



## Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

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### **LGHS completes Restructure of its Board of Directors, Trustees, and Officers**

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 24 July 2024* — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has completed the restructuring of its leadership team. Melissa Dauzat-Collins and Don James have joined the board of directors.

“We are excited to welcome Melissa Dauzat-Collins and Don James to the board of directors” said Robert Brevelle, Chairman of the LGHS. “Melissa will lead membership, registers, and certification initiatives. Don will oversee marketing as well as continue to be the tip of the spear on social media and digital. Dr. Mark Choi will continue as our diligent secretary along with the added responsibility of treasurer. All three directors have previously worked as dedicated volunteers and supported the society in many ways.”

Robert added, “Their talents and leadership will be needed as well rollout a new website and certification programs for Louisiana genealogists. We are also committed to returning the society to its position as a publisher of historical books. There is much to do. We thank the board members and our growing membership for supporting these changes.”

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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