

~*Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board*~

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Louisiana State Archives

3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board

The Mission of the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board established by Executive Order MJF 98-31 is to assist in, support, coordinate and advocate for the identification, collection, preservation, management, use and accessibility of records that document all of Louisiana's people, communities, organizations, businesses, and governments. It is the Vision of the LHRAB that the historical records of all Louisiana's people will be identified, collected, preserved, maintained, made available to and used by Louisianians to increase their knowledge of the history and cultures of this diverse state and to ensure their rights.

Carrie Fager, Records Manager Statewide

Jon A. Gegenheimer, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association

Judith F. Gentry, Member at Large

Florent Hardy, Jr., Ph.D., State Archives, *Coordinator*

Jacqueline L. Jones, Member at Large

Tara E. Laver, Archivist, LSU, *Assistant Coordinator*

Brian S. Lestage, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association

Emilie "Lee" Leumas, Member at Large

Brenda B. Parsons, Member at Large

Tammy Foster, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association

Michael Wynne, Member at Large

~AGENDA~

~Welcome~

~Introductions~

~Reports/Updates on Member Activities~

Review of March 11, 2015, Meeting Minutes

~Open Discussion~

2015 Meeting Dates

Friday, November 20

**Suggestions for Possible Symposiums/Conferences/Activities for
Archives Month/October 2015 Agenda Handout**



Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

Florent Hardy, Jr., Ph.D.
State Archivist
LHRAB Coordinator

**Minutes of the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board
September 9, 2015
Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.**

Present: Florent Hardy (chair), Jacqueline Jones, Tara Laver, Michael Wynn

Absent: Carrie Fager, Jon Gegenheimer, Brian Lestage, Lee Leumas, Brneda Parsons, Tammy Foster

Updates from Members

Laver:

- LSU Libraries Special Collections has implemented Aeon, a patron registration and circulation management software and is in the process of implementing ArchivesSpace, an open-source software for managing archival collections that supports accessioning, description (ex. creating EAD finding aids), and online searching of finding aids to facilitate discovery.
- Long-time Head of Public Services Judy Bolton retired September 6.
- Several members of Special Collections staff attended the Society of American Archivists annual meeting in Cleveland in August.

Jones:

- Reorganization of Baton Rouge Community College and currently have an interim chancellor and interim vice chancellor of academic affairs as a result of the merger of BRCC and Capital Area Technical College. The library is trying to cover eight sites, but the cuts make it difficult. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACs) has approved the merger of two systems but reaccreditation visit is in December.
- She continues to work at the neighborhood level to find collectors to share collection interest to students.

Wynne:

- Updated members on the disposition of flight school records dating 1945-1947 that he had purchased at a garage sale. Of the 32 he had, he was able to locate families of 21 and return the records to them.
- Suggested reviving the archives roadshow/appraisal fair previously organized by the Secretary of State's Office, in 2007/2008.

Archives Month

Hardy presented the schedule of events for Archives Month in October.

- October 1, "*The History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana*," co-authors Dr. Jonathan Roberts and Dr. Charles Durant
- October 6, "*The Most Dangerous Animal of All; The Zodiac Killer*," Gary Stewart, Author, *New York Times* Best Seller
- October 8, "Genealogy Resources at State Archives," Bill Stafford, State Archives Research Administrator
- October 15, FRIENDS Breakfast (Archives Library)
- October 20, "The Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame," Carolyn Phillips, Executive Director

- October 22, "The Foundation for Historical Louisiana," Fairleigh Jackson, Executive Director
- October 27, The Historic New Orleans Collection, "Unlocked: Perspective and the New Orleans Prison Evacuation Crisis," Mark Cave, Senior Curator/Oral Historian, and "Spanish Louisiana Land Records Database," Howard Margot, Curator
- October 29, "The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities," Miranda Restovic, President

New Business

Archives Roadshow: Wynne returned to the idea of an Archives Roadshow again, citing the previous success that resulted in donations to the Archives, educating people about preservation, and garnered great publicity for the Archives. Hardy suggested March but cited the lack of staff as a barrier. Wynne inquired of the Friends of the Archives could help organize it. Hardy will take about it with the Friends at their Thanksgiving lunch. Wynne suggested an alternate idea would be to have the appraisal event just for the Friends.

Jones supported the idea and reported how she is often called on to look at collections to see if they have historical importance. Cited examples of an artist in Plaquemine whose subject is black cowboys and helping save music from Heron's Music Store, a Baton Rouge music store that catered to African Americans.

Terms of appointments: Judith Gentry stepped down from the board. The new governor will appoint members. Hardy expressed a desire to have some input on who is nominated by the governor.

Compiled by Tara Laver