

Cane River Creole
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Courtesy of Elizabeth Shown Mills

Emanuel Dupre

Denied the Right to Fight

The Augustin Guards were one of two militia units organized by Cane River's gens de couleur libre (free people of color). However, Confederate law prohibited non-whites from serving in the military. Therefore, Dupre and the Augustin Guards were not allowed to join the army. Although disappointed, the Augustin Guards served faithfully as a homeguard for Cane River.

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