John Daniel Ory

St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

Ory, John Daniel, of Laplace, was born in St. John the Baptist parish, Sept. 16, 1889, and is a son of John Louis and Victoria (Chauff) Ory, the former of whom is a native of that parish, and the latter of Bayou Lafourche country. The paternal grandparents were Lezin and Melanie (Cambre) Ory. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Cleonise (Maillet) Chauff, were natives of the birthplace of their daughter, Victoria. The paternal great-grandparents, John Louis and Mattias (Cambre) Ory, also were natives of the region in which the great-grandson was born. The maternal great-grandparents, John Louis and Marie Louise (Streck) Chauff, were natives, respectively, of St. John parish and of Germany. The ancestors of the Ory family in Louisiana came originally from Lorraine, France. John Louis Ory has devoted his abilities to the vocation of a planter from the time of his boyhood. He received his education at public schools in the neighborhood of his birth place, enjoying the special advantage of instruction from Prof. Lummais. The Civil war, however, so interfered with his studies as to practically terminate them, and at the age of 14 years, associated with his brothers, he rented some land and began growing cotton under the tenant system. He did not depend solely upon his cotton crop, and was at all times on the lookout for any odd job that promised an increase of his income. During the years of the war he materially helped himself by hauling contraband material from place to place, his youth proving no bar to the value of his service in this connection. When he had reached his 25th year he and his brothers purchased a small plantation, upon which they immediately began growing sugar cane, a business they have since followed with uniform success. In 1878 they bought Ingleside plantation, on Bayou Lafourche, and some years later added Golden Gate plantation, in Iberville parish. In 1897 they sold Golden Gate and bought Woodland plantation, at that time admitting Angustan Lasseigne to partnership with the brothers. In 1904 they sold Ingleside and added San Francisco and Union plantations, in St. John parish. In 1911 the Sarpy plantation, in St. Charles parish was purchased, bringing their holdings up to very nearly or quite 5,000 acres, upon which cane and corn are grown as principal crops. Their properties also embrace 2 sugar mills, valued, respectively at $300,000 and $150,000. All of the Ory properties are maintained in a high state of efficiency under the watchful eye and guiding hand of the man who has directed their accumulation. John Louis Ory has scrupulously avoided political entanglements, and has taken only such part in public and political affairs as his obligations to his fellow citizens seemed to dictate. As a concession to his neighbors lie served some time as a member of the police jury of St. John parish. The John L. Ory public school at Laplace--a modern building--is a graceful compliment to the personality and character of a modest citizen, whose labor and counsels have been of inestimable value to the community. Mr. Ory's home, on Woodland plantation, is one of the most commodious, attractive, and altogether inviting plantation homes in southwest Louisiana.

John Daniel was the 8th of 9 children born to his parents, as follow: Leontine, educated at Markey-Picard institute, New Orleans; (2nd child died in infancy) ; Cecile, became the wife of Dr. W. L. Lions, died leaving 2 children; Maria, now Mrs. S. J. Levet; Ida, educated at Sacred Heart academy, New Orleans; Juliette, wife of H. C. Maurin, of Laplace, elsewhere referred to in this work Denise, educated at Sacred Heart academy, New Orleans ; John Daniel, subject of this sketch ; Cora, died in early childhood. The parents of these children are at this time enjoying excellent health at their almost ideal country home.

John Daniel Ory attended Spring Hill college, Mobile, Ala., where he graduated with the degree of V. B. in the class of 1907, afterward entering Louisiana State university, where he passed 2 years taking a course in sugar chemistry. Later he took the complete commercial course at Soul college, New Orleans, and when his education had been thus finished became assistant to his father in the management of the family estate. He votes with the democratic party in local affairs, and with the republican party in National elections. Mr. Ory is a member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. In the past year he completed a beautiful modern home near that of his father, and was recently married to Maria Perilloux, daughter of A. T. Perilloux of Laplace.

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