

## Southern California Speaks Out

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Hey I enjoy the site. It is a small community of creoles in a remote area of southern California. My ancestors traveled here along time ago after escaping slavery and never returned. So I am a descendent. I have my great, great great, grand father's name. It is full of history and culture.

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If I only knew when I was younger the history of my people, the clues were there the Gumbo and red beans that I assumed came from my Puerto Rican mother but my creoles father introduce that to my mother as well as all the history of his family and to also know that my mother had the same history, and now this web site confirms even more thank you , i share this site with my children, any events for creoles in my area please share. Thanks and God Bless

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Southern California

Wow! This is a truly awesome. I am from the Metoyer line of Creoles, and would love to meet, greet and socialize with my peoples. Being a single Creole Queen, would love to mingle at social activities too. Feel free to hit me up. I am really loving this site and look forward to getting involved in some festivities.

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Hello. I am 21 year old Creole and in California there aren't that many people that I run into that are Creole or that know what Creole is. I think this site is an

excellent way to get the word out there and educate people on the true diversity of our nation. I also find this site very resourceful. Keep up the great work!!

Jocelyn Hayes

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I am a descendent of Marie Thereze. I cannot recall what year the book the Forgotten People was put into our family library. I do know, however, we were searching at that time. There were not any websites like this one in existence. Thank you for keeping us together although we might be in different countries, states and cities. And I thank my "new friend" for reminding me what a privilege is it to be Creole. Thanks, Baby!

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I just love this website! I am so proud of EVERYTHING that I am, as everyone should be. PLEASE, PLEASE don't allow anyone to put you in one category, in a box. Stand proud for who and everything you are. I am a Gumbel/ Davillier and I am proud of our accomplishments. God Bless, TMD.

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After viewing some entries, I thought I should give some information on my family. As I stated, my parents are from Pointe Coupee. My mom is from Ventress; the place she grew up is called the 'Island' and she is from the Battley, Gremillion & Joseph family. I don't know if my dad has any Creole roots but he is from the Toulouse and Jones families of New Roads, Ennis. If anyone is part of any of these families or knows anyone in them, please contact me.