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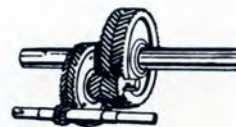


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The rich flavor of the Old South
still lingers on the old River Road

By Victor A. Schlich

Too many first-time Louisiana visitors think only in terms of New Orleans and the French Quarter. That's too bad because they miss much by failing to explore the countryside where the rich flavor of the Old South lingers like the pleasant fragrance of magnolias.

Just outside New Orleans, the old River Road (U.S. Highway 61) unlocks this special bit of Louisiana's colorful heritage—a hoard of gracious, columned mansions and plantation houses dating back to the early days of this nation.

Cotton, sugar cane, indigo and tobacco were the crops that fueled construction of homes along this unusually rich stretch of river bottom land from New Orleans to the Mississippi border. More than half of America's millionaires called this area home in the early 1800s.

Destrehan Plantation is barely 10 miles from the New Orleans suburb of Kenner. The manor house was built in 1787 and is the oldest of its kind remaining intact in Louisiana.

Four of the state's largest and oldest oaks frame its main entrance. Destrehan was built in the traditional West Indian manner: Doric columns support a distinctive hipped roof and galleries surround three of its four sides. Much of the original woodwork remains.

A few miles farther down the road is San Francisco Plantation House. Built in the 1850s, it is an excellent example of what once was called Steamboat Gothic.

San Francisco seems an odd name from French Louisiana only until you ask a few questions. Originally the mansion was called St. Frusquin's, derived from French slang for "one's all", a reference to its high construction cost.

Bills paid by the estate of its builder, Edmond B. Marmillion, who died shortly after it was completed, indicate that he had truly given nearly his all. Later owners simply changed the name from a slurred "St. Frusquin" to San Francisco.

The galleried old mansion follows the traditional Creole style. Serving rooms, the kitchen and dining room are all on the first floor. Other quarters, including a living room, are on the second floor where both the view and stray breezes were more readily enjoyed. Its distinctive roof is ventilated by a band of louvers that runs around the entire attic floor. Also prominent are two cisterns, one on either side, from which the water was piped into the house itself.

A bit farther upriver is Oak Alley, a Greek revival style mansion built in the 1830s. Passing steamboats couldn't help noticing the quarter-mile stretch

A quarter-mile alley of oak trees lead to the Greek revival style mansion, Oak Alley. (Photo courtesy of Louisiana Office of Tourism)



of giant oaks leading from the river bank back to the house. Consequently, the plantation dubbed Oak Alley.

Despite the building's classic beauty, its distinctive attraction remains the alley of oaks. Fourteen massive trees line each side. All are at least 300 years old and range from 15 to 22 feet in circumference.

The largest cluster of plantation homes is centered around Baton Rouge, the state capital. Magnolia Mound is within the city itself.

This restored 18th century home and its rambling gallery and hipped roof, took its name from a natural mound, covered with magnolia trees, on which it was built to overlook the river. Hand-carved woodwork and thick plank floors are among the striking interior features of the home once occupied by a nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte.

St. Francisville, northwest of Baton Rouge, is the center of the hauntingly beautiful Feliciana country, an enchanting land of flowers and song-birds. This is English Louisiana which includes Rosedown and its famous gardens.

Cotton provided the fortune that enabled Daniel and Martha Turnbull to build Rosedown. Several grand tours of Europe yielded its fine furnishings, silver and statuary. Europe's formal gardens provided the inspiration for its exquisite gardens.

John James Audubon spent four months living and working in Feliciana country. He stayed at Oakley Plantation, now a state commemorative area. He came to teach painting to the owner's daughter and returned home with 30 of his wildlife paintings.

Asphodel Plantation at nearby Jackson has been called "the little jewel of Louisiana" because it is considered an almost perfect example of Greek Revival architecture. The mansion typified the pre-Civil War opulence when fine furnishings, sumptuous food and lavish entertainment was the rule.

The war almost destroyed Asphodel. A union calvary troop sought food there after a nearby battle and finding none, set the mansion on fire. It sputtered out as they rode off.

Poverty replaced opulence as a tenant during the bitter post-war years. Asphodel was a haggard skeleton before its restoration in the 1950s. Now it's a plantation village surrounded by towering oaks and tall pines fringed by Spanish moss.

At least 50 of Louisiana's great mansions are open to the public, ready to share the splendor that was the Old South. Virtually all charge a modest admission. A visit to one or more adds a *lagniappe* (Creole for bonus) to any Louisiana trip.

(Opposite page) Top, The Destrehan Plantation is the oldest of its kind in Louisiana. Bottom, Left, The San Francisco Plantation House in Reserve, Louisiana was originally called St. Frusquin's, derived from French slang for "one's all." Bottom, Right, two cisterns, one on either side of the San Francisco mansion, were used to supply water to the house. (Below), Left, John James Audubon stayed and worked briefly at the Oakley Plantation, now a state commemorative area. (Photo courtesy of Louisiana Office of Tourism) Right, Napoleon's nephew once occupied Magnolia Mound, a plantation home located in the state capital, Baton Rouge. (Photo courtesy of Louisiana Office of Tourism.)



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THE GREAT

Journey back into the
in East Texas — at the



Top, The barber shop was a gathering point for roughnecks and drillers during the oil boom period. Above, The muddy streets of East Texas farming villages were not prepared for the traffic created by Dad Joiner's discovery. Kilgore, in the heart of the oil field, grew from a town of 700 to a metropolis of 10,000 in less than a month. Right, A 72-foot oil derrick and drilling rig welcomes visitors to the East Texas Oil Museum. The museum is located on the Kilgore College facing U. S. 259. It is opened from 9-4 Tuesdays through Saturday and 2-5 Sunday (Saturday and Sunday only during holiday periods).

EAST TEXAS OIL BOOM

the 1930s when black gold was discovered
the East Texas Oil Museum By Janice Aston

Photos by LUFKIN Photographer Tom Johnston

In 1930, when 70-year-old wildcatter Dad Joiner struck oil on the widow Daisy Bradford's farm in Rusk County, Texas, he changed the future of East Texas and the nation.

His discovery was the giant East Texas oil field, one of the largest deposits of petroleum in the world. The reservoir covered 140,000 acres, stretching 45 miles north to south and 5 to 12 miles wide. For nearly 40 years, the field ranked as the largest in North America.

To the Depression-stricken farmers of East Texas, the find was a dream come true. Anyone who owned or leased land over that ocean of energy could get rich. For the suffering nation, the discovery created a promised land. Fortune-seekers from every corner of the country flocked to the site, searching for oil and a new way of life.

The sleepy farming villages of East Texas were transformed into boom towns. Kilgore, in the heart of the field, grew from a tiny town of 700 home folks to a bustling city of 10,000 adventurers in less than a month. One downtown block in Kilgore alone was spiked with 44 live oil wells.

The first oil discovered sold for \$1.10 a barrel, but prices dropped to 15 cents as supply flooded the market. Production reached more than a million barrels a day. Finally, the National Guard was called into the area to keep peace between roughnecks, lease hounds, oil speculators, and camp followers.

By the mid-1930s law and order were restored again to East Texas, and national legislation was passed to control the orgy of waste. The oil boom was coming to an end.

But today, a half-century later, the excitement of the Great East Oil Boom is recaptured at the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, Texas. Opened





Top, The East Texas Oil Museum is dedicated to the pioneers of the East Texas oil fields, and painted canvases 25 feet high depict the drillers and roughnecks who worked in the field. Bottom, In the boomtown newspaper office, visitors can eavesdrop on a phone call to the publisher of the old HENDERSON NEWS. The office features an old Linotype machine and Babcock press.



last October on the 50th anniversary of the first completed well, the museum is dedicated to the men and women who pioneered the East Texas oil field.

H. L. Hunt, who bought out the holdings of Dad Joiner in November, 1930, later founded the Placid Oil Company of Dallas, and the company built the museum as a gift to Kilgore College. A bronze statue in the Hunt Memorial Room of the museum honors the famous oil man.

Visitors to the museum journey back to the 1930s to the height of the East Texas oil boom. Painted canvases 25 feet high depict the drillers and roughnecks who worked in the oil field. Exhibits on school, home, church and transportation display artifacts from the period. Boom town, USA, a full-scale town of stores, people, animals and machinery, recreates the lively activity of a typical oil field town.

The sights and sounds of the boom come alive as visitors stroll through the reconstructed city block — complete with general store, machine shop, drugstore, newspaper office, filling station, barber shop and post office. A visit to Boomtown Theater brings back the actual historical footage of the boom period while the audience senses a blowout gusher. In the Boomtown Museum, an elevator ride to the center of the earth takes visitors 3,800 feet below the surface of the earth where oil deposits lie.

And soon, the role Lufkin Industries played in the East Texas oil boom will be immortalized by the museum through a series of photographs of company equipment used during the production of the 1930s. A LUFKIN pumping unit wrench from the period is on display now in the Pistol Hill Gas Station in Boomtown.

The museum stands as a tribute to the oil pioneer and the industry he created. It brings back an era America never will see again. The days of oil booms may be gone forever, but the Great East Texas Oil Boom will live on — at the East Texas Oil Museum.

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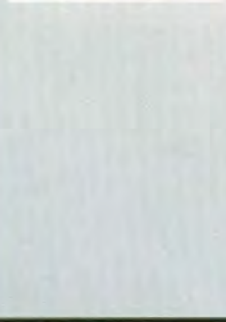
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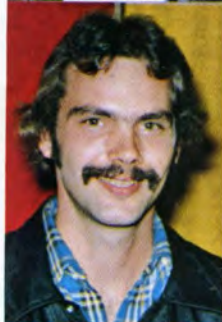
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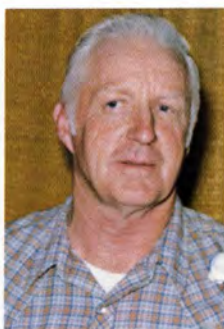


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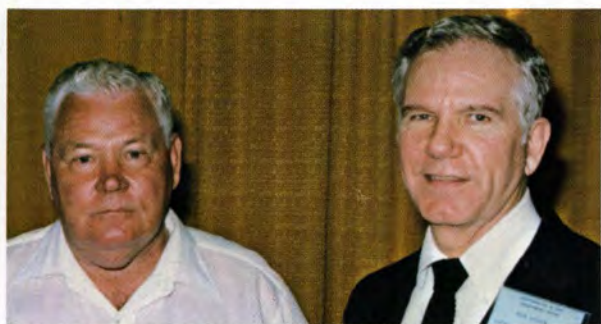
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