

## Theophile Perret

Theophile Perret, a prominent planter of St. John Baptist parish, whose postoffice address is Wallace, La., was born May 27, 1834, in St. Charles Parish. He is a son of Drausin and Louise (Perret) Perret, natives of St. Charles parish. Drausin Perret is a son of Alphonse Perret and a Miss Bossier, both natives of the parish last named. Louise, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Charles Perret and Louise D'Arensbourg, also natives of St. Charles parish. Both sides of the family are of French descent. The parents of Theophile Perret were married in St. Charles parish, and lived on a plantation until the death of Mr. Perret, which occurred in 1834. To them were born four children, namely: D. R., who lives in New Orleans; Felix, who is now deceased; Louisa, the wife of Hon. L. St. Martin, and the subject of this notice. After the death of his father, Theophile Perret moved, with his mother and his brothers and sister to St. John parish, and in 1839, his mother marries P. A. St. Martin, a native of St. Charles parish. To them were born five children – three sons and two daughters. She died in 1883, and her husband is still living, making his home with Mr. Perret. She was a very consistent member of the Catholic church.

The early education of our subject was received at the schools at home, and later he attended St. Joseph college, at Bardstown, Ky., and afterward went to Georgetown, D. C. In 1855 he was married to Miss Mathilda St. Martin, a native of St. John Baptist parish, and a daughter of P. A. St. Martin and Gustavie D'Arensbourg, also natives of St. John Baptist parish. The union was blessed by the birth of two children, named Mathilda and G. Leonie. The latter is not married, while Mathilda is the wife of George H. Tassin, a native of St. John Baptist parish. They have six children – four sons and two daughters. The home of this couple is with the subject of this sketch, and Mr. Tassin assists in the cultivation of the large plantation. Politically Mr. Perret is a democrat, and cast his first vote for President Buchanan. Mr. Perret and his family are members of the Catholic church. He owns about 1,500 acres of land, on about 1,000 of which he raises cane, rice and corn. He has lived on this place since 1880. The plantation is known as the "Whitney plantation," and is located on the west bank of the Mississippi river. Mr. Perret is well and highly respected by all the people of his parish. He is a liberal contributor to schools and churches, and takes a great deal of interest in all local public affairs.

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