ST. MARTINVILLE — The articles of incorporation of the Attakapas Historical Association were accepted and signed at a recent meeting held at the St. Martinville library. A representative group of interested persons of the area became charter members of an organization whose purpose it is to preserve authentic, accurate history, genealogy, landmarks and traditions of the Attakapas area.

The need for such an association was realized by the members of the St. Martin Parish National Library Week committee, of which Harris Periou, Breaux Bridge, was chairman with Miss Habel Gay Sock rider, parish librarian. The organization was initiated by the committee as a continuing project of the NLW activities.

Periou, serving as temporary chairman at the meeting of the historical organization, presented Mrs. Jerome A. Broussard as chairman of the charter preparation committee. Mrs. Broussard reported that the assistance of C. Thomas Bienvenu Jr., local attorney, had been enlisted to frame the charter. Bienvenu then explained the terms, limits and conditions of the articles of incorporation.

On the recommendation of the nominating committee, of which Mrs. Fred Edmund Bui liard was chairman, the following were named to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term: Virginia Kyle Hine, New Iberia; Harris J. Periou, Breaux Bridge; Pearl Mary Segura, Lafayette; and Albert W. Silverman, Franklin; for a 2-year term, Mrs. Broussard, St. Martinville; Keith Courge, New Iberia; Mrs. David R. Williams, Lafayette; Mrs. Ernest Yongue, Breaux Bridge; for a 1-year term, Maureen Bergerie, New Iberia; Huey H. Breaux, Lafayette; E. L. Guidry Jr., St. Martinville, and Nicholas D. Olivier, New Orleans.

Named to serve on a committee to draft by-laws for the organization were Mrs. Broussard, chairman, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Edna LaHaye Miss Jeanne Castille and Miss Segura.

A meeting is planned for late July at which time officers will be elected. A general membership meeting will be called in early fall.

Membership in the association is open to interested persons of the area and annual dues may be sent to Miss Sock rider at the St. Martinville library, who is acting treasurer.

Guest speaker at this meeting was Winston Deville, researcher in colonial history and the genealogy of colonial families of Louisiana, whose purpose it was to impress members with the necessity of authenticating and recording their research. He gave a brief resume of the work being done throughout the United States and in Europe on various facets of Louisiana history.