

## **Elmire (Gourgues) Jacob**

By her ancestors, Mrs. Devezin Jacob, nee Elmire Gourgues, belongs to former English settlers on the island of Jamaica. Her father was Charles Gourgues, also born in Jamaica, and her mother, Evelyn Daron. They had moved to New Orleans, and had three children – Elmire, Marie and Edmond. Her grandfather, Henry Gourgues, who was married to Elmire d'Aquin, lived and died on the island.

Born in New Orleans in 1857, she was married to Devezin Jacob in St. Peter's church February 5, 1875; their union was blessed with nine children – Uranie, Ernest, Fran, Jean Devezin, Edward, Willie, Bertha , Stella and Claire.

Devezin Jacob, born in Reserve in 1844, had German blood in his veins. His father, Celestine Jacob, and his mother, Irene Heltz, had six children – Eugenie, Dorothy, Celestine, Jr., Lucia, Devezin and Oscar. His grandfather was an immigrant from Germany who had nine sons and one daughter. He was the founder of Jacobtown, and from him descend most of the Jacob families in Reserve.

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