J. Severin Haydel

St. James then St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

Haydel, J. Severin, of Edgard, La., was born in St. James parish, June 19, 1868, and is a son of Felix and Emethilde (Himel) Haydel, the latter of whom was born in the same parish as was the son, and the former in the parish in which the son now resides.  The paternal grandfather, Antoine Haydel, and the maternal grandfather, Trosclair, also were born in St. John parish.  The direct line of descent is as follows:  Ambroise Haydel married Marguerite Chauff.  Their son, Mathias, married Madeleine Ouvre.  Their son, Alphonse, married Marie Trosclair.  Their son, Antoine, married Euphemie Andise Trosclair.  Their son, Felix, married Emethilde Himel, and J. Severin Haydel is their son.  Felix Haydel and his wife are now deceased.  Twelve children were born to their union, and 5 of these are now living, as follow:  Euphemie, wife of Victor Loup, living at Baton Rouge, and the mother of 2 sons and 2 daughters;  J. Severin, subject of this sketch;  Odile became the wife of John Kelly, of St. John parish, who is now deceased and survived by his widow and 5 children;  Laocdi married Walter Becnel, is living in St. James parish, and has become the mother of 4 children, only 1 of whom is now living.  Olamp resides at the parental home.

J. Severin received his education at private schools.  At an early age he became assistant to his father in the work incident to the management of the plantation, and so continued until the death of the father, April 21, 1900, when he succeeded to the management of "White Rose Plantation," the family home, which he has successfully conducted since that time, growing cane and rice as principal crops.  He is a member of the Catholic church and of the Holy Name society, and affiliates with the democratic party.

May 19, 1893, Mr. Haydel was married to Mathilde Becnel, daughter of Primelas and Josephine (Born) Becnel, the former of whom is now deceased, but is survived by his wife, who resides at the family homestead in St. John parish.  Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haydel, namely:  Josephine, Primelas, Annette, Severin, Jr., Felix, Lillian, Antoine, and Gaston.  Felix and Lillian are now attending school.

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