

Duplantís Oak

Bayou Lil Caillou
4263 Bayou side Drive

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With Century old limbs reaching over a lazy bayou road, the Duplantís Oak on Bayou side drive in Chauvin has outlived several Duplantís families and their homes. The tree remains to grace the Bayou side and remind the present family members of the generations of ancestors who once lived and thrived on Bayou Lil Caillou in the early years of Terrebonne Parish.

According to the Duplantís Legacy written by Lois Hebert Luke in 1998, this Duplantís Oaks' top limbs



The Jean Baptiste Duplantís family taken in 1885 two years after Jean Baptiste died. From left to right; Terrance age 32; John age 37; Seraphine age 41; Justin age 38; Armelise age 44; Felician age 47; Elie age 42 ; Leufroy seated age 30; Aglae age 48, Grandma Seraphine 72; Oleus age 49.

were in the way of space needed to build a new home in 1875 by then owner Victor Terrance Duplantís. He was the son of Terrebonne Parish Pioneer Jean Baptiste Duplantís and Seraphine Charpentier. He married Eulalie Guidry the daughter of Alex Guidry and Clarisse Naquin of Houma.

Victor Terrance is buried across the bayou in St Elie Cemetery. His father and family are listed in the 1830 Terrebonne Parish Census as farmers. Victor Terrance and his wife had 9 sons and 3 daughters. In 1890s the Duplantís family donated land for the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel.

By 1943, then owner, Xavier Francis Duplantís tore down the family homestead and recycled the lumber to build another home near the old tree. He was married to Cornelia M. Duplantís.

Former Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Ronnie Duplantís lived in another home built on the property and talked about his memories climbing the tree as a boy over 50 years ago. –Submitted by Laura Browning-Story by Trudy Voisin Hebert.

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