He jumped on his horse and raced to the other side of the lake and disappeared. Charles Sallier was never heard from again.

But, Catherine Sallier did not die. She stood up and found the bullet that had hit her hand and then a broach that she was wearing. The broach kept the bullet from penetrating her body and saved her life.

Catherine lived on Shell Beach until she died at the age of 75. She never remarried, and most people believe that she was completely innocent of Charles' accusation.

In early August of 1994, my cousin, Dorothy Barbe, said that she has this amethyst brooch and verified that there are creases where the bullet struck it.

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DESCENDANT OF JANE LONG AND JAMES CAMPBELL

Randal Matthews

Member Randal Matthews, a third-great grandson of Jane Long, presented the Society with a synopsis of the history of his family. His descendants have lived on the Gulf Coast since the time Jean Laffite occupied Galveston Island.

Much information concerning Jane Long is available from other sources, such as the papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar. In contrast to such known references, Randal provided private anecdotes generally unknown to those outside the family. During Christmas of 1820, while her husband General Long was in Mexico, Jane and her children were starving on barren Bolivar Peninsula. Jane had attempted to catch fish to feed the children, but was unsuccessful. A fishing pole, left stuck in the sand, became exposed as the tide went out. A redfish had taken the bait and was found at the end of the line, providing the family with Christmas dinner.

According to legend, Mrs. Long was among the attendees at perhaps the final dinner given by Laffite prior to his departure from Galveston. Although it is documented that Laffite essentially denied a request from General Long for materials from Campeachy following the dismantling of the commune, it is not generally known that the privateer sent a large quantity of building materials to Jane Long on Bolivar. According to Long family tradition, Laffite sent several of his men to Bolivar to assist in the construction of a house for Jane.

Although not mentioned in references recounting that final dinner, family tradition holds that Jean presented Jane Long with a powder horn as a gift. This horn is now believed to be housed in the Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville.

The above information provided by Randal Matthews was accompanied by a photograph, circa 1900, showing Anne Herbert Long, Jane Long's daughter, and William P. Long, Anne's son. William is great grandfather to Randal Matthews. Randal is also related to Laffite's Lieutenant James Campbell.