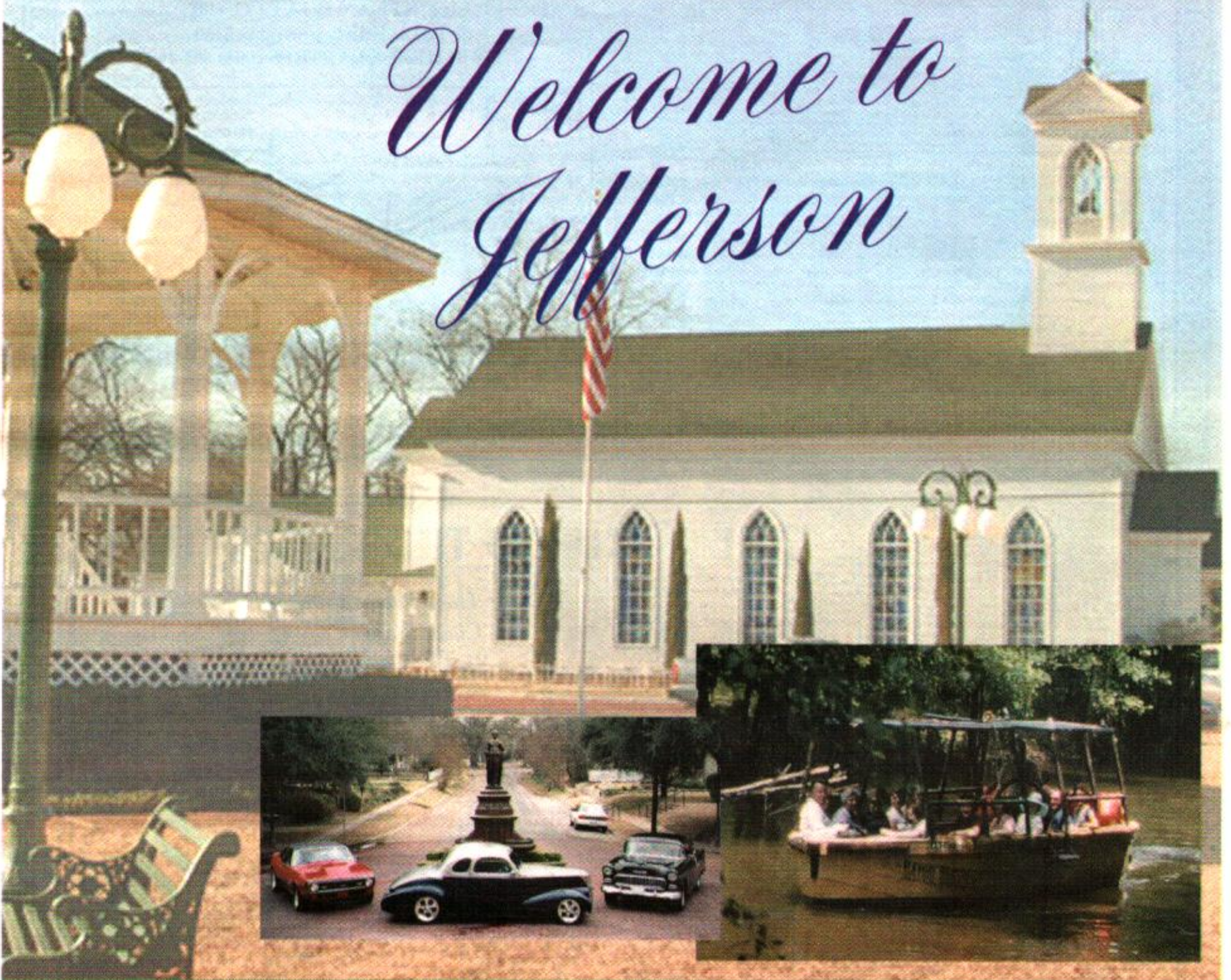


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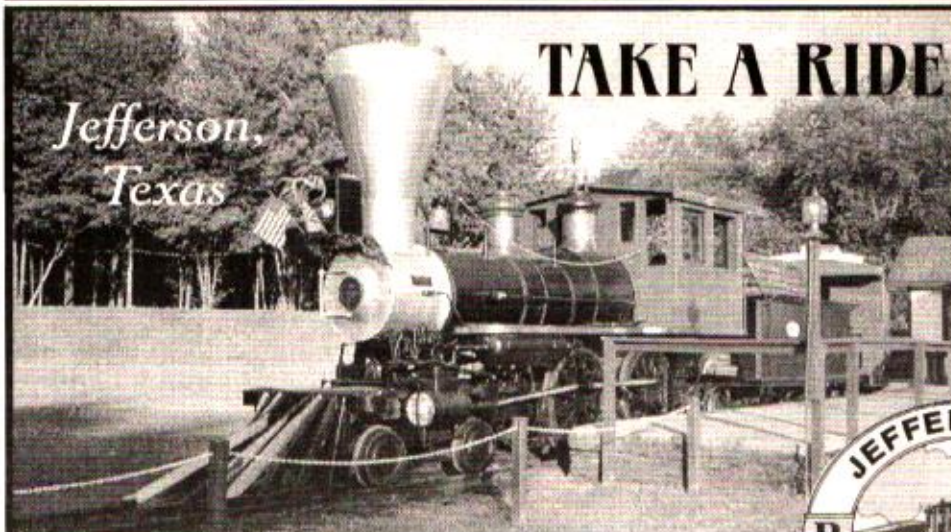
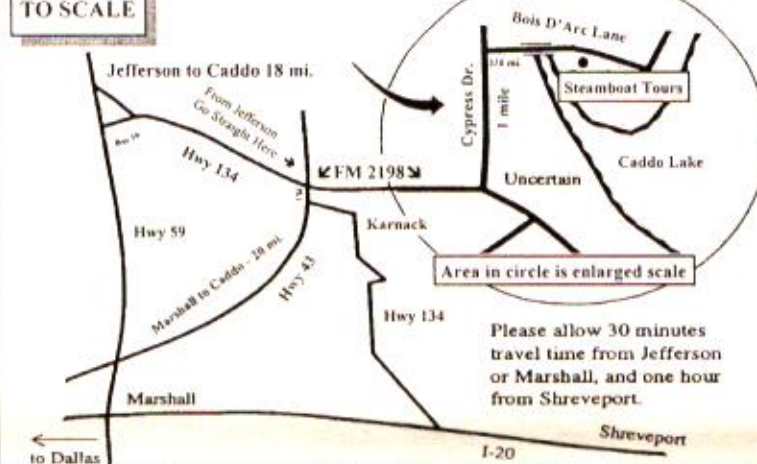
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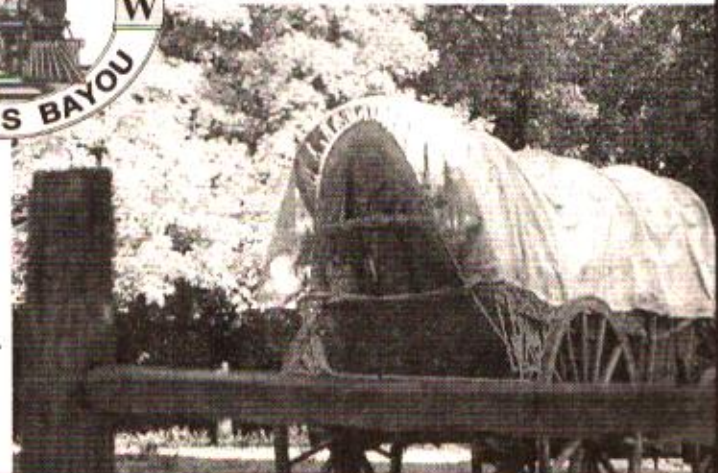
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# Jefferson homes help write town's history

## Claiborne House

The date of construction of the Claiborne House is unknown, but it probably was built between 1862 and 1866 by J.B. Cole, who owned the lot on which the house sits in Block 4 of the Alley Addition.

Census records show Cole and Sarah Self (probably Cole's sister) sold the property in 1866 to Jennie Sedberry for \$1,500. She and her husband, Thomas Dixon Sedberry, lived there until 1869, then sold the home to Littleberry A. Ellis for \$1,000.

Ellis was a Jefferson merchant, who also served as the jury foreman in the famous Diamond Bessie murder trial in 1877. A year later, he moved to Huntsville after selling the property to V.H. Claiborne for \$1,800.

Commissioned as a captain in the Confederate Army, Claiborne was ordered to Jefferson where he built a large packing plant to supply the troops with beef and bacon. Following the war, he opened a drug store and then took up farming.

In 1864, he married Lucy Perry, a Jefferson native and the daughter of William

Perry, an early Jefferson resident and pioneer. Claiborne died in 1897, and his wife died in 1922. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

In the division of the estate, Lucilee Claiborne Jackson received the home and furniture. In 1926, she conveyed the property to Thomas W. Taylor for \$1,100.

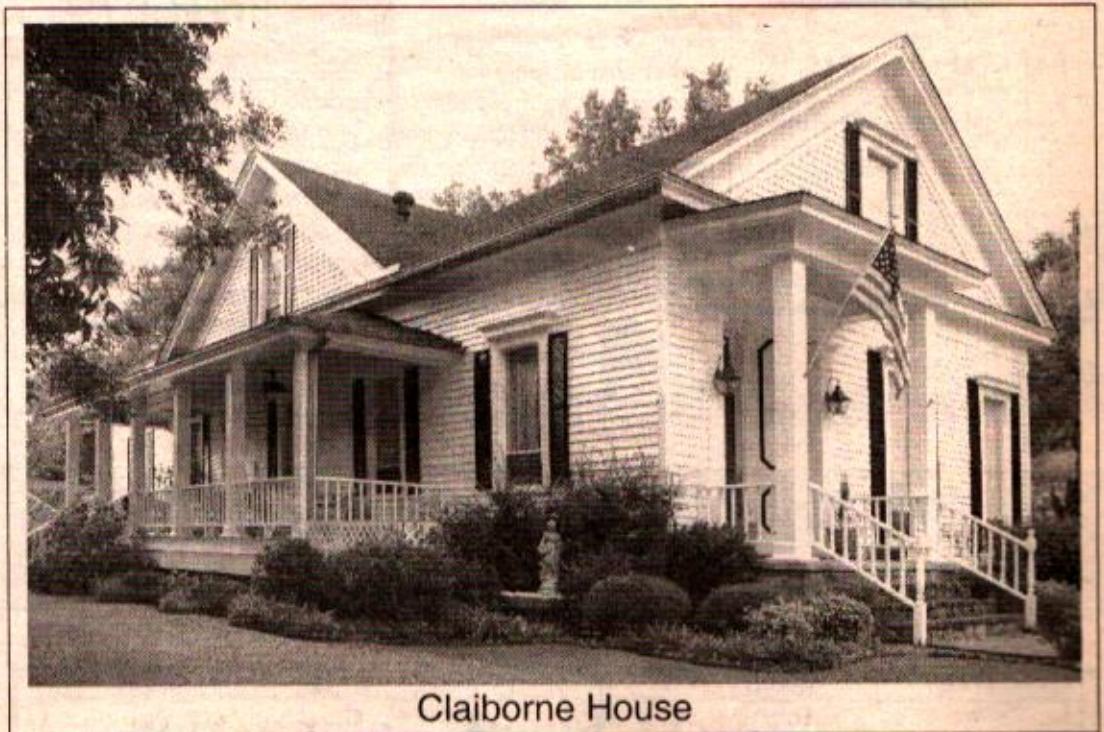
Over the next 60 years, the property changed hands numerous times.

Elaine and Steve Holden bought the home in 1998, and the couple turned it into a two-story, six-room bed and breakfast.

The original house contained six rooms. The white clapboard cypress structure featured a front parlor, bedroom, bath and nursery, dining room and kitchen. The cypress and pine lumber used in construction came from the surrounding area and was milled in Jefferson. The entrance featured wide cornice moldings which framed four paneled doors.

Only one other house in Jefferson featured that style of entrance - the Magnolias, built in 1867 by Allen Urquhart, one of the founders of Jefferson.

The Holdens completely



Claiborne House

redecorated the house which features three bedrooms upstairs, each with its own bath. Two of the rooms offer guests a Jacuzzi tub, and one of two rooms in the carriage house also has a Jacuzzi tub. In addition to repainting, the Holdens also undertook a complete landscaping effort.

In addition to the B&B with its accommodating carriage house, the property also features a building Holden utilizes as a licensed massage therapist.

## Oak Alley

Oak Alley was built by Daniel N. Alley, co-founder of Jefferson in or about 1850. The house is classic Greek Revival with the original six-inch heart of pine flooring, 13-foot board and batten strip ceilings and cypress exterior siding.

The framing timbers were cut, notched and pegged by hand. Every other wall stud is an unfinished, full dimension two-by-four or four-by-four 14-16 feet long. Most of the original doors and windows are still in place. Hand-made blacksmith nails were used throughout.

The original house had four spacious rooms, two each on either side of a large central hallway. Each of the rooms has a fireplace and shares a double chimney. The fireplaces are located on interior walls, which is unique since most older homes in the area have fireplaces on outer walls. Many of the antique furnishings in the house are from Paris, Texas, home of the current owner's grandparents.

The exact date the house was built is unknown. Early records show that Alley sold four city blocks and im-

provements (the house) to the business partnership of Perry M. Graham and A. Ferduland Holcomb for \$400 on May 20, 1851.

At the time of the sale, Jefferson was part of Cass County. The Graham and Holcomb partnership had been established the previous month for the purpose of "buying and selling merchandise." The partnership was short-lived, however, because Holcomb "departed this life" on Nov. 22, 1851, leaving his heirs and Graham with a sizeable debt (in those days) of \$4,711.

Holcomb's wife, Sarah Ann, and nine other heirs sold all their rights and responsibilities to Graham on Oct. 6, 1852 for one dollar.

Graham kept the house two years before selling it in 1854 to a W.D. Stephenson. The property remained in the Stephenson family until 1871 when it was sold to Ann T. and F.A. Schluter, who is reported to have been one of the first six settlers in Jefferson. He was an active Jefferson businessman for 35 years.

He also was said to have contributed a lot of time and money toward the establish-

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Oak Alley

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Sagamore

ment and maintenance of the Methodist church in Jefferson. Soon after his death, his second wife, M.G. Schluter, deeded the four-parcel lot and house to Schluter's son, Louis, and his wife, Kitty, in 1883. They retained the property for about 30 years, and then sold it to W.H. Erambert in 1912 for \$1,700.

Erambert was a successful Jefferson businessman. Many of his descendants still live in and about Jefferson. The Erambert heirs sold the property to Beatrice and Rufus Akin in 1955. The Akins lived there for 30 years, and Martha and Richard Horn bought the house in 1988.

At that time, the house had been unoccupied for several years and was in a bad state of repair. Since buying the home, the Horns have patiently and lovingly restored the house and grounds.

The name of the house, Oak Alley, was selected because of the majestic tree on the southeast corner of the property and the name of the original builder.

## Sagamore

It would be poetic to assume the name "Sagamore" relates to the home of Teddy Roosevelt and the park in New York, but the truth of the matter concerning the Jefferson

home is more prosaic.

The Texas frontier-style cottage in the Greek Revival style was built in 1852, but through the years owners were plagued with sagging floors. When the Hubert Scantlin family bought the home in the 1940s, they vowed the house would "sag no more" after they repaired it. The name stuck.

Though Ruth Scantlin died in 1993 before much of the restoration was complete, her memory lives on in the collection of American antiques. After her death, Richard and Montae Johnson of Dallas bought the home that has been featured on earlier Pilgrimage tours, as well as on the original Dogwood Trail Tour.

The heart-of-pine floors, chandeliers and most of the furniture in the living room and dining room are original to the home. Also evident is the "dog trot" so popular with 19th century homes.

Furniture in the home dates from 1830 to 1900, and one of the more interesting pieces is a large pine and pewter cupboard from Pennsylvania dating to the 1840s.

The quilts in the home are old and handmade and selected from the Johnson's collection of American quilts.

In 2003, the home was given to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a portion of it serves as the parsonage.

## The Grove

The story of The Grove dates to 1842, when Lucy and Daniel Alley purchased 586 acres of land from the Stephen Smith land grant for \$2,000. The land contained the property that later would become The Grove.

In 1847, Judge Amos Morrill purchased the property from the Alleys and built a dog-trot style log cabin on the southwest corner. Although the home in Jefferson was 90 miles from his home office in Clarksville, he used it when he practiced law in Jefferson.

Harriet Potter Ames recorded in her autobiography that she enlisted the services of Morrill, along with her husband, Charles Ames, in her court case to claim her fair share of her late husband's estate that he had left to a mistress.

On March 17, 1855, Caleb Ragin and his wife, Sarah Wilson Ragin, bought The Grove property from Morrill. At that time, Ragin had already established himself as a prominent Jefferson citizen. He served as postmaster from Dec. 31, 1849 to Aug. 4, 1851.

A 1965 edition of the Jefferson Jimplecute on file in the Lucille Blackburn Bullard Collection at the Jefferson Historical Museum documents the founding of the Jefferson Masonic Lodge #38 AF&AM on June 23, 1847, although it was not officially chartered until Jan. 24, 1850. The junior warden of the lodge at the time was Caleb Ragin. He and his wife sold The Grove property in 1861 to Minerva and Frank Stiller, a newlywed couple looking to settle in Jefferson.

Minerva Fox lived on the Fox cotton plantation in Marshall where her family had farmed cotton for generations. Frank Stiller was

a cotton broker from Louisiana who had taken up residence in the riverport of Jefferson, where he plied his trade as a cotton broker.

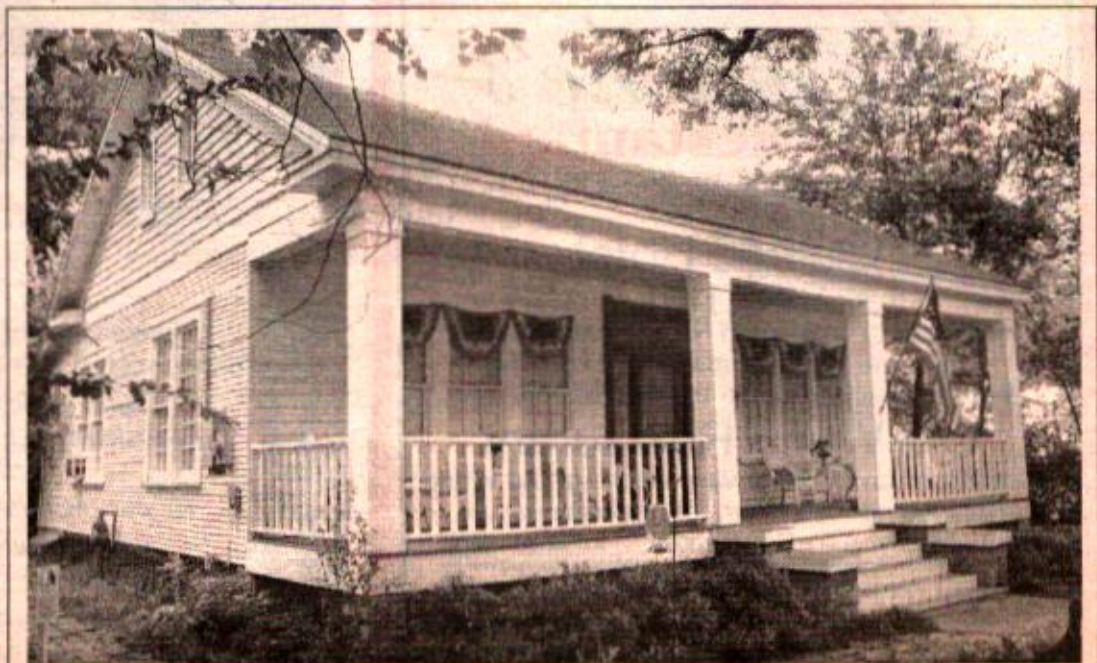
The two met and married, and Minerva's father built them the current house at The Grove as a wedding present.

The outside of the house has classic Greek Revival lines, but the inside still shows some of Frank's influence of Creole architecture.

During their time at The Grove, the famous 1872 "Bird's-Eye View" map of the city of Jefferson was drawn and published by mapmaker H. Brosius, showing The Grove in the exact state it exists today. The house's history can be seen at the Jefferson Historical Museum where the "Plan for the City of Jefferson, Texas Prepared for Use of the Military Commission" was drawn.

The Stillers lived in the residence until the estate of Minerva Stiller, which oversaw the guardianship to the sons, John R. Stiller and Frank F. Stiller, sold The Grove to Daniel C. Rock and his wife, Amanda, in early 1880. The 1880 census of

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## Grove From Page 5

Marion County gives the only clue to his identity, that he was a bridge builder.

One could speculate that with the clearing of the Great Raft on the Red River, the depth and flow of all rivers in the area were affected, and that bridge building might have been a lucrative profession.

In 1885, the Rocks moved to Paris in Lamar County. With this sale of The Grove,

Daniel and Amanda transferred it to a family which would own the property for more than a century and leave a distinctive mark there.

On March 6, 1885, Charles J. (Mr. Charlie) Young, and his wife Daphne Finch Young, purchased The Grove property. Mr. Charlie operated a barbershop just across from city hall, which now is the site of the brick pharmacy building on Austin Street. It had one chair and the back wall was lined with ivory shaving mugs, each with a patron's name in gold letters. The names of the patrons reads like a "who's who" in the city of Jefferson: lawyers, bankers, merchants and other notable men. Today, some of the mugs are on display at the museum.

The Young family soon established themselves as leaders of the African-

American community in Jefferson. In 1902 when Daniel Alley deeded the space for an African-American cemetery, Young was one of the trustees of the Cedar Grove Cemetery Association. As a trustee, he was able to secure a plot for his family at the front entrance to the cemetery.

Daphne Young planted the gardens on The Grove property and tended them for many years. Lore has it that a walk past the house at any time of day would find Miss Daphne working her flowers.

Charlie died on New Year's Eve in 1938, and his wife followed in 1955 at the age of 91. Her funeral was held on the front porch of The Grove so that she could "see her garden one last time."

The house then passed to Louise R. Young, the couple's youngest daughter, who had earned a college degree and become a teacher in the Jefferson sys-

tem. Louise never married, and an older woman in town who knew her said, "She was a proper educated woman who never found a man in town that lived up to her standards."

She is remembered as a woman with dignified posture and a quiet, courteous manner. On March 27, 1983, Miss Louise died at the age of 96, having spent her entire life at The Grove. She was buried beside her parents in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Because of her service to the school system, a scholarship for graduating seniors was established in her name. Her estate put the house up for sale, and The Grove was left without a Young family member for the first time in almost 100 years.

The property passed briefly to a couple named, oddly enough, Colonel Daniel and Lucile Grove, but because of an illness they sold it to Patrick Hopkins and his sister, who started the restoration process on the house and opened it as a restaurant.

The current owners, Tami and Mitch Whittington, purchased the house in March, 2002, and continued the job of restoration and preservation that Patrick Hopkins had begun a decade earlier.

The Grove today stands as a landmark to the history of Jefferson. Its Greek Revival structure illustrates the classic architecture of the time, while the Creole architectural influences demonstrate the close ties the city had to New Orleans and to Louisiana.

The house contains an armoire owned by the Stillers, several pieces from the Young family. It also includes two quilts sewn by Daphne and Louise Young and restored and finished by Ms. Joan Hopkins, who was married in Jefferson at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in 1939.

The house also features many pieces from the families of the Whittingtons collected through the years.

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## Jefferson Fourth: It's just better

By Vic Parker

The little city only has about 2,200 people, and the county can boast no more than 10,000. When it comes to celebrating the country's birthday, though, no one does it better than Jefferson.

Every year, the little town with the big heart turns itself out in a day-long celebration that's fast becoming one of the most popular, and well-done, July 4 observances in the area.

Festivities begin in the morning and conclude after dark with a gigantic fireworks display that's the envy of cities much larger.

The filling for the Indepen-

dence Day sandwich includes costume contests, auctions, a duck race, a canoe race, music and other forms of entertainment and games for the kids.

A morning start with the occasional wanderer grows through the day as the various events get under way,

### Cake auction fan favorite

and the day culminates when thousands gather downtown and near the Big Cypress Bayou to watch the fireworks display that last year went on for almost an hour.

One of the most popular events is the pie and cake auction, a fund-raiser for Jefferson's Carnegie Library. The auction features friendly rivalry and compe-

titition among bidders as spectators yell encouragement and offer suggestions.

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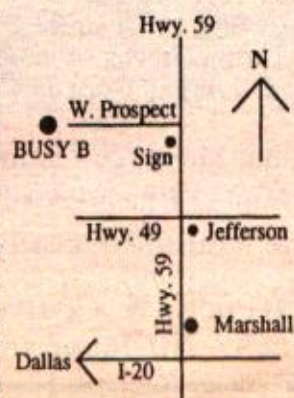
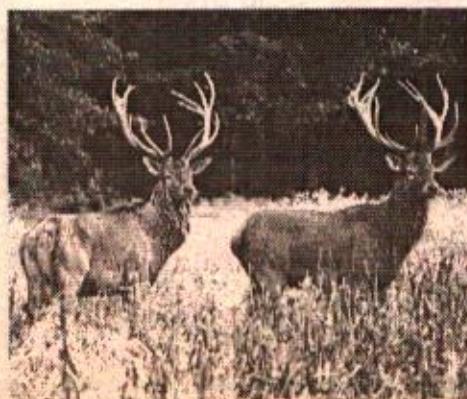


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## History, humor share boat rides

By Vic Parker

History and humor can be fun. Mix them together and put them on a boat playing the waters of Big Cypress bayou and you have one of the favorite attractions in Jefferson.

If you don't believe it, take a look at the website for the Turning Basin Riverboat Tours owned and operated

by Johnny Nance.

There you'll find the top 10 reasons visitors should take the tour: 10) "We no longer employ that Gilligan character." 9) "You can't lose as much money as you can on the boats in Shreveport." 8) "No icebergs." 7) The captain promises to be sober this time." 6) "We quit charging double to bring you back." 5) "A portion of every dollar goes to the 'Save the Mosquito Foundation.'" 4) "A great opportunity to try

sons: "We hardly ever sink," and "The survivor rate is way up."

It's that humor and the local knowledge Nance and his co-workers bring to the job that keeps visitors and tourists coming back. Through the 22 years Nance has been associated with the attraction, he estimates that tens of thousands of folks have taken the one-hour, five-mile round trip along the river.

Nance has owned the business for about five years, becoming the fifth owner of the business. A native of Center who grew up in Arlington, Nance first became acquainted with the business when his brother, Chuck, took a ride with owner Roy Butler.

Upon inquiring as to the possibility of buying some land in Jefferson, Butler of-

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out those life-saving skills you worked so hard to learn." 3) "Plenty of free switches handy if the kids misbehave." 2) "Snakes aren't nearly as bad since the water got polluted." 1) We just about got that little septic tank problem fixed."

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WITH THE Marion County Courthouse visible in the background, one of the vessels of Jefferson Riverboat Tours makes its way along Big Cypress Bayou in Jefferson. The business is owned by Johnny Nance, who also serves as one of the area's unofficial historians. (Courtesy photo)

# Boat

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ferred to sell the business to Chuck Nance. Soon after, Johnny Nance was in town and working for his brother. He continued to work for the next two owners before buying the business five years ago.

Nance's love of history, particularly East Texas history, provides a natural counterpoint to the tour business and helps make the rides along the bayou more interesting to patrons.

Nance began to immerse himself in Jefferson history to enhance the rides, but the more he learned, the more interested in local lore he became. "There is just so much history and information," he said, "and there's also a lot of 'bad' history and misinformation. It just became a challenge to see if I could figure it out. Once you get into it, you just can't quit."

Unlike some tourist-oriented diversions, Nance and the other operators don't

operate from a script. "It's about history and it's about nature," he noted, "but we try to throw in some humor and it's not memorized. And, we like for people to ask questions."

The business operates three 22-passenger vessels, and riders may get one of four captains, Nance, Mac Spruell, Jack McCormick or Mary Rose Humphrey, each of whom brings a different approach to the job.

Spruell is well-known lo-

cally for his art, and many of his works hang in stores and businesses in Jefferson. According to the website, "His artist eye for beauty and love of the 'old days' and the bayou made this job a good place to combine business and pleasure."

McCormick took a ride some 15 years ago as a tourist and took a few pictures along the way. He returned later to show the pictures,

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and he and Nance became friends. After asking if he could help, McCormick passed the Coast Guard test and obtained his captain's license.

Raised in South Louisiana where her father was a trapper and alligator hunter, Humphrey moved to Jefferson in the 1960s. "A real people person," the website notes, "She has taken an interest in many of our guests and made lasting friendships with folks she

has met on the boat."

That interest in the visitors and passengers is shared among the staff, and the very nature of the experience keeps Nance happy with his lot in life. "The good thing about the business is that you get to meet a lot of people who are having a good time," he said.

"People are in a good mood because they're on vacation and they're having a good time. You get to meet people when they're at their

best."

Having a captive audience, and one that's as varied as the people themselves, also results in the occasional odd or humorous situation. During the spring, Nance and his crew take a lot of school children down the bayou and back. On one of those occasions, he recalled, the motor died as a group of third-graders were taking the ride.

"It was during high water," Nance said, "and we were moving down the river pretty fast, through branches and limbs, and I told the kids to cover their faces. We tried and tried to get the boat started, and then I looked up and there was this kid holding the kill switch in his hand."

On another occasion, a group of Hispanics showed up for the tour. None spoke English, and the visitors thought they were renting the boat, so they proceeded to get on a boat, start it up and head down the river.

For those who actually want the guided tour, the narrated journeys down the river occur seven days a week from April through October at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. In March, November and the first half of December, tours are at noon and 2 p.m., weather permitting.

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## Battle for Jefferson: 'It's real'



IN ADDITION to taking part in the re-enactment of the Battle for Port Jefferson, re-enactors participate in the annual Pilgrimage Parade through the streets of downtown Jefferson. The re-enactment this year will take place during Pilgrimage April 30 and May 1-2.

(Photo by Vic Parker)

### By Vic Parker

To the thousands of spectators, the Battle for the Port of Jefferson is just as real as the ragged uniforms, the mismatched muskets and the haggard faces of the "combatants."

The fictional fracas debuted several years ago in concert with the annual Pilgrimage, and organizers dubbed it a resounding suc-

cess. It's back this year, scheduled April 30 and May 1-2.

More than 600 re-enactors showed up to face each other as Yanks and Rebs across an empty field east of Jefferson. The presentation is dubbed the "Re-enactment of the Red River Campaign."

Most make a weekend of it, bivouacking nearby in tents and campers, the scene complete with sutlers offering

wares and evening meals simmering in iron pots over a camp fire.

The "battle" portrays the defense of Jefferson from the federal troops of Union general Nathan Banks.

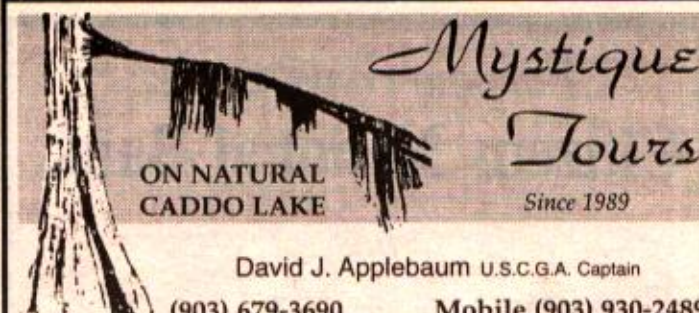
The Yankee general and his troops did, in fact, participate at the real battle for Mansfield, La. in the spring of 1864. The re-enactment portrays what some historians believe would have happened had Confederate troops not defeated Banks in Mansfield.

The speculation is that Banks and his troops would have marched north through Shreveport and on into East Texas in an effort to capture the strategic port of Jefferson, as well as a powder factory in nearby Marshall.

The re-enactment, sponsored by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, will be held in conjunction with the 57th annual Pilgrimage.

The initial battle will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. With guns booming and pre-planted charges producing huge gouts of dirt and grass while horses whirl and dance, the Union soldiers typically overrun the Confederate defenses in

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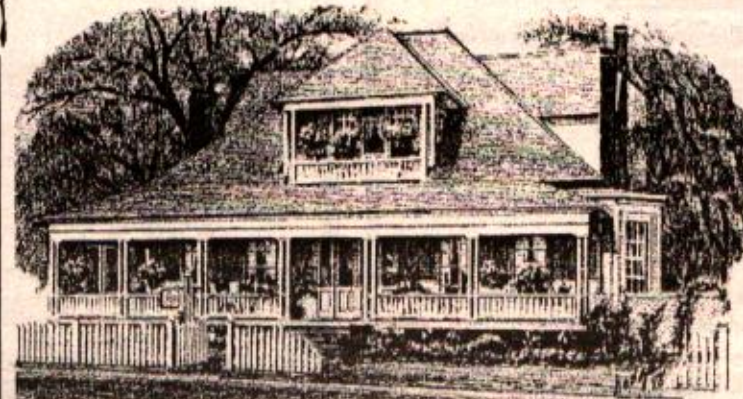
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people and adults alike get together to learn about jazz and to fine-tune their skills as they prepare for the evening concert.

Band directors, youth group leaders and private instructors are encouraged to urge their students to take part. Instructors are proficient in a variety of instruments and are able to cater

to the needs of the individual.

Pre-registration for certain instruments or vocal classes often determines the type instructors hired. A technology class, taught by sound system expert J.C. Arthur, harmonica lessons and a gospel choir provided the major attractions at the 2002 workshop. Members of the gospel group performed under the direction of Dr. Bobby Baylor of Fort Worth.

Performers last year included Larry Greer and Shades of Blue as the Friday night headliner, Adell Drumgoole and Jam City Review, jazz and gospel pianist Baylor and the group Hot Sauce.

Recording artist Joseph Vincelli performed Saturday night, singing songs that brought together the theme of Misty on a Cool Misty Bayou.

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their move toward Jefferson.

Like the actual war itself, however, yesterday's loss becomes today's victory when the Rebels prevail on the second day of fighting. The Sunday battle begins at 1 p.m.

The 600 or so re-enactors do more than just provide a few hours of entertainment at the battle site, however.

They become full-fledged participants in the Pilgrimage weekend by marching in the annual parade. Some take part in the traditional Presentation of the Colors on Sunday morning.

The weekend also will feature a Saturday night dance at which attendees will wear period clothing. The dance will take place at 8 p.m. the parking lot behind the Marion County Courthouse.

# Of course there's a course

Rusty Rail popular links site

By Vic Parker

Towns of 2,100 people and golf courses aren't commonly mentioned in the same breath, but then, Jefferson isn't your normal 2,100-person town.

The little burg does, indeed, have a golf course to call its own, though it's a short drive north of town off U.S. 59 on East Prospect Road.

The Rusty Rail Golf Club is a nine-hole course that, for several years, was rated as one of the top 25 in the state of Texas. Playing to a par of 71, the Rusty Rail differs substantially from most nine-hole courses. Traditionally, the back nine differs from the front nine by only a few paces.

The "Rail," however, features several holes where the back nine tee boxes alter the layout significantly, though par does not change.

Rail owners are Ned Fratangelo, Charmaine and Frank Kresch and Mike Kresch. The group bought the facility on Valentine's Day, 1979 from John Reeves who designed and built the course. The club has a membership of almost 110, up

from 42 when they bought it.

The course sits on 247 acres, and the owners have short- and long-term goals for improving the facility, according to Charmaine Kresch. One of the short-term goals is to dam a creek between numbers six and seven to create a lake.

Another effort is the creation, or extension, of cart paths along the course, as well as continued efforts

aimed at "softening" the greens. "Those are a couple of the things that we work on each year," Kresch said.

The owners also are moving toward replacing older carts - there are 12 currently available for rent - with re-conditioned units.

The Rail serves as the home course for Jefferson, Harleton and Linden-

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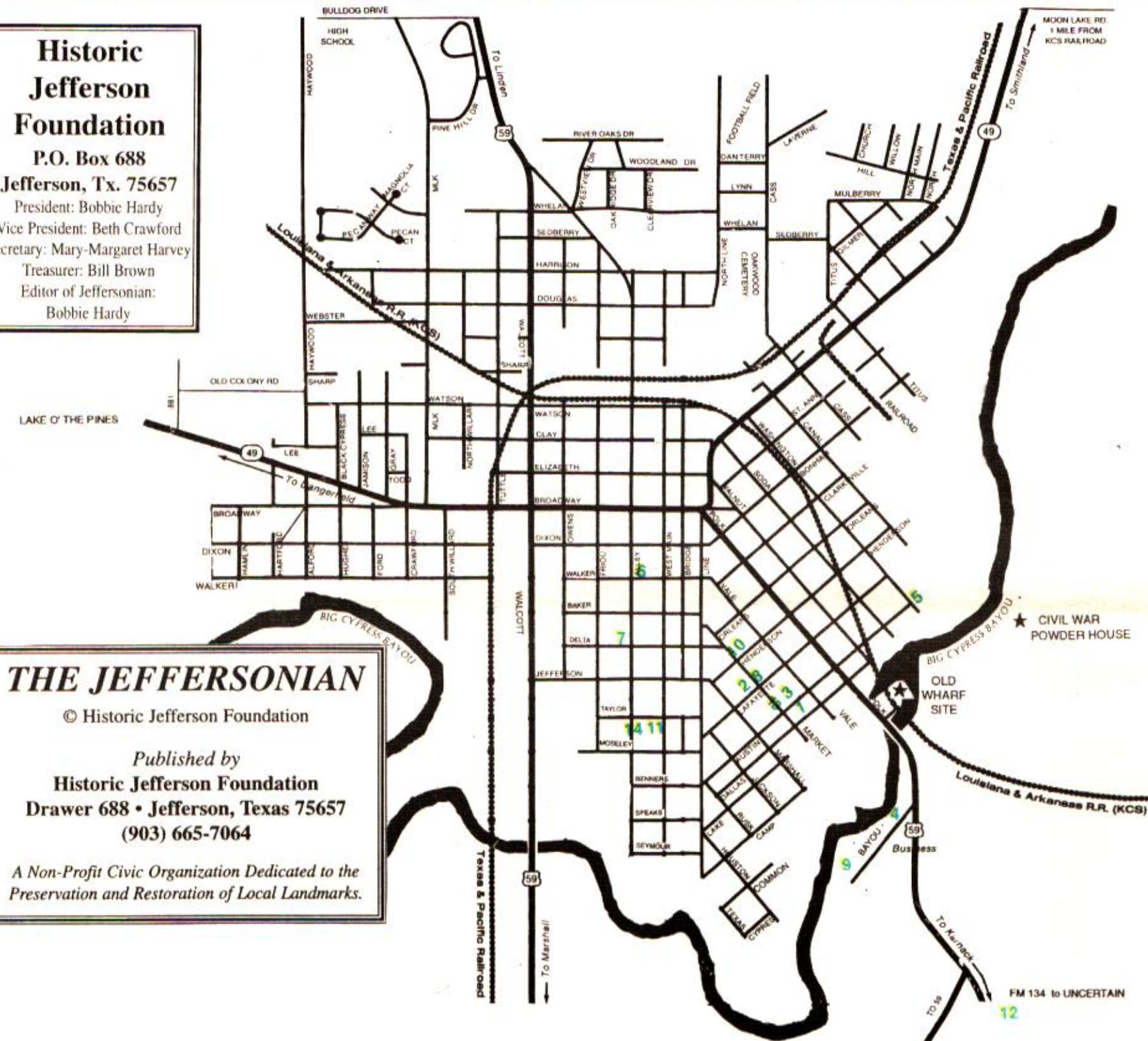


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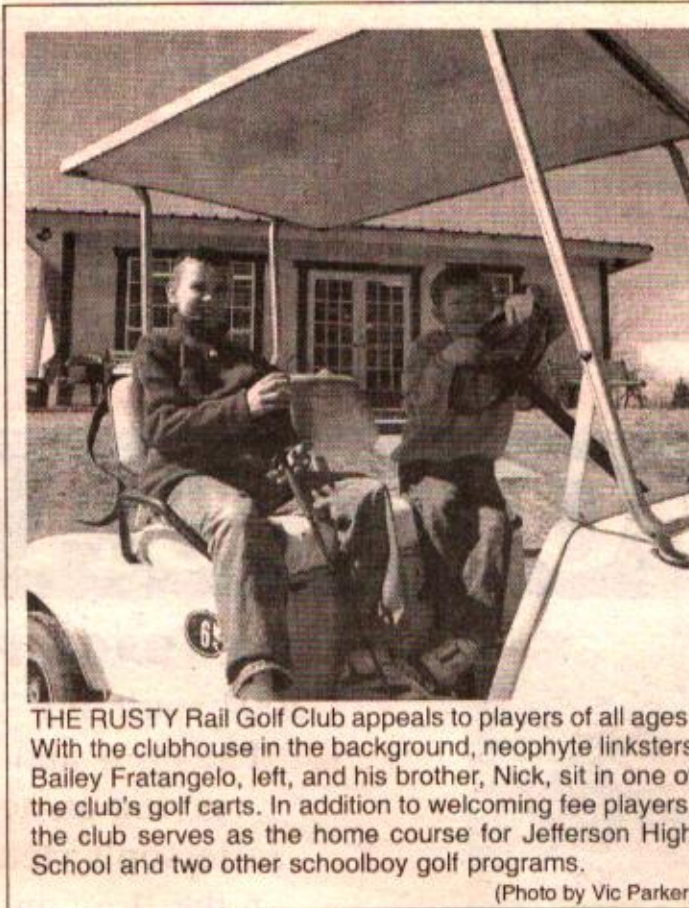
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(Photo by Vic Parker)

## Rail From Page 15

Kildare high schools, and it hosts several tournaments each year, including those sponsored by the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and the annual Friends of the Carnegie Library event. An addition this year will be a fund-raising tournament on behalf of Toys for Tots, Kresch said.

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## Triathletes will converge on Jefferson

By Vic Parker

They come from Jefferson, from neighboring counties and from across the state and our neighbors to the north and east.

They are athletes in the finest of shape, those willing and capable of participating in a triathlon. Specifically,

the Jefferson Heritage Triathlon, scheduled this year July 11.

The annual event is one of two functions that headline the activities of Jefferson's Krewe of Hebe ... the other the hugely popular Mardi Gras celebration that brings upwards of 50,000 visitors to the tiny East Texas town.

The event tests athletes in a half-mile swim, a 25-kilometer bicycle ride and a 5-kilometer run that annually takes place at Sandy Beach on Lake O' the Pines.

The event actually begins on a Saturday evening in downtown Jefferson where competitors "carbo load" for the stringent exercise to fol-

low.

The pre-race meal also gives the participants a chance to get to know each other and to mingle with townspeople and Krewe members.

The event annually draws more than 150 competitors to Marion County and race day is attended by a crowd of well-wishers and friends.

A local disk jockey provides music, and the competitors dine on baked potatoes following the races.

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area. The event is being held in conjunction with the American Historical Racing Motorcycle Association's second annual Diamond Don Riverport National Vintage Motocross.

Among the expected entrants are Malcolm Upfield

(See Cycles, Page 22)

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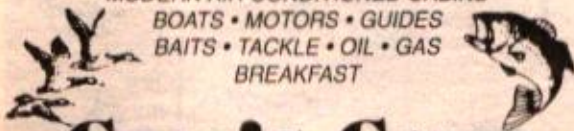
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## Cycles

From Page 20

and Pat Holmes, the defending 2003 sidecar champions, Brad Lackey, the first American ever to win a world championship in the 500cc class, and motocross legend Jim Pomeroy who will conduct a motocross school on April 2. That's also the date for a cross-country event.

The vintage race will be held on Saturday and post-vintage and sidecar races will take place on Sunday.

More than 500 riders are expected for the weekend event that also will include a barbecue and live music on Friday on a hill overlooking Big Cypress Bayou.



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## Imposing structure Jefferson landmark

By Vic Parker

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Built originally as a federal courthouse and post office, the huge red brick building annually hosts more than 10,000 visitors to its three floors and basement.

Construction on the edifice began in May, 1888. It took more than 18 months to

build it at a cost of \$6,000.

In 1999, at a cost of \$375,000, the building's exterior was stripped of years of paint and then restored to its original appearance.

The post office was on the main floor and included an inspector's station. On the second floor were the courtroom and judge's chambers, a U.S. Marshal's office and the court clerk's office. The jury room was on the third floor.

In 1948, the Jefferson His-

(See Museum, Page 23)

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# Museum From Page 22

torical Society and Museum was organized to preserve the history of the town, and that organization purchased the building in 1965 when the post office and court were discontinued.

The society in September, 1965 moved its outstanding collection to the building. Since then, numerous items have been added to the collection, including a doll collection and Miss Eva Eberstadt's travel trunk which dates to the late 1880s.

The main floor today houses Civil War artifacts, as well as Sam Houston's papers, a dress that belonged to Lady Bird Johnson, rare china, a pioneer doctor's instruments, a child's barber chair, extensive archives and many other exhibits.

The floor also houses a gift shop featuring many books about local history.

The second floor is home to the Caddo Indian room, the Mosely Art Gallery, a square grand piano with

mother of pearl keys, a gun and weapon collection - including one designed to shoot around corners - a bride's room and rare antique furniture.

The third floor contains a child's room complete with toys and clothing and the doll collection. The garret on the third floor is now a pio-

neer room complete with a rope bed and numerous quilts.

The basement contains many early farm tools, a 200-year-old loom, a primitive kitchen and Annie Oakley's boot, the bell from the *Mittie Stephens* steamboat and numerous country-store items.

## Boats to Jefferson were shallow-draft

By Jacques Bagur


One of the most impressive characteristics of the steamboats that ran on the Mississippi River and its tributaries was their extreme shallow draft.

Big Cypress Bayou was a tributary to a tributary (the Red River) of the Mississippi and required an even smaller class of boat.

Most of the craft that traveled to Jefferson were between 100 feet and 200 feet, with about an additional dozen at either of the extremes. The largest boats reached Jefferson only during high water.

During low-water periods, usually in the summer, the old Soda Lake area between

(See Draft, Page 24)



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# Draft

From Page 23

Caddo lake and Shreveport and Big Cypress Bayou between Jefferson and Smithland became very shallow. As low water approached, the smaller boats, known as the "mosquito fleet," dominated the Jefferson trade.

The draft of a boat is basically dependent on weight, hull structure and horizontal dimensions. The steamboats that operated on the Mississippi were lightweight with large, almost flat, hulls that distributed the weight over a wide area.

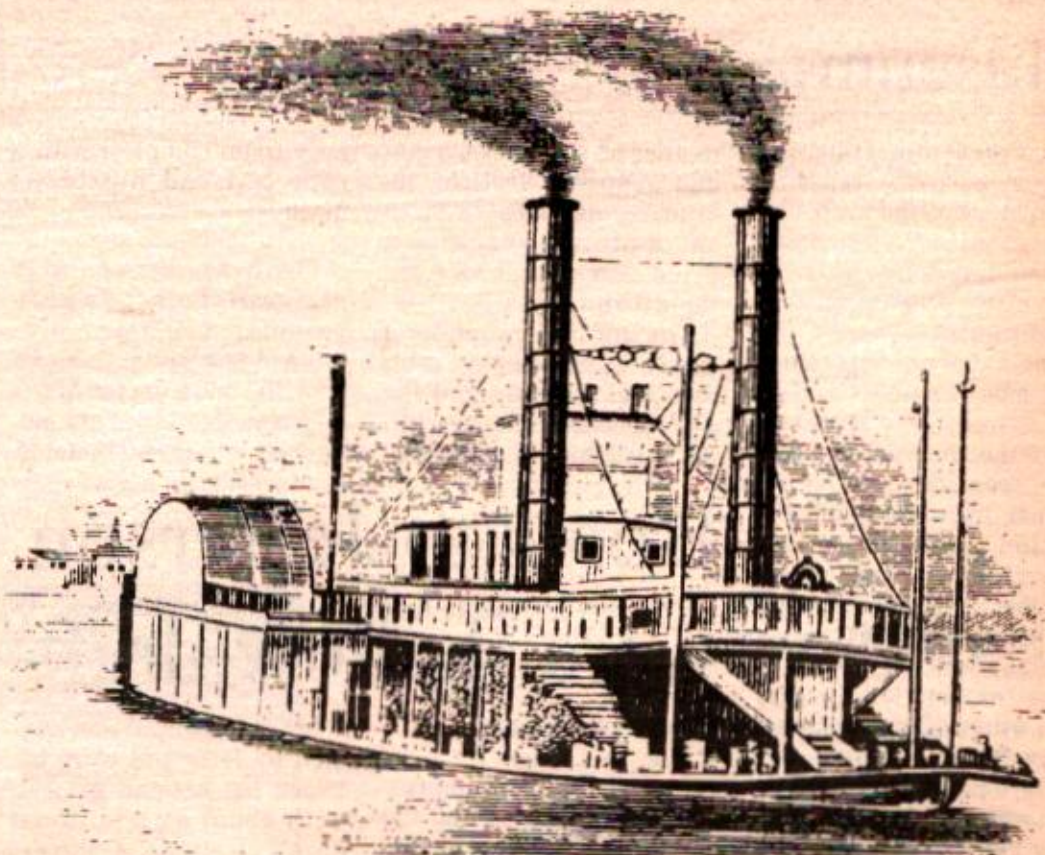
There was no such thing as a standard operational draft for a particular steamboat that ran to and from Jefferson because the cargo

varied from trip to trip.

The least draft reported for any steamboat that ran to Jefferson was that of the *Royal George* which measured 135 feet by 27 feet. She drew only eight inches unloaded and carried 1,000 barrels on 20 inches. Three hundred bales of cotton resulted in an 18-inch draw.

The largest boat that ever traveled to Jefferson was the *Belle of Shreveport*, which measured 200 feet by 44 feet. She drew 30 inches aft and 24 inches forward unloaded and three to five feet when loaded.

Of special interest was the *John T. Moore*. Although she was made entirely of iron,



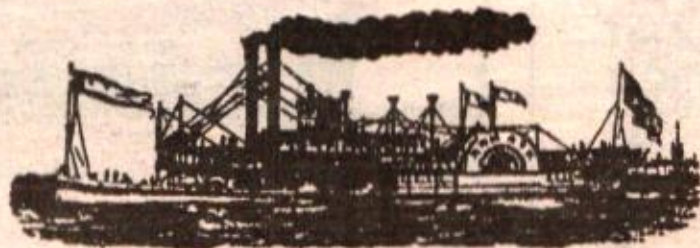
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# Bingo was his name-o

By Vic Parker

Most of the locals in Jefferson - and many of the visitors - are familiar with the little short-legged, sausage-shaped dog known as Pup Pup.

Always on the lookout for a handout or a simple ear scratch, not to mention refuge when storms are about, the peripatetic pooch be-

longs to Jefferson restaurateur Jeff Fratangelo. While he's the latest ca-

nine celebrity, he's not the first in the history of the (See Bingo, Page 26)

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## Bingo From Page 25

little town on Big Cypress Bayou.

A couple of other dogs are a part of the history of Jefferson, not the least of which was Bingo, a German

shepherd that began to attract attention in the mid-1920s.

According to historian Fred Tarpley, Bingo was first observed as a regular

companion of Sam Lemmons, who walked the streets and alleys as a night watchman.

Soon, Bingo began spending most of his time in the vicinity of Denton's Drug Store. He wasn't begging for bones, however; he wanted money that would buy him some meat or ice cream.

No one knows who taught Bingo to beg for money, but it's reported that he became quite expert at cadging nickels from amused donors. Legend has it that Bingo would spit into the gutter any paltry pennies proffered.

There was a box at the drug store where generous folks left their nickels for Bingo. He would take the coins from the box and head next door to Clinton's Quality Food Store where he would put his paws up on the counter with the coin clutched tightly between his teeth until he got what he wanted.

The folklore surrounding Bingo also has him assisting a beggar of the human kind who offered pencils in exchange for coins. After the beggar would give Bingo a pencil, the crafty canine would trade it for some ice cream.

To show his gratitude, Bingo would pick up the beggar's hat and pass it to people on the street, collecting more money in a few minutes than the beggar would in two days.

Aside from four legs, Bingo shared one trait with Pup Pup: seeking shelter when bad weather approached.

While Pup Pup heads for the nearest open door when thunder rumbles, Bingo would seek refuge in the offices of his guardians, oilmen David Flesh and Seymour Hootkins.

Anytime fireworks were the order of the day, Bingo headed for the fire station, the post office or any other place to escape the noise.

Bingo, it seems, had once



A FAMILIAR sight in Jefferson during the 1930s was Bingo, a cunning canine who would trot to the meat market with a nickel in his mouth to trade for a piece of meat. This purchase occurred at the counter of W.J. Clinton.

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# Tunnel more than a vision

By Vic Parker

Visitors and newcomers alike are often regaled with the exotic legend of slaves moved to and from Big Cypress Bayou and the old Haywood House.

The story is only a part of the history and allure of the building that most recently housed the Texas History Museum, and devotees of the tale will doubtless take the discovery recently of a tunnel behind the structure as proof of the legend.

Workers excavating the stump of a huge pecan tree did, indeed, uncover a tunnel made of sturdy, red bricks, running about three feet below the ground behind the building at the corner of Dallas and Market streets. On three separate cuts, workers uncovered sections of the tunnel that angle toward the bayou levee from the building.

**Too small to pass**

It's unlikely the tunnel was used for any kind of transport, however, as its dimensions would allow only a small child to pass through it. The underground passageway measures only two feet in width and one foot in height.

The story of slave transport is unlikely for another reason: Construction on the building - which began life as a four-story hotel - started in 1869, four years after the conclusion of the War Between the States.

The discovery does, however, add another layer of mystique to one of Jefferson's more famous buildings.

Confederate general Hinch P. Mabry built the Haywood House upon his return to Jefferson after the war, hoping to resume a law practice he began in 1856. The hotel, completed two to three years later, was said to be the finest west of the Mississippi River. The building

took its name from Mabry's brother-in-law, Joe Haywood. Federal officers during Reconstruction were living in the building, and upon reports of attempts against the lives of the two, Mabry fled to Canada and Haywood repaired to Tennessee.

## Crescent City connection

Perhaps the pair ate some of their meals off plates brought to Jefferson from New Orleans. Payton Chambers and his brother, Chaney, who were doing the excavation recently, discovered several objects inside the tunnel, including the remnants of white dinner plates featuring a blue crest made by a Davenport Co. in the Crescent City.

The crest features a unicorn flanked by a lion and a horse, along with a Canal Street address for the manu-

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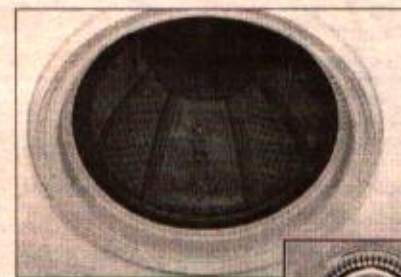
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# Bingo

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been handed a lighted firecracker that he thought was a gift. Instead, he lost a tooth and gained a lifelong fear of firecrackers.

Bingo apparently knew the merchants wouldn't appreciate wet money, even coins, so he learned to hold

the nickels between his front teeth. Through the years, that wore down the canine's teeth.

Because of his fondness for ice cream coupled with the generosity of the townspeople, Bingo developed a weight problem, and his belly would drag as he hopped over curbs.

Though most were kind to

Bingo, one was not. This one brought a group of fighting dogs to Jefferson and unleashed them on Bingo.

Outnumbered, he was injured so badly that he never recovered, and in August, 1939, Bingo died.

According to Tarpley, newspapers all across the state reported the loss of Bingo.

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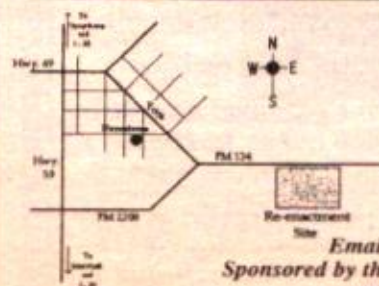
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# The intriguing Jimplecute

By Vic Parker  
Editor

One of the most intriguing facets of Jefferson life is the name of its newspaper - The Jimplecute.

Billing itself as the fifth oldest newspaper in the state, the Jimplecute's name has prompted an untold number of questions and more than a few "answers" as to the origin of the name.

It's doubtful, however, that anyone will ever know the answer since the publisher who chose the name left no clue as to its origins.

Jefferson's first newspaper was "The Democrat," first published in 1847 by a Gen. W.N. Bishop. The newspaper changed hands several times in just a few years, and the name was changed to "Spirit of the Age."

The Jimp, as it is familiarly known, was first published in 1848, and that is reflected today on the underline of the front-page nameplate.

The price of a subscription back in 1848 was \$4. Today, it's \$20.

There are at least four explanations for the newspaper's unusual name, ranging from the understandable to the sublime. The first typifies the sublime.

One tale has it that the paper's first editor, sometimes described as a tippler, dropped a handful of type to the floor before gathering them up randomly in his composing stick. The random letters, of course, spelled "Jimplecute."

The second explanation - and probably the most believable - is that the word is an acronym for the motto: Joining Industry, Manufacturing, Planting, Labor, Energy, Capital (in) Unity Together Everlastingly."

Yet a third explanation is that the word is, indeed, a legitimate one with an overseas ancestry.

Thanks to research done by Fred Tarpley for his book

"Jefferson: Riverport to the Southwest," there is evidence to suggest the word "jimplecute" is a slang term sometimes meaning "sweetheart" or "slim" or "neat" in other slightly different forms.



The word "jimp," according to Tarpley's research, is of Scottish origin and dates to the 16th century. Then, the word meant "slender, slim, delicate, graceful, neat."

The word "jimp" still appears in dictionaries and is defined as described above.

The fourth explanation is that a "Jimplecute" is, in fact, a horrible mythical

creature created, some say, to frighten superstitious slaves before and during the War Between the States.

The beast has been described as "a crouched animal with the mouth of a dragon, the head of an Indian, the body like that of a large armadillo, the front legs and feet like those of a lion ready to spring." The creature also featured a snake atop its back and a forked tail.

Legend has it that the creature came about when publisher Ward Taylor commissioned an itinerant sign painter to create the beast to lend significance to the word itself.

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## The Grove haunted? Maybe, maybe not

Sometimes it seems that haunted houses just don't get a fair shake.

Take The Grove, for instance, an 1861 Greek Revival home with a bit of Creole architecture thrown in for good measure. Its ghosts have been the subject of stories in newspapers, magazines, television shows and books.

Some of them even referred to the place as "the most haunted house in Texas." But does it deserve such a chilling moniker? The current owners, Tami and Mitchel Whittington, answer with a resounding, "Well, maybe. But then again, maybe not."

"Certainly, the place is haunted," Mitchel admits. "Things happen here all the time, but not like people think. The public has been conditioned by Hollywood and Stephen King novels to expect something evil, satanic or scary. It's not like that at all."

Mitchel explains that visitors to The Grove often expect to see something out of the movie "Poltergeist," where Craig T. Nelson opens the door to an upstairs bedroom of their "haunted" house for a reporter, and the contents of the room are seen swirling around like they were caught in some supernatural vortex.

"I think that people believe that ghosts are here to perform for us," Whittington notes. "Actually, they're just doing their thing, and we're doing ours. Sometimes our paths cross."

"Friends who come to visit are always a little hesitant at first," Tami said. "They really expect something out of the movies. One summer evening, we were sitting on the front porch, enjoying the beauty of a peaceful Jefferson night, when we saw a group of people walking apprehensively down the street toward The Grove. When they saw us, we heard one of them say, 'Are those ghosts?' We just waved and had a good laugh."

Not that there aren't unearthly happenings at The Grove. The Whittingtons have seen a ghostly man dressed in black who appears in the garden, but won't show himself inside the house. A lady in a white dress is liable to whisk by you in the study, and if you pause too long in the stairwell, you may feel the presence of a man named Thomas.

When asked about the latter, Mitchell smiles. "We really like Thomas. He's very timid, and you get the feeling that he's a nice guy. He never shows himself physically, but everyone knows the feeling of being watched, or sensing that you're not alone. It starts out like that when he's around."

There are many inexplicable events that occur at The Grove: lights turn on or off, doors lock, unlock or open by themselves; items disappear, then reappear in the oddest places. "We were sitting in the study one evening, each reading a book, when the light between us clicked off," Mitch recalls. "I just shrugged, then reached over and clicked it back on. We kept reading, but never knew why the light had been turned off. Maybe someone just wanted to let us know that they were here visiting."

Mitchel can't help but laugh when he tells some of the stories from The Grove. "One day I was moving boxes from the kitchen to the side gallery. There's a door between the two with an automatic closer, since the gallery is not climate-controlled. I'd pick up a box, open the door, set it down in the gallery, then reopen the door and start all over.

"This had been going on about 15 minutes when I went to open the door and go back in the kitchen, but I couldn't budge it an inch. Since back before 1930, that was an external entry to the house and the door had a deadbolt lock that is still there, accessible only from inside the kitchen. I knew that even though I was the only person in the house, the deadbolt had been thrown from the other side of the door.

"As I took the long path around to the kitchen through the house, I was mumbling the entire way. 'Why in the world would you make me do all this extra walking when you saw all the boxes I've been lifting,' I asked. 'Come on, now, give a guy a break.' It didn't happen again, but it wouldn't have surprised me to have heard a little good-natured laughter at my expense."

The Whittingtons don't believe there are spirits doomed to haunt the grounds of The Grove, or souls that are stuck here on this earthly plane. Instead, they feel like the ghosts are just some of the former owners who look back in on the place from time to time.

When human visitors come by to see the house, Mitchel likes to tell a story that illustrates what he thinks is happening at The Grove. "A dear friend of mine lost her mother to a terrible disease, and was distraught for quite some time over her death," he recalls. "Finally, her mother came back and appeared before her, looking young and beautiful. While she didn't speak verbally, my friend felt her mother saying, 'I'm all right, everything is fine.'

She faded away, and it changed my friend's life forever. I think that happens quite often ... someone comes back to pay a visit to someone or someplace that was important to them in life."

The former owner of The Grove, Patrick Hopkins, has said that if he gets the opportunity to visit the house after he passes on, you can look for him sitting on the bench just inside the front door.

As for the Whittingtons, they have their own spots picked out. Tami loves the garden, but Mitchel is quick to say, "You'll find me rocking out on the front gallery long after I'm gone from this physical world. It's my favorite place in the house.

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# Tunnel

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facturer.

Workers also discovered an old belt buckle, bent and blackened with age. Out of the same hole, though, came a Coca Cola can, as out of place as a scorpion on a lily pad. It featured the removable pull tab popular in the 1970s. The speculation is that the cold drink can found its way into the tunnel from the large cistern inside the building.

## A hundred years later

The buckle and the plate probably do, indeed, date from the late 1860s, but events a hundred years later added to the old building's mystique and aura.

If there's anything Jefferson storytellers like more than ghosts, it's buried treasure, and the Haywood House fits there, too.

In a town known through the years for its eccentric characters, Clarence Braden provided the very definition. He had inherited what was left of the now two-story building, and his death on June 14, 1962 set off a search for coins he had hoarded and hidden through the years.

The search began when a suitcase Braden took with him to the Terry DeWare Clinic was found to contain several boxes of coins. In a closet at the home of Mrs. Waldo Meisenheimer - where Braden had lived the previous 11 months - were found shoe boxes and cigar boxes full of coins. Attention then turned to the Haywood House, and searchers discovered coins in churns, fruit jars and wicker baskets.

## Cigarettes and bills

Between the pages of books, magazines and newspapers were found thousands of dollars in bills. Cigarette cartons were neatly filled with bills rolled into cigarette shape and placed in individual packages.

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Benefield searched his attic where Braden had stored some boxes when he moved out of an upstairs apartment in 1956. In boxes, churns and crocks, Benefield found coins and bills and they were added to the collection that already contained more than 73,000 pennies, almost 126,000 nickels, more than 84,000 dimes, nearly 64,000 quarters, 31,000 halves and 3,300 silver dollars.

The dimes, quarters, half-dollars and dollar coins would, at that time, have been 90 percent silver, and the total value today would approach \$1 million. The estate then was valued at more than \$376,000.

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