

Victorin Haydel

Victorin Haydel was born at Edgard April 14, 1859. His father was Alphonse Haydel, born in 1834 in Edgard, and his mother was Marie Berthelot, born also in Edgard in 1840.

Mr. Haydel married Alide Cassagne February 17, 1879. Miss Cassagne was a native of Reserve. From this union were born thirteen children: Fernand, James, Charley, Edgar, Sidney, Leandre, Lionel, Nelson, Amelie, Laura, Noelie, Alida and Anita. At the present time, Mr. Haydel has fifty-one grandchildren living, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Haydel at one time worked in St. James and Pointe Coupee parishes as a sugar boiler, but he has resided continuously in St. John the Baptist parish since his marriage in 1879. His wife died January 10, 1934. Mr. Haydel is one of the oldest living residents of the parish, and his family has lived in St. John since the early part of the nineteenth century. His family is one of the largest in the parish, and they are all well-known citizens. Mr. Haydel has followed farming since his marriage, and he owns a nice farm in Laplace, where he now resides.

February 17, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Haydel were exceptionally fortunate in being able to celebrate their golden anniversary, at which event the Haydel family was brought together. All the children were present, and both Mr. and Mrs. Haydel, no doubt, looked back along the long stretch of fifty years and silently felt thankful for their signal blessing. A picture of the group stands as a testimonial to the parents. All of them are fine, upstanding men and women, well liked in their respective neighborhoods. Mr. Haydel can rest content in his old age with the knowledge that he has lived a long and a faithful life.

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