Alice A. Jacob

St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

Jacob, Alice A., of Garyville, was born in St. John the Baptist parish, Aug. 19, 1848, and is a son of Ursin and Isilda (Hymel) Jacob, the former of whom was born in St. James and the latter in the same parish as was the son. In the earlier years of his business career, Ursin Jacob owned and operated a line of steamboats on the Mississippi river, in partnership with Numa Brou and Rosamond Ferret, a son of the latter of whom is now connected with the business of Stauffer, Eshleman & Co., New Orleans.  Later he was elected sheriff of St. John parish and remained incumbent of that office 24 years, his term of service in that capacity embracing the period of the Civil war and 6 years after the surrender. After leaving the sheriff's office he lived in retirement during the remainder of his life. He died in Sept., 1878, at the age of 69 years. His wife died in 1873, at the age of 40.  Eleven children were born to their union, as follow:

**Camille**, who married Flavie Ranson, lived in New Orleans.  He followed the business of a pilot.  During the whole time of the Civil war he served as a member of the St. James Rifles in the 18th Louisiana volunteer infantry.  He was several times captured and exchanged and each time rejoined his command.  At Shiloh he advanced with the color-bearer within 40 yards of the enemy's lines and held his ground until he had fired his last cartridge.  He took part in many of the most notable engagements of the war, and it is said that he was never absent from duty except while a prisoner, on 3 occasions. He died at New Orleans in 1912, at the age of 69 years, and was buried with the honors of the army of the Tennessee.  He is survived by his wife at this time.  Six children were born to their union, and five of these--4 sons and 1 daughter are living in New Orleans.  **Ulysse**, the second child of Ursin Jacob, married Camille Mermillon and followed the vocation of a sugar planter in St. John parish.  In early life he also was connected with steamboat business on the Mississippi river. Throughout the Civil war he served as sergeant of Capt. Becknel's company in the 30th Louisiana volunteer infantry, Gibson's brigade, Hood's army.  After his marriage he became a planter, and was killed at night while returning to his home from his sugar mill.  His tragic death occurred in 1873, when he had only attained the age of 32 years.  His wife is now living at their plantation home.  Of 4 children born to them, only two survive, these being P. R., now in business at Havana, Cuba, and Gustave, who is employed as a sugarmaker in Mexico.  **Flavius**, married to Alice Trosclair, is engaged in planting in St. James parish and has 2 children, both of whom are married.  **Alice**, the 4th child, is the subject of this sketch.  **Suzanna**, wife of L. Depoorter, attorney, is living at New Orleans, and has 4 children, one of whom, Dr. L. Depoorter, Jr., is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and has offices in the Medical building, at the last-named city, where his brother, Lewis, is in the service of the U. S. government at Panama.  Their other sons, Charley and Oliver, are in the service of the T. & P. R. R. at the Crescent City.  **Olide**, sixth child of Ursin, is following the business of a pilot and living at New Orleans.  He married Alice Dechamp and their only surviving child, of two, is now the wife of Dr. Theodore Dimitry and living in that city.

**Antonia**, the seventh, married Charles Gendron and is living at New Orleans.  George, their eldest son, is now manager for Paul Berthelot's mercantile business at Lucy.  Raoul, the second, is in the service of the Southern Pacific R. R., and both he and the third son, Daniel, are living at the parental home.  Four of the children of Ursin Jacob are deceased.

Alice Jacob had about reached his 13th year, and was attending school, when the Civil war began.  He left his books and followed the Confederate army through all the years of that great struggle.  After the surrender he found employment as clerk on a steamboat, but after 4 years in that capacity he became manager of a sugar plantation and so remained about 15 years, leaving that place to accept a position as foreman of the supply department of the Lyons Cypress Lumber Co., at Garyville, which post he filled 5 years.  He then became interested in the ice business, and has now been manager for the Home Ice Co., at the last-named place, about 3 years.  He affiliates with the Catholic church, and is a member of the Imperial Order of Red Men.  Mr. Jacob has voted the democratic ticket from the time of casting his first ballot.  Jan. 19, 1891, Alice A. Jacob was married to Madeline Guidry, daughter of Lubin Guidry, of St. James parish.

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