

# HANDBOOK OF THE LAFFITE SOCIETY

How to Find Out About Jean and Pierre Laffite  
And the Laffite Society!

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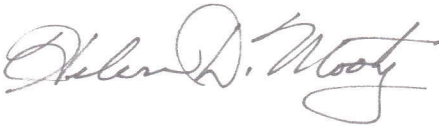
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This Handbook was compiled in support of the program given at the Laffite Society general meeting on January 10, 2017. Links, phone numbers, email addresses, and other specifics are correct as of the date of the presentation. Note that these are subject to change in the future.

Much of the material in this Handbook is representative of what our resources have to offer. The contents are by no means exhaustive. Please take a look at all these resources, just to broaden your knowledge of our subject matter.

I hope you keep this Handbook for reference when you need to find out information on the brothers Laffite or about the Society and how it operates.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen D. Mooty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Helen D. Mooty  
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# *The Laffite Society Chronicles*

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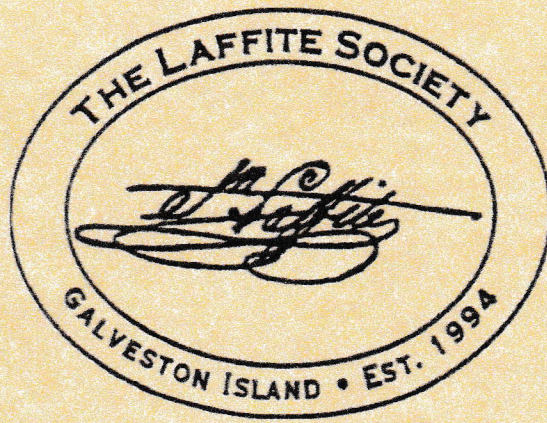
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#### 2.4.2. Not for checkout

#### 2.4.3. Viewing the actual documents is by request to librarian

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### Laffite Society

#### An Inventory of the Organization Records & Research Files

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**Creator:** Laffite Society  
**Title:** Organization Records & Research Files  
**Date:** 1976-  
**Abstract:** Organized in 1975 as the Laffite Study Group by a group of historians, it reorganized in 1994 as the Laffite Society in Galveston, Texas, as a study and social group researching the lives, descendants and associates of privateer brothers Jean and Pierre Laffite who lived on Galveston Island, 1817-1821.  
The records include the publications of both organizations, membership rosters, programs and copies of presentations, photographs and other materials. In addition, members and historians have contributed research files containing copies of articles and correspondence pertaining to facts and myths about the Laffites. They include information about descendants of the Laffites; friends and associates of their group; significant locales and topics of interest, such as slavery, piracy, privateering; connections in Louisiana, France, Mexico, and South America; and political associations dating from the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson, Napoleon and many others.

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#### HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

First established as the Laffite Study Group in 1975, this non-profit organization grew out of the correspondence of interested historians Jane Lucas DeGrummond, John L. Howells, Sue Thompson and Robert C. Vogel. They planned to publish a series of occasional papers focused on pirates/privateers Jean and Pierre Laffite's role in American history, folklore and literature.

The first installment, *The Life and Times of Jean Laffite*, was published in 1976 with more to follow in succeeding years. Additional publications were added until 1990. The membership, essentially the mailing list for the publications, had grown into an international group. After a few years of inactivity, a new organization grew out of the old. In 1994, The Laffite Society of Galveston formed a board and continued to collect and compile information about the Laffite brothers, Jean and Pierre, their descendants and contemporaries which they publish in the *Laffite Society Chronicles*.

Jean Laffite (ca.1776-ca.1823) and his older brother Pierre Laffite were French pirates and privateers in the Gulf of Mexico in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Though historical characters, the facts of their lives were surrounded by myth and legend. Few facts about their birth or arrival in the New World are absolute. "By the fall of 1809 the Laffites had a modest smuggling operation well founded, matching buyers with well-established slave importers. Jean took buyers to Grand Terre to make the sales, while Pierre stayed in New Orleans to handle the Laffites' business affairs there. (Davis, *The Pirates Laffite*, p.51) Jean Laffite proved himself a shrewd patriot during the War of 1812 by helping Andrew Jackson and the United States in the Battle of New Orleans against the British while bargaining for a presidential pardon. Nevertheless, when their criminal activities made them unwelcome in Louisiana, the Laffites moved their operations in 1817 to Galveston, Texas, which they called Campeche. The Spanish government accepted their presence on Galveston Island because they spied for the Spaniards. Meanwhile, the Laffites continued their involvement in smuggling and the slave trade. By 1820, as a result of the Adams-Onís Treaty with Spanish Mexico, the United States "stepped up naval activities aimed at pirates and smugglers in the northern Gulf of Mexico." [Robert C. Vogel] The Navy agreed to let the Laffites gather their belongings and leave peaceably, which they did on May 7, 1820.

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Robert C. Vogel. *The Laffite Society chronicles*. Vol. V, Number 2, August 1999,  
*The Laffite Society Chronicles*,

Silliam C. Davis. *The Pirates Laffite: The Treacherous World of the Corsairs of the Gulf*. Harcourt, Inc., 2005.

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## Scope and Contents Notes

The Laffite Society records consist of 6 cubic feet of records. The records include four series: 1) Laffite Study Group; 2) The Laffite Society; 3) Photographs and Illustrations, 4) Subject files and 5) Articles and Books. Series 1 and 2 are the organizational records of the two founding organizations including the publications, membership rosters, programs and copies of presentations, photographs and other materials. The Subject Files were compiled and collected by members from various archives, newspapers and other publications, and descendants of the Laffite's and the members of their associates. The files include genealogical information, descriptions of significant locales and topics of interest, such as

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## Arrangement of the Records

- Series 1:** Laffite Study Group, 1974-1992
- Series 2:** The Laffite Society, 1994-
- Series 3:** Research Files: Topical
- Series 4:** Research Files: Published Material
- Series 5:** Photographs and Illustrations

## Description of the Collection

### Series 1: Laffite Study Group, 1975-1992

#### Box/Fd.

Box 1

#### History

"The Laffite Study Group, 1975-1980," an article by Robert C. Vogel, published in . . .

#### **Publications: *The Life and Times of Jean Laffite***

For full-text digital version of this journal enter this address on the Internet:

<http://journals.tdl.org/ltjl/index.php/ltjl>

Volume I, Number 1	January, 1976
Volume I, Number 2	July, 1976
[Volume 1], Number 3	December 1976 [printed 1977]
LTJL Reprints No.1	March, 1979
Number VI	June, 1982
Volume IX, Number 4	Winter 1989
Volume XII, Number 1	Spring 1992

#### **Publications: The Laffite Study Group Newsletter**

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Vol. 1, No. 3	Spring, 1981
Vol. II, No. 1	Spring 1982
Vol. II, No. 2	Summer-Fall 1982
Vol. IV, No. 1	Spring 1984
Vol. V, No. 2	Summer 1985
Vol. V, No. 3-4	Fall-Winter 1985
Vol. VI, No. 1	Spring 1986
Vol. VI, No. 2	Summer 1986
Vol. VI, No. 6	Fall 1986
Vol. VI, No. 4	Winter 1986
Vol. VII, No. 1	Spring 1987
Vol. VII, No. 2	Summer 1987
Vol. VII, No. 3	Fall 1987

Vol. VII, No. 4	Winter 1987
Vol. VIII, No. 1	Spring 1988
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Vol. IX, No. 2	Summer 1989
Vol. IX, No. 3	Fall 1989
Vol. IX, No. 4	Winter 1989
Vol. X, No. 1	Spring 1990

Publications: Olson Inventory of Laffite Study Group Publications, 26 Feb. 1996.

## **Series 2: The Laffite Society, 1995-**

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#### **Board of Director's**

Officers

Minutes of the Laffite Society, Misc. (Published in *Chronicles*)

#### **Membership**

Membership Forms

Membership List, 2007

Founding Officers, 1994

#### **Presentations and Events**

Programs: Miscellaneous

Speaker: William Simpson, "Jean Laffite Collection", Aug 12, 1997  
[CASSETTE TAPE], with edited account of the talk by Don C. Marler.

Speaker: Reginald Wilson, "Jean and Emma Laffite's Descendants," 1999

Speaker: Jean L. Epperson, "Jean Laffite and the Schooner Pegasus,"  
March 13, 2000

Speaker: Robert C. Vogel, "1818 Hurricane," Sept./12/2000 [CASSETTE TAPE]

Speaker: Jim Nonus re: Letters to *The Rhode Island American* about  
British attack, 1815, Dec. 11, 2005

Speaker: John Howell, "Verification of Jean Laffite's Journal," no date.  
[CASSETTE TAPE]

Speaker: Jean L. Epperson, "Testimony of Three Escaped Prisoners from  
Galveston in 1818," no date.

Speaker: Pam Keys, [Researching] Laffite." 4/9/2002

Program: Annual Banquets

Anthology: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary correspondence.

Louisiana Historical Association, annual conference.

**Member Files, etc.**

Clegg, Sam

Davis, William C. "Jack"

Epperson, Jean (2 flds)

Fay, Stanley K. (*Beacon-News* historical news editor) Obituary; letter to J.  
Frank Dobie, May 12, 1930 (copy that is fading-needs transcription)

Fretz, Gary

Grunewald, Pamela

Hingley, Cheryl (author of fiction *Siren*, based on Jean Laffite and Anne  
Bohner)

Howells, John

Klinger, Jerry (re: book *Jews on the Frontier*- mentions Jean Laffite)

Marler, Don

Modzelewski, Jeff & Kathy

Olson, Dale

Pettus, David

Power, Dennis

Pullen, W. E. (to Congressman Martin Dies)

Keyes, Pam

Rasche, Richard R.- obituary

Santos, Richard

Stine, Peter (Archivist, Anahuac Library) re: Thomas Mexican Thomas

Villar, Cindy (novelist)

Vogel, Robert

Wilson, Reginald

Zapalac, Wil

### **Tours**

Grand Isle, Grand Terre, New Orleans, May 1995

1996: "An Evening in Plantation Country, June 1996

Wetlands Acadian Culture Center, **no date**

### **Photographs and Illustrations**

This includes organization photographs of events and tours, photocopies of illustrations of the Laffite brothers and others.

## **Box 2**

### **Publications: *The Laffite Society Chronicles***

The Laffite Society Chronicles are available full text on the  
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Volume I, Number 2, July 1995- Current

## **Series 3: Photographs and Artwork**

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*The Subject files are arranged by a broad topics indicated by the headings below. The individual files are arranged alphabetically within the broad topic. The files contain emails, letters, articles and news clippings.*

**Box 3-4 & 6**

### About the Laffites

### Primary Sources

### Laffite Descendants

### Friends and Associates

### General Pirate Information

### Places associated with the Laffites

### The Journal of Jean Laffite

### Bibliographies

## Series 5: Research Files: Publications

*Primarily articles arranged alphabetically by the surname of the author. Also includes photocopies of books and book chapters.*

**Box 5**

Arthur, Stanley Clisby, *Jean Laffite, Gentleman Rover*. Harmanson: New Orleans, 1952.

Avila, Lillian Paz. "Laffite: A History in Dzoila, de Bravo." *Unicorn* (a scientific and cultural supplement to the Yucatan newspaper *That's Why!*) Year 11, No. 564, on Sunday, February 24, 2002.

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"A Tale of Jean Baptiste's Brass Cannon"

"A Buccaneer Family in Spanish East Texas: A biographical Sketch of Captain James and Mary Sabinal Campbell. Beaumont: *The Texas Gulf Historical Society*, 1991. Vol. XXVII, No. 1, 1991.

" 'Crazy Ben' Dollivar's Secret Gold Cache," [Laffite associates]

"A Buccaneer Household in Galveston: Capt. Jim and Mary Sabinal Campbell." [

"The Legend of John Fletcher's Buried Treasure." [Reference to Laffite associates living in the N.2.

Butler, Joseph T., Jr. *The Lafitte Skiff: Workboat of the Bayou Country*. Center for Traditional Louisiana Boatbuilding. Nicholls State University: Thibodaux, LA, 1985.

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# Laffite Society Website

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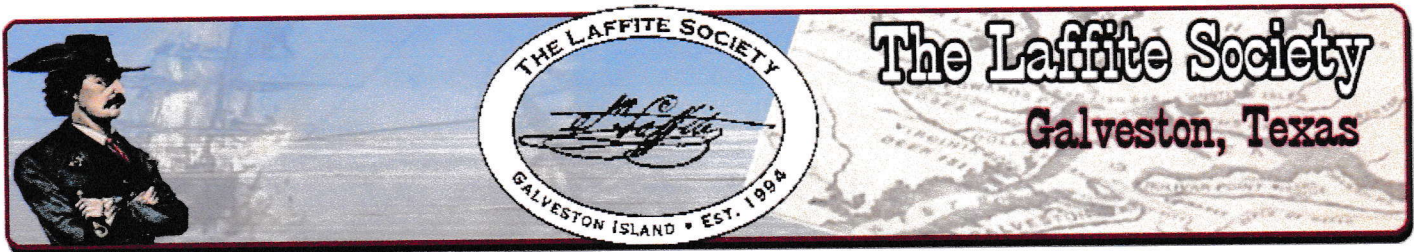
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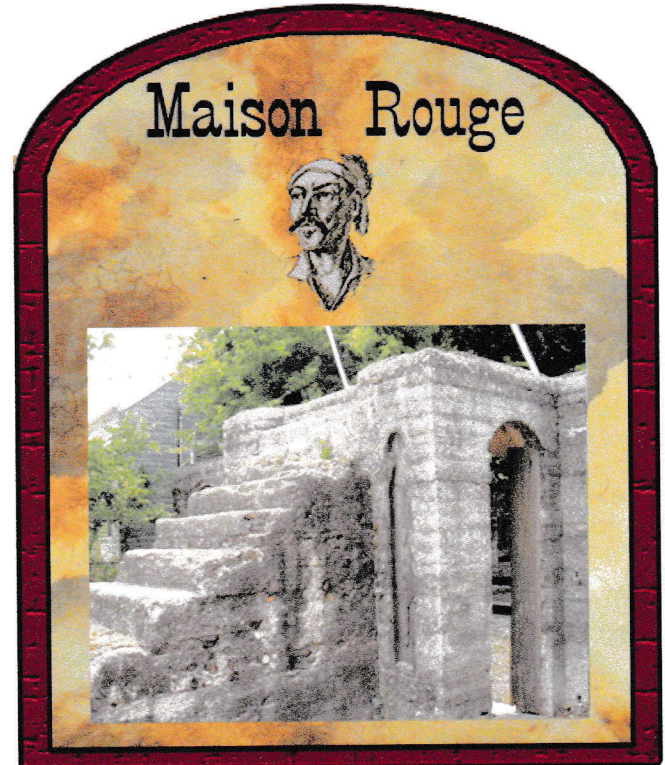
### Join The Laffite Society Today

The primary goal of the Laffite Society is education and proliferation of information concerning the Laffites and their historical times. Although established in Galveston, Texas, the Society is not simply a group of connoisseurs and history buffs with a focus on Galveston Island. Active participation of members from various locales is encouraged. Special events are held in other locations and members whose location does not encourage attendance at monthly meetings may join us at special events. Others may participate by contributing to the Chronicles, or simply by advising us of their study interest.

The Laffite Society is a not-for-profit organization devoted to the study of the privateers Jean and Pierre Laffite and their contemporaries, and to the geographical locales and chronological era associated with them.

[Click Here to Join Today](#)

The Laffite Society generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at The Meridian Towers Retirement Center, 23rd at Seawall, in Galveston, Texas. LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK!!!!



Documentation suggests that on this site, Laffite built his home, Maison Rouge (Red House), located at 1417 Harborside.



### The Laffite Society Logo

A reproduction of the Jean Laffite signature originally affixed to the "Le Brave" documents was chosen as part of the logo of the Laffite Society. This signature is generally considered to be the authentic in that it has been in the custody of the United States government since originally signed by Jean Laffite in Federal Court in New Orleans. Its originality and provenance is therefore assured. The Society employs the spelling of Laffite with two "f"s and one "t".

The Laffite Society Chronicles, January, 1995

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### Recommended Books

[Laffite the Pirate, Lyle Saxon](#)

[Jean Laffite, Prince of Pirates, Jack C. Ramsay, Jr.](#)

[Laffite of Louisiana, Mary Devereux](#)

[Land of Laffite the Pirate, R.M. Thompson](#)

[Pirate of Baratavia, L.B. Evans](#)

[The Baratarians and the Battle of New Orleans, Jane Lucas Grummond and R.R. Morazan](#)

[Jean Laffite, Gentleman Smuggler, M.V. Charnley](#)

[Jean Laffite: Gentleman Rover, S.C. Arthur](#)

[The Corsair, Lord Byron](#)

[Grande Terre, Paul J. Robert](#)

[Privateersmen of the Gulf and Their Prizes, Stanley Faye, Louisiana Historical Quarterly, vol XXII](#)

[The Great Stroke of Pierre Laffite, Privateers of Guadeloupe and Their Establishment in Baratavia, Stanley Faye, Louisiana Historical Quarterly, vol XXIII](#)

[The Journal of Jean Laffite: The Privateer-Patriot's Own Story, John Andrechyne Lafitte](#)

[The Memoirs of Jean Laffite from Le Journal de Jean Laffite, Translated by Gene Marshall](#)

[The Pirates Laffite by William Davis](#)

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## The Historical Timeline of the Laffites

This Timeline has been prepared to assist in answering questions about the privateer's activities in a succinct, consistent manner. The material offered here represents prominent thinking of some members of the Laffite Society. Not all members agree on certain items offered here and no item should be considered the final word—just the state of our knowledge at this time. As data are gathered changes and additions will be made—so check back occasionally. We have provided few references documenting our statements as the "Timeline" is intended as a quick-easy reference. A bibliography on Laffite related materials is provided elsewhere on this website for those who want to verify and gain a deeper knowledge of the Laffite brothers. A Question and Answer document is also available on this website for those who wish more detail on some of the items covered here.

This Timeline has been drawn from the contributions of many members of the Laffite Society, but primarily from material submitted by Pam Keyes, Robert Vogel and Dale Olson. It has been reviewed also by Jean L. Epperson, Jeff Modzelewski and Don C. Marler. Not every member agrees with all that is presented here and the absolute accuracy of none of the material is guaranteed.

Suggestions for corrections, deletions or additions should be sent to: The Laffite Society , [laffitesociety@gmail.com](mailto:laffitesociety@gmail.com).

Year	Month/Day	Event
1772	April 12	Birth of Pierre Laffite in Bordeaux, France.
1774	May 6	Birth of Alexandre Laffite in Bordeaux, France. Alexandre is believed by some members of the Laffite Society to have been aka Dominique You. This would have made Dominique a brother to Pierre and Jean.
1782	August 15	Birth of Jean Laffite in Bordeaux, France. The information contained in the three above items are not proof that these are the brothers Laffite. The Laffite surname is was a common one in the area and the records may relate to relate to like-named individuals.
1802-1804		The arrival date of the Laffite brothers in New Orleans, is uncertain. Both Jean and Pierre may have been in New Orleans when the Louisiana Territory was transferred to the Americans in late 1803 at the Cabildo. Pierre bought a property in New Orleans at the corner of Royal and Dumaine (most likely a mercantile shop).
1806		Pierre Laffite made a deposition to Pedro Pedesclaux in which he said he was a merchant from the Plaza Panzacola (Pensacola).
1811-12		Jean Laffite was invited to lead the privateer smuggling establishment at Barataria Bay. The Baratarian Association was formed shortly afterward with Dominique You, Renato Beluche, Chigazola "Nez Coupe" and Vincent Gambie. They obtained privateering commissions from Cartagena to prey on Spanish shipping
1812		Pierre Laffite suffered a stroke. Captain Andrew H. Holmes and 40 dragoons went to Barataria for a raid but missed the smugglers. They returned in November, one officer was killed.
	November 16	Jean and Pierre Laffite were both arrested by Captain Holmes and jailed at the Cabildo.
1813	April	John Randolph Grymes, US District Attorney, ordered Jean Laffite to forfeit the goods taken in the November raid. Neither Laffite appeared, having posted bail.
	June	The British ship Sophie tried unsuccessfully to capture two of Laffite's privateers near the Isle au Chat
	October	Revenue agents under the command of Walker Gilbert, the government surveyor, seized a sailboat from Laffite's men near the auction site at the Temple, but the smugglers took it back.
	November 24	Gov. William C.C. Claiborne proclaimed a reward of \$500 for the person who could bring in "John Lafitte" on a charge of smuggling. Jean Laffite responded with a parody proclamation in which he offered \$5,000 to anyone who delivered Gov. Claiborne to him at Isle au Chat.
1814	January	Jean Laffite advertised a mammoth slave auction at the Temple along with a lot of merchandise from Europe. J.B. Stout and other revenue officers went to prevent the sale, but Stout was killed, two men wounded. The sale went on as scheduled.

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		new association. This organization hatched many unsuccessful plots to take over the Floridas and to seize Texas from Spain.
July 8		A federal grand jury led by Paul Lanusse in New Orleans denounced the Baratarians for smuggling and piracy and indicted Pierre Laffite, who was arrested by Pierre Duplessis and jailed at the Cabildo.
September 2-4		The British ship, HMS Sophie, arrived at Grande Terre. Captain Lockyer and two officers disembarked to confer with Jean and try to convince him to help with their invasion of New Orleans. The Baratarians kept them overnight in a jail, releasing them in the morning. Jean sent the British letters to his friend, Jean Blanque, with a request that he show them to Gov. Claiborne.
September 6		Adventurer Juan Pablo Anaya, Col. Ellis Bean and Dominique You arrived at Barataria to set in place a plot to overthrow Tampico and Texas only to be thwarted by Patterson's attack on Barataria a few days later, after Anaya and Bean went to New Orleans.
September 7		A \$1,000 reward was posted for the return of Pierre Laffite who broke out of jail along with some slaves.
September 10		Patterson met with Gov. Claiborne and other leaders to discuss the British letters. Patterson urged an attack on Grande Terre, which was approved.
September 14		Jean and Pierre Laffite learned of Patterson's plans and left for the German coast home of Alexandre Labranche. Dominique You remained in charge at Grande Terre.
September 16		Patterson and Ross attacked Barataria, seizing ships and goods and taking several prisoners, including Dominique You and Barthalemy Lafon.
September 21		General Andrew Jackson issued a proclamation denouncing the Baratarians as hellish banditti.
November 30		Gen. Jackson arrived at New Orleans to prepare a defense against the British threat.
December 17		Gov. Claiborne issued a general order of amnesty suspending proceedings against the Laffites and Baratarians, and invited them to join in the defense of the city. A few days later, Jean Laffite met with General Jackson to offer his service and that of his men. They met at 109 Royal Street, the General's headquarters.
December 22		Jean Laffite went to the Temple to assist Major Michael Reynolds with defense preparations. Jean also apparently went to Donaldsonville to arrange transfer of flints and powder from the warehouse there to Chalmette. Pierre Laffite remained near General Jackson.
December 23		In a night battle against the British, Pierre guided Gen. Coffee and his men to the rear of de la Ronde's plantation to turn the British flank. Later, Pierre is entrusted by Edward Livingston to get his wife and child to safety away from the city. Sometime after this battle, the Laffites delivered needed flints and powder to Jackson's forces from their storage place at Donaldsonville. General Jackson's ship, the Carolina, opened fire on a surprised British camp. This was the first engagement of fire power in the Battle of New Orleans.
1815	January 8	The Battle of New Orleans ended.
	Late January	John Grymes quit his US District Attorney post to represent the Laffites along with Edward Livingston and Pierre Morel. John Dick took Grymes' post, and the legal battle for the goods seized in the Patterson-Ross raid of Barataria continued.
	February 6	President James Madison signed a full pardon for all the Baratarians who assisted in the defense of New Orleans. Baratarian Privateers obtain commission from the Mexican Congress.
	February 28	Pierre Laffite placed a bankruptcy notice in the L'Ami des Lois.
	July	Jean Laffite gave a statement in a claim by Jean Gourjon against Vincent Gambie regarding a runaway slave. Pierre Laffite assigned power of attorney to Jean Laffite to represent him in Washington, D.C.
	August	Jean Laffite traveled to Washington and Philadelphia, to present his claim for reimbursement to President Madison. Arsene Lacarriere Latour went with him.
	December	Jean Laffite presented his petition for reimbursement of his Baratarian losses to President Madison. While Jean was in Washington Pierre, working through the corrupt priest, Father Antonio de Sedella, committed himself and Jean to become secret agents of Spain.
1816	April	Jean Laffite and Latour returned to New Orleans.
	May	Jean Laffite and Latour left on a mapping survey ostensibly for the Spanish for several months on the Red, Sabine, Trinidad (Trinity), Arkansas and Colorado rivers.
	September	Louis-Michel Aury occupies Galveston.
	Late November	Jean Laffite and Latour returned to New Orleans.

	April	Xavier Mina undertakes an expedition to Soto la Marina.
	April 8-18	Jean Laffite took control of Galveston through a coup in Aury's absence, then returned briefly to New Orleans.
1818	January	A group of French settlers arrived with Charles Lallemant at Galveston as a port of entry to establish their Champ d'Asile settlement on the Trinity River. Laffite reported their plans to the Spanish authorities, who sent troops to that area. The settlers fled to Galveston, before the Spanish troops, only to endure the hurricane that Fall.
	August	George Graham visited Laffite at Galveston to give him a dispossession notice he said was from US authorities.
	September	Champ d'Asile refugees return to Galveston.
	September 12	A strong hurricane hit Galveston, severely damaging ships and homes. Laffite's resources are strained as he is called upon to deal with the storm and assist the Champ d'Asile refugees.
	Late October	Pierre Laffite showed up at George Graham's DC office with a Sept. 26, 1818, letter from Jean. The purpose of his urgent visit to Graham remains unknown.
1819		Laffite met with James Long who wanted support for an invasion of Texas. Laffite received a commission from Long, wherein he was acknowledged Governor of Galveston.
	September 13	Laffite's newly-purchased ship, Le Brave, captured the Spanish ship Filomena, only to be caught in turn by US revenue cutters Louisiane and Alabama. Le Brave captain Jean Desfarges and his crew put up a fight. Edward Livingston and Grymes represented them in court. Taken with the Le Brave were Laffite's instructions and a document outlining how spoils would be split. The documents were signed by Laffite at Galveston 11 days before the seizure of the Filomena.
	September	Some of Laffite's men under the leadership of George William Brown raided the plantation home of John Lyons.
	November 5-10	The USS Lynx went to Galveston to pursue the gang responsible for the Lyons raid incident. Jean Laffite organized a court, found the leader Brown guilty and hanged him, then allowed the Lynx to take prisoners others who had participated in the raid.
	November 12	A grand jury at New Orleans ordered Desfarges and crew of the Le Brave to stand trial.
	November 22	A trial jury finds Desfarges and 17 crewmen guilty as charged and sentenced them to death. One crewman, Trickhart, is pardoned by President Madison. There is great public turmoil in town over the crew's imprisonment and sentences.
1820	February 27	The U.S.S. Enterprise under the command of Lt. Lawrence Kearny arrived at Galveston to ensure that Jean Laffite and his men were going to abandon the settlement.
	May 7	Galveston was abandoned by Laffite.
	May 25	The crew of the Le Brave is executed.
	July 30	Battle of The Three Trees occurs.
1821		Jean Laffite's former privateers return sporadically to the Galveston area.
	September	Pierre Laffite was on the Isla Mujeres with some other privateers.
	November 9	Pierre Laffite was reported to have died of wounds received on the island of Cancun, and was buried at Dzilam.
1822	January	Jean Laffite's fleet working off the coast of Cuba was destroyed by an English brig, and Jean Laffite was jailed in Puerto Principe for several weeks.
	February 13	Laffite faked an illness and escaped from a hospital.
	March	The Governor of Puerto Principe reported that Jean Laffite was anchored off Rincon Grande, around the north central coast of Cuba.
	April	Captain Stockton of the USS Alligator reported that Laffite had taken an American ship, Jay, off the north coast of Cuba.
	August	Jean Laffite received a commission in the Colombian Navy at Cartagena, Colombia, and command of the General Santander in the service of Simon Bolivar.
	November	The Schooner Columbus Ross from Jamaica reported that during the end of this month the Colombian private armed schooner General Santander with Captain John Lafitte (sic) treated them politely and convoyed their ship for two days until they were free from danger of pirate attacks. Laffite also gave them gun shot and other supplies.
1826		Jean Laffite is reported to have died of a sickness at Silan, near Merida or on Isla Mujeres. The first edition of Joseph H. Ingraham's romantic novel, Lafitte, the Pirate of the Gulf was published. The first edition of William G. Spears, The Memoirs of Lafite or The Barritarian (sic) Pirate. A Narrative Founded on Fact, was published.
1828	November	Pierre Laffite died and was buried in St. Louis Cemetery II in New Orleans.

- 1882 Charles E. Gayarre published "Historical Sketch of Pierre and Jean Lafitte" in The Magazine of American History.
- 1930 The first edition of Lyle Saxon's Lafitte the Pirate is published.
- 1938 Cecil B. DeMille's film "The Buccaneer," starring Frederic March as Jean Laffite is released.
- 1958 There is a remake of DeMille's "The Buccaneer", starring Yule Brenner as Jean Laffite.  
John Mateka--aka John Laflin, aka John Nafsinger aka John Andrechyne Laffite published The Journal of Jean Laffite: The Privateer-Patriot's Own Story.
- 1975 The Laffite Study Group is established.
- 1994 The Laffite Study Group is disbanded.
- The Laffite Society is established at Galveston, Texas.

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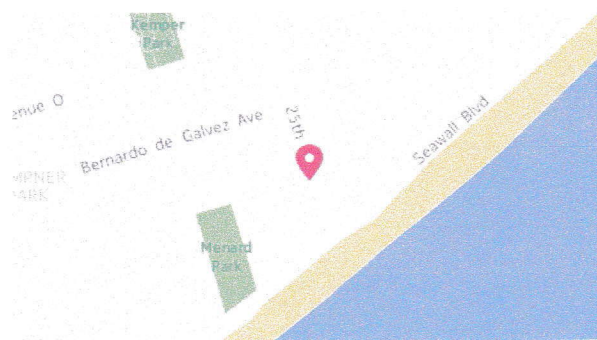
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January's program will be a presentation of the "Handbook for the Laffite Society." Given by members, Helen D. Mooty and Lou Graves MacBeth, it will explain six ways to find out about the historical Laffite brothers and their modern day followers, the Laffite Society of Galveston. The accompanying handout will be a useful reference for anything you need to know about the Society.

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November 13, 2016 ·

Please join us at this week's meeting, Tuesday, November 15, at Meridian Retirement Community, 2228 Seawall Blvd., Galveston. We will have a meal (\$8.00 charge) and complimentary beverages at 6 pm, followed by our program.

The presentation will be "Sailors' Superstitions 102: Legs, Tails, and Fins," by Laffite Society member, Diane Wonio.

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## Laffite Society Meeting, Tuesday, J...

Please join us at next week's meeting, Tuesday, January, 10, at Meridian Retirement Community, 2228 Seawall Blvd., Galveston. We will have a meal



[Kathy Modzelewski](#) • Jan 5 • #2125

## Re: Galveston 200th Anni...

would it be possible to have something this year, not a major event , but at least getting some PR out of the 200th. Anniversary and then a major event

[wolfie77551](#) • Jan 5 • #2124

## Re: Galveston 200th Anni...

Since part of the issue is that we are woefully late for an April 2017 celebration of Jean Laffite's arrival in Campeche, perhaps we should make

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[Kathy Modzelewski](#) • Jan 4 • #2122

## Laffite January 2017 Meeting Food Sig...

Hello ! You have been invited by Lynette Haaga to sign up for "Laffite January 2017 Meeting Food Signup." Please click on the button below to

[Lynette Haaga](#) • Jan 4 • #2121

## Re: Galveston 200th Anni...

Hi, I am glad to start a discussion about what could be done to observe the 200th anniversary. I agree it is kind of late to do anything on a grand scale,

[Pam Keyes](#) • Jan 4 • #2120

## Re: Galveston 200th Anni...

In response to Pam Keyes suggestions about the 200 anniversary of Laffite's arrival on Galveston. the essay contest could certainly use the anniversary

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membership and attention to the Laffite Society, as this April will mark the  
[laffite1819](#) • Jan 2 • #2117

#### Another Laffite Societ...

I'm sad to report of the passing of Laffite Society member, Mel Trammell, on Wednesday, December 7. Mel and Carol have a home in Galveston but

[Kathy Modzelewski](#) • Dec 9, 2016 • #2116

#### Laffite Holiday Banquet ...

Please see the note below from Lynette, our Hospitality Director and Holiday Banquet organizer. If you have any questions about the banquet, please

[Kathy Modzelewski](#) • Dec 6, 2016 • #2115

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[Laffite@yahooogroups.com](#) • Nov 30, 2016 • #2114

#### Re: Laffite Society Meeting, Tuesday,...

Hi Kathy. I'm disappointed that due to the date change I will not be able to attend this Tuesday Re the Laffite Christmas party a little out of my \$ range.

[Pamela](#) • Nov 13, 2016 • #2113

#### Laffite Society Meeting, Tuesday, ...

Please join us at this week's meeting, Tuesday, November 15, at Meridian Retirement Community, 2228 Seawall Blvd., Galveston. We will have a meal

[Kathy Modzelewski](#) • Nov 13, 2016 • #2112

#### Fwd: Seeds of Empire Lecture with Andr...

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- 6.2.6. Reginald Wilson
- 6.2.7. Pam Keyes

### 6.3. Officers and Advisory Board selected every two years

### 6.4. By-Laws

- 6.4.1. By-Laws are updated as needed
- 6.4.2. Available from Kathy Modzelewski **(409-739-9468, [kathymod@gmail.com](mailto:kathymod@gmail.com))** on request

### 6.5. General Membership

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Our meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month at the Meridian Retirement Community, 2228 Seawall Blvd.. We get together at 6pm for a meal (for which we ask \$8.00) and complimentary beverages, followed by our meeting, which consists of a little business and an informative program.

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