

THANKS TO OUR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During 2021, we had some changes in directors who sit on the board. Unfortunately, Kevin Bacala resigned because he moved to Lafayette. Even though we are sad to see him go, we are thankful for his service as a director. We also had two new directors elected: Mayor Carol Bourgeois, Jr. and Ashley Philen. So, this year the following served as your Board of Directors, and oversaw the operation of the Landmark Society: Raymond Allain, President; Dana Bourgeois, Vice-President; Ronald Sovine, Treasurer; Alice Bodin, Secretary, along with Mary Kay Allain, Linda Freeman, Louis Lancon, Acquiline Rener-Arnold, Mayor Carol Bourgeois, Jr. and Ashley Philen. However, the Board relies on many of our members who not only participate, but also give us the benefit of their knowledge, experience, and talents. Pictures of our board members are on our web site under "About".

Of course, our organization really depends most heavily on each of you, our members, who support us year in and year out. So please honor us with a renewal of your membership this year.

Thank you all for your continued support!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

PLEASE RENEW YOUR LANDMARK SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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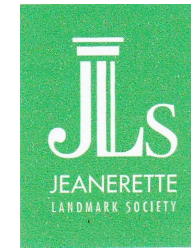
PLAN TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR AT THE **20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** OF THE JEANERETTE LANDMARK SOCIETY

We understand the uncertainties that have existed over the past year with unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19, however, we have been and are continuing our efforts to preserve and protect this historic home. Without the members, organizations and businesses who contribute to this project, it would not be possible to sustain what has been nothing short of remarkable. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and our success depends on each and everyone of our members dues and support.

Our Mission:

The Jeanerette Landmark Society is dedicated to the Preservation of Historic Landmarks, promoting education and appreciation of history and improving the quality of life in the community of Jeanerette, LA.

The Jeanerette Landmark Society was chartered in September 2002 and is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. As the landscape of Jeanerette was changing precious landmarks were being lost. A group of community leaders decided to create the society to preserve, restore, and maintain our heritage.



Preserve. Educate. Improve.
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SOCIETY**

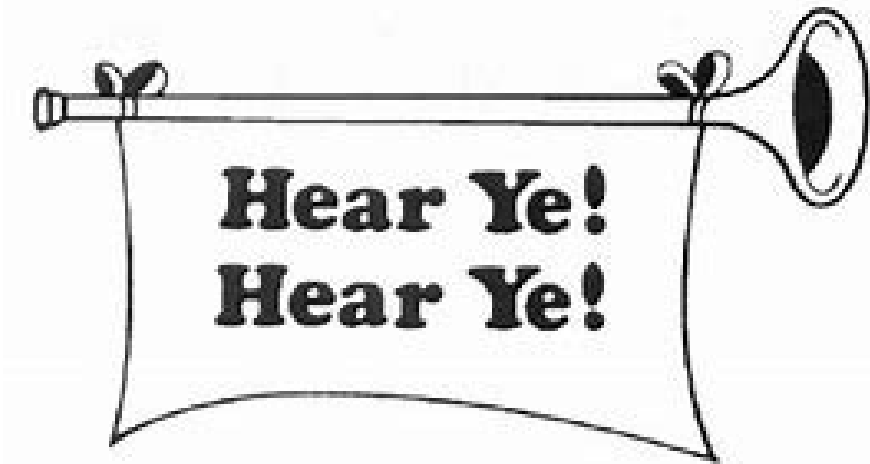
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ISSUE 14 - HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS -



In 2022, Jeanerette Landmark Society will have reached a big milestone. It is with excited anticipation we would like to announce next year will be Jeanerette Landmark Society's 20th Anniversary! We are hoping to make this an event befitting this extraordinary milestone, and are looking forward to seeing old friends and hopefully making new ones. Please mark your calendars now, as we are excited about seeing you all there for what hopes to be a very memorable occasion. Plans are in the works. If you would like to help, please don't forget to fill out the insert enclosed and return it with your membership renewal. Look for more details in Issue 15 coming in 2022!

(You can view all previous newsletters on our web site at www.jeanerettelandmarks.org - then click on BLOG)

Historical Spotlight - Hewes Family Genealogy:

In Issue 13, the newsletter featured a brief history on Harry Bertram Hewes, for whom the house is named. The following expanded Hewes Family genealogy comes from an excerpt of a letter dated June 12, 1952 written by **Clarence Bussey Hewes***, son of Harry Bertram Hewes.

“My grandfather Samuel Darlington HEWES was born at Lower Chichester, Pennsylvania, on December 11, 1824; was married at Houston on May 30, 1864, to Elizabeth Moore ANDERSON, daughter of Luke MOORE who died March 8, 1837, and Catherine EARL, who died April 16, 1835. My grandfather died at Houston on November 15, 1906, and my grandmother died there on September 21, 1915.

My great grandfather Isaac HEWES was born in Pennsylvania on December 28, 1792, was married in June, 1819, to Rhoda DARLINGTON, born May 9, 1790, died November 16, 1826. Isaac HEWES died June 21, 1839.

My great great grandfather Jacob HEWES, born February 7, 1752, married as second wife Esther PYLE, born May 15, 1763; died September 9, 1839. Jacob HEWES died April 29, 1795.

My great great great grandfather John HEWES was born in 1716 and died in 1759. He married Mary BARNARD. **John HEWES was a first cousin of Joseph HEWES, Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Continental Congress.****

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My great great great great grandfather William HEWES, who died in 1750, married December 9, 1713, Mary WITHERS.

My great great great great great grandfather William HEWES, who was born in 1660, and was married to Sarah BEAZER in 1689, died in 1733.

My great great great great great great grandfather William HEWES, born in 1635, emigrated to America in one of Captain John Fenwick's ships in 1674-75, and was a subscriber to the Delaware Land Grants. He was married to Deborah - - -. William HEWES died in 1698. His father William, born in 1600, emigrated to London from Donyvorde, Somersetshire, England. His grandfather William was born in 1535 and was the son of John HEWES of Donyvorde, and Grace WALDRON. John HEWES was born in 1500.

It is legend in our family, and doubtless a fact, that it was of Welsh origin, but I have no records prior to 1500, at which time it was established in England.

“How to Attain A Position in Life” by Robert E. Flowerree, Jr., Portland, Oregon 1986, pp. 275-77.

***Clarence Bussey HEWES** was born in Jeanerette, Louisiana, on February 1, 1890, to Harry Bartram and Nellie Bussey Hewes. The family also included Clarence's two sisters, Amy (later Mrs. Robert Edmund Flowerree) and Florence (later Mrs. Arthur Breese Griswold). Harry Hewes, a native of Texas, had come to Louisiana in the 1880s and made a fortune developing the local lumber industry. According to articles found in the scrapbooks, the Hewes were descended from a North Carolina family that included Joseph Hewes of Edenton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence who organized the first American naval force.

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Clarence Hewes attended the Dixon Academy in Covington, Louisiana; the University of Virginia (LL.B., 1914); and Tulane University (Bachelor of Laws in Civil Law, 1915). He came to Washington, D.C., in 1916, and in 1917-1918 served as private secretary to the Honorable Charles C. McChord, one of the commissioners heading the Interstate Commerce Commission. On February 10, 1919, he began a career at the Department of State, assigned as Third Secretary at the U.S. Legation in Panama. He then served at the U.S. embassies or legations in the Netherlands (1920-1922), and Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala (1922-1924), before being assigned as First Secretary at the embassy in Peking, China. He remained in China until 1930 when he was designated First Secretary at the embassy in Berlin, Germany. In 1932, he was assigned as First Secretary at the ministry in Riga, Latvia, his last post before resigning from the State Department in 1933.

****Joseph HEWES, Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Continental Congress.**



Joseph Hewes

1730-1779

Representing North Carolina at the Continental Congress
by Ole Erekson, Engraver, c1876, Library of Congress

Born: January 23, 1730

Birthplace: Princeton, New Jersey

Education: Graduated Princeton College (Merchant)

Work: Member of the Colonial Assembly of North Carolina, 1766-75. Member of the Committee of Correspondence, Member of new Provincial Assembly, 1775; Elected to Continental Congress, 1774-79, Defacto first Secretary of the Navy.

Died: November 10, 1779

Joseph Hewes was born in Princeton, New Jersey and attended Princeton College. He established a shipping business in Wilmington, North Carolina in 1760 and, by the time of the revolution, had amassed a fortune. He elected to the Provincial Assembly in 1766 and served there until it was dissolved by the royal governor in 1775. He was appointed to the Committee of Correspondence, elected to the Provincial Legislature, and sent along to the Continental Congress in 1775. Hewes was known as a tireless worker in committee and the leading expert on maritime concerns. In 1776 he signed the Declaration of Independence and placed his ships at the service of the Continental Armed Forces. He served the Congress as the Secretary of the Naval Affairs Committee until 1779, when he fell ill. He died at age 50. He was the only signer of the Declaration of Independence who died at the seat of government.

We are also proud to announce that the exterior painting project that began in 2019 is finally complete, and what a difference it makes! Thanks to Tilden Bonin, Larry Deslatte, and all who coordinated this effort to get the exterior of the home looking great again.



Painting the exterior involved a whole lot more than just paint. The back porch posts were in need of repair, along with the fascia boards on the front of the house. After the house was leveled gaps existed in places that have now all been closed up. Lap boards and skirting, along the bottom of the exterior, have also been fixed. This was an enormous project. The exterior was taken down to the bare wood by chemical stripping that was applied to the whole of the exterior, bad wood that was discovered after completing this stage of the project was replaced, and finally everything was caulked, primed, and painted.

With the exception of the boarded window, which is currently being addressed by Larry Deslatte, interior work is about to begin. As you will recall when the house was moved to its present location, the movement and leveling shifted and cracked many of the walls. After much debate, the Board has voted to repair the downstairs while partitioning off the upper levels. This partition, which will serve as a wall at the top of the stairs, will allow work to be completed on the bottom floor thereby allowing potential income to be generated from rental of the main house and the cottages in the rear. This also means, if we can pull it off, that we may be able to have our 20th Anniversary Gala in and on the grounds of the Hewes Home.

In addition to addressing the interior walls, other issues such as the adequacy of the capacity of the air conditioner and associated ducts also required attention. The Board decided to go forward with the proposal by Ron's Air Conditioning to add a larger air conditioning unit and increase the number of ducts and vents to properly cool the bottom floor. The current unit for the downstairs has not been working properly, but Ron's has agreed to replace the 3-ton unit with a new 3-ton unit, install a new 5-ton unit with the additional duct work, another thermostat and new wiring for approximately \$6,000 more than it would have cost to just replace the 3-ton unit alone. The result will be a much more pleasant experience for all, as everyone down here knows, it gets hot fast.

The cottages have been repaired and are available for rental.



Top: Cottage Entry

Top-Right: Cottage Bed

Bottom-Right: Kitchen and Bath



ADDRESS: 1617 Main St., Jeanerette, LA 70544

TELEPHONE: (337) 276-5004

COST: \$150 per night + 12% local taxes
Cleaning Fee -\$50.00

Check-in 3:00PM
Check-out 11:00AM

AMENITIES:
Luxurious Queen Bed
Spacious one bedroom suite
Full private bath with tub/shower
TV
Efficiency kitchen
(sink, under counter refrigerator, microwave oven,
toaster oven, coffee maker & dinner flat ware)
Air Conditioning/Heating

For more information you can go to: <https://www.jeanerettelandmarks.org/visit1>