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In this Summer, 2008 issue of "Generations" you'll find a variety of excellent articles about our Guédry family. I believe you'll find them informative, interesting and entertaining.

It is rare that we find a first-person account of World War II as soldiers that returned from that War often remained silent about their experiences – even to their family. As with Joseph Guidrey, they often did not relate their experiences to anyone, even family, until shortly before their death. It is thus a special privilege for us to present "Saga of the USS YMS-378 June -July 1944". Here a true hero of WWII – U.S. Navy Lt. Joseph J. Guidrey - relates his role in the D-Day invasions. And what a role it was. Listen closely as you read and you'll feel the fear and the pride of this 28-year old naval officer as he is thrust suddenly into the role of Squadron Commander and charged with clearing the sea lanes just prior to Allied landings on Normandy. He knows success of the mission is the only alternative as the lives of thousands of young soldiers depend on his squadron providing safe access to the landing beaches. And succeed he does. A truly inspiring story of one of our own, Lt. Joseph Guidrey, faced with adversity and a difficult task, did what so many of our soldiers did in that War – he found innovative solutions to difficult problems, took

command and succeeded in his mission.

In this issue you'll also find an interesting story about young Scott Guidry of Lockport, LA who recently compiled a history of the Catholic church at Lockport, LA. He then developed a very nice display of his work which can be seen at the public library in Lockport. And don't miss the article on Diane Gaidry, an actress in independent films and on the stage who is garnering a number of awards and honors. A truly inspiring story is that of Jeff Guidry at the Sarvey Wildlife Center (Arlington, WA) and his successful struggle to save an injured Bald Eagle "Freedom". The bond that developed between them is truly amazing. And for those of us that want to eat a truly Cajun meal and then relax, visit Bon Appetit and the Book Nook. You won't be disappointed.

Now – settle in a comfortable chair, get some munchies and enjoy this issue of "Generations".



The Saga of the USS YMS-378
June-July 1944
(as recalled 50 years later)
By
Captain Joseph J. Guidrey, USNR
As told to his daughter, Jo Ann Guidrey Aulick

I was a Lieutenant and the C.O. of the mine-sweeper USS YMS-378 operating out of Plymouth, England since early May 1944. The first official information about "Operation Overlord", the code name for the Normandy Invasion, was given to me and 10 other C.O.'s of minesweepers at a meeting aboard a cruiser anchored in Plymouth Harbor on 2 June 1944. At this meeting we were informed the 11 ships had just become Squadron Y of the Assault Force "U" under a Squadron Commander who would ride one of the ships along with his staff.

The mission of Squadron Y was:

- 1. Sweep and buoy the channel for the amphibious landing craft from a point 10 miles at sea to a point 2 miles offshore starting at 6 hours before "H".
- 2. Sweep and buoy the fire support channel for the bombarding ships from the west end of Omaha Beach through the west end of Utah Beach at a distance of about 1 mile offshore.
- 3. Sweep areas around the Troops Transports.

It was vital that the mission be accomplished thoroughly and on time for the bombarding ships to soften up the shore guns before the troops landed. We were scheduled to start Phase 1 of the mission at 12:30 AM 5 June and complete Phases 1 and 2 by 6:30 AM-which was "H" hour.

On the afternoon of 2 June about 100 infantrymen were place aboard for the night and then were transferred to amphibious craft the next morning.

We were told this was to get as many personnel as possible off the shore and out of communication. Later in the evening a chaplain came on board for a brief time to say Mass and to bless the ship and all on board. Almost all attended the open air service.

The squadron set sail for Normandy late in the evening of 3 June and proceeded slowly along the English coast. The seas were very rough with high winds and waves of 20 feet. We sailed in complete silence - no running lights, no radio transmission, no radar, no sonar. Also, no sleep for anyone as the ship tossed and rolled and the use of the overhead "grab rails" were essential to remaining in one place.

We were off the Isle of Wight in the mid-morning of 4 June and heading directly for Utah Beach 70 miles away when we received orders to return to Plymouth. It would have been almost impossible for us to carry out the mission properly with the seas running so high.

On our return to base — as we approached the antisubmarine nets guarding Plymouth Harbor we received another message, which directed the squadron to turn around and carry out the original mission — only 24 hours later. I had been looking forward to a good night's sleep for myself and the crew but it was not to be.

It was now about 1 AM on 5 June. The sea and wind was calming and this improving continued throughout the night so that by morning the waves were about 10 feet high — which was tolerable for ships our size.

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At 9 PM 5 June we were 40 miles off the French coast when I received a blinker light message from the Squadron Commander directing me to take over the command of the squadron because the electronic navigating equipment on board the ship he was riding was not working properly. Similar equipment on my ship was working perfectly and we always knew our location within 50 yards. However there was a problem in that my ship had only its regular wartime complement of officers and men and not the extra staff for navigating and signaling which was riding on the original command ship.

Minesweepers work in groups or squadrons and sweep abreast or in echelon formation so there will be no gaps in the swept area. Maintaining proper position and speed in the formation requires constant communication between the leading ship and the others and minesweepers have their own radio wavelength for this purpose. But tonight we were under radio silence and all directions concerning type and length of sweep gear, course and speed changes and location of buoy drops and various other instructions had to be passed via blinker light — and we had only 2 signalmen.

I assumed command about 9 PM and 40 miles from the French Coast, moved to the front of the squadron and notified the other 10 ships of the change by blinker. It was dark, lonely and scary out there. There were no other ships in sight. Our only company was the bombers returning from their raids which were flying so low that their vibrations reflected off the ship. The squadron was at battle stations at all times but we had no way to be certain the bombers were friendly. I ordered all ships to hold fire and it turned out to be the right decision. If the bombers had been hostile there probably would have been no swept channels for the landing craft and combatant ships in the Utah Beach area.

Thirty minutes after midnight on 6 June we arrived at the starting point for the first phase of the mission which was to sweep and buoy the assault channel in to 2 miles offshore. The formation was 9 ships abreast and 2 ships dropping buoys. This phase was completed without incident. At 2:30 AM we re-formed in a starboard echelon formation to sweep and buoy the fire support channel (phase 2) for the destroyers which were to follow an hour or so later.

Again we were alone, silent and wondering when we would be discovered and fired at. I had been on the flying bridge for the past 18 hours along with an officer of the deck and the signalmen while communicating with the navigator from below as to location and course changes.

This channel was to be 3/4 mile wide starting at the west end of Omaha Beach and extending about 15 miles along Utah Beach to its very end. Also distinctive lighted buoys with radar reflectors were to be dropped every 1/2 mile on each side of the channel. To accomplish this we had 6 ships sweeping, 2 ships laying buoys and 3 spare ships ready to replace any ship for any reason. As we started the sweep I could see the surf breaking on Utah Beach and I still wondered when the shore guns would open up. A minesweeper is a ship that can eliminate mines that can sink a combatant ship but cannot defend itself against shore guns or hostile combatant ships.

Our course took us between the Isles St. Marcoufan enemy fortification lying 4 miles offshore and Utah Beach. The island was burning brightly probably from earlier bombings. We sailed by this fortification about 1/2 mile inshore with no problem but with lots of apprehension.

Dawn broke about 5 AM when we were within a few miles of the end of phase 2, and the shore guns opened up. They soon straddled the squadron.

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We proceeded out to sea to commence phase 3 of our mission. Communication silence had been ended at day break, when the shore guns had opened up, which enabled us to sweep faster and more efficiently. The remainder of 6 June was spent sweeping the transport areas and we anchored about 9 PM for a much needed rest before our next mission.

During the night of 6-7 June 3 additional minesweepers arrived so now we had 14 ships and the group was divided into 2 squadrons of 7 ships each. I was appointed Squadron Commander of Squadron Y-1 and had 6 of the ships that were with me the previous night. We conducted sweeps in various areas of Omaha and Utah Beaches for some 15 hours each day searching for not only moored mines, but also magnetic and acoustic mines. Squadron Y-1 exploded some 150 mines in the next 6 days.

On 12 June, my 28th birthday, while opening up a merchant ship channel 1 mile off the Cotentin Peninsula we encountered fire from the shore and I ordered all ships to "proceed independently". The guns concentrated on the USS YMS-378 for some reason and we suffered enough damage, but no casualties, that the Flotilla Commander ordered us back to Plymouth for repairs.

Upon our return to Normandy on 20 June I received orders to take Squadron Y-1 and a squadron of British minesweepers to sweep a channel from the Bay of the Seine to Cherbourg. Two destroyers would follow us as escorts. After some 15 miles we encountered shore fire which forced us to run to sea. The destroyers finally silenced the guns with one of them suffering severe damage. The 2 squadrons of minesweepers returned to anchorage but early the next morning returned to sweep to Cherbourg with 2 different destroyers as escorts.

On 30 July Squadron Y-1 was sweeping a new channel for merchant ships in the Utah Beach area near St. Vaast. We were sweeping for magnetic and acoustic mines. USS YMS-378 and USS YMS-304 were sweeping in tandem. About 9 AM a mine exploded under YMS-304 and 2 others exploded close by YMS-378. YMS-304 started sinking immediately, and was gone within 5 minutes. YMS-378 lost all electrical power and one main engine and was taking on water. With the one remaining engine and manual steering we were able to rescue many of the crew of our sister ship. Other ships came alongside and took off the rescued personnel and put their gasolinedriven "handybillies" on board which enabled us to keep USS YMS-378 afloat long enough for us to run it aground on the beach. Repair crews arrived within the hour to patch the leaks, which principally were the sea chests which had been blown out, and the ship was refloated on the next high tide.

The Flotilla Commander decided Squadron Y-1 could use a few days R+R so the remaining 5 operating ships left for the Plymouth Navy Yard immediately with the USS YMS-378 under tow of 2 other minesweepers. The going was slow since the towed ship was drawing 9 feet of water — 3 feet more than usual — but fortunately the seas were calm and we arrived at Plymouth on 3 August with the ship still floating.

The hull and all engine room equipment was "surveyed" (declared worthless) but all equipment on the main deck and above, especially the electronic equipment, was saved for replacement on other ships. I was flown back within the week to report to the Navy Department Washington for further assignment.

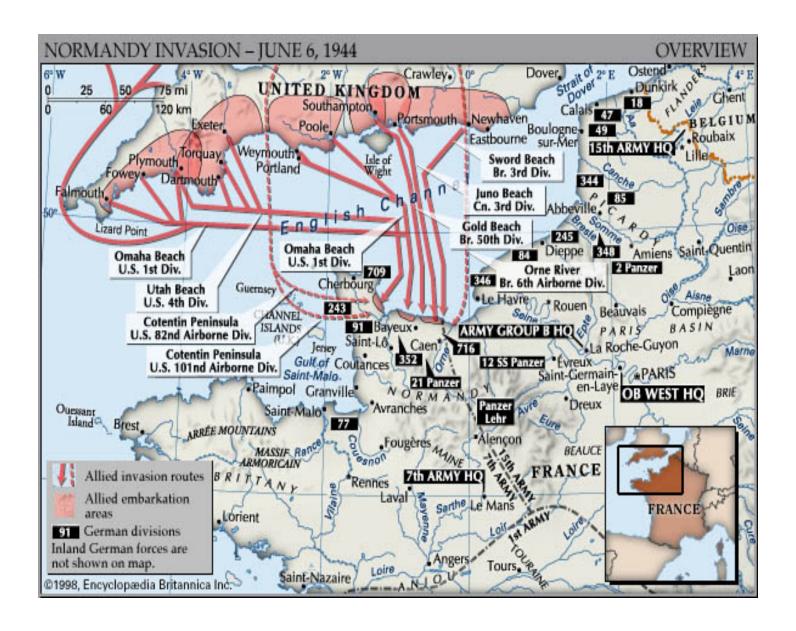
I was the C.O. of the USS YMS-378 at its commissioning at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in September 1943 and at its de-commissioning at Plymouth Navy Yard in September 1944. It was a good ship manned by officers and men who were able to take on the additional duties and responsibilities of Commanding

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the Squadron which led the invasion of Normandy, six hours before "H" hour on 6 June 1944. We did nothing heroic — just successfully carried out a dangerous task.

I was awarded the Bronze Star medal with Combat "V" for my efforts.

Joseph J. Guidrey, Capt. USNR 1 June 1994



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BON APPETIT - Recipes from The Guedry-Labine Cookbook

<u>CRAWFISH ETOUFFEE-CREOLE STYLE</u> Jack Guidry-Lafayette, LA

1-1/2 to 2 lbs. crawfish tails with fat (from a crawfish boil)

2 tbs. bacon grease

2 tbs. flour

2 sticks butter or margarine

2 large onions, chopped

1/2 bell pepper, chopped

3 stalks celery, chopped

1 small (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

2 tbs. minced garlic

3 bay leaves

3/4 cup green onions, chopped

1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped

1 tsp. creole seasoning

1 tsp. sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

Cooked rice

I noted that the crawfish tails were from a crawfish boil because they will already have seasoning in them, so be careful with what you add. If you have store bought crawfish you can season them with a tsp. of liquid seafood boil and a little cayenne pepper and let them sit in the icebox a few hours.

On the side, in a non-stick pan, scorch the tomato sauce using a few teaspoons of oil by cooking on a medium fire until most of the water is cooked out and it appears to be frying.

Add garlic and bay leaves to roux mix and continue to cook another ten minutes or so. Add crawfish and scorched tomato sauce. Let it come back up to heat. Add green onions, parsley, creole seasoning and sugar. Cook another ten minutes and taste to see what seasoning you need to add. Add water to desired thickness (thick stew-like) and continue to simmer for about 30 minutes. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Serve over cooked rice.



Crawfish Etouffee-Creole Style

Make a blond roux (very light brown) using bacon grease and flour. Add the butter, let it melt, then add the onions, bell pepper and celery. Cook on the medium heat for about 30 minutes stirring every few minutes (don't let it burn).





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Local Man Researches History of Lockport Church

By Thad Angelloz Staff Writer

"The Courier" Newspaper (Houma, LA) Published: Friday, May 9, 2008

LOCKPORT -- While his classmates are busy celebrating the end of finals week, Scott Guidry's work continues.

The 21-year-old Nicholls State University student didn't even have the time to give himself a high-five for successfully navigating through another semester, because he's putting the finishing touches on a religious display that's heading to the Lockport Branch Library.

The special display, which includes write-ups and various artifacts, explores the vast history of Holy Savior Catholic Church in Lockport. It will be housed at the library, 518 Sixth St., Lockport, beginning Monday.

Guidry said the display would remain up for about a month. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"My entire family dating back many years was born and raised in Lockport," Guidry said. "I had two grandparents who were mayor's of the town. I guess my passion for this grew out of my profound interest in learning more about the church all of us attended."

Guidry said he's been researching the topic for two years.

Along with locating old church statues, Guidry has discovered 130-year-old baptismal certificates written entirely in French.

"The archive center for the diocese in Thibodaux has been very helpful," Guidry said. "They've allowed me to spend as much time as necessary to locate documents and items related to the church's history.

Through asking longtime parishoners of the church questions, Guidry's been able to piece together information that he thinks gives a fairly accurate account of the church's history.

His grandmother, Antoinette Robichaux, also has provided invaluable support.

"She was there when they moved to the third church in 1953," Guidry said. "At that time, someone from the church ordered everything be tossed out. Luckily, she was able to retrieve numerous items."

Robichaux said she couldn't be any prouder of her grandson.

"What he's doing is truly a gift to everyone who ever went to Holy Savior," she said. "He's one of those types of guys that does whatever he puts his mind too. It's amazing what he's been able to uncover through his research. I can't wait to see what happens next."

Robichaux thinks her late-husband, Alfred, who served as mayor of Lockport for 20 years, had the biggest impact on Guidry's current work.

"He always talks about him," the 80-year-old said.
"Whenever I ask where he found out how to do something, he tells me that ëgramps' showed him."

According to Guidry, Holy Savior Church took shape in 1870.

The original building was eventually destroyed after the Hurricane of 1915 ravaged the town.

"They built another church in 1953," Guidry said.
"Throughout the years many church artifacts were misplaced or lost."

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While Guidry has recovered some of them through hard work and dedication, many items remain missing.

"It's a process of tracking down leads and being persistent," Guidry said. "My goal is to recover as many things as possible."

After he graduates with his generalmanagement degree from Nicholls, Guidry thinks he might write a book about the church one day.

"If I can make the time to do it it's something I definitely want to do," he said.

While he's made many interesting discoveries, one of the most fascinating is the three bells located in the church's main tower.

"When someone told me that three bells named Eugene, Emile and Laurent were up there I had to see it for myself," Guidry said. "Even though they don't ring them today, they are indeed up there. To know that three bells that are 92 years old are in that tower is amazing."

The process has been a labor of love for Guidry.

"Finding out about the stories of our ancestors is interesting," Guidry said. "When you look at it this really is the history of a community that's interweaved with the church."

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April 2d. 1870-17.







IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TIDBITS

SECT ACCIDENTALLY.—Last Friday the 16th inst., at about 2 o'clock, A. M., Felix Guidry, eldest son of Mr. Alex. Guidry, was shot and severely wounded in the left arm and side by the accidental discharge of a gun, and we learn the particulars as follows: his father's sheep were being chased by dogs and as he was leaving the house with a gun to stop them, the accidental discharge took place with the result above stated. Though severe the wounds are not dangerous, and, by the last report, the sufferer was doing as well as could be expected.

Felix Guidry articles from The Lafayette Advertiser
Lafayette, LA

Claim Allowed.

Lafayette, La., Feb. 18, 1904. This is to certify that I, Felix Guidry Admr. of the succession of Louisia Breaux, my deceased mother, put in the hands of Judge H. L. Monier, my claim vs. the U. S. Government for stores and commissary supplies taken by the Federal troops during the war of 1861-65. That this day, been awarded by the Court of claims of Washington D. C. the full sum of \$7,780.00 in payment of said claim.

FELIX GUIDRY.

Woody Guidry, Jr. ad-Victoria Advocate, 1953, TX

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HENRY BUSSE AND ORCHESTRA

featuring

Woody Guidry, Jr.

VOCALIST

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Oleus Guidry-Port Arthur News-1974

Refugees from coast jam inland shelters

RACELAND, La. (UPI) — Oleus Guidry shook his head in an evacuation center and mourned the almost certain loss of his home and shrimping trawler with Hurricane Carmen fast approaching.

"I'm afraid when it hits we're not going to have anything left," said Guidry, a native of the sait marshes close to the Gulf of Mexico.

"If I lost that boat, it's going to be the third boat I lost in the bayou.

"It's the hardest thing you can do —to sit here two or three days only to go home and find nothing left." Guidry and his wife, both elderly and ill, lost everything they owned in Hurricane Hilda in 1964.

Thousands of coastal Louisiana residents fleeing Hurricane Carmen jammed inland schools and other public buildings Saturday to ride out the storm.

While children played and ran in the rain, ignoring the storm's approach, their parents listened to emergency radio reports and prayed.

There were 378 people in the Raceland Junior High School, 250 at Raceland Upper Elementary, 200 at Raceland Lower Elementary and 350 at Lockport Junior High

Jerry Cox. an offshore oil rig worker, returned from the Gulf to his Grand Iste trailer home Friday afternoon only long enough to gather together his wife, Mary Jane, and two children and leave.

"I don't think the trailer will make it," sobbed Mrs. Cox. "We took as much as we could and got out. We were heading for New Orleans when our car broke down and he had to hitch a ride to Raceland."

Cecelia Boyd of Raceland listened to the hurricane warnings, boarded up her shanty, and moved down the road to the Lockport Junior High.

"I didn't feel safe in that old house where I was living," she said. "I knew that shanty couldn't stand that much wind, so I left."

Genealogy is not a fatal-but it is a grave disease

ACTRESS - DIANE ADAIR GAIDRY

Actress and Producer [1964 -]

A highly acclaimed veteran of film, television, stage and commercial productions, Diane Gaidry works diligently with other actors and actresses to develop the full creative potential of the independent film. Born on 11 October 1964 at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota to Tom Gaidry and Barbara Carr, Diane moved as a youth to San Jose, California and then to Buffalo, New York where her interest in acting flourished.

While still in high school, she launched her professional career as an actress in local theatre productions. In 1986 she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the New York University Tisch School of the Arts. In 1994 she received a Masters Degree in Psychology from the University of Santa Monica. Until recently Diane lived in Los Angeles, CA, but is now considering a move to New York as her career blossoms.

Her first major professional role was as Shawn Love, wife of Beach Boy Dennis Wilson, in the TV drama "Summer Dreams: The Story of the Beach Boys" (1990 ABC Movie of the Week). In 1991 she appeared in the television science fiction film "Frankenstein: The College Years" in which she played a friend. Following these initial roles, she was in the 1995 NBC TV drama "Ed McBain's 87th Precinct: Lightning" as Annie and in an episode NBC's "Medium".

Diane's first role in independent films was in 1986 in the feature film "The Stupid Years" shown at the Berlin Film Festival about a hipster coming of age. In 1998 she played a party girl in the short comedy "The Shy and the Naked, a story of love and obsession among artists and mathematicians and also was in the short film "Love Without Socks".

In 2001 she appeared as Greta in "Egg" and as Lucy in the full-length drama "America So Beautiful" - set during the Iranian hostage crisis. Diane co-produced



and starred as Ellie Moore in the 2002 feature-length movie "The Dogwalker".

More recent credits include Diane as Maya in "Birth of an Industry" (2004), as the waitress in "The Act" (2004), as Angela, the call girl in Transaction" (2005) and as Petite in "Need" (2005). She starred in the award-winning movie "Loving Annabelle" (2006) as the Catholic school poetry teacher Simone Bradley who falls in love with her student Annabelle. For this role she won the 2006 Best Actress Award at the Los Angeles Outfest. Also in 2006 she was Beverly in the film "Concerned Lady for America".

In the Fall of 2006 Diane returned to her hometown of Buffalo to play Mary Tyrone in the Irish Classical Theatre Company's stage production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night". In 2008 at the same theater she completed a run of "Charley's Aunt" in which she played Dona Lucia.

In 1993 Diane Gaidry and Jacques Thelemaque co-founded Filmmakers Alliance (FA). From a grassroots collective of eight independent filmmakers, FA has grown into an important independent filmmaking resource with over 400 members. FA helps and supports young filmmakers

DIANE ADAIR GAIDRY

by providing them equipment as cameras, lights and shooting locations. Diane was the Executive Director of FA and oversaw Programming and Distribution. Several FA films in which she starred have won awards including Best Short Comedy at Cinquest 2001 and Best Short at Methodfest 2001 for "Egg", Best First Feature Film at Cinequest for "The Dogwalker", which also played at the Los Angeles Film Festival and the Prix du Grand Jury (the top honors) at the 2006 Clermont-Ferrand Film Festival in France for "Transaction". The Clermont-Ferrand Film Festival is rated worldwide as most prestigious short film festival.

Diane Gaidry is a superb, talented actress with a strong background in theater, television and independent films. With her outstanding talents and kind, appealing personality, she will continue to win wide acclaim as an actress and producer.

Genealogy of Diane Adair Gaidry

Diane Adair Gaidry

Tom Gaidry - Barbara Carr

Joseph Wilfred Gaidry Jr. - Ruth Taylor

Joseph Wilfred Guidry - Lillian W.

Adolphe Juacint Guidry - Marie Eve Aglae Cadiere

Pierre Eugene Guidry - Marie Elise Charpentier

Jean Pierre Guidry - Marie Anne (Marianne) Daspit

Pierre Janvier Guédry - Marie Josephe Lebert

Claude Guédry - Anne LeJeune dit Briard

(Uncertain as to Identity - Guédry) - (Wife)

Claude Guédry - Marguerite Petitpas



Freedom and Jeff

Freedom and I have been together 10 years this summer. She came in as a baby in 1998 with two broken wings. Her left wing doesn't open all the way even after surgery, it was broken in 4 places. She's my baby.

Jeff Guidry

When Freedom came in she could not stand. Both wings were broken, her left wing in 4 places. She was emaciated and covered in lice. We made the decision to give her a chance at life, so I took her to the vet's office. From then on, I was always around her. We had her in a huge dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded up with shredded newspaper for her to lay in. I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to fight; and she would lay there looking at me with those big brown eyes. We also had to tube feed her for

weeks.

This went on for 4-6 weeks, and by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point where the decision was made to euthanize her if she couldn't stand in a week. You know you don't want to cross that line between torture and rehab, and it looked like death was winning. She was going to be put down that Friday, and I was supposed to come in on that Thursday afternoon. I didn't want to go to the center that Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought of her being euthanized; but I went anyway, and when I walked in everyone was grinning from ear to ear. I went immediately back to her dowl cage; and there she was, standing on her own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to live. I was just about in tears by then. That was a very good day.



Freedom & Jeff Guidry

We knew she could never fly, so the director asked me to glove train her. I got her used to the glove, and then to jesses, and we started doing education programs for schools in western Washington. We wound up in the newspapers, radio (believe it or not) and some TV. Miracle Pets even did a show about us. In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. I had stage 3, which is not good (one major organ plus everywhere), so I wound up doing 8 months of chemo. Lost the hair - the whole bit. I missed a lot of work. When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom would also come to me in my dreams and help me fight the cancer. This happened time and time again.

Fast forward to November 2000, the day after Thanksgiving, I went in for my last checkup. I was told that if the cancer was not all gone after 8 rounds of chemo, then my last option was a stem cell transplant. Anyway, they did the tests; and I had to come back Monday for the results. I went in Monday, and I was told that all the cancer was gone. Yahoo! So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty and cold. I went to her flight cage and jessed her up, and we went out front to the top of the hill. I hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back

Freedom and Jeff

(I was engulfed in eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes, and we just stood there like that for I don't know how long. That was a magic moment. We have been soul mates ever since she came in. This is a very special bird.

On a side note: I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out, and Freedom has some kind of hold on them. I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her. His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power coarse through his body. I have so many stories like that.

I never forget the honor I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom's. Hope you enjoy this.

Jeff

Jeff Guidry and Freedom are at Sarvey Wildlife Center





DUES REMINDER

Attached is a membership application for renewing your membership in Les Guedry d'Asteur. Our dues are very reasonable at \$6.00 for individuals and \$10 for a family.

By joining and paying your dues, you provide us with the financial resources to participate in many projects, one being the CMA 2009 reunion in Bathurst, New Brunswick.

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 let us do even more.

Library & Archives - Canada

This is the official website for the Library & Archives of Canada. In French & English. Canada's national collection of books, historical documents, government records, photos, films, maps, music and much more.

http://collectionscanada.gc.ca

The National Archives

This is the official website for the U. S. National Archives. The site primarily describes the holdings of the U. S. National Archives. Click on the Genealogists/Family Historians button for an overview of genealogical holdings. There are also a publications store and an online ordering service for records. Images of original records are found under the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) button.

http://www.archives.gov/

The Louisiana State Archives

This is the official website for the Louisiana State Archives. It provides a very nice overview of the archival holdings and services. Although there are no images of original documents at this time, there is a very nice index to Confederate Pension Applications with numerous Guidry records. Click on Research Library under Sections of Organization, then Confederate Pension Applications to the left of the top photograph, then Search the Database.

http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/archives/archives/archives-index.htm

Beautiful Bathurst, New Brunswick, CA













THE 2009 GUEDRY-LABINE & PETITPAS REUNION

Congres Mondial Acadien (CMA) for 2009 will be held on the Acadian Peninsula in New Brunswick from 7 August - 23 August 2009. CMA activities will be centered around Caraquet, New Brunswick. You can click on this website to keep up with the events planned for the 2009 CMA.

http://www.cma2009.ca/

We are having our Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunion on Sunday, 16 August 2009 in the Conference Center of Danny's Inn in Bereford, New Brunswick. Beresford is just five miles north of Bathurst, New Brunswick and Danny's Inn is on Highway 134 just south of Beresford. Bathurst has a rich Acadian history that we'll explore in the coming months.

We will begin about 8:30 am and have activities until 5:00 pm. More on the agenda, activities and displays is forthcoming and will include formal sessions with music, presentations, etc. as well as time to mingle and get to know your cousins.

There will be a superb buffet lunch. It'll be a Hot & Cold Dinner Buffet that includes roast beef smothered in peppercorn gravy, sweet & sour meat balls, lasagna, chicken wings, potato casserole, coleslaw, tossed green salad, carrot salad, rolls, carrot cake, cherry cheesecake, fresh fruit salad, coffee and tea.

In the next two months we'll send out registration information. It is not too early to secure lodging. The website below contains a number of motels, hotels and bed & breakfasts in the Bathurst area.

http://www.bathurst.ca/english/home/index.cfm?id=156

The 2009 CMA website has an excellent page on accommodations within the Acadian Peninsula. Visit it by clicking on this link:

http://www.cma2009.ca/?page=hebergement&start=0

The official New Brunswick Tourism Website is at the link below. You can learn about interesting locations, sites and activities at this website. By clicking on the word "Guides" in the left column of the page, you can order a free 2008 Experience New Brunswick Vacation Planner" which is excellent.

http://www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca/en-CA/GeoLanding_US?source=other

In the near future we will let everyone know how to register for the 2009 Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunion. We'll also send out memos periodically as our agenda is developed and our plans become firm. It's time to begin planning your trip to New Brunswick in August 2009 and attending the 2009 Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunion. It will be a fun time to meet your cousins, learn about our family and experience the wonderful Acadian culture of New Brunswick.

New Brunswick Accommodations - CMA 2009

The Guidry-Labine family reunion is scheduled to take place August 16, 2009, in the town of Bathurst, not far from Caraquet. Here are a few more links for accommodations in those areas. We'll add more details about our reunion in the next few months.

BATHURST - http://www.bathurst.ca/english/home/

<u>Authentique Bed & Breakfast</u> Enjoy our 4 star B&B in a heritage home of the 20's with 'Arts & Craft's influences, conveniently located in the heart of Bathurst. You are welcome to relax in a cozy atmosphere with personalized service. Spacious rooms with very comfortable beds, cable TV, DVD, MP3, wireless internet, work desk and telephone. Each room has a private bathroom. Breakfast 'A la Carte' will be served in our elegant dining room.

<u>Comfort Inn Bathurst</u> Conveniently located on St. Peter Avenue. Close to shopping and offices. 35 person meeting room available.

<u>John's Motel</u> Our rooms have a full bath and shower, color television with cable, and most importantly comfortable beds! We also boast a swimming pool and an area for picnics. We also have in-room coffee.

<u>Sea'scape Cottage</u> This is our fully equipped beach house located on the beautiful Bay of Chaleur in Bathurst, New Brunswick. Select the virtual tour button to have a closer look.

CARAQUET - http://www.ville.caraquet.nb.ca/

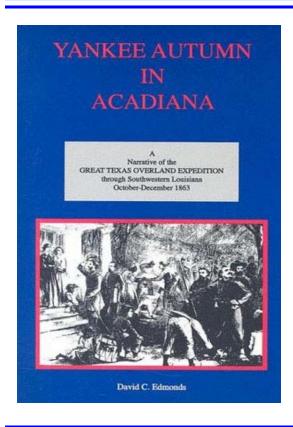
Hotel Paulin "The Pearl of Baie des Chaleurs", Caraquet. Internationally acclaimed, seaside hotel and country inn, c.1891, rich in Acadian history. Luxurious waterfront suites, French country rooms, licensed fine dining, golf and spa packages. Hotel Paulin has the charm, elegance and inn keeping spirit of the 19th century. It offers intimate surroundings with old-world French village charm. It has been written up by the New York Times, Montreal Gazette, Fodor's and Frommer's, La Presse, Paris Match Magazine, Micheline Guide, France's Le Routard. The cuisine is innovative, upscale, inspired by local fresh foods with a Sommelier wine pairing menu.

<u>La Maison Touristique Dugas</u> House built by one of the first Acadian architects (1926). 10 minute walk through wooded area to private beach. Close to the Acadian Peninsula tourist attractions.

<u>Motel Colibri</u> 12 rooms smoking and non-smoking. 2 double beds. Telephone, cable television, air conditioning. Free outside pool. Continental breakfast.

<u>Super 8 Motel</u> 50 guest rooms including 18 junior suites and 1 Jacuzzi suite - Rooms with balconies overlooking the Acadian Coast and Le Carrefour de la Mer (Crossroads of the Sea) - Swimming pool with three -story 80 foot waterpark and kiddie pool - Whirlpool - Complimentary continental breakfast

BOOK NOOK



Yankee Autumn in Acadiana: A Narrative of the Great Texas Overland Expedition through Southwestern Louisiana October-December 1863

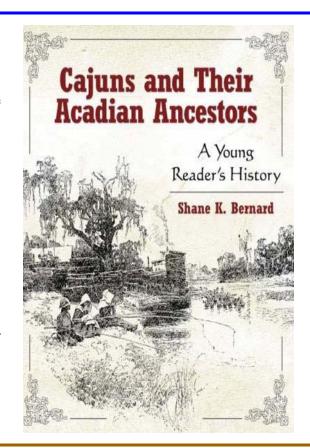
By David C. Edmonds

This narrative of the Great Texas Overland Expedition is storytelling at its finest. The author formerly resided in the area, and his attention to detail and treasure trove of sources are evident in his retelling of this tragic tale for the citizens of this area, caught between the two warring sides and preyed upon by not only regular troops but lawless bands of "jayhawkers" as well. This book is a must-own for those interested in the Civil War in Louisiana, the war in the Trans-Mississippi, and how citizens in the path of conflict can sometimes be made to suffer, innocent though they may be". The term "narrative" is a fitting one for David C. Edmonds' Yankee Autumn in Acadiana. This book is at its heart a story of the suffering of the population of southwestern Louisiana along Bayou Teche.

<u>Cajuns and Their Acadian Ancestors-A Young</u> <u>Reader's History</u> by Shane K. Bernard

In *The Cajuns*, Shane K. Bernard relates the story of how one of America's most distinctive ethnic groups, the Acadians, or Cajuns, of South Louisiana, made the transformation from a close-knit people retaining the strong cultural ties of their heritage to a group that has become assimilated into the mainstream of American society. Bernard maintains that for much of their history the Cajuns were looked down upon, derided as "backward, ignorant, and un-American". They spoke a separate language and lived a life-style that emphasized isolation and separation from traditional American culture.

Bernard has done an excellent job in treating this neglected aspect of Cajun history. His sources include a wide variety of both primary and secondary works. His chapters on the influences of World War II and of the atomic age on the Cajuns are fine interpretations. He also gives full credit to the important roles played by women and blacks in the region.



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The Guedry-Labine Family Newsletter, GENERA-TIONS, serves as a focal point for family members to share and learn about us. To submit your ideas, articles or comments, please contact:

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