

1766 Census St James - Edgard, La.

**CENSUS AROUND WHAT IS NOW EDGARD, LOUISIANA**  
**April 9, 1766**

**List of the inhabitants on the left bank of the River (Mississippi) from Joseph's Plantation to the village of the Alibanmon Indians.**

Joseph HEBERT, age 26, Francoise HEBERT, wife 21, Louis, son 2, Jean Charles, orphan 15.

Claire ROBICHEAUX, -widow HEBERT, age 52, Mathurin, son 12, Marie, daughter 16, Theotise, daughter 13, Jean Louis HEBERT, grandson 3, Agnes HEBERT, -widow BERGERON, 24.

Antoine LABAUVE, age 40, Anne VINCENT, wife 28, Marin, son 7, Baptiste, nephew 8, Pierre VINCENT, age 21.

Joseph SAVOIE, age 37, Anne PREJEAN, wife 38.

Charles SAVOIE, age 44, Judith ARCENEAUX, wife 30, Marguerite, daughter 7, Jean, son 3, Basile des ROCHES, orphan 12.

Pierre BOURGEOIS, age 20, Michel BOURGEOIS, age 25.

Joseph BOURGEOIS, age 30, Marie GIROIR, wife 28, Marie, daughter 14.

Paul BOURGEOIS, age 34, Rosalie LEBLANC, wife 21.

Joseph GUILBEAUX, age 35.

Michel POIRIER, age 28, Marie CORMIER, wife 20.

Simon MIRE, age 22, Magdeline CORMIER, wife 22.

Bellony MIRE, age 30, Francois PARRE, orphan 14.

Joseph PART, age 28, Pierre PART, 16, Marie PART, sister 15.

Barthelemy BELLEFONTAINE, age 31, Marie MARTIN, wife 32.

Olivier PART, age 20, Pierre HEBERT, age 29.

Pierre BERNARD, age 35, Marguerite ARCENEAUX, wife 31, Jean Baptiste, son 12, Marie, daughter 6, Pierre, son 8.

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Joseph BELLEFONTAINE, age 26, Marie FOREST, wife 18.

Firmin GIROIR, age 17.

Jean ARCENEUX, age 38, Judithe BERGERON, wife 32, Jean Charles, son 14, Joseph, son 12, Guillaume, son 8, Paul, son 4.

Jacques BELLEFONTAINE, age 26, Baptiste BELLEFONTAINE, age 20, Pierre BRIOUD.

Pierre FOREST, age 28, Anne DUPUEY, wife 25.

Pierre CHAISSON, age 37, Ozitte LANDRY, wife 32, Michel, son 7, Marie, daughter, 1, Jean Baptiste, nephew 4.

Paul CHIASSON, age 20.

Joseph ARCENEUX, age 26, Marie BERGERON, wife 21.

Germain BERGERON, age 23.

Genevieve BERGERON, -widow d'ARMOUR, age 37, Charles, son 15, Baptiste, son 12, Francois, son 7, Ysidore, son 3, Nastasie, daughter 8, Suzanne, daughter 1, Marie DUGAS, -widow BERGERON, 55, Anne, daughter 17.

Francoise MELANSON, -widow THERIOT, age 57, Thomas THERIOT, son 21, Ambroise THERIOT, son 18, Paul THERIOT, son 15, Exavier THERIOT, son 12.

L'AUGEBOURG, age 17.

Joseph BOURG, age 26, Magdalaine, cousin 20, Marie, cousin 12, Joseph 13.

Olivier BOUDREAUX, age 29, Simon, son 13.

Joseph SONNIER, age 27, Anne BABIN, widow sister 25, Lize BABIN, daughter, Marie, daughter 2.

Jean Baptiste THIBODEAUX, age 23.

Anne DUPUY, widow age 41, Marie, daughter 15, Monique, daughter 12, Joseph DUPUY, nephew 15.

Abraham ROY, age 35, Sauver, son 8, Marie, daughter 11, Catherine, widow LAFAYE, age 40, Marie MARQUIS, niece 16.

Joseph MELANCON, age 15.

Firmin ARCENEUX, age 13.

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Many interesting observations can be made from this census. Since it was dated April 9, 1766, it lists the first Acadians who came to the Cabahannocer section of the Acadian coast...St. James and Ascension Parishes, eleven years after the exile. There were many broken families. They had been separated in the expulsion and many were unable to survive the hardships of their wanderings. There were many widows and orphans. Several very young boys are listed... Some as young as thirteen...with no family, but with a land grant and a gun. Almost all the grants were for six arpents fronting the river, but extending forty arpents back. It is particularly interesting to note the newly arrivals in this territory from the census taken three years later.