

January 9, 1995

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
ROSENBERG LIBRARY
GALVESTON, TX 77550

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Rec. & Corresp. Secretary, Dorothy McD. K.; Treasurer, Jim Earthman; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Board absent: Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research; Bernadette Foley, Historian; Kurt Voss, Archivist

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the Board Meeting together at 6:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 13 meeting were not reviewed at meeting time.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President asked officers to describe their respective duties performed for the Society and to comment on any problems encountered with them.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Some individuals suggested as future speakers are the following:

- 1) Grant Mitchell, film producer
- 2) Joel Kirkpatrick, journalist
- 3) Margaret Henson, historian
- 4) Rudolph Widmer - co-archeologist at the University of Houston dig at the Maison Rouge site
- 5) Sheldon Kindall - archeologist
- 6) Robert C. Vogel - Laffite historian
- 7) Ray Miller - Journalist/author
- 8) Jean L. Epperson - historian

- 9) Robert M. Moore, Atty., environmentalist and counsel for the defense in litigation on behalf of protection of Karankawa burial sites and historical areas connected with Jean Laffite on Galveston Island

MEMBERSHIP

In order to save on operating costs, Randy suggested that names of prospective members who have not responded to several invitations for membership be removed from the list. The Board agreed on this suggestion.

MEETING NOTICES

There was a consensus of opinion on the Board that a short announcement be placed in the Galveston County Daily News prior to each monthly meeting. Decision to discontinue monthly meeting notices still under consideration.

Randy recommended submitting a photo of the Maison Rouge site to the Galveston County Daily News in an effort to stimulate public interest in the Society.

STATIONERY, BUSINESS CARDS

Lou MacBeth made a motion that the Society purchase stationery, business cards, postage and a return address stamp with which to conduct Society business. Motion seconded by Diane; motion carried by Board.

P.O. BOX

Randy will check on renewal status of P.O. Box at the main post office on 25th St.

BUDGET

Jim Earthman presented a treasurer's report showing a balance of \$534.85. Lou recommended that members submit to Jim Earthman a record of expenses incurred in performing their duties so that the Society can determine its operating costs and plan a budget.

QUARTERLY PUBLICATION (NEWSLETTER)

Dale Olson outlined some suggestions for the contents of the Society's first newsletter, as follows:

- 1) Introductory Letter
- 2) Publication of By-Laws
- 3) Calendar of Yearly Events
- 4) Recap of talks by Members and Guest Speakers
- 5) List of members' research interests

- 6) List of new members since previous quarter
- 7) Conclusion with a special article

Lou MacBeth recommended a one-time mailing of a copy of the first newsletter to prospective members whose responses are still pending in an effort to capture their attention.

Don Marler of Dogwood Press offered to print the newsletter.

The newsletter committee consisting of the President, FVP, and Secretary will meet in the near future to further discuss content and preparation for the typesetter.

TAPED RECORDINGS OF SPEAKERS

Lou recommended that the Society tape speakers because of the historical value of the presentations.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to proceed with the General Meeting.

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Board absent: Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research; Bernadette Foley, Historian; Kurt Voss, Archivist

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Andy Hall, Charles Kelly, Don Marler, Keith Poster, Richard R. Rasche

Guests: W.L. Zapalac

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 13 meeting were not reviewed at meeting time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Third Vice-President Diane Olson discussed upcoming special events, as follows:

- 1) An excursion by personal car Feb. 4, departing Galveston at 10:00 a.m., to the Southwest Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, TX. Members will be given a conducted tour of the Laffite Journal collection and will visit the Price Daniels home nearby, to be followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Members with private transportation who wish to return to the library for individual research will have the opportunity to do so.

- 2) Grand Isle and Barataria - a trip to this historical region in Louisiana is being considered for late May or early June, with a possible side visit to New Orleans.
- 3) A visit to local areas of historical interest in the Galveston area, such as the grave site of Joseph Campbell on Virginia Point, the Maison Rouge property, and possibly a trip to High Island where Charles Cronea, James Campbell's cabin boy, is buried.

Future events may include transportation by bus, depending on members' interest.

NEW MEMBERS

Don Marler introduced new member Jean L. Epperson, teacher, historian/writer, associated with the Wallisville Heritage Park Museum and the Liberty County Historical Commission. The focus of her research is on certain contemporaries of Laffite.

New member, Richard R. Rasche, a semi-retired librarian with many years' experience in library science and research, noted for his anecdotal skills and popular book reviews in the Galveston area.

Randy announced that the Society now has 27 paid members.

DOGWOOD PRESS

Don Marler said he had included membership information on the Society in the latest edition of his Dogwood Press catalogue.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dale asked members to describe individually their current research interests, a brief description as follows:

- 1) Jim Nonus - Comparative analysis of Laffite signatures.
- 2) Don Marler - The Neutral Zone of Texas. Research on an alleged alias of John Paul Jones and on a possible blood relationship between Laffite's first wife and Aaron Burr.
- 3) Jean Epperson - Burrill Franks, marksman & hunter - a contemporary of Laffite who remained in the Galveston area after the dissolution of Laffite's commune.
- 4) Andy Hall - Naval and maritime vessels

- 5) Charles Kelly - is endeavoring to get Grant Mitchell, film producer, to speak at a future meeting regarding his research on a new film on Laffite.
- 6) Keith Poster - An analysis of the political climate and relationships between privateers and statesmen in the power struggle for acquisition and control of Gulf Coast territories.
- 7) Lou MacBeth - Maison Rouge and its history
- 8) Diane Olson - Barthélemy Lafon, alleged architect of Maison Rouge
- 9) Dale & Diane Olson - a book on the Maison Rouge

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SPECIAL TOPIC

Jim Nonus presented an overview, based on certain correspondence, of the provenance of the Laffite journal and copybooks and the controversy surrounding their alleged authenticity.

Following the talk, members expressed individual viewpoints based on their research and intuitive judgement as to their belief or disbelief in the "genuine" nature of the journal and copybooks.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the General Meeting adjourned for the evening at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Dorothy McD. Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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February 13, 1995

GENERAL MEETING

**THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
ROSENBERG LIBRARY
GALVESTON, TX. 77550**

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty., Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research; Bernadette Foley, Historian

Board absent: Jim Earthman, Treasurer; Kurt Voss, Archivist; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Members-at Large: Andy Hall, Charles Kelly, Richard Rasche

Guest: Beth Lafitte Austin, Ron Austin and Bob Lilliston

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 9th meeting were reviewed and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The following guests were introduced:

Beth Lafitte Austin and her husband, Ron. Beth is a descendant of Lafittes of Louisiana and is currently working on the genealogy of her family. Bob Lilliston, along with his wife Katie, from Overland, KS, are visitors to Galveston for the winter.

THE LAFFITE CHRONICLES

Jim Nonus gave a status report on the Society's first publication.

- 1) Because of its substantiality, the publication will be referred to as a "chronicle," rather than a "newsletter."
- 2) It will appear biennially rather than quarterly and will thus be of greater length and more economical to produce.

- It will be considered as a most important means of informing the public of the Society's existence.
- 3) The draft of the Chronicle is now in the hands of Trisha Keele of Houston, for lay-out, and will be printed by Kopy-Kat of Houston.
 - 4) The Society may assign a value to the publication with possible intention for sale.
 - 5) A price scale is being considered for the following categories: a) retail in bookstores b) for members for friends & associates c) for distribution to prospective members on inquiry.
 - 6) A copy will be free to members, and extra copies of the initial printing may be available for friends at no charge.

Members were encouraged to recruit others, bearing in mind not only the importance of broadening the scope of research interests in the Society, but that cost savings of printing are greater when spread over a larger number of subscriptions.

Don Marler suggested, as a cost-saving device, sending out only the cover with table of contents to prospective members.

Dick Rasche inquired if the publication would be registered with the Library of Congress. This matter will be taken under consideration with the next issue of the Chronicle in July.

MEMBERSHIP

Randy reported 32 paid memberships to date. Since November, he has responded to 21 inquiries for information on the Society out of a total of 48 prospective members on his list. An updated copy of the Society's membership info sheet noting benefits, roster of officers, and research information sheet were made available to members. An updated membership list with research interests indicated was given out, along with the prospective member list. Randy encouraged everyone to personally contact persons whom they had suggested as prospective members, to present to them the above info in an effort to attract new membership.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Diane reported on the recent one-day field trip Feb. 4 to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, located on the Trinity River in Liberty, TX. Mr. Robert L. Schaadt, Director of the Center presented a scholarly lecture to members on the provenance and controversy surrounding the authenticity of the "Laffite journals," published in 1958 as THE Laffite Journal: the Life and Times of a Privateer. The lecture was followed by a viewing of the Library's collection of Laffite memorabilia, including the "journal," then by a tour of former Governor Price Daniels' Greek Revival style home located adjacent to the Research

Center, and lunch at a local restaurant.

Plans for an upcoming trip to Grand Isle, Grande Terre, and New Orleans, La. May 18 through 21 were discussed. Members were given information on activities planned and on lodging at the Collins Motel (Jo Bob's) in Grand Isle and at the Hotel St. Pierre in New Orleans. Those planning to participate in this special event were urged to make hotel reservations early, and, in doing so, to mention their affiliation with the Laffite Society. Transportation will be by private car. Non-member guests are welcome.

ARTIFACTS

Diane presented multicolored pottery shards from the Grand Isle location for members to examine.

NEW RESEARCH INFO

The following books, photostatic copies, local news articles were presented for viewing, among others:

- 1) A xeroxed copy of a document in Spanish attesting to Jean Laffite's role as a double agent. (donor, Don Marler)
- 2) (Book) The Land of Laffite the Pirate by Ray Thompson, foreword by Lyle Saxon. (donor, John Howells)
- 3) The Story of Champ D'Asile, introduction by Wilson M. Hudson, Steck-Vaugh Co., Austin, TX, 1969. (one of about 300 copies; donor, John Howells)
- 4) (xerox) My Historic Natchitoches, Louisiana and its Environment by Louis Raphael Nardini, Sr. (donor, Don Marler)
- 5) A copy of Baywatcher news with an article on ghost towns along the Gulf Coast, including Galveston. (donor, Bernadette Foley)

Member, Will Zapalac, sent in an article to the Society on modern day Acadiens (Cajuns) and the characteristics some share with their pirate/privateer antecedents.

SUBSCRIPTION TO FRENCH GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Dorothy reported she had sent in a personal subscription to a genealogical and historical association with an interest in the Carribean and that she had sent them the Society's membership information. The French journal, published in LePecq, France, will be made available to Society members for research.

A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE RESEARCH COLLECTION

The President stressed the urgent need for members to offer ideas on where the growing collection (some 1,000 items) of

research material might be permanently and safely housed, and for someone with the knowledge and experience to catalogue the material. Dick Rasche offered to take on the responsibility of cataloging.

TAPING OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Dale emphasized the necessity of having a permanent audio or video record of speakers and their talks for the Society's archives. Don Marler offered to bring a video recorder to the next meeting March 13.

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP INFO

Dale reported he had appointed member Randal Matthews to draw up a list of libraries in small towns of Texas and Louisiana, historical organizations, house museums, genealogical groups, newspapers, etc., to which information on The Laffite Society of Galveston can be made available. Dick Rasche suggested that membership of the TALL SHIP ELISSA of Galveston be included in this list.

THANK YOU LETTERS TO JOHN HOWELLS & ROBERT SCHAADT

It was suggested that a letter be drafted to send to Mr. John Howells in thanks for his contribution of research material, and to Robert Schaadt, Director of the Sam Houston Regional Library and his staff for the lecture and tour at the Center Feb. 4. Mr. Schaadt asked the Society to consider including the Center in its plans for another field trip in '96.

SPECIAL TOPIC

Jean Epperson of Dayton, TX, scheduled to present the lecture at this meeting, was unable to attend. The President therefore stepped in to speak about a set of statues and coins, depicting Laffite, minted in 1976, and the questions concerning ownership, casting and location of the dies for the medals.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McD. Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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March 13, 1995

GENERAL MEETING

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
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MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty. Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley

Board absent: SVP Randy Pace; Treasurer, Jim Earthman; Historian, Bernadette Foley; Archivist, Kurt Voss; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Andy Hall, Don Marler, Randal Matthews, Richard Rasche

Guests: Bob Lilliston, June Girouard, Pat Goodale, Candy & Ed Cotham, Dr. Reginald Wilson, Sheldon Kindall, Craig Hildreth, William T. Andoe, Melanie Wiggins, Robert W. Kunce, Harold Henck, Penny Clark

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the General Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 13 meeting were distributed to officers present, but were not reviewed at meeting time.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The President asked those guests who desired to do so to introduce themselves. Certain guests present were Penny Clark, curator from the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center at Liberty, Texas; Melanie Wiggins, author of They Made Their Own Law: Stories of Bolivar Peninsula, published in 1991; Sheldon Kindall, archeologist; Robert W. Kunce, Galveston music critic; Harrold K. Henck, Jr., co-editor of Images of Galveston County, published in 1992, and author of Discovering Galveston County's Past: Images II of Galveston County, Texas, published in 1994

PREMIERE ISSUE OF THE LAFFITE SOCIETY CHRONICLE

First Vice-President Jim Nonus gave out copies of The Chronicle, Vol. 1:No. 1, to all present and announced that the next date of publication would be in June or July of '95.

FIELD TRIPS

Third Vice-President Diane Olson spoke about the upcoming trip to South Louisiana May 18-21. A flyer was circulated describing the trip to Grand Isle, Grande Terre, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Members were urged to make their hotel reservations as early as possible. Also planned for August is a trip to Virginia Point across Galveston Bay to see the grave site of James Campbell, one of Laffite's captains.

FUTURE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

The President spoke of two issues to be addressed:

- 1) Some type of system should be devised to store the rapidly accumulating collection of research material.
- 2) Delegation of written responses to incoming correspondence.

LAFFITE MEDALS

Diane Olson moved to purchase a quantity of Laffite medals, minted in the 1970s and presently owned by the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. Motion seconded by Jim Nonus; vote carried. Some of these will be used to present as gifts to our hosts at the upcoming trip to Grand Isle and Grande Terre.

The President also appointed a committee to negotiate purchase of the medals.

RESEARCH

Recording & Corresp. Secretary, Dorothy, gave out copies of an article reprinted from Antiques Gazette, March, '95, on a house in Donaldsonville, La. called Laffite's Landing. According to the present owner, Mr. Folse, Jean Laffite's son, Jean, and his wife Emma Viala, daughter of the builder of the house, once lived there with their daughter Antoinette, and Jean Laffite had spent time occasionally at this location. The present owner claims to have a copy in his possession of Jean's and Emma's marriage certificate.

Dorothy stated she had received the first copy of a subscription to Généalogie et Histoire de la Caraïbe (Genealogy and History of the Carribean) from LePecq, France. Jean Epperson and Melanie Wiggins expressed interest in obtaining copies for their research.

Don Marler gave out updated copies of the Dogwood Press Catalogue, Spring, '95.

AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPES FOR THE ARCHIVE

Jim Nonus and Don Marler handled the audio-taping and videotaping, respectively, of today's special speaker, Andy Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. for presentation of the special lecture.

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Member, Andy Hall, presented a lecture with slides on the French settlement of 1818 at Champ de'Asile (Field of Refuge), Texas. Copies of reprints were made available to the group, as follows:

- 1) A MANIFESTO dated May 11, 1818 (a statement describing the purposes for settlement, goals for life and personal principles of the founders). Reprinted from Jesse Reeves, "The Napoleonic Exiles in America." In Johns Hopkins University Studies, Vol. 22. Baltimore:Johns Hopkins University Press, 85-86.
- 2) Graphs showing a map of the settlement, organizational chart showing the names of those in command of the three Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery cohorts, along with percentages of nationalities making up the group and percentages of nationalities of adult males at Champ d'Asile.
- 3) A reprint of "Take Pity on Our Glory: The Men of Champ d'Asile," from Southwestern Historical Quarterly 87 (1984):241-268.
- 4) A short bibliography on Champ d'Asile.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

April 10, 1995

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MEMBERS

Board present: FVP, Jim Nonus; Rec./Corres. Secty. Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Treasurer, Jim Earthman; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley

Board absent: President, Dale Olson; SVP, Randy Pace; TVP, Diane Olson; Historian, Bernadette Foley; Archivist, Kurt Voss; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Don Marler, Charles Kelly, Richard Rasche, Andy Hall, Randall Matthews

Guests: Joel Kirkpatrick, Roberta King, Charles Terry, Becki Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The First Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 13 meeting were distributed to officers present, but were not reviewed at meeting time.

THANKS TO DON MARLER

On behalf of the Society, Jim Nonus thanked Don Marler for videotaping Andy Hall's talk at the March 13 meeting. Andy will provide a written abstract of his lecture for the Society's archives.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Jim Earthman, reported a balance in the treasury of \$564.15.

1810 MAP IN THE MEXICAN ARCHIVE

Recording & Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy, stated that she had written a letter in Spanish to the General Archives of Mexico to request a larger photostatic copy of the 1810 map of Galveston Bay. The one previously received was too small to see the sites indicated.

SOUTH LOUISIANA TRIP

FVP Jim said there were 16 confirmed persons signed up for the Grand Isle, Grande Terre, New Orleans trip May 18-21, 1995.

COMMEMORATIVE LAFFITE MEDALS FOR LOUISIANA HOSTS

FVP Jim stated no medals had been acquired to date. A committee consisting of TVP Diane Olson, Charles Terry and himself would negotiate purchase from the Galveston Chamber of Commerce prior to the Louisiana trip in May.

STATIONERY FOR THE SOCIETY

FVP Jim reported that new stationery for the Society would be purchased from **Kopy Kats** of Houston.

GRANT MITCHELL'S FILM

Member Charles Kelly reported he had made contact with Grant Mitchell to learn that the latter is not currently working on a film about Jean Laffite.

SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE TALKS

- 1) Jean Epperson said she would bring a collection of early maps of the Texas Gulf Coast for members to look at and discuss.
- 2) Jim Nonus mentioned that an employee of the History Center at the Rosenberg Library had indicated she might attend one of the Society's meetings to discuss the collection on Laffite housed in the library.

CHARLES CRONEA MARKER

Guest, Joel Kirkpatrick, invited the Society to attend the dedication in High Island, Texas of a Texas Historical marker for the grave site of Charles Cronea, date to be determined.

UNDERWATER ARCHEOLOGY SOCIETY

Member, Andy Hall, invited Society members to attend a meeting of the Southwest Underwater Archeology Society on May 11, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wortham Auditorium of the Rosenberg Library. The archeological society is a "non-profit volunteer organization composed of sport divers, archeologists, and researchers. Members are active in a variety of projects to identify, document, and preserve historic shipwrecks in Texas waters."

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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SPECIAL LECTURER

Jean L. Epperson read two papers to the Society of which she was the author:

- 1) John McHenry, Privateer and Early Texas Settler
- 2) Who Were the Clear Lake Pirates?

A collection of photos of McHenry's family members and a grave site were shown to members.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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MAY 8, 1995

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
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Board absent: President, Dale Olson; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Archivist, Kurt Voss

Members-at-Large: Margaret Earthman, Andy Hall, Becki Hall, Joel Kirkpatrick, Don Marler, Richard Rasche

Guests: Betty and Reginald Wilson, Marsha Wilson, Tom Oertling, Joseph Witwer

CALL TO ORDER

First Vice-President Jim Nonus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 10 meeting were distributed to officers, but were not reviewed at meeting time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dorothy stated that no reply to date had been received from the General Archives of Mexico regarding her request by letter on March 23 for an enlarged photostatic copy of the 1810 map of Galveston Bay. She distributed for members' interest xeroxed copies of a short article on Charles Cronea reprinted from the BAY WATCHER newspaper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Jim Earthman, reported that the balance in the treasury remained at \$564.15, pending addition of two new memberships.

MEMBERSHIP

FVP Jim Nonus said that two new members had joined the Society: Joel B. Kirkpatrick, Jr. and Edward T. Cotham, Jr.

NEW RESEARCH

Jim Nonus introduced members to copies of two articles written and contributed to the Society's archives by Robert C. Vogel of St. Paul, MN:

- 1) "The Patterson and Ross Raid on Baratavia, September, 1814"
- 2) "Jean Laffite, the Baratarians, and the Historical Geography of Piracy in the Gulf of Mexico"

LOUISIANA TRIP

FVP Jim Nonus gave a short overview of the special event trip planned for Grand Isle, Grande Terre, and New Orleans, LA on May 18-21, 1995. To date, 18 persons had signed up for the trip.

Bernadette Foley, in her capacity as Historian, will collect information of historical interest on this trip for the Society's archives.

SOUTHWEST UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Andy Hall reminded members of the public meeting May 11 at Rosenberg Library of the Southwest Underwater Archaeology Society.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The short business meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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SPECIAL LECTURE

New member and former reporter for The Galveston Daily News, Joel B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., presented a paper entitled, "The Duval Mutiny Aboard the Hotspur on Captain Campbell's Final Voyage." He related events according to two accounts of the mutiny on the Hotspur during which Charles Cronea, age 14, was cabin boy for Captain Campbell. A lively discussion followed numerous anecdotes about the life of Charles Cronea, born in 1805, died March 4, 1893, in High Island, TX.

Guest Tom Oertling, Galveston historian with a professional interest in nautical architecture, spoke informally about his knowledge of sunken ships in the Galveston area and their potential for salvage.

GROUP PHOTO

Following the special lecture, Guest, Marsha Wilson, Editor of The Galveston Journal, a popular Galveston newspaper, took a photo of the evening's gathering which she stated would appear in the May issue of her paper.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The evening's activities concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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JUNE 12, 1995

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Board absent: Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research; Bernadette Foley, Historian; Kurt Voss, Archivist

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Charles Kelly, Joel Kirkpatrick, Don Marler, Richard Rasche, Reginald and Betty Wilson

Guests: David Dolfi, Anna Peebler

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 8 meeting were distributed to officers, but were not reviewed at meeting time.

"THE CHRONICLES"

Dale announced that, due to expense, copies of the Itinerary Booklet for future special events will be limited to the number of persons participating in the event.

The next issue of "THE CHRONICLES" is currently being prepared and should be out sometime in July. A price for retail sale will have to be determined in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace reported paid membership is now at 35 persons.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson gave a short overview of the recent trip to Grand Isle, Grande Terre, and New Orleans, LA May 18-21, 1995. Members enjoyed seeing photos of the trip taken by Diane and others.

Other special events under consideration:

- 1) A visit to Joseph Campbell's grave on Virginia Point in late July or August, '95.
- 2) Possible guided tour with wine and cheese aboard **The Seagull** by Galveston Harbour Tours, compliments of Society friend, "Commodore" Victor Lang.
- 3) Travel to the town of Laffite, LA and New Orleans--date to be determined.

LAFON MAP

The Secretary reported receipt on June 3 of a response to her inquiry of March 20 from the Mexican National Archives in Mexico City for a larger photostatic copy of the 1810 map of Galveston Bay, which is in their collection. The Archives cannot provide a larger copy, but offered to the Society for purchase an 8" x 10" copy of a photo for \$111.10 (new Mexican pesos), equivalent to \$19.72 in U.S. dollars, including postage, handling, & certified mail. The cost of sending a bank draft to the Archives would be an additional \$15.00.

After discussion and motion (proposed by Reginald Wilson and seconded by Jim Nonus), the Society voted to purchase the photo. The Secretary will submit payment through the Foreign Exchange Division of University National Bank, Houston and Galveston.

Prior to purchase, however, Don Marler will make an enlarged xeroxed copy of the photostat on file to attempt to read what is written on the map.

LE PECQ, FRANCE

The Secretary also received a copy of the bulletin of Généalogie et Histoire du Caraïbe, 70:April, 1995, from the Le Pecq, France genealogical group. An entire column was devoted to membership information about the Laffite Society of Galveston which the Secretary had sent them, and to material from Don Marler, including books available through Dogwood Press on Laffite and related subjects, as well as an inquiry from Don for information about the alleged half-sibling relationship between Laffite's first wife, Christina Lawein and Alexander Hamilton.

Information in the bulletin of possible interest to members is as follows:

- 1) Article: Beluche Mora (Isidoro A.). "Privateers of Carthagena," Louisiana Historical Quarterly, 39, 1956, pp. 74-91.
- 2) Michel Marsaudon papers (104 pieces), recently acquired collection at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., of correspondence from individuals engaged in commerce in New Orleans and Bordeaux in the 1770s, '80s, '90s, including a letter from "Mr. Laffite" and one mentioning a "Mr. Laffite," both letters from Bordeaux, France.

[For more information on this collection, write to:
Mr. Michael North, Lauinger Library, Special Collection,
3700 O Street, NW, Wash., D.C. 20057-1006]

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Earthman reported a balance of \$671.15.

BOARD MEETING

The President announced that the Society would have its next Board meeting July 10, 1995.

RESEARCH SOURCES

1) NEW BOOK

Flyers were passed out announcing a new book by Texas author and member Jean L. Epperson: Historical Vignettes of Galveston Bay, published by Dogwood Press and available in mid-June. In two parts ("I. Galveston Bay" "II. Stories from Around the Bay"), the book has a bibliography and index. To order, contact:

Jean L. Epperson, Rt. 2, Box 162, Dayton, TX 77535
713)385-2122

2) BOOK/ARTICLE DONATIONS & PURCHASES

- a) Don Marler donated to the Society's library the following title:

Marxists and Utopias in Texas: the Lone Star State's Pioneer Flirtation with Socialism-Communism by Ernest G. Fischer, 1980, Eakin Press, P.O. Box 178, Burnet, TX 78611

- b) Joel Kirkpatrick donated a xeroxed copy of a newspaper article by Larry Allen: "In a Yucatan Village: Has Lafitte's Grave Been Found at Last?"
- c) Purchased by Dale for his library:
 - 1) The Friends of Joe Gilmore and Some Friends of Lyle Saxon, by Edward Dreyer, Hastings House, 1948.
 - 2) Dueling in the Old South: Vignettes of Social History, by Jack K. Williams, Texas A&M University Press, 1980.

VIDEO TAPE

Don Marler donated a copy of a videotape he made of the Society's April, '95 meeting and Jean L. Epperson's talk.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL LECTURE

The program for the evening was presented by Anna Peebler of the Galveston and Texas History Center, Rosenberg Library. Anna gave a very informative overview of services available to members in researching Jean Laffite and early Galveston history, and on genealogical research materials available in the library.

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Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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6/19/95

July 10, 1995

**BOARD MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX. 77550**

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, Pres.; Jim Nonus, FVP; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Record./Corresp. Secretary, Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Jim Earthman, Treasurer

Board absent: Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research; Bernadette Foley, Historian (ill); Archivist, Kurt Voss; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the Board together at 6:10 p.m., reminding members that no Board meeting was held in April as was called for in the Society's By-Laws.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

FVP Jim Nonus stated he would contact author W.T. Block to speak at an upcoming meeting. Other speakers being considered: Jean and Pat Landry; Robert Vogel; John Howells. The Board decided that members should feel free to recommend their choices of speakers.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace reported current paid membership at 36. Prospective members have received three mail-outs. To conserve costs of stationery and postage in additional mailings, Randy proposed that members call and personally invite those they've recommended to receive mail-outs who have not yet responded.

COSTS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson suggested that the Board consider a procedure for reimbursing members who have incurred expenses in planning special events. Discussion ensued on devising a way to set aside money in advance for such costs.

Jim Nonus proposed that members consider contributing to a "sponsorship" of out-of-town special speakers, for example, in units of \$20.00, toward the specific costs for arrangements, i.e., air fare, meals, lodging, etc.

A suggestion was proposed for members to form committees of 2 or 3 persons to plan the various functions of an event.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding
Secretary

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JULY 10, 1995

GENERAL MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX 77550

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Record./Corresp. Secretary, Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Jim Earthman, Treasurer; Bill Foley, Coordinator of Research

Board absent: Bernadette Foley, Historian (ill); Archivist, Kurt Voss; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Andy and Becki Hall, Joel Kirkpatrick, Charles Kelly, Don Marler, Richard Rasche

Guests: Tom and Sarita Oertling, Randy Jones

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members were informed that Society Historian Bernadette Foley could not be present due to a recent hospitalization.

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved.

SPECIAL LECTURERS

FVP Jim Nonus called for recommendations from members for persons who might make good speakers for the Society.

DECEMBER, '95 MEETING

Dale reported that a letter had been written to Park Ranger Wanda Lee Dicky of the Jean Laffite National Park to visit Galveston as guest speaker for the December, '95 meeting. The date chosen for the meeting is yet to be decided and should not conflict with other major holiday events. Members were asked to make recommendations for a private home or other space in which to have the Dec., '95 holiday social/general meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace reported a paid membership to date of 36 persons in the Society's various membership categories, with a 95% renewal rate. Three successive mail-outs to prospective members have been made. As a cost-saving measure, Randy suggested that members might want to call and personally invite those whom they have recommended for membership who have not yet responded to the mail-outs.

Members might consider inviting prospective members to the December, '95 holiday party/general meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson reported on upcoming events:

- 1) Campbell Grave Site tour on Virginia Point, pending designation of the general site - August or September.
- 2) Harborside boat trip with "Commodore" Victor Lang - sometime in October.
- 3) A book signing by Jean L. Epperson of her new book Historical Vignettes of Galveston Bay at **YESTERDAY'S BOOKS**, 101 21st Street, during the Galveston Art Walk July 15, 1995.

ALLEGED LAFON MAP

Corresponding Secretary Dorothy reported that on June 28 a letter had been sent to Lic. Claudia Constantine Roca, Assistant Director of the Reference Center at the General Archives of Mexico, including a remittance of \$111.10 (new Mexican pesos; equivalent, \$34.58 U.S. dollars) for the cost, certified postage, and handling of an 8" x 10" photo of a map of Galveston Bay dated 1810.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Earthman reported a balance in the Society's treasury of \$651.15 after the following deductions:

- \$5.00 - Rosenberg Library for coffee at monthly meeting.
- \$48.00 - to Randy Pace for postage.
- \$32.00 - to U.S. Postmaster for postage (purchase)

SPONSORSHIP OF SPEAKERS

Discussion followed on sponsorship by the membership of the costs of bringing out-of-town guest speakers to Galveston for future meetings.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

The President called for volunteers to disseminate information on The Laffite Society by writing letters, for example, 5 letters per week, primarily to newspapers in certain cities of Louisiana, such as Baton Rouge and Lafayette.

NEW RESEARCH SOURCES

Dale acquired two books for his library:

- 1) Ghosts Along the Texas Coast by Docia Schultz Williams, Republic of Texas Press, Wordward Publishing, Inc., 1995.
- 2) Indian Tribes of Texas by James M. Day, et al., Texian Press, 1971.

Charles Kelly donated the following book to the Society's collection:

The History of the American Navy, the Ships and Their Development by Howard I. Chapelle, 1949.

Andy Hall contributed xeroxed copies for members of an article from Southwestern Historical Quarterly [no citation] regarding "new information" on Jean Laffite's alleged early life in Mexitlán, Mexico before his historical appearance along the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, title as follows:

"Why Jean Lafitte [sic] Became a Pirate," by Charles Ramsdell, Jr.

Contribution from Tom Oertling, Guest Speaker for this date:

Members received xeroxed copies of information on ship types and their armaments (supplementary material for his talk).

"THE CHRONICLES"

Printing of the second issue of "The Chronicles" has been delayed until August.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Members gave a short description of their current research interests.

OTHER BUSINESS

The President stated he had received two letters from persons inquiring about information on ancestors who had been with Laffite: Nash (surname) and George Smith.

Craig Williams from the Fort Worth area, a writer on legends in Texas, will visit Galveston and may attend the August meeting.

Don McConnell, also a writer, might be interested in doing articles on Laffite.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL LECTURER

Tom Oertling, local historical consultant and nautical archeologist, presented a lecture on "Ship Types of the 19th Century," including information on maritime culture, pirates and privateers.

Minutes submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding
Secretary

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7/12/95

(Corrected version)

AUGUST 14, 1995

**GENERAL MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX 77550**

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty., Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Treasurer, Jim Earthman; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley; Parliamentarian, Lou MacBeth

Board absent: Bernadette Foley, Historian (ill); Archivist, Kurt Voss

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Andy and Rebecca Hall, Reginald and Betty Wilson

Guests: John Kemmerly (owner, **The Galveston Book Store**); Roberta King; Allen Le Cornu (owner of two Galveston businesses--**The Admiralty**, specializing in marine models, and **Signatures**, maps and historical signatures); Bobby Weakley; Mary Jane Zweiner

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 10 meeting were approved.

LAFFITE SOCIETY BIRTHDAY

The President acknowledged the first birth date of the founding of the Society in August of 1994. FVP Jim Nonus provided gaily colored "gift sacks" with candy for members' enjoyment.

COINS

Dale showed to members a commemorative series of Jean Laffite coins, one each of peuter, silver, bronze, and copper.

REVIEW OF PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The President gave a short accounting of the past year's activities of the Society, including special events.

THE CHRONICLES

FVP Jim Nonus stated that negotiations are still underway with a local typesetter.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace reported that the Society now has 38 paid members, representing various parts of the country.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane mentioned the following tentative plans:

- 1) An archaeological tour of the Maison Rouge site, 1417 Harborside Drive, possibly with Sheldon Kindall, archaeologist, as speaker.
- 2) Another excursion to the Southwest Regional Conference Center and Library at Liberty, TX, with a side trip to view two large cannons in the possession of Douglas Zweiner, formerly of Galveston.
- 3) A trip to New Orleans in January or February.
- 4) A visit to the common grave site on Virginia Point where James Campbell, along with two Confederate soldiers, are allegedly buried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Jim Earthman, reported a balance of \$571.48.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON FOREIGN RESEARCH

Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy, reported that she had not yet received from the General Archives of Mexico the photo of the alleged 1810 LaFon map for which payment had been submitted on June 28th.

The Secretary also stated that on July 1, in response to a request from the President, she had requested in writing from "La Casa Cultural" in Mérida, Yucatán, information on the Lafitte brothers, supposedly compiled in the late 1940s by Dr. Edward Kilbourne Tullidge. A copy of a typewritten note (itself a copy) dated 2-16-49 from the said Dr. Tullidge to a "Mr. Jean Lafitte" of Kansas City, Mo., alluding to the above-mentioned collection, was

included with the letter. The Secretary submitted to the President for his files copies of the letter in Spanish and English.

GRAVE MARKER FOR CAMPBELL

Jim Earthman suggested that members consider the idea of having a grave marker placed on the alleged Campbell grave site on Virginia Point, also reflecting a memorial to the Confederate soldiers buried there.

PROSPECTIVE SPEAKERS

Dale mentioned that Craig Williams, a writer working on a series of articles on mythical figures in Texas, wants to come to one of the Society's meetings to learn more about Laffite. Bill Mottley, a researcher on flags of the privateers, may also attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. for a short birthday celebration prior to the Special Lecture.

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Lou MacBeth, Parliamentarian of the Society, gave an overview of some of the previous owners of the Maison Rouge site on Water Street and former historical house that had been built on it in the late 19th century, locally known as "The Hendrick's Castle. Guest, Mrs. Mary Jane Zweiner, together with her husband Charles, had been previous owners prior to purchase by Dale and Diane Olson, President and Third Vice-President, respectively, of the Society. Photos of the house and site from the early 1940s from Lou MacBeth's collection were shown to members.

Minutes submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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8/28/95

**September 11, 1995
GENERAL MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
McCullough Room
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX 77550**

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; SVP Randy Pace; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty., Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Treasurer, Jim Earthman; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley; Parliamentarian, Lou Graves-MacBeth

Board absent: Bernadette Foley, Historian; Archivist, Kurt Voss

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Margaret Earthman, Charles Kelly, Don Marler, Richard Rasche, Reginald and Betty Wilson

Guests: Quealy Antin, Don Birkholz, Michael G. Bissell, Jim and Jo Bremer, Roberta M. Christensen, Margaret Dolfi, Joe and July Dolfi, C.K. Ebersole, Sheldon Kindall, Lee King, Roberta King, Victor Lang, Bev Mendenhale, Jeff and Kathy Modzelewski, Tom Nuckols, Sarita and Tom Oertling, Barney Rapp, Ima Lee Ross, Sandra Tetley, Bob Weakley, Wil Zapalac

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 14th meeting were not reviewed at meeting time. The President reminded officers that it was important to review the Minutes for corrections as soon as the Secretary distributes them. An important function of Minutes is that they may serve as an historical document of the Society's activities.

THE CHRONICLES

FVP Jim Nonus reported that typesetting preparations of the Society's bulletin were in the final stages and that it would go to press within the next two weeks.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace reported that additional membership information has been sent out.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson stated that Park Ranger, Wanda Dicky, of The Jean Laffite National Park in New Orleans, will visit Galveston for a special lecture the second week in December. As the Society's treasury is only able to accommodate basic expenses for operation at the present time, sponsorship in units of \$20.00 will be solicited from the membership to defray Ms. Dicky's transportation and lodging costs.

A trip to New Orleans and possibly to Laffite, LA may be planned for late spring or summer of '96.

Diane reminded members that the December meeting of the Society will have a Holiday social format, and called for volunteers to assist with the arrangements. Volunteers will have their names listed on the invitations as "Hosts" for the evening.

FOREIGN RESEARCH

The Secretary reported the following activity:

- 1) Received, an unsigned 8" x 10" photo of Galveston Bay, dated 1810, from the General Archives of Mexico on August 23, 1995. A 200+ percent xeroxed enlargement of the photo was made to facilitate translation of the map's details into English, which, the Secretary reported, is nearly complete.
- 2) Received, a letter from the Director of the **Centro de Apoyo á la Investigación Histórica de Yucatán**, and newly published (January, '95) information on the alleged death and burial in Dzilam, Yucatán, of Pierre Laffite, brother of Jean, circa Nov. 10, 1821. A pamphlet in Spanish consisting of 18 pages of sworn testimony from witnesses loyal to the Spanish Government, focusing on events leading to Pierre's death, is currently being translated into English.
- 3) Received, biographical information in French, from the LePecq, France Caribbean genealogical and historical association, on Pierre Laffite's life along the French-Spanish border, as well as information on other families with the surname of Laffite from the region of Bordeaux, France.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Earthman reported a balance of \$631.48 in The Society's treasury.

LONG-DISTANCE TRAVELERS

The President acknowledged with appreciation the faithful attendance at meetings of members Reginald and Betty Wilson, Don Marler, and Jean Epperson, who travel to Galveston each month from Dayton and Woodville, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN LAFFITE FROM HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER

Dr. Reginald Wilson spoke briefly on his research into the copybooks and journal alleged to contain the writings of descendants of the Laffite brothers. He presented for members' interest a poem written in St. Louis, MO, September, 1873, by Lois Ann Little, said to be the grand-daughter of Jean Laffite, the poem inferring that Laffite may have spent his last days in quiet retirement.

A WAYWARD CANNONBALL

Lee King, native of Gretna, LA and Laffite, LA, showed to members a photograph of a familiar representation of Jean Laffite, made, according to Mr. King, two or three years ago, and said to have been taken from the same image imprinted on a cloth square which at that time was in the possession of a Galveston family who lived on the east end of the island, names unknown.

Mr. King also had in his possession a cannonball which he stated had been retrieved some years before from a back wall in an out building located in the vicinity of 17th and Ball. A fabled story related by Mr. King, associated the cannonball with a "missed launch" toward Laffite's fort from an American ship, just prior to his departure from the island in 1821.

DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS--FOR THE RECORD

The President reminded members and the numerous guests assembled that the Society endeavors to maintain a neutral stance on the views and research conclusions of its members.

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SPECIAL LECTURE

A tour at 5:30 p.m. this date of the Maison Rouge site at 1417 Harborside Drive, conducted by President Dale Olson, was followed by a talk by archaeologist Sheldon Kindall who had conducted an excavation of the site in 1985. His talk was accompanied by a slide presentation showing areas excavated and some artifacts recovered from the site.

Minutes submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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9-13-95

October 10, 1995
BOARD MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
Wortham Auditorium
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX 77550

MEMBERS

Board present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty. Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley; Parliamentarian, Lou Graves-MacBeth

Board absent: Bernadette Foley, Historian; SVP Randy Pace; Kurt Voss, Archivist

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

THE CHRONICLES

FVP Jim Nonus distributed preliminary copies of the second issue of THE CHRONICLES to those present. Discussion followed on the following points:

- 1) Consideration of price for typesetting, graphics & layout, printing and binding - and whether or not to seek an alternate company to perform these tasks for publication of the next issue of the publication.
- 2) Number of copies to have printed.
- 3) Jim Nonus stated he would obtain information on graphics and printing from Billy Jacobs of **Computer-Aided Design**.

DECEMBER, '95 MEETING

TVP Diane Olson mentioned that funds in units of \$20.00 to cover expenses of \$200.00 for December's visiting lecturer Wanda Lee Dicky of New Orleans will be handled by the Society's Treasurer, Jim Earthman. FVP Jim Nonus stated he would arrange for airline tickets for Ms. Dicky.

A date in December for the combination meeting and Holiday social event that does not conflict with other major events in the city will be chosen in the near future.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson stated that a trip to the Sam Houston Museum might occur on a Saturday in January. Other events planned would be discussed at the General Meeting to follow this date.

ALTERNATE MEETING PLACES

The President called for discussion on having Society meetings at alternate places in the city. An alternate consideration, according to Lou MacBeth, Parliamentarian, is that keeping the meetings scheduled at a central location familiar to the public, such as the Rosenberg Library, makes it easier for members, first time visitors and guests to locate the meeting site. Another consideration: research information in the Library's extensive Laffite collection is more easily accessible to members who come to the Library for the meetings.

A TEMPORARY HOME FOR THE ARCHIVES

Through the generosity of members Jim and Margaret Earthman, temporary space in The Eiband Gallery, 22nd and Post Office, presently under construction, has been offered to the Society for a library-reading room and housing of some artifacts of The Laffite Society.

Motion to accept the temporary space was seconded and approved by unanimous decision of Board present.

MEETING SITE FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING

FVP Jim Nonus stated that members Jim and Margaret Earthman have suggested that the Society hold its December Holiday Social and meeting at The Eiband's Gallery. Jim showed to members floor plans of the Gallery and the space that would be allocated to the Society.

Discussion will follow at the December meeting as to whether to hold future meetings at The Eiband Gallery.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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October 10, 1995
GENERAL MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
Wortham Auditorium
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX. 77550

MEMBERS

Board Present: Dale Olson, President; FVP Jim Nonus; TVP Diane Olson; Rec./Corresp. Secty. Dorothy McD. Karilanovic; Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley; Parliamentarian, Lou Graves-MacBeth

Board Absent: Bernadette Foley, Historian; SVP Randy Pace; Kurt Voss, Archivist

Members-at-Large: Jean L. Epperson, Manny Green, Joel Kirkpatrick

Guests: Phil Jones, Jeff and Kathy Modzelewski, Tom Oertling, David Roberts, Dolly Warren, Bobby Weakley

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the General Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

The Secretary read the Minutes of the September 11 meeting. Minutes were approved.

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

The President extended a welcome to new guests Phil Jones, Dolly Warren, and new member Manny Green of Galveston.

THE CHRONICLES

FVP Jim Nonus distributed preliminary copies of the second issue of the Society's publication, **THE LAFFITE CHRONICLES**. The '96 issue is scheduled for Feb. or March.

MEMBERSHIP

SVP Randy Pace absent. No report available.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TVP Diane Olson outlined the following upcoming events:

- 1) Wanda Lee Dicky, Park Ranger with The Jean Laffite National Park Service of New Orleans, will speak at the Society's December meeting, to be held in The Eiband Gallery, 22nd and Post Office Streets.
- 2) Visit to the Sam Houston Museum in January at which time a meeting of the Society may be held.
- 3) A possible trip to South LA and New Orleans in June.
- 4) Trip to High Island, TX to witness the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker for the grave site of Charles Cronea. By invitation of journalist-historian and Laffite Society member Joel Kirkpatrick.

1810 UNSIGNED MAP OF GALVESTON BAY

The Secretary reported that after translating the descriptive information, she had turned over to nautical archaeologist Tom Oertling an enlarged xeroxed copy (courtesy of FVP Jim Nonus) of the 1810 photo of a map of Galveston Bay recently obtained from the General Archives of México. Tom may present a discussion of the map's contents at an upcoming meeting.

TREASURY BALANCE

Treasurer Jim Earthman not present. No report available.

VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIP FOR DECEMBER, '95 MEETING

TVP Diane called for sponsorships in units of \$20 to support the expenses for visiting lecturer Wanda Lee Dicky in December. The Society's treasurer will accept and be in charge of these funds.

Volunteers for arrangements for Wanda Lee's visit and for the December Holiday Social will be solicited.

LAFON MAP

Member Jean L. Epperson reported that she had located a Bartélemy LaFon map of the Gulf of Mexico at Louisiana State University. She has requested that a copy of a portion showing the upper Texas Gulf Coast be sent to her from LSU.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS FROM THE MAISON ROUGE SITE

President Dale Olson and TVP Diane Olson showed selected artifacts from a recently acquired collection recovered from the alleged Maison Rouge site during an archaeological dig conducted in 1985 by Sheldon Kindall and others at the University of Houston.

The President stressed the importance of the following goals:

- 1) To acquire as soon as possible the documents from the University of Houston that classify the artifacts in the 122 cartons obtained.
- 2) To seek professional advice and assistance in making an inventory of the artifacts.
- 3) To determine as soon as possible which artifacts need special care and handling for preservation.
- 4) To create a catalogue of the Society's library acquisitions and the Maison Rouge artifacts and any others in the possession of the Society.
- 5) To computerize the catalogued data.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the General Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dorothy McDonald Karilanovic
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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November 13, 1995
GENERAL MEETING
THE LAFFITE SOCIETY OF GALVESTON
Rosenberg Library
GALVESTON, TX 77550

MEMBERS

Board present: First Vice-President (FVP) Jim Nonus;
Rec./Corresp. Secty. Dorothy McD.
Karilanovic; Treasurer, Jim Earthman;
Coordinator of Research, Bill Foley

Board absent: President Dale Olson (out of town); SVP Randy
Pace; TVP Diane Olson (out of town);
Historian, Bernadette Foley; Archivist, Kurt
Voss; Parliamentarian, Lou Graves-MacBeth

*Members-at-large: Margaret Earthman, Jean L. Epperson,
Charles Kelly, Joel B. Kirkpatrick, Jeff
and Kathy Modzelewski, Tom and Sarita
Oertling, Richard Rasche, Reginald and
Betty Wilson

*Guests: Weldon Adams, Albert Gonzales, J.B. Kline,
David and Mrs. Roberts, and a guest of Joel
Kirkpatrick

CALL TO ORDER

The First Vice-President called the General Meeting to order
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 10 meeting were not read and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS & RESEARCH ITEMS

FVP Jim asked that those present introduce themselves and
mention what research items, if any, they had brought to the table
for the interest of the group:

- 1) The Story of Texas Under Six Flags 1897, by Mrs. M.E.M.
Davis (offered by Jeff and Kathy Modzelewski, along with
xeroxed copies for the group)

*Sign-up list for meeting & updated copy of membership list not
available to Secretary at time Minutes were prepared.

- 2) "Quadroon Girl Loved Pirate King," by J.D. Claitor (xeroxed copies of a news clipping from The Galveston Daily News - donor?)
- 3) A xeroxed news article from Louisiana writer Dale P. Rogers, showing a house lived in by Nez Coupé (similar to one of Charles Cronea, says Joel), with a hand-written note to Joel Kirkpatrick mentioning his (Rogers') current work on a book containing information gathered from local citizens in his area on the Laffites and their contemporaries.
 Dale P. Rogers
 CAJUN TECHNICAL SERVICES
 P.O. Box 134
 Thibodeaux, La. 70302
 504)446-1022
- 4)
 - a) A booklet on the La Salle Medallion with an article by Society member Andy Hall (shown to the group by Jean Epperson)
 - b) A xeroxed copy of a portrait of Porter Davis (Jean Epperson)
 - c) A laminated copy of the 1810 (?) map of Galveston Bay (on loan to the Society's secretary by Jean Epperson)

LAFFITE STATUETTE

Sarita Oertling, Assistant to the Director, Dr. Inci Bowman, of The Blocker Collection at the Moody Medical Library, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, announced that the Society may become the recipient of a statuette of Jean Laffite which has been housed in The Blocker Collection archives. The statue is thought to have been one of several made under the auspices of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in the '70s.

Decision re acquisition of the statue on a loan basis will be deferred until President Dale Olson can arrange an appointment with the Director upon his (Dale's) return to Galveston in December.

SPONSORSHIP OF DECEMBER LECTURER

FVP Jim reminded members to consider contributing sponsorship units of \$20 for special lecturer Wanda Lee Dicky's trip from New Orleans to Galveston in December. Contributors will be acknowledged as "Hosts" for the event. Jim also called for volunteers to help with arrangements for the evening.

HOLIDAY PARTY AND MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the new EIBAND'S GALLERY, 22nd and Post Office Streets, in which space will eventually be allocated for a Reading Room for the Society's library and artifacts. Members of the Society, Jim and Margaret Earthman, who are also owners of the EIBAND'S GALLERY, issued invitations to the group present to attend the official opening on Friday, November 17 for a wine and cheese reception hosted by FVP and Director of THE GALLERY, Jim Nonus.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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DISCUSSION OF THE 1810 MAP OF GALVESTON BAY

Tom Oertling, local historical researcher and nautical archaeologist, gave an review of the details written in Spanish in a map of Galveston Bay dated around 1810-1816 which had been obtained by the Society from the Mexican General Archives in Mexico City last August. In addition, Tom presented historical information he had researched on map sites of habitation along the Trinity River and on Bolivar Peninsula and offered a conjecture of possible purposes for the map's use based on close observation of the information contained in it.

The Society's Secretary Dorothy McD. Karilanovic and Member-at-Large Jeff Modzelewski contributed English translations of the map's descriptive information.

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