LOUISIANA
place names with a touch of the unusual

ORIGINS OF PLACE NAMES IN ACADIA PARISH

ACADIA PARISH. Originally part of St. Landry Parish, Acadia Parish was created a separate parish on June 20, 1838, and named for the Acadia, whose descend- ants settled the parish.

BASIL GAS FIELD. The field was named for the near-by town of Basil in Evangeline Parish.

BAYOU BLANC. French for "White Bayou," the name was given for the white foam found on the water during heavy spring rains.

BAYOUS DES CANNES. The bayou was named for the wild bamboo canes growing along its banks.

BAYOU MALLET. The Mallet family, early French settlers from Canada, pioneered the vicinity.

BAYOU MALLET OIL AND GAS FIELD. The field was named for its location near Bayou Mallet.

BAYOU NIETPIQUE. The name signifies "tattooed nose" and refers to the practice of tattooing of the Indians in the area. Another source says that an old Indian living in the area had had smallpox and, as a result, had a badly scarred nose; thus the bayou was named for him, nequisque being French for "pocked nose." Still another source says that the bayou was named by French settlers after the Indians of the area who wore sticks through their noses.

BAYOU PLAQUEMINE. The full name, Plaquemine Brules, means "burnt persimmon." Brulee refers to the land that was cleared by burning cane and underbrush. Probably some persimmon trees were burned also; therefore, the name was applied.

BAYOU POINTE AUX LOUPS. This tributary of Bayou des Cannes, French for "point or place of wolves," is named for the abundance of wolves when the first settlement was made by Xavier Carte in 1840.

BAYOU QUEENS DE TORTURE. The Indians thought the bayou was shaped like the tail of a turtle. Some people believe that it was possible named for Celestine de Tortue, who owned a tract of land situated on the bayou, thus producing the nickname "turtle's tail." Still another explanation comes from Vermilion Parish where some farmers say that the water recedes during dry weather much as the tail of a turtle recedes when the turtle is frightened.

BAYOU WIXOFF. This bayou was named for William Wixoff, who obtained a Spanish land grant in 1795 in the northeastern part of the parish, which included the headwaters of this stream.

BAYOU WIXOFF OIL FIELD. This oil field which is no longer in existence was named for its proximity to Bayou Wixoff.

BAYOU GULLY. The gully was named for Henry Bideon, whose land grant in the vicinity was registered in 1840.

BOCWO OIL AND GAS FIELD. The field was named for its proximity to the community of Bosc, in Lafayette Parish.

BRANCH. This town, formerly called Plaquemine Brulee, was named for Branch Hayes, who served as constable for the town.

BRANCH GAS FIELD. The field was named for its proximity to the town of Branch.

CANNERS BAYOU. The bayou was named for the numerous cane brakes along the bayou.

CHURCH POINT. There are conflicting accounts regarding this name origin. One account is that the name is attributed to the fact that the community was once just a point of woods sticking out the prairie where a chapel was built by Grand Coteau Priests. Also there is a legend that the town was named for the Nova Scotian settlement by the same name in which the church point or steeple could be seen for miles away.

CHURCH POINT GAS FIELD. The field was named for its proximity to the town of Church Point.

COLE GULLY. This small tributary of Bayou Plaquemine was named for the Cole family, early settlers at its mouth.

CROWLEY. The town was named for Patrick C. Crowley, a railroad engineer and roadmaster.

CROWLEY OIL AND GAS FIELD. The field is named for its proximity to the town of Crowley.

DUSON. The Duson brothers, W.W. and C.C. were founders of several communities in the area.

EBENEZER (also spelled Everneezer and Ebeneezer). Early settlers were very religious families who named many of their sons Ebenezer. Hoping for blessings from the Lord, they took the name of their community from the Bible, First Samuel 7:12, which said that Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, "hither to hath the Lord helped us."

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By: Rod & Linda Tucker

HENRY'S MODEL "A"
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As a youngster I was attracted to the old cars, and particularly noted the more common Ford Model "A"s. So when I reached driving age, the old car bug was strong enough that I acquired my first Model "A". From this point to 1972, I acquired and sold several different Model "A"s, but I had never owned a soft top body style. I had often thought about owning a Phaeton, or 4-door convertible, but never could locate one at a reasonable price. Finally in early 1972 I found a Phaeton advertised for sale in an old car magazine out west. After a few phone calls and some correspondence, I decided to go look at this car.

The family and I drove west on vacation and included enough time to stop and look at the car. The car appeared very close to our expectations, so we bought the Phaeton and also inherited a lot of spare parts. We rented a truck and loaded our Phaeton and the spare parts and headed back to Lafayette.

After getting back home to Lafayette and looking the car over carefully, the Phaeton exhibited it was a good solid complete, older amateur restoration.

We proceeded to clean and freshen up the car, replace and paint some of the parts. We then added some new accessories including new white wall tires. Our aim then and always will be to preserve and keep it as precisely close to the original car as possible.

The car, now as pictured, has light green lacquered body with dark green molding trim and black fenders. The wheels are light apple green with matching apple green stripe along the body molding. Six white walls, including two in the fender wells, folding trunk rack, and the flying quail hood ornament help highlight the car.

Our car qualifies for and bears the Louisiana Antique Car plate. One of the real advantages of restoring and maintaining any Model "A" is that most parts are readily available over the country from parts houses or private collections. A word of caution, learned through experience, the quality and price of parts vary greatly, and the cheaper parts are usually the poorer quality.

To better understand the history of the Model "A", a brief outline follows:

History of Ford Model "A" -- The Model "A" was produced for four years, 1928 to 1931. Some 5 million "A"s were produced in nine different body styles, including four folding soft top sporty body styles. The soft top body styles were of limited production.

Today it is estimated that there are 200,000 running Model "A"s and the soft top body styles represent a small percent of this total. The increasing demand for the soft top styles is making them very rare. To meet some of this demand, a few company's are fabricating Model "A" replicas with fiberglass bodies, available for several thousand dollars. The cost of the Model "A" when new ranged from about $425 to $575 depending upon the body style and CONT. PG. 15

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1971 Chev. Monte Carlo, loaded with air & power. 30,000 actual miles, going for $2,975.

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7:00 PM
(3)(33) THE ROOKIES
One-hour dramatic series depicting the personal and professional lives of three young police officers starring George Stanford Brown, Michael Ontkean and Sam Melville with Gerald S. O'Loughlin and Kate Jackson.
(2)(5)(15) MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
(39) MISS BLACK TEEN-AGE AMERICA BEAUTY PAGEANT
(9)(10) GUNSMOKE
(39) I DREAM OF JEAN- NIE

7:30 PM
(39) MAYBERRY R.F.D.

8:00 PM
(15) FLOWERS AND OTHER MAGIC
(2)(10) TO TELL THE TRUTH
(9) MOVIE "Back Track"
(10) LUCY SHOW
(39) THE MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE "the Cobra"

8:30 PM
(10) DORIS DAY SHOW

9:00 PM
(10) MEDICAL CENTER

10:00 PM
(3)(33) NEWS
(2)(5) NEWS
(9)(10) NEWS
(15) MANTRAP
(39) TWILIGHT ZONE

10:30 PM
(3)(33) ABC WIDE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT
(2)(5)(15) JOHNNY CARSON
(9)(10) MOVIE "A wig for Mr. Devore."

7:00 PM
(3)(33) TEMPERATURES RISING—Comedy
(39) BIGHORN
(9)(10) MAUDE
(2)(5)(15) TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIE

7:30 PM
(3)(33) TUESDAY MOVIE OF THE WEEK "The coup-

TUESDAY AUGUST 21st

6:30 PM
(9)(10) HANNAH FIVE-0
(39) THE TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIE "Witness for the prosecution"

7:30 PM
(10) CBS TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIE "Trilogy"
(9) SIX WIVES OF HENRY VIII

8:00 PM
(15) MISS BLACK TEEN-AGE AMERICA BEAUTY PAGEANT
(9)(10) GUNSMOKE
(2)(5)(15) JOHNNY CARSON
(9) THE GREAT OUTDOORS
(10) MOVIE "Mr. Buddwing."

8:30 PM
(3)(33) MANTRAP
(15) DORIS DAY SHOW

9:00 PM
(3)(33) MARCUS WELBY M.D.
(2) FIRST TUESDAY
(5)(15) NBC REPORTS "Congress Last Chance"

10:00 PM
(2)(5)(3) NEWS
(9)(10)(33) NEWS
(15) MANTRAP

10:30 PM
(3)(33) ABC WIDE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT
(2)(5)(15) JOHNNY CARSON
(9) THE GREAT OUTDOORS
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11:30 PM

MOTOCROSS
Cont.
and won $50 even though he threw his chain in the last lap of the first moto and coasted across the finish line. Lou should continue to be the threat in the expert class that he has been in the amateur class. The results of the two expert classes were: 250cc Expert - 1st-Tim Symons (Bul), $1.00. 2nd-Jim Hardy (Hon), $80. 3rd-Phillip Samuels (Cz), $60. Open Expert - 1st-Phillip Samuels (Cz), $100. 2nd-Bob Rovideaus (Bul), $50. 3rd-Lou Groth (Cz), $60. 4th-Tim Symons (Nal), $40. DAVID Price (Has) finished 3rd in the open novice class in some really strong competition. Tyson Smith is still out with a bum shoulder but should be back on his Yamaha by this weekend.

THIS Lake Charles track will run every first and third Sunday for the same money in the expert classes. They are planning to start...
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By Donald A. Gill

MERMENTAU GAS FIELD.  
The field is located near the town of Mermentau.

MERMENTAU RIVER.  
Nementau, chief of a village of Indians on the river, is honored in this name; however, through clerical error or through folk etymology through the French mer for "sea," the name was changed to Mermentau.

HIGGINBOTHAM.  
Jules Higginbotham, owner of the only store, known as Higginbotham's, is honored in this name.

IOTA.  
When a group of citizens asked a railroad conductor to suggest a name for this little town, he suggested Iota, Greek for "small."

IOTA OIL AND GAS FIELD.  
The field was named for its proximity to the town of Iota.

JENNINGS OIL AND GAS FIELD.  
The field was named for its location near the town of Jennings in Evangeline Parish.

MIRE.  
Nestor Mire donated land for the first cemetery, and he is honored by the community's name.

LE JEUNE.  
This community was named for the many LeJeune families living in the vicinity.

LIGHT AND TIE.  
The name of this early community located in the northeast part of the parish was derived from the traditional greeting to travelers: "Light and tie," meaning "Get down from your horse and tie it up and come in."

LINE.  
The name of this town was changed from Gunpoint to Link in honor of Ben Link, who donated land for a school. (Does anyone know why it was named Gunpoint?)

MORSE.  
Some say that the town was named in honor of Southern Pacific Railroad president, S.F.B. Morse. Others say that it was named for an extensive land holder, Mr. Morris, and the name was clipped.

MOWATA.  
The farmers of the area, particularly a Mr. Jones, encouraged their work-

PITREVILLE.  
The town was named for Floyd Pitre, one of the first farmers in the area.

PERRY POINT OR PETRY BRIDGE.  
Both names are used. Petry Bridge was named in honor of H.M. (Uncle Bud) Petry, who was influential in getting the bridge built over Bayou de Tortue. Perry Point was named for the Perry families who once lived there.

PLAQUEMIN BRULE.  
French for "burnt persimmon," this name was given by French settlers of the area after a large fire destroyed most of the persimmon trees growing along the stream.

PRAIRIE HAYES.  
The prairie was named for Basman Hayes, who was an early settler in the area.

PRUDHOMME.  
The town was named for a founder of the town, Charles Prudhomme.

REDELL.  
This community was named for the Redel family of the area.

RICHARD.  
The town was named for S.P. Richard, who donated land to the community for a church and cemetery.

RAYNE.  
A high railroad official was related to a prominent Rayne family in New Orleans and requested that the town be named for the family. However, another source gives another account, saying that the town was named for a young Rayne girl of the area, later Mrs. W. Jennings.

RITCHIE (formerly Fabacher).  
The town was named for the Ritchie families of the area.

RITCHIE OIL FIELD.  
The field was named for its proximity to Ritchie.