The ancient, sprawling Live Oak in the 400 block of Bayou Dularge Road was once a part of Crozier Settlement. For many generations, the Babin family owned the property. The Crozier Settlement grew up around the Crozier Store on Old Bayou Dularge Road. Today, in the general area, a street and road bear the name, Crozier and the area goes by Crozier.

According to Terrebonne Parish conveyance records, on December 24, 1889, William Howard, of Crozier Settlement, sold a plot land for $1.00 for the development of a Baptist Church. The Zion Travelers Baptist Church, which had been holding services at several plantations, found a home in Crozier. In honor of the benefactor, William Howard, the building was renamed The Howard Third Zion Travelers Church. It became a community-meeting place, hosting family events. https://books.google.com

In his January 16, 1926 column in the Houma Courier, former Mayor Calvin Wurzlow described the Bayou Dularge community. He stated that either settlers sought out that area or a band of Jean Lafitte’s pirates abandoned it. The area inhabitants were mostly Norman French but there was an American colony lower in the parish. A new shell road to Dularge, cut through the woods, brings citizens nearer to the beauty of the last secluded area.

One of the last family members living on the property was Emma Babin Guillot, Norma Hill’s grandmother. She would be 101 years old in 2016. Other family members living on the property have been Hewitt and Bessie Comeaux Babin now interred in St Eloi Cemetery in Theriot. Their son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Janice Babin, built the older house. The last members of the Babin family to own the property were Henry Babin (Hank) and his cousin, Robert Babin of Covington. Hank and his wife, Janice, live in Florida.

Tony Brunet purchased the property in the 1970s. The Brunet families have renovated one house after a fire and built a new house on the property. Story written by Diane Theriot.

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