Dugan Oaks

Upper Bayou Terrebonne
3878 West Main Street
Gray, LA

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One can’t help but notice the Live Oak trees that front the Danos’ corporate headquarters. Owners have re-landscaped the property but have maintained the sanctity and focus of the old oaks that grace the new occupants’ brick structures. Smooth landscaping into large pond areas, keeping the natural iris along with a curved paving that invites one into the business structure that lies further to the rear of the land.

“Lead architect and Houma native, Greg Lacour of the Houston-based firm Gensler designed the building, which combines modern and naturalistic elements in harmony with the surrounding environment, Sean Ellis said in his Houma Courier article describing the new Danos Corporate Headquarters offices.

Migrating from Baton Rouge, the Dugan family purchased property from the C. R. Patterson Jr. Estate and built a home on a little over 11 acres in Gray in Terrebonne parish in the 1960s. (See 2008 photo below before it was taken down.)

This home was a one story brick structure with large square brick columns in a colonial style on the front portico located at the corner on West Main side of Bayou Terrebonne at the junction of the new Hwy 90 near the area of the Halfway Cemetery. Both John Warren Dugan, Sr. and his wife, Bobbie Lee Lanoux were real estate appraisers and nature lovers. Bobbie Lee and her husband loved gardening and developed this property into a lovely residence.

Prior ownership included Henry Schuyler Thibodaux, who donated the Halfway Cemetery carved out of his plantation property in the 1800s. Thibodaux was the founder of Terrebonne parish which was created from Lafourche parish as it was once called Lafourche Interior. Thibodaux was buried in the Halfway Cemetery, but later moved due to vandalism and grave robbers. This gravesite remains as his memorial at Halfway Cemetery.

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