THERIOT, Mark, D. D. S.

Lafourche then St. James Parish, Louisiana

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Theriot, Mark, D. D. S. successful practicing dentist and automobile representative at Lutcher, was born in Lafourche parish. La., June 14, 1877; son of Alexander and Ella May (Dardin) Theriot, the former of whom was born in the same locality as was the son, and has followed the lifelong vocation of a planter.  He is living at this time, but his wife is deceased.  The maternal grandfather, Capt. Robert Dardin, Sr., was a man of marked ability.  He served the Confederacy during the Civil war, with the rank of captain, and it was he who supervised the building of Fort Livingston, on Grand Isle.  The paternal grandfather, Theriot, was a land owner in Lafourche parish.  He was a French-Canadian, and came from Nova Scotia with the Acadian colonists at the time the French evacuated that region.  He settled in Lafourche parish and there his efforts were rewarded with prosperity.  He is now deceased.  His wife's maiden name was Melrose Lapine.  Twelve children were born to the parents of Dr. Mark Theriot, only six of whom are living at this time, these being as follows:  Justin, now supervising the management of his father's plantation; Dr. Mark, the subject of this sketch; Ida, wife of A. J. Blouin, located in Lafourche parish, near Raceland; Corinelia, wife of Harry Chauvin, cashier of the Bank of Raceland; Ella, widow of Robert Smith, of Raceland; May, widow of Eseria Lalambe, and now at the paternal home.

Mark Theriot attended Jefferson college, Convent, La., from which he graduated with the class of 1888.  He then studied 2 years at the Philadelphia (Pa.) Dental college.  And following this, entered Vanderbilt university, from which he graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in the class of 1899.  Shortly following the completion of his professional education he opened dental offices at Abbeville, where he remained in practice about 3 years.  In 1902 he removed his offices to Lutcher, where he has since been engaged in practice.  The doctor is a member of the Catholic church, and is affiliated with the Louisiana state dental society, Knights of Columbus and Woodmen of the World. In addition to his dental practice, he is in the automobile business, representing the Overland and Chalmers cars.  He also has some plantation interests.

Feb. 6, 1901, Dr. Theriot was married to Miss Alice Waguespack, a daughter of Felicien and Rose (Fauchaux) Waguespack, of St. James parish.  Mr. Waguespack is a large plantation owner, and the family is among the oldest in Louisiana.  Seven children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Theriot, as follows: Alexander, Elda, Myrtle, Nellie, Clarence and Lawrence, twins, and Alice.  All the children are now at the parental home.

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