

A Family for Suzanne©

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A case study based on the award-winning essay that appeared in the December 2007 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Historical documents will be used to reconstruct the life of a woman of African descent who in 1801 when she was about three and a half years old was the object of a trade in Colonial Louisiana.

- I. A Trade Takes Place
 - a. The date and place of the trade
 - b. The traders
- II. Terms of the Trade
- III. Source of the Bartered Human Chattel
 - a. Beau-pere – Clarence Dial and Alexander Baillie
 - b. Legal Aspects of the trade (Le Code Noir)

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- iv. The Randol Household Pre-Suzanne
 - a. Samuel and Mary Randol
 - b. Four Biological Children
 - c. An Enslaved Boy named Ralph
- v. Suzanne’s Quality of Life
- vi. A Dramatic Turn of Events
 - a. Wednesday, 14 October 1801
 - b. Thursday, 22 October 1801
- vii. Samuel Randol’s Will & Suzanne’s Fate
- viii. Mary Randol’s Death
- ix. Jeremiah Randol a Minor and an Orphan
 - a. Guardian Appointed
 - b. Documents Created Regarding Suzanne

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- X. Jeremiah Reaches His Majority
 - a. Guardianship Terminated
 - b. 1830 U.S. Cape Girardeau County, Missouri
 - c. Four Enslaved People Owned by Jeremiah
- xi. Jeremiah’s Will - Identities Revealed
- xii. Freedom
- xiii. Suzanne’s Children Identified
- xiv. Suzanne’s Descendants
- xv. Suzanne’s Family Legacy
- xvi. Epilogue: A Compelling Tale

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