Crochet/Chauvin Ladder Oak

Lower Bayou Blue Hwy 316 1413 Bayou Blue Road Houma, LA <u>Google Maps</u>





Tracing the ownership of this property brings us back to the story of the Acadians. The Acadian Crochet family touched ground in New Orleans, LA from aboard the ship L'Amitie'. They travelled with their widowed mother Pelagie Benoit Crochet to Louisiana in 1785. Pelagie was 17 years old when she married their father on Cape Breton Island then called Louisbourg in Acadia.

In Louisiana during the antebellum period, sons and grandsons of Julien, the youngest son of Yves Crochet of Quesney, France married Marguerite, the daughter of Nicolas Belanger of Pointe Coupee in 1798, and they settled in upper Lafourche.

Julien's sons and grandsons moved down the bayou to Lafourche Interior now Terrebonne Parish. His son Paulin married Therese Bonvillain and their son Prosper, served during the War of 1861-1865 in Company K in the 26th Regiment Louisiana Infantry organized in Terrebonne parish and fought at the Battle of Vicksburg. Prosper married Susanne the daughter of Jacque Labit in Terrebonne parish, her mother was a Roger. Prosper's brother, Joseph Henry married Marie Marcel the daughter of Narcisse Marcel in June 1867.

Paulin died in May of 1847 before the war began, he had a son named, Norbert Paulin. Norbert Paulin Crochets' Succession recorded in Terrebonne Parish courthouse and conveyance records in 1937 show his ownership for this property. Norbert Paulin married Sidonia Savoie and they had 5 children, Joe, Sidney, Effie who married 1, Ernest Toups, 2nd to Amadeo Hymel, then Agnes, and Edna who married Gillis Boudreaux. The Savoie, Marcel and Roger families are tied to the Bayou Blue area. Once a Savoie store was located at the junction of old Hwy 90, now LA 182 on the Lafourche side and now the Marcel's own a store the opposite corner on the Terrebonne side. The Roger's Cemetery is located not far from this location.

By 1939, the heirs of Paulin Crochet filed succession for ownership and separation of this property and through the years up until 1995, Crochet heirs sold their shares. Raymond Rhodes purchased the portion with the tree from members of the Crochet family and used the property to store used cars and sold car parts. By the year 2000, descendants of Mrs. Marguis Lecompte, et als sold their shares of the property.

In 2006, Daniel J and Patricia Chauvin and their son, Joey and wife Nancy became owners. Joey has added a ladder and a tree house for his children to climb and explore nature. The Chauvin's have also preserved beautiful Cypress trees in the rear of the property as well as this beautiful Live Oak that sits afar from the Bayou Blue, but in clear view for tourist. This is a private residence. Story written by Trudy Voisin Hebert.



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