



Angelais LeJeune

Angelais LeJeune (*Nonc* Jack) was born May 21, 1899, in the *Point Noir* area near Church Point, Louisiana. At one time Angelais was a well known accordion player in Acadiana. He was offered playing opportunities all over Southwest Louisiana to play at *fais-do-does*. He played at many “house dances” and Cajun clubs. He drew large crowds wherever he played.

Many members of the LeJeune family became musicians and some have a very good voice for singing. Angelais was Ira's great uncle and Ira's paternal grandmother, Alicia, was Angelais' sister.

Angelais began playing the accordion at the age of twelve. Music came naturally to him. His father, Augustin LeJeune, and Alicia, His sister, played the fiddle, and his brother, Theobert, was also a good accordion player.

Angelais caught a big break when he participated and won in an accordion playing contest held in Opelousas, Louisiana, in about 1936. Thirty-three accordion players had assembled there to play in the contest which was arranged by Charles Thibodeaux, sheriff of St. Landry Parish, and a druggist , last name of Boudreaux.

After winning the contest he was offered two recording sessions by representatives of the Brunswick label which was part of Warner Brothers, better known for film production.

Angelais has recorded several old songs including his favorite, “*La Fille de la Veuve.*”