Lejeune/Young genealogical study proves wide interest

THE LEJEUNES OF ACADIA AND THE YOUNGS OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA -

A Genealogical study of the Lejeunes of Acadia and the descendants of Joseph Lejeune/Young and Patsy Perrine Hay by John Austin Young (Privately printed. $45.00 plus $3.00 shipping and handling from the author, P.O. Box 178, Basile, La. 70515)

This hardcover 6x9 inch book covers the Lejeune/Young family from their arrival in Acadia around 1636 and marriages of subsequent generations into the Lejeunes, Gauterots and Savoyes of Acadia and many allied families in Southwest Louisiana. If your family joins the Lejeune or Young family in any way, you'll find mention of them in this volume which is indexed and contains 1,047 pages of information.

Years of research and collection of information has gone into this publication which will interest many families in the surrounding communities. Most local families whose ancestors have lived in the area for several generations are represented since the early families are woven together like a color tapestry. The index of this book helps locate how you are related to this cousin or that one (sometimes in many ways rather than just one connection).

A great example of what genealogical work should be, John Young demonstrates his expertise in handling documentation of facts and has produced a book that will prove of interest to this and many generations to come. Some readers will be familiar with his careful attention to detail because they have been conditioned to his work as editor of La Voix des Prairie (The Voice of the Prairie), the journal of the Evangeline Genealogical and Historical Society. He has served that organization in several capacities faithfully for a number of years.

Containing maps, passenger lists, extensive notes and a well-written foreword that explains the format the author uses to present the material in the book, the whole project is well worth the time to browse and will draw the reader back again and again to check information undocumented until now. In the words of the author, "If I'd realized the size and scope of such a task, I doubt I'd ever undertaken it."

We can all be grateful that he did undertake it, and that he did not give up before completing the task he had set for himself.

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