

**T**ravel to a place where voices from the past will greet you as you journey back to the 1900 - 1915 — the Turn of the Century and arrival of the New York Orphan Train Riders. The tours of the St. Landry Church Cemetery give one a perspective into how our past has shaped our present and influenced the future generations of our community. Learn which families were here and what their lives were like, and what events helped to shape our present day history.

Opelousas, Louisiana's third oldest city, founded in 1720, is comprised of many cultures, each with unique histories which should be shared.

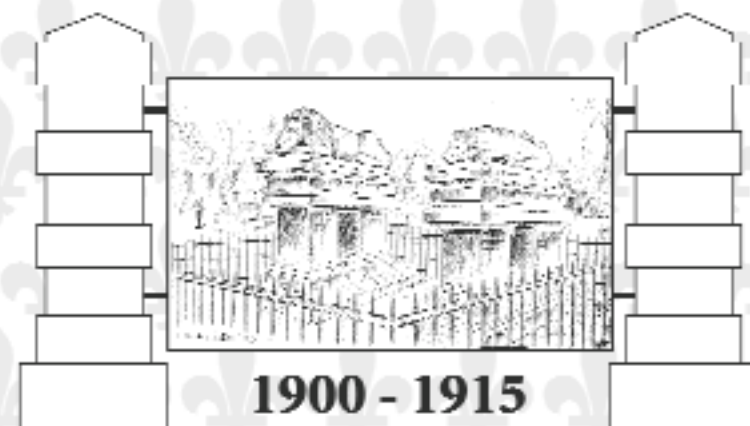
The St. Landry Catholic Church Parish, Opelousas Little Theatre, St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission along with Community Volunteers are pleased to be able to share these historic portrayals of such an important time period with each of you.

#### CEMETERY HISTORICAL RESTORATION PROJECT



All Proceeds from the cemetery tours fund the Cemetery Historical Restoration Project. The tours began in 2003, and so far, 20 gravestones have been restored.

## St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours Opelousas, LA



**1900 - 1915**

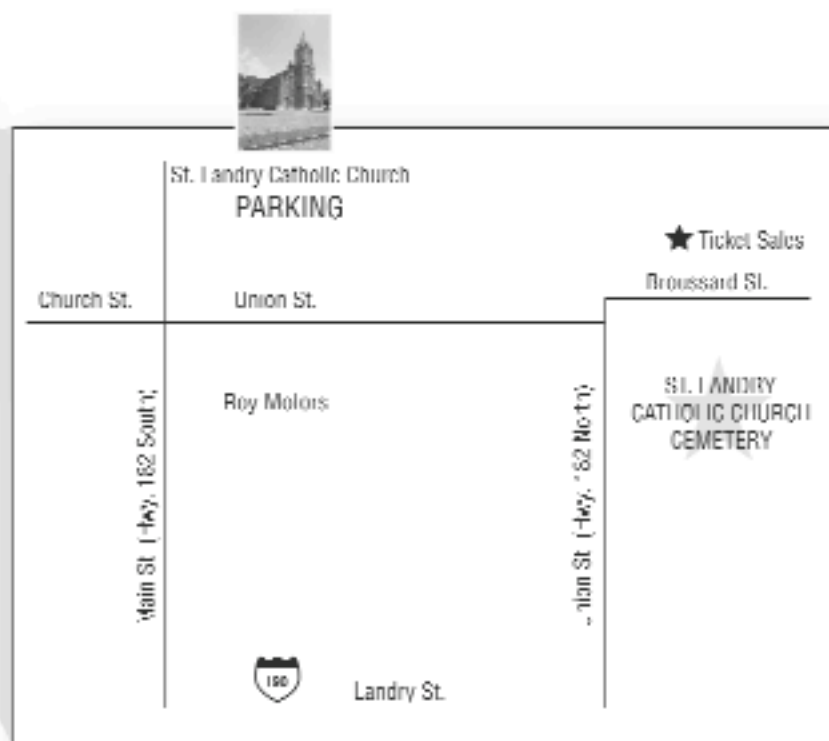
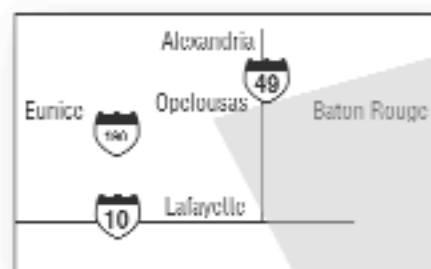
**"VOICES FROM OUR PAST"**

1900 Turn of the Century  
&  
New York Orphan  
Train Riders

## Imperial St. Landry

Standing under the massive cedar trees of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery, there is a calm that will transport you back in time to a place named Opelousas. From its beginnings as a Spanish Fort to the City of today, it has beckoned people from all ethnic groups to be part of its colorful history. Each person who has been a part of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish has left their mark. Epidemics such as Yellow Fever and Typhus claimed many families and this cemetery, consecrated in 1798, reminds you of the lives that were lost. For nine months during the Civil War, Opelousas was Capitol of Louisiana. In fact, when Union Soldiers occupied the town they even camped out on the church grounds. As with wars before and after the Civil War, here you will find soldiers who fought in every war for what they believed in and the families that remained at home. They helped to create a foundation rich in culture and traditions — one that Opelousas is proud of.

We invite you to experience it all. Spend some time with the voices from our past and listen to their stories — some are happy while some are sad and others will leave you wanting more. You will be amazed at what they are willing to share about their lives and the struggles they endured. Time and Mother Nature have taken their toll on some of the graves in this cemetery. Many buried here are lost forever but those that do remain await your visit. You're always welcome beneath the Cedars.



### TOUR INFORMATION

1900 Turn of the Century  
New York Orphan Train Riders  
Opelousas, Louisiana  
*Voices from Our Past:*

*St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours*

#### Tour Dates

**Saturday:** Oct. 13 & 20 (6pm, 7pm & 8pm)

**Sunday:** Oct. 14 & 21 (2pm & 3pm)

**Cost:** \$10 per person

Information Available:

St. Landry Catholic Church (Valentin Hall)  
1020 N. Main  
Opelousas, LA 70570  
337-942-6552

Large Groups/Bus Groups Call: 337-942-8318  
(20 or more)



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*\*\*Tours not suitable for children 10 & under*