The Plains and The People

A HISTORY OF UPPER EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

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A local History of a small area of the State of Louisiana, but important historically and because of the prominence of many of its families. Combined with it are their genealogies.
An Interesting Local History
Many localities have interesting histories and their traditions and lore are worth preserving. Such a community is that of The Plains, a historic little community near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the old Bayou Sara Road that runs from Baton Rouge to St. Francisville and on to Natchez.

The Plains—An Early Settlement
About 1716 a grant of land was given to the Marquis de Mezieres, which included a portion of what is now The Plains. Du Pratz, in 1720, writes about this location. In the latter part of the 18th Century, Spain ruled this section of the country. At the time of the American Revolution many American families moved to East Baton Rouge Parish and the Felicianas.

Some Of The Interesting Items Mentioned:
An account of the West Florida Rebellion
An inventory of an early planter's property
Types of land grants
Early houses—how built
A description of log-rollings and quilting-bees
Wakes and Funerals
Early cotton-picking machine
An early wedding
Murders and robberies
The people of The Plains in the Civil War—local engagements and interesting letters.
Capture of General Neal Dow at Port Hudson by Capt. McKowen
Grand Tournaments
A grand social affair in 1895
Includes Genealogies

A great part of the book is taken up with detailed genealogies. This makes the book valuable for libraries with such departments, as well as for descendants of the families mentioned. The genealogical information comprises a section, and some of the families included are listed below:

The Plains Families

Annison  Carter  Loudon  Shaw
Badger    Coleman  McCartney  Shaffett
Black     Courtney  McAffee  Shane
Baker     de Bretton  McGuffey  Shelmire
Barnett   De Latte  McHugh  Sherburne
Barton    Devall    McKowen  Skillman
Behrens   Dortch    McVeas  Slaughter
Benjamin  Dougherty  Mills    Smith
Bird      Dreher    Molaison  (Natchez)
Bogan     East      Neville  Smith
Borsky    Eccles    Newport  (Pointe Coupee)
Bradford  Field     Penny    Taylor
Brian     Glynn     Phillips  Thompson
Bowie     Griffith  Pipes    Troth
Beall     Harrell   Pipkin   Walker
Broussard Holmes    Proffit  Walters
Bour  Hubbs    Raiford  Whittaker
Buhler    Huey     Rhodes   White
Butler    Johnson  Ronaldson  Williams
Carl      Kennard  Randolph  Woodside
Carmena   Lacycock  Samuel   Young
Carney    Lilley    Sentell
Carpenter Lobdell

Allied New England and Virginia Families

Beall  Bliss  Hyatt  Reynolds
Bates  Chapman  Huxley  Ruddle
Bull    Cook    Mullican  Scott
Burwell  Ensign  Owen    Spencer
Baldwin  Ferris  Pottinger  St. John
Bearding  Fenn    Prather
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