Jerome Louis Gaudet

St. James Parish, Louisiana

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Jerome Louis Gaudet, attorney, Convent, La.  In the early settlement of St. James parish, La., and among the families who were closely identified with its material affairs, and associated with its progress and development, were the Gandets.  A respected representative of this family is found in the subject of this sketch, who was born in this parish January 11, 1852, and has resided here all his life.  His father, grandfather and great-grandfather have all resided in St. James parish.  The grandfather, Eugene Gaudet, was in the War of 1812, was at the battle of New Orleans, and his widow received a pension as late as 1872.  This family is of French extraction, but came from Acadia.  The father of our subject, Hon. Jerome Kleber Gaudet, was born December 17, 1818, studied law under Judge Winchester, and was admitted to the bar about 1848, since which time he has practiced his profession.  He was a member of the legislature, state senate, and was a member of the constitutional convention of the seceding states. He was colonel of the militia commanded by Governor Moore, was formerly a whig in politics, but later a democrat.  In connection with his law practice he also carried on planting for many years.

He married Miss Amanda Landry, an estimable lady, whose death occurred in 1885.  The fruits of this union were six children--three sons and three daughters--of whom Jerome Louis Gaudet was the eldest.  The latter received his education in his native parish and when still a boy commenced the study of law under his father and Charles Andrew Johnson; also studied under Judge John H. Isley of New Orleans.  He was admitted to the bar at New Orleans, before the

supreme court of the state by Judge Ludeling and associates in 1874, and then commenced practicing with his father.  He has practiced his profession since.  Mr. Gaudet was a member of the school board from 1877 until 1880, and was secretary of the same.  In the last named year he was appointed a member of the policy jury, and was president of that body until 1884, when he was elected district attorney of Ascension and St. James parishes, holding that position until 1888.

On the 28th of May, 1877, he married Miss Evelina Cagnolatti, daughter of a prominent planter, Pierre Cagnolatti, and they are the parents of five children--two sons and three daughters.

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