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HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF VERMILION PARISH. NO. III

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THE TOWN OF PERRY

In compliance with the law creating the Parish of Vermilion the Seat of Justice was located at Perry's Bridge on the right bank of the Bayou Vermilion on land belonging to Capt. Robt Perry. A small town plot was surveyed off in the bend of the bayou by A. D. Mier, under the direction of Daniel O'Bryan. The Place was called Perry's Bridge from the fact that Capt. Perry had a drawbridge over the bayou at the place. For many years it was called Perrys Bridge, but when a postoffice was established there, it was called Perry and the town goes by that name at the present writing.

The place selected for a Court House was immediately on the bank of the Bayou, just below the end of the Bridge—it was quite a small space for a public square. On the Main Street a lot was given for a Protestant Church, which is now owned by the Methodist Church South, and another lot was tendered for a Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church authorities appointed Pere Antoine D. Megret Priest for the new Parish of Vermilion, or perhaps it was already within his jurisdiction—Pere Megret on inspection of the lot offered his church by Capt. Perry objected to it for some reason or other, too wet and swampy I believe, and asked Capt. Perry to give him a certain lot which he designated—From some cause Capt. Perry did not see it in that light, and refused; Pere Megret on the other hand would accept no other lot and went his way pensively. What came of this little incident will be narrated further on, but one consequence might be mentioned, that is, that Perry has never had a Roman Catholic Church since, and probably never will have one.

Among the first settlers at Perry's Bridge were Dr. Mudd, Dr. William Mills, Jacob Isaacs, Jos. Wise, John Stiffel, C. Asher. William Caldwell had a blacksmith shop there. William Kibbe the first Parish Judge lived on the opposite side of the Bayou, so also did Capt. Perry who owned a plantation opposite the town. Robert Perry, had the first store at Perry's Bridge, he kept it there before the parish was created. It stood on the bank of the Bayou below the end of the Bridge and was afterwards used as a courthouse.

Win. Ribbe kept a store on the corner Main and Bridge St., on the upper side of Bridge St. John Stiffel kept store on the south side of Main Street near the bank of the bayou, near where the graveyard now is. Elijah and Wm. Ewing later on kept store in the Perry store building—These were the first merchants at Perry.

Ambrose Toups the grandfather of Hon. Adrien Nunez was one of the first residents of Perry. His house was on the west side of Bridge St. and the first court ever held in Vermilion Parish was held in his house, the next in Perrys store. All the succeeding terms of court were held in Perry Store. No court house was ever built at Perry. Joseph Walker was the first lawyer to locate at Perry.

He afterwards removed to Franklin, La., where he practised with distinction and success. Daniel O'Bryan was the next lawyer to locate. He was a son-in-law of Capt. Perry. He practised law for many years with success and died at Abbeville in the year 1871 or 2. He left a numerous family of sons and daughters. Perry's Bridge was the trade center of the new parish.

And Pere Megret went his way pensively, not unlike the priest of Apollo, going from the tent of Agamemnon, as he walked along the shore of the loud sounding sea, meditating vengeance on the haughty chieftain who held his daughter in captivity—As Father Megret had no daughters, it is not probable that his wrath equaled that of the priest of Apollo—still he was displeased and proceeded to raise up a competitor for Ferrys Bridge and that was the founding of

ABBEVILLE

And Pere Megret went his way pensively, as he went, he thought—He remembered a beautiful bluff on the left bank of the Bayou Vermilion, about three miles above Perry's Bridge. It was a small farm being a portion of the J. Melanson concession. Here the Father concluded to erect his church according to his own plans. He purchased for himself the little farm of four arpents front by forty arpents in depth of Joseph Leblanc, for the price of about \$400. Here on the bank of the Bayou he laid off the future town. Father Megret was a Frenchman and his idea of a town was that of those old provincial towns of France, with narrow crooked streets, and small squares. He proceeded to lay off his town, to be, on such a scale, and the consequences of it are now being seriously felt in some portions of the town with the certainty of greater inconvenience in the future. If he ever had a surveyor to lay off his plan and make a survey of it, with a proper plan of the same, no copy of it now can be found, and it was probably marked off on paper only, and lithographed, no dimensions being given streets, lots, or squares. The dimensions of the town plat are described as having 848 feet front on Bayou Vermilion with a depth of 1979 feet. He laid off a large lot on the front for a Church and Parsonage, Cemetery etc., and several lots for church uses, which he donated to the Church—He next fitted up a small Chapel on the Church property, and held services there. He sold a few lots and thus a town was started. For many years this place was known to the French population as La Chapelle—He resided himself in Vermilionville, never lived in Abbeville.

This town was laid out about the year 1847 and was named Abbeville presumably after the town of Abbeville on the River Somme in France, from which district Father Megret came. A store or two was opened near the Church and thus the town commenced as many Spanish towns in America began, with a church, a store, and a grog shop.

Among the earliest settlers of Abbeville was Hilaire Davide and Emile Bodin (Dubon), who owned the first store. Jean Pierre Guenyan was among the first merchants to open a store. His store was located on the bas de ville, now Washington St., opposite the Catholic Cemetery.

John Ble Cavailhez opened a store on Madelane Square. Alonson Spaulding operated a Brick yard just east of the town. Eugene Demary and Leo Landry were among the earlier residents of the town. Being situated on a navigable river and in the midst of a rich prairie country, the town grew rapidly, and became a dangerous rival for Perry's Bridge. By Act approved March 13-1850, the town of Abbeville was incorporated, the governing power in a Mayor and four Aldermen under the style of "the Mayor and Aldermen or Council for the town of Abbeville." They were empowered to elect a Clerk for the Council who was to be ex officio assessor for the town, and a town Constable, who was also to be tax Collector for the town Council. Sec 6 of the charter would seem to exempt all property within the limits of the town, from parish taxes for most purposes, and has always been so exempted. The town has always acted under this charter up to the present (1902). Abbeville had now stolen amarch on Perry's Bridge. It was incorporated, Perry's Bridge never was. It was preparing for further encroachments on Perry's Bridge.

It was endeavoring to remove the seat of justice from Perry to Abbeville and after a struggle lasting for years, this was finally effected.

By an Act of the Legislature approved March 3d 1854, it was provided, that from and after the passage of this Act, the place called and known by the name of Abbeville in the said parish of Vermilion shall be the permanent seat of Justice. Sec. 2d provided that the Sheriff should publish the fact by proclamation and convoke a meeting of the Police Jury for the purpose of erecting a Courthouse, Jail and necessary offices and that the Seat of Justice and the offices should be removed without unnecessary delay.

As might well be supposed, this removal of the Seat of Justice was fatal to the prosperity of Perry's Bridge, although a feeble show of rivalry was kept up for many years. The parish was now ten years old and had never so far owned a Courthouse. The rivalry between Perry's Bridge and Abbeville is probably responsible for this condition of affairs in Vermilion.

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RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$163,701.14
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	419.49
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	275.58
Banking house furniture and fixtures	7,600.00
Due from National Banks, (not reserve agents)	500.00
Due from approved reserve agents	21,373.89
Checks and other cash items	3,348.48
Notes of other National Banks	1,575.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	62.20
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$23,239.15
Legal-tender notes	1,940.00
Redemption fund	250.00
Total	\$476,701.13

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Capital stock paid, uncollected	3,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,611.52
National Bank notes outstanding	6,200.00
Individual deposits subject to check	60,424.14
Demand certificates of deposit	7,036.65
Time certificates of deposit	16,375.54
Certified checks	183.00
Bills payable	30,000.00
Total	\$176,701.13

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Parish of Vermilion) ss:
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For the protection of Quail or Partridges in this parish:

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Vermilion Parish, in regular session assembled: That it shall be unlawful to kill or trap any Quail or Partridges in this parish for sale or market for a period of five years from the passage of this ordinance, and for each and every violation of this ordinance there shall be a fine imposed of \$25.00, to be collected before any court of competent jurisdiction, and on failure to pay said fine the party shall be subject to imprisonment for 10 days. This ordinance to take effect immediately after publication. Attestd. J. N. WILLIAMS, E. M. STEPHENS, Clerk. President

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