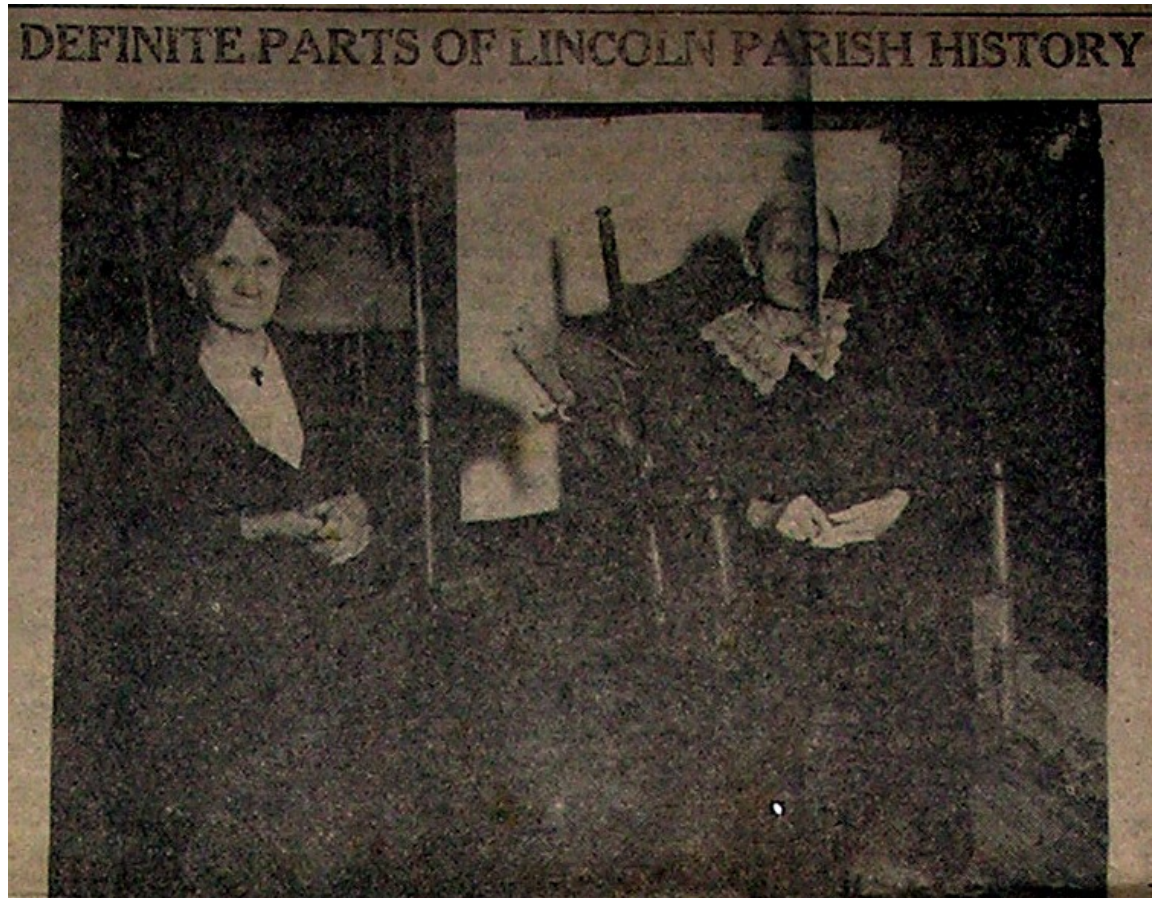


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Colvin Family Records and Century Old Tomb Markers Throw Light On North Louisiana And Lincoln Parish Early History

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Pictured above are some of the oldest living participants in the development of Lincoln Parish as well as some of the most historic records, recently uncovered and tracing the parish history back more than 100 years.



Upper picture, left to right- Mrs. Minnie Tims O'Neal, 89, and Miss Edna Tims, 97, members of a family which "settled" in the Vienna Community in the early 50's, "more than forty years after the first family had settled there."

"Miss Edie" as she is known to most people of Lincoln Parish is still very active doesn't remember but one time she failed to vote since woman suffrage walked three blocks to vote in the 36 general elections; doesn't believe the country is getting any better off as far as politics to doesn't believe in giving away so much money "when the right people don't get it."

"Miss Minnie", rarely ever leaves the house any more because she's "afraid of so many automobiles and things", keeps telling "Sissie that she's going to get run over." But can't stop here from going says politics have always been bad but are now worse: apologized for a brother

Jack, youngster of 86, not being in the picture. “Jack had his teeth pulled yesterday and he isn’t feeling so good,” she says.

Seated on the porch between the two old ladies is “Rex”, 36 year old parrot, constant companion of Mrs. Minnie and Miss Edie since a fledgling. “Rex” has quit talking so much, since his mate died. They Say, but he still doesn’t forget to tell visitors “Good-bye” in no uncertain manner. Apparently didn’t mind having his picture take despite the flashlight.



Right center – Limestone marker over grave of Sarah Colvin, wife of John Johnson, who succumbed in 1826 apparently one of the first graves to be marked in this parish. On the left are the markers which were erected over the graves of Daniel and Susan Colvin, who were evidently among the first settlers in Lincoln Parish coming here somewhere around 1807. Note the use of the word “consort,” characteristic of those periods.



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Bottom right is pictured the home erected by Jephtha Colvin, sometime prior to 1832. Here he and Narcissa Colvin lived after they were married and it was here the first postoffice was established in Lincoln Parish (then Ouachita or Jackson Parish), March 24 1838. The house served as a hospital during the Civil War, records show. It stands about a half mile east of Vienna.

Bottom left is the present Vienna postoffice with its postmistress, Mrs Mattie B. Gryder, standing and mail-messenger R.R. Rabb seated aboard his horse. Horse and rider have delivered the mail to and from the railroad station at Vienna for the past thirteen years.