



## Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

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### **LGHS Chairman Featured on Native American Radio Program**

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 20 June 2025* — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society (LGHS) is pleased to announce that its Chairman, Robert Brevelle was featured on Native America Calling, a live national radio program linking over 52 radio stations together on issues specific to Native communities. Native America Calling has been on the air for over 30 years. The daily radio program is FM broadcast across the United States and Canada. In podcast format, it has over 500,000 online listeners.

“We are honored that our members support causes important to the history of Louisiana,” said Amy Hernandez, Director At-Large at LGHS. “Our Chairman, Robert Brevelle is a Tribal Council Member of the Adai Caddo Indian Nation. He was a guest on Native America Calling and discussed hurdles and opposition Native American Tribes face when working with the federal government. His comments and take on the issues are uniquely Louisianan.”

From the Adai Caddo website <https://adaicaddo.com/>: The Adai Caddo are an Indigenous tribe of present-day Louisiana and Texas. The Adai Caddo are amongst the first tribes met and documented by European explorers in the present-day United States. The first explorer and Spanish conquistador, Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca met the Adai Caddo in 1530. The tribe is the host and eponym of the first capital of Texas (Los Adaes) and the first and second Catholic missions in Louisiana (San Miguel de Linares de los Adaes and San Miguel de Cuellar de los Adaes). The Adai Caddo helped establish and defend the oldest towns in Louisiana and Texas (Natchitoches and Nacogdoches). The Adai Caddo are a state-recognized tribe and are also recognized by Spain and France.

“It was my pleasure to help put a spotlight on an important issue to the tribe and the people of Louisiana,” said Robert. “Our state has such a rich, diverse, and interesting history. We owe it to our neighbors and future generations to share the important contributions of the Adai Caddo and the Natchitoches - Los Adaes region in the history of our country.”

Earlier this year, the Caddo and Natchitoches Parish governments joined Robert, the Governor’s Office, and State Senate by recognizing the Adai Caddo sending resolutions to the U.S. Congress urging federal recognition of the tribe. <https://natchitochesparishjournal.com/2025/07/24/parish-council-recognizes-adai-caddo-indian-nation/>

The Native America Calling episode is available at <https://www.nativeamericacalling.com/wednesday-may-28-2025-hurdles-opposition-confront-tribes-on-the-cusp-of-federal-recognition/>

The 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. LGHS is headquartered in Baton Rouge and sponsors two seminars each year at the Louisiana State Archives building and at alternating location typically at a genealogical library or historic site. The society provides for a certification and renewal program for genealogists and heraldists. Additionally, the society maintains the official state registries containing 6 registers: *Indigenous Tribes of Louisiana*, *Founding Fathers of Louisiana*, *First Families of Louisiana*, *Creoles of Louisiana*, *Cajuns of Louisiana*, and *Manilamen of Louisiana*. 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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