WAGUESPACK, Henry J.

St. James Parish, Louisiana

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Waguespack, Henry J., planter and merchant at St. Patrick, was born in St. James parish, Jan. 23, 1883, and is a son of Leonard and Alice (Monier) Waguespack, who were natives respectively of St. James and St. John the Baptist parishes.  For further details as to ancestry, see sketch of W. J. Waguespack, cousin to Henry J., elsewhere in this volume.  Leonard Waguespack since early manhood, has devoted his abilities to the vocation of sugar planting, and he and his wife now reside at the family home on "Succeed Plantation " near St. Patrick, at which place he conducts a large general merchandise business.  In addition to the home place, he owns Union plantation, the 2 properties embracing more than 2,500 acres, on each of which he operates a modern sugar mill.  Mr. Waguespack is one of the largest sugar planters in Louisiana, and is most uniformly successful.

Henry J. received his early education at private schools in the vicinity of his birthplace. Later he attended Stanislaus college, Bay St. Louis, Miss., where he received the degree of A. B. with the class of 1900.  Shortly thereafter he entered commercial life as assistant to his father in the general merchandise business.  After 3 years he became assistant manager for E. J. Caire & Co., at Edgard, remaining in that connection 9 years.  He then embarked in the general insurance business and has so continued to the present, making his office at his home on "Goodwill Farm," where he has recently completed a beautiful modern residence.  In addition to growing sugar cane, Mr. Waguespack is

raising fine cattle and hogs, "Goodwill Farm" being conducted along the most approved scientific methods.

Dec. 22, 1903, Mr. Waguespack was married to Antionette Graugnard, daughter of Camille and Felicie (Burcard) Graugnard, of St. John the Baptist parish, the former of whom was born in France, and the latter in Louisiana.  Mr. Waguespack is a member of the Catholic church. Politically, he is affiliated with the democratic party in local affairs, but otherwise votes the Republican ticket.  He enjoys the esteem of an especially large circle of acquaintances.  Ten children were born to Mr. Waguespack's parents, and their names are given in the sketch of Dr. Lionel Waguespack.

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