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## LGHS Members Contribute to Find a Grave

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 28 July 2025 — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society (LGHS) is pleased to announce that eight of its members have volunteered to contribute to the Find a Grave website.

"We are pleased to see our members using their knowledge and passion for genealogy and history to support Find a Grave," said Amy Hernandez, Director At-Large at LGHS. "In the first month, our eight members have contributed to over 150 memorials with over 100 photos and 60 obituaries. Our members have added over 50 new memorials."

"I focused most of my inputs to those of my grandparents, great uncles, and great aunts," said Tony Bordelon, LGHS member. "Platforms such as Find a Grave are important for genealogists, historians, and for family members. It is one of the first tools people use when trying to learn about their family and ancestors. In the years and generations to come, it will become even more important to have this data recorded and available."

From the Find a Grave website <a href="http://www.findagrave.com">http://www.findagrave.com</a>: "Find a Grave is the best place on the internet to look for burial and other final disposition information for your family, friends and famous people. The site provides tools that let people from all over the world work together, share information and build an online, virtual cemetery experience.

At Find a Grave you'll find details about cemeteries and individual memorials for many people buried in those cemeteries. Memorials generally include birth, death and burial information and may include pictures, biographies, family information and more. Members can contribute what they know and can leave remembrances via 'virtual flowers' on the memorials they visit, completing the virtual cemetery experience."

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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