

My Visit to the Creole Center by Michael Henderson

Hello Mrs. Colson:

I just wanted to touch base to thank you for my visit and the chat I had with both you and your daughter at the Creole Heritage Center last week. I am very pleased to hear of the work the Center is doing with researching, archiving and preserving of the Creole Culture and Heritage throughout Louisiana and around the country.

As I mentioned to you, I was in town (New Orleans) to participate in the filming of a PBS program, the "History Detectives", that will highlight the quest of freedom of my 4th generation great grandmother Agnes MATHIEU, a former slave (Creole of Color) and her ties to Louisiana's Colonial past as it relates to Louisiana involvement during the American Revolution. The filming went very well and the segment in which my ancestor will be presented will air during the eighth season scheduled for June 21, 2010. You should check with your local PBS station in the area for specific dates and time.

I thought you might like to see this. Tulane University wrote an article highlighting Elyse Luray, a Tulane alumna and host of "History Detectives," and Dr. Emily Clark, Professor of Colonial History who participated as an Atlantic historian of the period from 1450 - 1800 C.E. It also gave a summary of the story surrounding Agnes MATHIEU, my 4th generation great grandmother. - <http://creole.homestead.com/Documents/HendersonDetective.pdf>

It is my hope, that once the program airs, it will draw more attention to the vast amount of ancestral history that is still yet to be discovered about Creoles of Color in Louisiana. Which is finally being told in the correct historical context so future generations can be proud of the impact our ancestors lives have had on the shaping of the history of Louisiana and these United States.

Again thank you,



Standing are Tracey Colson, Michael Henderson, Janet Ravare Colson. Seated is Michael's mother Frances Jane Phillips Henderson



Michael Henderson. Recently named member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Michael Henderson

P.S. if time permit here is a link to my travel journal that will tell more of my research into my Mathieu Family Line that took me all the way to the South of France last year. Enjoy.

<http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog/globetrotters/12/tpod.html>

This is a reproduction of a recent email I received from Mr. Henderson. My immediate reaction was that this is something that should be shared. Definitely check out his blog mentioned above. His story is very interesting.

Janet Colson
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