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Dear Jeanmard Descendants and Researchers:

In connection with my Jeanmard research, I have four queries that I would very much appreciate your writing me (addressed envelope enclosed) if you have information about any of them:

1. Mr. George Jeanmard, Sr., told me that one (or two?) of his fathers brothers had gone to Texas. Although his father (Jules) did spend about nine years in Beaumont (1853-1862 or so), I have now accounted for all the brothers, and none apparently went to Texas to stay. What did you hear about this? Could it have been a brother of the grandfather (Francois) who went?
2. Jules had a brother, Uncle Amedee, whom Mrs. George mentioned once. He died in 1883, and he appears to have left no descendants, although in 1872 he had one child, Aminthe, when his wife died within a year of his marriage. Have you heard anything about Uncle Amedee or his family?
3. Jules had another brother, Alexandre, b. 1833, who enlisted in the Civil War as single and died in war service in Virginia in 1862. He had married Alzina Dergeat in 1854. I assume she died childless; but did you ever hear anything about this brother and whether he had children?
4. I have accounted for every Jeanmard (Jamard) in Hebert's 29-volume Southwest Louisiana Records except: Henri Jeanmard, b. 4 Nov. 1897, son of Onezispford Jeanmard and Aspasie Malbrow, baptized in the Carencro Church, v. 3, p. 296. Do you have any idea who this is?

As most of you know, Jules Jeanmard M. Blanche Brown and his sister, Eve Eugenie Jeanmard M. Antoine Patin, are the children of the first J(e)anmard, Francois, who came from France to Louisiana ca. 1829 and married 1831 Eulalie Artache. These two couples are the ancestors of all descendants of Francois. Enclosed are two papers, one on the Jeanmard family and one on the Artache family, which were prepared for publication in the family-history section of the forthcoming history of St. Martin Parish.

The original documents and published sources establishing the facts noted are in my possession and are being supplemented for the eventual publication of a more scholarly paper on Francois and Eulalie.

I have sent most of you some or all of the three letters received from Dr. Claude Masse about the Jamard family in Bordeaux, but the French documents (from M. Desire' Almy in Torigini) about Francois' grandfather and great-grandfather in Torigini in Normandy are too bulky to reproduce and to make a general mailing. However, see the enclosed list of those who will receive this letter, copies have so far been given to VIII (Edwin) and XVII (Genevieve), and I will try to get copies to I (Mary Clare), II (Mitchell), and XVI (Michael), who had expressed interest if you care to look at them. Although I

THE JEANMARD FAMILY

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The progenitor of the Jeanmard family in South Louisiana was Francois Jamard (1799-1864). He came to the St. Martinville area from Bordeaux, France, ca 1829. His first discovered appearance in the records of the area is in his marriage on 14 July 1831 in the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lafayette. In this record of his marriage to Eulalie Artache (see the paper on the ARTACHE family), he described himself as a native of Bordeaux France, the son of the late Francois Jamard and of Marie "Testaser". American census records indicate his birth to have been in 1798-1799.

Bordeaux records: The Bordeaux church records of that French Revolutionary period have not survived intact, but the civil records show the following: Francois^{II} was born 2 August 1799, one of four boys (Alexandre, b. 1798, Louis-Adely, b. 1801, another Francois, b. 1803) to Francois Jamard^I (b. ca. 1754, Torigni, France) and Marie Michelle Bechade (b. 13 March 1769, Frontenac), the latter from a family settled for more than a century in this Bordeaux area. The civil marriage record with regard to Francois, the father, shows him to be 46 years of age, a native of Torigni in the Department of LaManche (formerly in the ancient Normandy province), the son of Jean Jamard and Magdeline Lelieu, residents of Torigni. Francois's occupation was shown as merchant. The record also notes that he was a

widower, but that his first wife Marie Izenard died without children. ^{#11} Francois, his wife, and four boys are shown as still in Bordeaux in the 1820 census. By 1830, the Jamards disappear from Bordeaux. However, the marriage of the oldest son Alexandre to Jeanne Goujon in 1820, and the births of three of his children 1821-1828 are included in the registers, and Alexandres address as a merchant is reflected in the 1828 city directory. (His father's last listing is in 1822.)

Torigni, LaManche (Normandy) records: The registers of the Department of LaManche were destroyed during World War II. However, the notarial archives of Torigni (a small community about 10 miles from Saint-Lo, the department seat) have survived. In the search of them thus far, Jean Jamard appears representing the heirs of his father Jean in two acts between 1751 and 1753, as well as being a witness numerous times in other acts from 1748 to 1751. His own transactions concerned leases or sales of property in what seems to have been a substantial estate inherited from his father, and both Jean and his father are referred to as "Sieur Dupont", apparently denominating them by the name of a family estate. The records indicate that they were in the parish of St. Lawrence, but the church records of the present Torigni church do not commence until 1800.

St. Martinville Civil Records: Francois Jamard appears numerous times in the civil notarial acts and the conveyance and mortgage records of St. Martin Parish from 1833 to

1856. His most substantial transactions are with regard to a house, bakery, kitchen, and outbuildings on Lot #23, Town of St. Martinville, having 110 feet on St. Martin St. by 89 feet on Bayou St. There, Francois conducted a cafe and bakery establishment. By 1855, however, Francois had apparently met with business reverses. The property had been sold, and Francois even sold his cattle brand that year.

Francois' children: The St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville contains the baptisms between 1832 and 1849 of the twelve children of Francois and Eulalie (who died following the birth of the last child) in documents often signed by Francois's own fine signature. The church records reflect that two children (Eulalie,²⁸ b. 1832; Marie Uranie, b. 1836) died in infancy, and comparison of church baptisms with the 1850 St. Martinville federal census enumeration of the Francois Jamard household suggests that another four similarly so died (Louis Aristide, b. 1838; Olympe, b. 1842; Louis Frederic, b. 1846; Josephine, btz. 1849). One of the children listed on the 1850 census ("Marie", age 2; apparently Louise Marthe, b. 1848) never later appears, and it is presumed that this motherless infant also died young.

Of the five children on the 1850 census who grew to adulthood, three died without known surviving descendants: Alexandre, b. 1833, m. 1854 Alzina Dergeat (who apparently died without issue before Alexandre enlisted in Capt. de Blanc's

Confederate Attakapas Guards on March 15, 1962, listing himself as "Single"; he died in war service in Virginia on May 19, 1862); Francois, b. 1835 (enlisted June 19, 1861, in Capt de Blanc's company, died August 7, 1861 in Virginia of wounds received in the Battle of Manassas); and Joseph Amedee, b. 1839, m. Julie Richard 5 June 1871 (Breaux Bridge)-- her St. Martin Parish estate shows that she was dead by May 21, 1872, and that they had one child, Aminthe Jamard, who does not later appear in the records. So far as the records show, Amedee did not remarry and died 9 January 1883 (Breaux Bridge church) without descendants.

The known descendants of Francois Jamard are those who descend from the remaining two children of his marriage to Eulalie Artache, both born and baptized in St. Martinville: Jules (b. 1841) and Eve Eugenie (b. 1844). Some time after Jules opened his store in Breaux Bridge in 1867 or so, he commenced spelling his name as "Jeannard". The names of Jules' and Eve's children are as follows:

- I. JULES JEANMARD, b. 15 Jan. 1841 (d. 17 Sept. 1917 Carencro, Lafayette Parish), m. 4 Mar. 1867 (Breaux Bridge) Frances Marie ("Blanche") Brown (b. July 18, 1847, btz. 19 Dec. 1847, Breaux Bridge; d. 22 Nov. 1917, Carencro; daughter of William Elmer Brown and Marguerite Caroline Claudel, m. 7 July 1846, St. Martin Parish). They had nine children, all baptized in the Breaux Bridge church, six of whom have descendants living in Louisiana, three of whom (Jules B., Maria Anna, and Henry Aristide) were childless:
 1. Joseph Raoul, b. 4 Dec. 1865, m. Elizabeth Beauvais (Thibodeaux), d. 196?, Lafayette; 2. Marie Rose ("Rosa"), b. 23

Sept. 1869, m. 6 May 1891 Cyrus Guidry (Breau Bridge), d. 195?, Lake Charles;
3. Charles Julius, b. 4 Aug. 1871, m. 18 Mar. 1892 Corneia Webre (Breau Bridge), d. 1955, Lafayette; 4. Joseph Frank (btz. "Francois"), b. 21 Sept. 1873, m. Lucille Perres (Rayne), d. 1931, Lafayette; 5. Marie Rita, b. 22 Jan. 1876, m. 28 Dec. 1897 Alexandre Pellerin (Carencro church; St. Martin parish license), d. 14 Feb. 1940, Lake Charles;
6. George Edward, b. 7 Feb. 1878, m. Florence Marie Comeaux (of Iberville Parish), d. 21 June 1971, Opelousas; 7. Jules Benjamin, b. 15 Aug. 1970, d. 23 Feb. 1957, Lake Charles (first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette; first Louisiana-born Catholic bishop); 8. Marie ("Maria") Anna, b. 23 Oct. 1881, d. 31 Dec. 1926, Lafayette (never married);
9. Henry Aristide, b. 15 Oct. 1883, m. Josie Courtney of Evangeline Parish, d. Aug. 1951, Lafayette (no children). (Note: The "Brown Family" entry in, Q. M. Anders, Early Families of Lafayette, Louisiana (Sans Souci Bookstore, Lafayette, 1969), sets forth all descendants of these children as of 1969.)

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II. EVE EUGENIE JEANMARD, b. 12 Feb. 1844, m. 12 Feb. 1866 (Breau Bridge) Antoine PATIN of Opelousas (son of Ursin and Emelie Arnaud). Their children, as found abstracted in Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records, with church of baptism, include (possibly incomplete):
1. ¹⁰⁶Joseph Demetrius, b. 27 Feb. 1867 (Arnaudville); 2. Marie Berthe, b. 10 Feb. 1871 (Breau Bridge); 3. Marie Idea, b. 22 Aug. 1873 (Arnaudville); 4. Rosetta, b. 17 Dec. 1875 (Breau Bridge);
5. Fernand, b. 7 Jan. 1878 (Breau Bridge); 6. Cecile, b. 12 Apr. 1879 (Arnaudville); and 7. & 8. (twins) Noe and Noelie, b. 21 May 1882 (Arnaudville); and 9. Emelia, b. 27 Oct. 1885 (Arnaudville).

Albert Tate, Jr., Ville
Platte, husband of Claire
Jeanmard, daughter of
George, 6th child of
Jules, above.

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THE ARTACHE (ARTACHO) FAMILY

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The Spanish Artacho family, translated into the French "Artache" after Spanish dominion ended in 1803, was one of the founding families of New Iberia in 1778. The sons of the original settler and a grandson acquired property in the Cypress Island and other areas of St. Martin Parish shortly after 1800. Although the name died out with the death of male children without issue, descendants of this family still living in the area include Patins, Talleys, Pellerins, Guidrys, and Jeanmards. The late Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard of Lafayette, b. Breaux Bridge 1879, d. 1957, first Louisiana-born Catholic bishop, was the great-great-grandson of Josef Artacho, the original settler. *In Index of 189* Corrections

Spanish documents from the Seville archives show the following: On July 4, 1778, in the City of Malaga, Spain, Josef de Artacho, 36 years of age, a former native of the Town of Torrox, Spain, then a resident of St. James Parish in Malaga, contracted with the Spanish crown to settle in Louisiana, with his wife, Francisca Villega, 35, his sons Gregorio, 14, and *FATHER OF 109* Cristoval, 4, and his daughter, Maris, 9. They arrived in New Iberia by June 7, 1779, and they were listed there on the census of April 1, 1785, with the oldest son, Gregorio, by this time married to Josefa Ravel(10), the daughter of a settler-soldier from the Canary Islands. In November 1788, the family received

permission to re-settle in New Orleans, where in 1791 all but Gregorio appear in the census for that year. Gregorio was in New Orleans in August 1789, however, because a child of his was then baptized there. (Gregorio was probably below New Orleans in present-day St. Bernard parish, with his wife's people, the Ravellos, because he does not reappear in the St. Martinville area until the early 1800's.)

The father, Josef, had died by 1799, when his widow, Francisca Villegas received a Spanish grant of 200 square arpents eight miles north of Baton Rouge, on the east side of the Mississippi River. Her younger son, Christoval, assisted her in the survey and himself purchased in 1802 a four-arpent frontage on the west side of the Mississippi, some 12 miles north of Baton Rouge. (He sold this land in 1808 and arrived back in the St. Martinville area shortly after the 1810 federal census, in which he appears as a resident of West Baton Rouge Parish.)

According to 1813 land-application records in the State Land Office, the older son, Gregoire (Gregorio) Artache (Artacho), who appears on the 1810 census for the St. Martin-Attakapas parish, had settled on 640 acres on the north side of Cypress Island some time after 1800. In 1816, he also applied for 160 acres situated at the Marais Bourdreau, Ascension Parish, in Attakapas (St. Martin) County. Both Gregoire and his son Antoine (see below) registered cattle brands in St. Martin Parish in 1810.

Thus, of the three children of Josef Artacho, the original 1778 settler in the area, the two boys, Gregorio (Gregoire) and Christoval (Christophe) returned to the St. Martinville area in the early 1800's. (No further record as yet has been found of the third child, the daughter Maria, b. ca. 1769, still alive in New Orleans at the 1791 census. Quite probably she married in the New Orleans area and never returned to the Attakapas.) Although these two boys each had several children, the males seem to have died without issue; only the descendants of two daughters of Christophe remain in this area.

The following is a brief tabulation of the children and grandchildren of these brothers, as reflected by St. Martinville church and civil records, except as otherwise indicated:

I. GREGOIRE ARTACHE, b. 1764, Malaga, Spain, m.
1784 Josefa Ravé²⁵⁸ b. 1825-1833:

- a. ³⁸² Antonio (Antoine), b. 3 Oct. 1785; m. 13 Feb. 1809, Henriette Domingue ³⁸³ (Ascension Parish), d. 2 Aug. 1833. (Two sons, apparently the only children, died young: Antoine, ³⁸⁴ b. 1810, d. 1814; Benjamin, b. 1811, d. before 1825; Antoine Artache's 1833 estate shows that his wife Henrietta Domingue inherited the land and slaves he had acquired. Shortly afterwards, she married John Talley, the widower of Antoine's first cousin, Maria Artache, daughter of Christophe; see below.)
b. ³⁸¹ Marie Sebastienne, b. 19 Feb. 1787, btzd. ³⁸¹ St. Martinville church. No further trace found. If she did not die young, she probably married in the St. Bernard Parish area.

386 c. Maria Josefa, b. 5 Aug. 1789, btzd
New Orleans church. No further
trace found.

387 d. Jean, d. Cypress Island 26 Jan. 1808
at age of 3.

390 e. (?) Ignace, b. ?, 1786, obtained
cattle brand in 1821, believed to be
son of Gregoire, living with Antoine
in 1810 St. Martin Parish census.
No descendants known.

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372 II. CHRISTOPHE ARTACHE, b. 1774, Malaga, Spain, m.
(1) 21 May 1804 (Baton Rouge) Francoise
Eulalie Granger (Joseph & Anna Theriot;
they were Acadian exiles from St.
Charles-des-Mines, brought to Saint-Malo
in France, where she was born 14 May
1778; she came to Louisiana in 1785 with
her widowed mother); (2) 1 Jan. 1831
Marie Daurolise LaViollette; d. before
1846, when his second wife remarried).
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Christophe had no children by the second
marriage. Two boys of the first marriage
died young; Isidore, d. 1810 (Baton
Rouge), 3 years old; Rufino, d. 1810 (6
mos. of age).
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The modern day descendants of the Artacho
family stem from Christophe's two
daughters, Maria and Eulalie:

a. Marie, b. 26 May 1805 (Baton Rouge),
m. 21 June 1821, (Lafayette), John
Talley, d. 27 Nov. 1833 (John
Talley, widower, m. (2) Henriette
Domingues, widow of Antoine Artache,
21 Aug. 1834). Marie and John
Talley had at least the following
children: i. (?) John, b. ca. 1826;
ii. Elizabeth, b. 24 Jan. 1824, m. 1
April 1839 Oliver Blanchard; iii.
William D., b. 3 Oct. 1827; iv.
Josephine, btzd. 8 Aug. 1832 at age
of 3 mos; v. Jean Ursin, m. 1850
Feliciana Cohen.
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b. Eulalie, b. ca. 1811 (Attakapas), m.
14 July 1831 (Lafayette), Francois
Jamard (born in Bordeaux, France),
d. 1849. This couple had 12
children, all baptized in the St.

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Martinville church. Four boys served as Confederate soldiers in the Civil War, in which two of them died. Several of the children died as infants, but two of them married and had many children and descendants in the St. Martinville area: Jules Jeanmard, b. 15 1841, m. 4 March 1867 (Breauz Bridge) Blanche Marie Brown; and Eve Eugenie, b. 12 Feb. 1844, m. 12 Feb. 1866 (Breauz Bridge) Antoine Patin. These descendants will be listed in a companion paper on the JEANMARD family.

Albert Tate, Jr., Ville Platte, La. (husband of Claire Jeanmard, an Artache descendant).

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