive a kidney transplant – which he received at age 80. It was still functioning fine at his death.

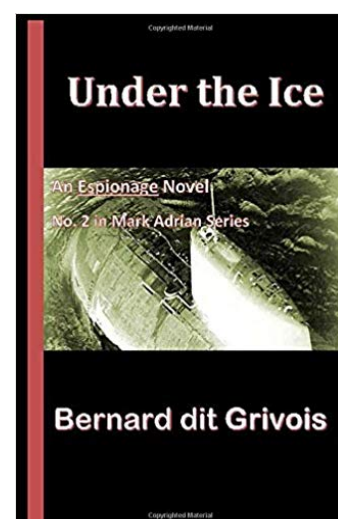
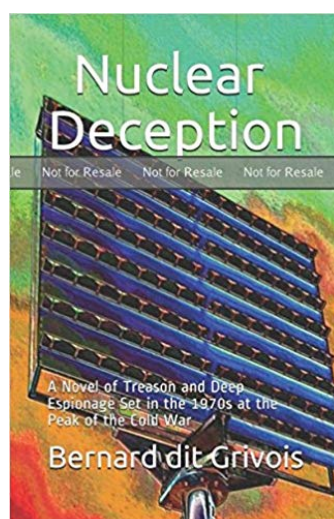
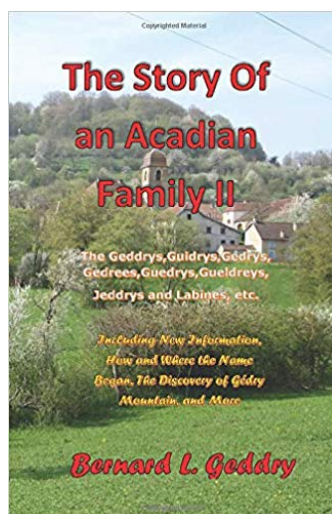
In the Spring of 2013 Bernie and his lovely wife Barbara went on a research trip to the Franche-Comté region of France on the east central border with Switzerland. In the town of Arpenans he conducted extensive research with the region's chief archivist on the origin of the Guédry name (which still exists in the area). Bernie also visited Mont Gedry near Arpenans. His research revealed many exciting clues to the origin of the Guédry name dating back to the Middle Ages. On August 17, 2019 Bernie presented the results of his research to over 90 attendees at the Les Guédry et Petitpas Reunion in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. His discussion and findings offer new avenues of research on our family. His presentation was extremely well-received and received lots of comments and questions.

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Shortly after the Reunion, Bernie and Barbara returned to their home in Peoria, AZ. The next night they went to a local restaurant for supper and there Bernie collapsed and passed away immediately. Although we are all saddened at his death, Bernie died amidst some of the happiest days of his life. He had long-awaited presenting his research to the Guédry and Petitpas families for which he received many accolades; he had visited with his many friends from throughout North America at the Reunion; he again set foot on the homeland of his ancestors and he was seated next to his beloved wife and best friend of 33 years. I know he died with a smile on his face – a smile that one always saw on his face as Bernie was one of the most positive persons that I have ever met. Even in the depths of his dialysis and the early days after receiving his new kidney, Bernie always had a wonderful smile and great enthusiasm in his voice when we talked. He was always looking to the future.

Bernie had many passions during his life – one of which was writing. In the past two years he authored three books – a genealogical volume and two novels based on real events of his life. ***All three are available on Amazon.com and are highly recommended.*** The two novels, which are spy mysteries, will grip you from the opening paragraph and will be difficult to put down. They are both based on real events in which Bernie played a significant role. The books are:

- 1) **The Story of An Acadian Family – The Geddrys, Guidrys, Gedrys, Gedrees, Guedrys, Gueldreys, Jeddrys and Labines, etc.** (Published in 2019; An updated and revised version of his earlier work of 2004). It comes in two versions – one with color photos (slightly higher price) and one with black and white photos (reduced price). Fortunately, Bernie's presentation from the Reunion is included in this revised work – a true gift that he left all of us.
- 2) **Nuclear Deception** by Bernard dit Grivois (Bernie's pen name) (Published in 2018) This book concerns a sophisticated radar system developed by the United States during the Cold War and the near pre-emptive nuclear strike by the Soviet Union to destroy the U. S. before the radar system could be deployed.
- 3) **Under the Ice** by Bernard dit Grivois (Published in 2019) This book concerns a unique submarine detection system developed by the U. S. against Soviet submarines and the KGB's attempt to sabotage the system.



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BERNARD L. "BERNIE" GEDDRY
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GEDDRY, Bernard L. Bernie Geddry, 83, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 22, 2019 in Peoria, AZ. Born Nov. 4th, 1935, he grew up in Dorchester, MA. He is survived by his six children from his first marriage: Susan Chick, Merrimack, NH, Bernard Geddry, Franklin, MA, Nancy Richardi, Foxboro, MA, Julie Tassinari and Michelle Geddry Champoux, Bellingham, MA, and John Geddry, Dennis, MA. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Geddry, and his brother, Paul. He is also survived by his loving wife of 33+ years, Barbara Geddry, and her children: Robin Snider, Glendale, AZ, Marc Snider, Merrimack, NH, and Eric Snider, Peoria, AZ. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and many friends. Bernie attended BC High and was a graduate of Boston College. He worked for Sander's Associates/Lockheed Martin for much of his career and rose to the level of Chief Engineer before his retirement in 1994. He won multiple awards including the prestigious "Excellence In Technical Achievement Award." Since then, he has spent his time writing books, mastering the stock market, stargazing, and researching his family history. He recently gave a presentation at the Guedry-Petipas family reunion on Prince Edward Island regarding new discoveries about the family name. No formal services. Please send donations to MGH, Kidney Transplant Center, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114, (Attention Lynn Wilcott) where he received a kidney transplant several years ago, allowing him to spend his final years doing the things he enjoyed with family and friends.

**BORN A PETITPAS, RAISED A VETTER...
AGAIN A PETITPAS**

Marie Lillian Petitpas was born on 10 March 1922 at Richibouctou Village, New Brunswick to Dominique Petitpas and Précille Baleineau. Shortly after her birth, her parents gave her up for adoption to the Vetter family. She eventually moved with her new family to Fitchburg, Massachusetts where the Veters raised her. Reaching adulthood, Lillian married, but had no children and at age seventy was widowed.

Alone in the United States, Lillian wondered about her origin. Fortunately, she had a copy of her baptismal certificate. Urged by others in her quest to find her Petitpas family, Lillian attended the Congrès Mondial Aca-dien in 1994 at Moncton and struck gold. After much searching during the Congrès, she found her sister. Then she learned she had another sister and a brother and a slew of nieces, nephews and cousins. What a grand reunion it became for Lillian and her Petitpas family.

Immediately, she returned to Fitchburg, sold her home and moved permanently to New Brunswick to reunite with her biological family. At age 97 she now lives in a seniors home in Moncton with her sister just down the hall.

Read her fascinating account below.



New Brunswick

At 72, woman started second life — as a New Brunswick Acadian



Given up for adoption in the 1920s, Lillian Vetter travelled to New Brunswick at 70, in search of clues

[Gabrielle Fahmy](#) · CBC News · Posted: Aug 12, 2019 5:39 PM AT | Last Updated: August 12



Lillian Vetter moved back to New Brunswick after seven decades south of the border, to be with her biological family. (Rene Godin/Radio-Canada)

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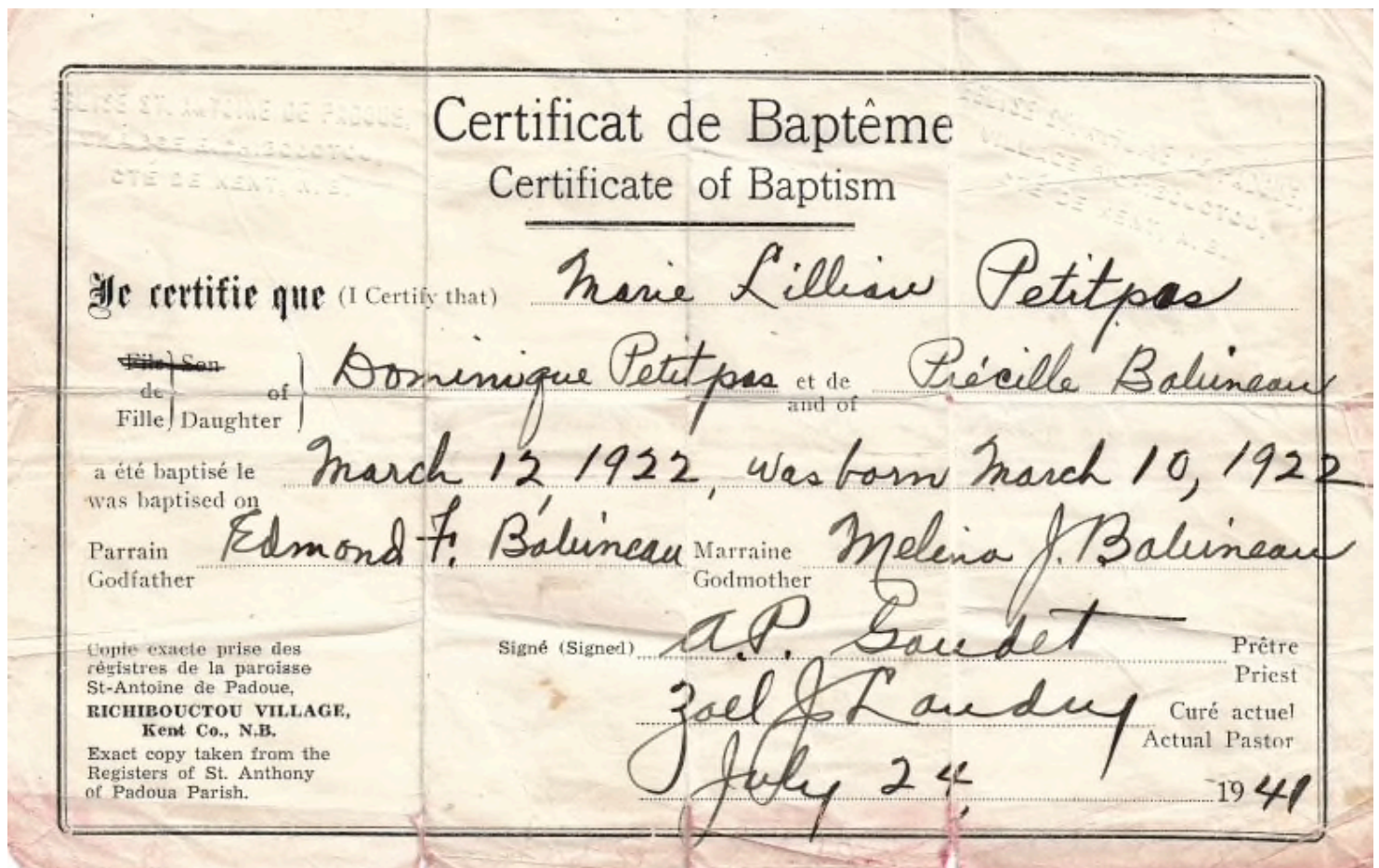
Lillian Vetter's life can be split into two chapters: the first 72 years of her life, and the past 25 years.

Vetter was born in New Brunswick in 1922 and given up by her biological parents as a child. She was raised in Fitchburg, Mass., by her adoptive family.

She married but never had children. Widowed at 70 and without any family south of the border, she set out to find out more about her Acadian origins.

On a trip to Louisiana with a friend, she met many francophones and asked around about her birth name — Petitpas.

Someone told her she should go to New Brunswick. The year was 1994. It was the first World Acadian Congress.



Certificat de Baptême
Certificate of Baptism

Je certifie que (I Certify that) Marie Lillian Petitpas

~~Fille~~ de Dominique Petitpas et de Priscille Bolineau
~~Fille~~ Daughter and of

a été baptisé le March 12 1922, was born March 10, 1922
was baptised on

Parrain Edmond F. Bolineau Marraine Melina J. Bolineau
Godfather Godmother

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régistres de la paroisse
St-Antoine de Padoue,
RICHIBOUCTOU VILLAGE,
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Registers of St. Anthony
of Padoua Parish.

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Priest
Joel Landry Curé actuel
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The only clues Vetter had about her New Brunswick family were on her birth certificate. (Submitted)

"I said 'huh?' Vetter recalled, laughing.

Vetter had never heard of the event.

This was before the age of the internet. She called the Better Business Bureau in Fredericton, and next thing she knew, she was on a train to New Brunswick, armed with her birth certificate.

Vetter visited cemeteries, churches and nursing homes in search of clues.

She went to Barachois, Shediac and Richibucto Village. People told her many anecdotes but nothing concrete.

Then one day, a woman left a note at her hotel.

Lillian Vetter met her biological siblings in 1994 for the first time at the age of 71. It was an emotional reunion. 1:22

"I was overwhelmed," Vetter remembered.

The note was from her sister.

Unbeknownst to her, she had two sisters and a brother.

They all met for the first time the next day.

Suddenly, a large family

"It was hard for me to believe," said Vetter. "In some ways sometimes I think maybe I'm still in a dream."

She went back to the U.S., sold her house, packed her bags, and at 72 years of age, moved back to the country where she was born.

Overnight, she had what was a very large family.



Vetter's brothers and sisters, from left to right: Marie, Henri, Evelyne and Lillian. (Submitted)

Not only siblings, but nephews and nieces, one of them, Canada's minister of health, Ginette Petitpas Taylor.

"What it's done to my life," she said. "It's made it whole again. It's fulfilled more expectations than I would have ever had if I had stayed in the States."

Since 1994, the World Acadian Congress has been held every five years.

Part of the mission is to reunite families.

Best years of her life

For Vetter, that reunion has been a daily thing. Now 97, she lives in a seniors home in Moncton, just down the hall from her sister.

She's grateful for getting back her "famille."

"The last 25 years have been the happiest of my life," she said.

"And I think they deserve a big 'merci beaucoup.'"

With files from Janique LeBlanc

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BON APPETIT

1 medium-sized turnip
5 potatoes
1 tbsp (15 ml) salted herbs
2 onions, chopped
1/4 lb (125 g) salt pork (or butter), diced
Salt and pepper to taste

Place the turnip and the potatoes in a large pot with just enough water to cover the vegetables. Bring the water to a boil and add the salt, pepper, salted herbs and 1 chopped onion. Simmer for 20 minutes.

In a skillet, simmer the pork for 2 minutes with a small amount of water to remove some of the salt. Pour off the water and sauté the pork in its own fat. When the pork is crisp and brown put it

aside and sauté the remaining onion in the fat that remains. When the potatoes and turnip are tender, mash the vegetables together and blend with the pork pieces, onions and fat. Season to taste and serve immediately while the pork is still crisp.

MASHED TURNIPS AND POTATOES

An Acadian favorite from
New Brunswick, Canada



POUTINES WITH A HOLE

An Acadian favorite from
New Brunswick, Canada

Crust -
2 1/2 C (625 ml) flour
4 tsp (20 ml) baking powder
1/2 tsp (3 ml) salt
2 tbsp. (30 ml) sugar
1/4 C (60 ml) fat - butter or lard
3/4 C (175 ml) milk

Filling -
4 apples
1/2 C (125 ml) seedless raisins
1/2 C (125 ml) cranberries

Syrup -
1 C (250 ml) brown sugar
3/4 C (175 ml) water

Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Blend in the lard to form a course mixture. Add the milk and mix the dough well. Divide the dough into twelve pieces. Roll each piece until it is 5-6 inches (12-15 cm) in diameter.

Peel the apples and cut them into small pieces. Place the apple pieces, raisins and cranberries in the center of each circle of dough. Moisten the edge of the dough with milk or water, and roll the dough around the ingredients so as to form a ball.

Carefully close the opening and place the poutine upside down on a pan. Make a hole about 1/2 inch (15 mm) in diameter on the top of each poutine. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 30 minutes.

Prepare the syrup by mixing the sugar and water. Boil for 5 minutes.

When the poutines are ready, remove them from the oven and pour the syrup into the hole on the top of each poutine. Serve cold or hot. Makes 12 poutines.

It's time to bring in some new flavor to our Bon Appetit page. If you have a favorite family recipe that you'd like to share, we would love to feature it in one of our future issues. Submit your recipe to Marty Guidry at guidrymartin@gmail.com

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Lessons Learned Through Chaos and Mayhem from Northwest Minnesota

Including
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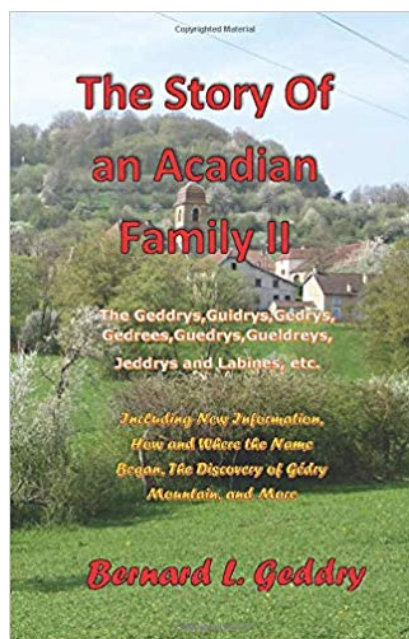
Over forty short stories of ancestral memories and real life experiences from a descendant of farmers in the Red River Valley of Northwest Minnesota. By reliving his 1950-70s adventures, Noel creates a panorama of what Northwest Minnesota culture was like during that era. Both hilarious and serious these stories set us up for accepting our own frailties and personal experiences.

Noel LaBine is a resident of Andover, MN. Originally born in California, he was raised on a farm in northwest Minnesota where he helped his family raise cattle and horses. His experiences as an army scout in Vietnam and his adventures in America upon his return provide the basis for the stories in his first book. His

experiences working on a ranch in Montana also add to his material. Moreover, Noel's experience living with Benedictine monks and his interest in oriental mysticism and Native American shamanism also contributed to the paranormal nature of the adventures in The Arizona Connection.

The Story of An Acadian Family – The Geddrys, Guidrys, Gedrys, Gedrees, Guedrys, Gueldrys, Jeddrys and Labines, etc. By Bernard L. Geddry

An updated and revised version of his earlier work of 2004 which provided the family history and genealogy of the Guédry family that settled along St. Mary's Bay in Nova Scotia after 1763. This revised edition also contains Bernie's recent research into the origins of the Guédry surname dating to the Middle Ages as well as his 2013 trip to the Franche-Comté region of France where he did extensive research into the Guédry family origins and also visited Mont Gedy. The book comes into two versions – colored photos (2) (slightly higher price) and black and white photos (II). Both versions are available on Amazon.com.



Acadians Were Here

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

<http://acadianswerehere.org/>

Guédry & Petitpas Family Page
<https://tinyurl.com/GuedryPetitpasfamily>

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IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

*The Daily Advertiser (Lafayette, LA) 12 Oct 1995 -
Lafayette History*



ACADIANA HISTORY: REMEMBER WHEN



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Don't mess with 'Tu Tu'

According to the caption, L.D. "Tu Tu" Guidry stands near his car in front of the Jefferson Theatre, circa 1935. A dapper fella and possibly sort of like the boy named Sue, you probably didn't want to mess with "Tu Tu," nor his styling automobile, now would you?

The Daily Advertiser (Lafayette, LA) 07 Feb 2015 "ACADIANA HISTORY: REMEMBER WHEN

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	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 \$10.00 for a family in 2020.

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



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

Les Guédry et Petitpas d'Asteur

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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 17th 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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