

ABOUT THE HERITAGE HOUSE



The Heritage House Welcome Center began as the home of German immigrant John Linden and second wife Meta Lugens. In order to increase trade for its ferry business, St. Mary's Market Steam Ferry Company bought and sold lots downriver of the village of German Town (Mechanikham) at a time when Gretna was a small settlement of only a few scattered houses. Mr. Linden, a one-time shingle maker who expanded to shipbuilding and real estate interests, capitalized on this opportunity by purchasing two plots of land – one on the corner of Front and Lavoisier Streets, where he housed a barroom and a wood and coal yard, and another at 111 Lavoisier Street, on which he built his home in 1843.

Mr. Linden led a long and active life in his community, serving as a charter member of the David Crockett Fire Engine Company No 1, the Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also a Director of the Gretna Academy and served on the Jefferson Parish Police Jury in 1865. By the time Mr. Linden died in 1904 at the age of 87, he had earned the distinction of being Gretna's Oldest Resident. He was survived by seven children and a score of grandchildren.

In 2011, Ms. Pat Hargis donated Mr. Linden's Lavoisier Street home to the City of Gretna, and it was relocated to its present site at 1035 Huey P. Long Avenue. Its restoration was completed in 2016. The Center is intended for use by visitors and residents alike, as plans include working with the real estate community to house a property inventory there.



Gretna-REDI

Gretna Revitalized, Enhanced, and Developed, Inc.

Mission Statement

Gretna-REDI is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) entity committed to improving our citizens' quality of life by facilitating projects that revitalize, enhance and develop the city of Gretna.

All proceeds from sales of the bricks will be used for the maintenance of the Heritage House Welcome Center and Serenity Gardens. Your donations are tax-deductible.

BE A PART OF GRETNA'S HISTORY



The City of Gretna is offering an opportunity to purchase custom engraved bricks to be displayed on the grounds and walkways of our new Heritage House Welcome Center and Serenity Gardens.



GUIDELINES FOR BRICK ORDER

The walkways of our Heritage House Welcome Center and Serenity Gardens are paved with bricks that can be inscribed with your family's name, or in memory of a departed loved one, or any inscription of your choice. A contribution of *\$75.00 for each brick will enable you and your loved ones to be remembered.

- Bricks may be engraved with one, two, or three lines of text.
- Each line may contain up to 20 characters. (This total includes the blank spaces between words.)

- **MEMORIAL BRICKS** include "In Memory of" on a line above the name.



- **NAME BRICKS** include the name engraved as you designate.



- **FAMILY BRICKS** include "Family" on a line below the name.



**Minimum number of bricks are required for installation! The \$75 per brick rate applies only to the first 1,000 bricks sold.*

BRICK ORDER FORM

Brick #1 (Please Print)

Brick #2 (Please Print)

Ordered by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Total number of bricks: _____ x \$75.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Return this card with your payment to:
 Gretna-REDI
 P.O. Box 294
 Gretna, LA 70053
 For more information, call 504-400-4025.

Thanks for your support!

Cut along line

