

Cyprien Landreneau (1903-1981)– A look back

In the late Pascal Fuselier's book *Du Crow's Nest* by Lisa McCauley, he said "Cyprien Landreneau died February 1st. On most local papers the last line of his obituary read: 'Landreneau was a well-known Cajun musician.' I believe this was an understatement. In 1965 Revon Reed, Cyprien and the late Adam



Cyprien Landreneau at the Pierrottie family reunion (1976)

Landreneau were invited to tour West Germany, Denmark, Sweden and England. The Cajuns were accompanied by two other groups of folk musicians on that five-week tour. They were all well received but the people across the Atlantic loved 'Cyp' as he was affectionately known. His mischievous smile and singing with his cigar stub became his trademark. The rich sound of his accordion and his distinct singing style made him unique. Cyp was not only a musician, he was a hard-working good man who loved his family and his land on the Mamou Prairie."

Over the past twenty years I have compiled the Pierrottie family of Southwest Louisiana. When printing the books, the persons listed who married into the Pierrottie family are reported. For example, Delia Pierrottie is reported as the child of Louis Calvin Pierotti and Louisiana M. LeDoux. Later in the book, Delia is listed with the person married, his parents,

and their children. For the old folks reading this, they probably know that Delia married Cyprien Landreneau. For years I have searched for Cyprien's parents and siblings. Adding Cyprien's parents to

the family information would make complete Delia Pierrottie's family presentation in the book.



Today it is not uncommon to find family history on FindAGrave.com virtual cemetery as well as other internet sites. This was not the case for Cyprien Landreneau. Nowhere could I locate his obituary and his virtual final resting place was absent of any clues leading to his parents and siblings. Recently I located Cyprien's obituary. Unfortunately, his parents were not included but one sister was included. This one sister allowed me to continue my search successfully. Moreover, Cyprien's half-sister, Marie Landreneau died at age 17 in 1924 while a senior at Mamou High School. Marie's obituary provided more family information. With these clues, I was able to locate

more of Cyprien's family.

Cyprien Landreneau's (1903-1981) parents are Armand Landreneau and Celeste Rougeau. His mother Celeste died in 1903, seven months after he was born. His grandparents are Cyprien Landreneau (1834-1926) and Eugenie Hebert (1845-1902). For more of Cyp's family information, go to Findagrave.com and enter Memorial # 8626212. His siblings are Etna (1897-1900), Alcee and R. E. Landreneau. Your photos and other family information would be appreciated. Please notify me at murphymillerjr@gmail.com or via FamilyAtLouisiana.com.