**HISTORY OF BREAUX BRIDGE**

A French officer named Alexandre Declouet was the first priest and he was followed by Father Jean Francois at the place now called St. Martinville. At the same time the parishes were created, the office of "commandant" was abolished. His military functions were assumed by the militia and his civil functions were taken over by a Police Jury, a Parish Judge and a number of Justices of the Peace appointed in each parish. The first judge of St. Martin Parish was James White and the first justices of the peace were Dominique Prevost, David Rees, L. C. DeBlanc, Alexandre Declouet, Olivy Declouet, and Perius Fuselier. The office of parish sheriff was created by an Act of 1810 and the first sheriff of St. Martin Parish was Paul Briant. He was followed by Thomas B. Brashear, Wm. T. Palfrey, George F. Briant, Zepherin Broussard, Joseph Aristide DeBlanc, William Greig, Gustave G. Fourinet, Ernest Delahoussaye, Overgne Delahoussaye, Jr., J. B. Comeau, Charles Guerinier, Jr., U. A. Guilbeau, T. L. Broussard, Gabi Gardemall, David Rees, Onezifor.

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