

Notes on Publications of the Laffite Study Group, 1976-1992
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The Laffite Study Group (LSG) was an informal association of historians whose primary publication was *The Life and Times of Jean Laffite* (LTJL). These publications represent a valuable collection and deserve to be made more generally available.

The effort to gather the LSG publications was initialized by Dale Olson of The Laffite Society who contributed the bulk of the materials in their original printed form. This collection, not entirely complete, was expanded by contributions from Society members Dave Roberts, Jean Epperson, and Pam Keys. Several issues were obtained from the Special Collections of the LSU Library.

The first five publications were single LTJL issues from 1976 through 1980. In the Fall of 1980 the first volume of *The Laffite Study Group Newsletter* (LSGN) was published, 5 issues through the Fall of 1981. Then followed LTJL number 6 which was the last LTJL publication until after a long series of LSGN. LSGN was morphed into LTJL, the next issue being LTJL Volume IX (in 4 issues) in the Spring of 1989. Only a single issue of Volumes X (1990) and XII (1992) have been obtained. No issues of a Volume XI have surfaced. I should note one apparent typo in the issue date of LSGN Volume I, Number 2: The printed date on this issue is “Winter, 1981”, but would have to be “Winter, 1980” in order to be in proper sequence with the others in Volume I.

The Laffite Study Group issues in this collection are presented as separate Adobe 8.0 PDF formatted files and are in word searchable form. Some effort was required to obtain good quality copies to allow the OCR routine to capture a great majority of the included words. Each PDF file describes the issue title and begins with a two digit number representing its place in order of publication.

A large part of the effort required to scan the original printed pages, ensure accurate OCR results, and produce the graphics on the CD cover was made by my wife, Carolyn Boutte Peterson. The pirate on the CD cover is Jim Nonus.

Rob Peterson, 2009 June 19