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LGHS Announces Partnership with Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1 August 2024 — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has formed a partnership with the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society. The partnership will include LGHS sharing its resources and services such as record keeping, email hosting, social media, graphics design, bookkeeping, and other “back office” needs. This partnership comes shortly after the election of LGHS Chairman Robert Brevette to also serve as President of the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society.

“There are incredible synergies between both genealogical and historical societies” said Robert Brevette, Chairman of the LGHS. “Besides both organizations being Louisiana nonprofits headquartered in our state’s capitol, they both share similar missions of preserving, promoting, and sharing the culture, history and genealogy of Louisiana and its people.”

The Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society was on the brink of bankruptcy and struggling to provide its limited services to a shrinking membership base. A victim of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its moratorium on meetings and events, the society was challenged to maintain its legal obligations and other commitments required of a Louisiana nonprofit.

Robert added, “We are committed to growing the Baton Rouge society just as we have done with the state-wide Louisiana society. Our leadership team, volunteers, and specialists have already started working to this objective, and the results thus far are very promising. We have fixed membership rolls, financial reporting, state filings, and other basic corporate fundamentals. We have launched Baton Rouge’s social media presence, which is the first time it has had one. We have also been able to resolve all legal and financial issues, and the Baton Rouge society is now in good standing.”

The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society (LGHS) was founded in 1953 to collect, preserve, and publish genealogical and historical materials for the State of Louisiana and its people. The Society works closely with genealogy and ancestry libraries, historical societies, state agencies, research facilities and universities. The Society is headquartered in Baton Rouge and sponsors a spring and fall seminar each year at the Louisiana State Archives building. The Society maintains the official registry of the *First Families of Louisiana* -

recognizing families who settled within the present boundaries of the state prior to the Louisiana Purchase. For over 70 years, the Society has published The *Louisiana Genealogical Register* - an eclectic collection of Louisiana records as well as historical and genealogical articles. Over 100 libraries subscribe to this journal. Other publications include historical books such as *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, *Federal Census of 1810 for Territory of Orleans*, *A guide to Printed Sources for Genealogical and Historical Research in the Louisiana Parishes*, *Be it Known and Remembered: Bible Records (Volumes 1-5)*, and *Early Louisiana Families*.

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