



COMMERCIAL AREA: View of northeast side of Bayou St. John from Orleans Avenue in the direction of Lafitte Street. This area, consisting of two short blocks, comprises the only commercial establishments on Bayou St. John except the filling station at the corner of Esplanade Avenue and Moss Street facing Esplanade Avenue, the side of which only is visible from Moss Street. From Orleans Avenue to Lafitte St. on the southwest side of the Bayou, the area is likewise commercial. The American Can Co. has been in this location since the turn of the century. At present in the same block there is a hardware store facing Orleans Avenue and an office building facing Bayou St. John.



PHOTOGRAPH #1: Corner of Moss Street and No. Carrollton Avenue on City Park side of Bayou St. John looking toward Beaugard Circle at Esplanade Avenue entrance to City Park. Tall structure in center background is Park Esplanade Apartment building on opposite side of Bayou. Arrow in foreground points to historic marker shown in Photograph #2.



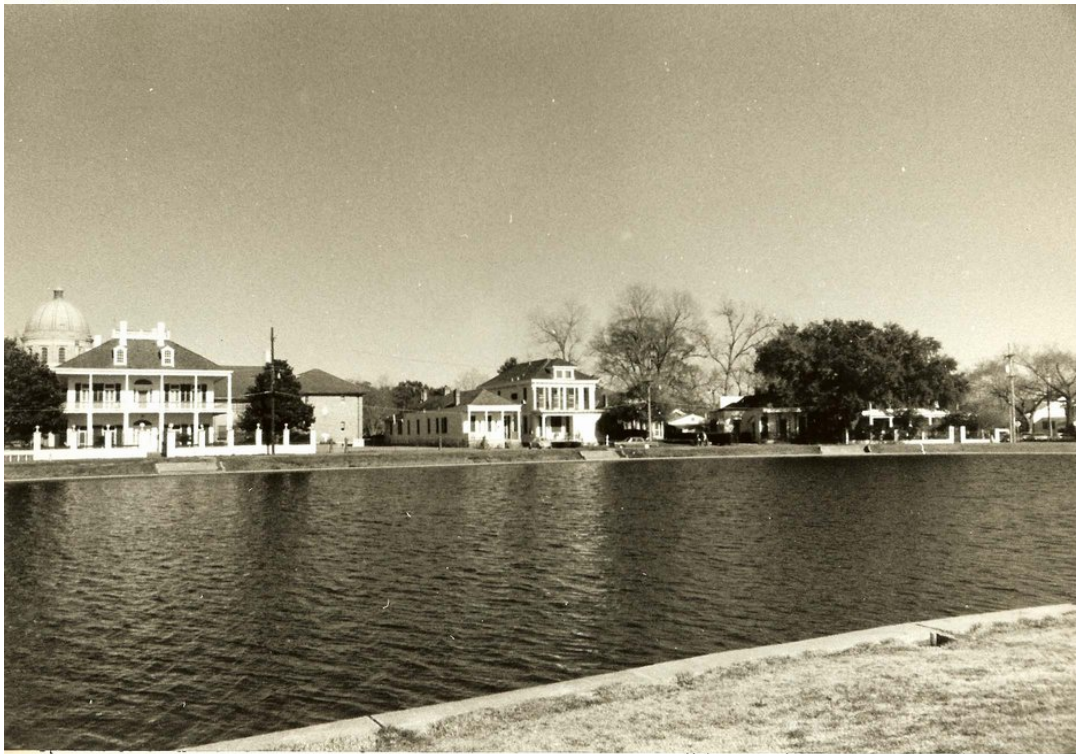
PHOTOGRAPH #2: Close-up of Historic Marker on City Park side of Bayou St. John commemorating Metairie and Gentilly Ridges formed by Bayou Metairie and Gentilly. Bayou Metairie joined Bayou St. John at this point opposite 1460 Moss which is next door to 1492 Moss property (proposed restaurant site). These residences appear in background of picture & face Bayou St. John between Esplanade and curve of Bayou in Square 438/492. Bayou Gentilly connected with Bayou St. John at Grande Route St. John which bounds Square 438/492 at far end of square. Boundaries of said square are Esplanade, Bayou St. John (Moss Street), Grande Route St. John and Mystery Street. This is the most important square in the historic Bayou St. John area.



PHOTOGRAPH #3: View of Square 438/492 facing Bayou St. John, beginning at Esplanade Avenue (end of square) and continuing to Cabrini High School. Structure barely visible at left is Park Esplanade Apartment building facing Bayou St. John across Esplanade Avenue (opposite Square 438/492). Filling station is not visible. Palm tree and shrubbery at left of 1492 Moss are in flower bed along brick wall on service station property. Brick wall is 46 ft. from building line of service station.



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PHOTOGRAPH #4: Close-up of Pitot House (Museum) and Desmare Playground. Pitot House was home of first elected mayor of New Orleans. It was restored by Louisiana Landmarks Society and is occupied by Curator of Museum and his family. Bronze Historic marker on premises does not show in picture, but is on the Bayou bank opposite the house.



PHOTOGRAPH #5: Left background, the dome of Holy Rosary Church facing Esplanade Avenue. Left foreground, historic Blanc-Denegre plantation home now church rectory. Rear of Holy Rosary Grammar School is visible at right of rectory. Residences continue to the right to end of Square 438/492 at Grande Route St. John, the old Spanish Custom House at corner of Grande Route St. John and Moss being partially concealed by large oak tree.



PHOTOGRAPH #6: View begins at left with Old Spanish Custom House corner Grande Route St. John and Moss, one of the boundaries of Square 438/492. There is a bronze historic marker with appropriate legend on this property which is not discernible in photo. Grande Route St. John follows the course of Bayou Gentilly which joined Bayou St. John at this point. The 2-story building at corner of Grande Route St. John and Moss opposite the Old Spanish Custom House is now a residence. On this corner there was originally a 1-story building occupied by Hoffman's Grocery and formerly called Belmont's Grocery. Present residential structure replaces the grocery. Residences continue along Bayou to right just past De Soto Street. At right corner of De Soto and Moss the structure facing De Soto was in the past a service station which is now converted to residential use.



PHOTOGRAPH #7: View from Holy Rosary rectorry to The Sanctuary, West Indian style plantation home (far right). This is another Historic Landmark and will shortly be identified with a Bronze Marker. Barely discernible behind the trees at left of the Sanctuary is another very old residence, well preserved and of historic value. All other structures in the picture are residences of varying ages, most of which were constructed in the 19th Century. Arrow indicates Bell Street. In the past there was a commercial structure on right corner of Bell and Moss which has now been demolished, the site now being used as garden for 3344 Bell St. residence.



PHOTOGRAPH #8: View beginning at St. Philip St. and extending to Dumsaine Street, the Dumaine bridge appearing at far right. The Sanctuary also appears in this photo. At right is side view of building cornering to Moss and Dumaine. A grocery store and bar room were operated in this building for approximately 40 years. Building is now used as a residence on the second floor and as a meeting room on the first floor for the Veterans Association which owns or leases the building.



PHOTOGRAPH #9: Another view of converted store and bar-room with residence opposite. Both properties face Dumaine with side to Bayou. Dumaine bridge at left of picture furnishes one of the entrances to Moss Street by which 1492 Moss Street may be reached.



PHOTOGRAPH #10: View of Moss Street between Dumaine and St. Ann. Apartment house at left was built in recent years. The plantation-style architecture is compatible with the Bayou area and was approved by the majority of Bayou St. John area residents when the architectural plans were submitted to the City. The other structures are residences, the building partially visible behind the trees at far right being on the corner of Moss and St. Ann. It is a duplicate of the Pitot House and more fully referred to on Photograph #11.



PHOTOGRAPH #11: View of Moss Street to Orleans Avenue, the Orleans Avenue bridge being shown at far right. To far left is rear of building at Dumaine and Moss. All structures from Dumaine to Orleans Avenue are occupied as residences. The arrow indicates a duplicate of the Pitot House located at corner of Moss and St. Ann. It was built in 1941 by Dr. Jack Reynolds and his sister, who were descendants of Gustave Moses. Mr. Moses and his family had occupied the original Pitot House from 1880 to 1941. (Thereafter the Pitot House was occupied by the order founded by Mother Cabrini).



PHOTOGRAPH #12: Intersection of Orleans Avenue and Moss Street on the southwest side of Bayou at the Orleans Avenue bridge crossing. All structures in this photograph are occupied as residences. The arrow indicates a very old 18th or 19th century plantation home on the Fairview Plantation. This building is just off Dumaine Street facing Bayou St. John. This view continues to a sharp curve in the bayou, across the bayou from which to the far right is the Blanc-Denegre plantation home (now the church rectory).



PHOTOGRAPH #13: Continuing view on Moss Street in the direction of City Park along Bayou St. John. Rounding the curve shown in Photograph #12, the Blanc-Denegre plantation home (now church rectory) is discernible at the right, located on opposite side of the Bayou.



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 14: Continuing around the curve of the Bayou, this picture shows at the left the two-story apartment dwelling facing Bayou right at the curve, the next residence being an older structure, probably built about the turn of the century. A point of special interest in this photograph would be the wild ducks swimming in the Bayou. The picture was taken in the early morning when wild ducks - and sometimes herons - are seen in the Bayou. The quiet tranquillity of the Bayou that attracts the water fowl is one of the many reasons why residents of the area are so partial to, and defensive of, the quality of life in their neighborhood.



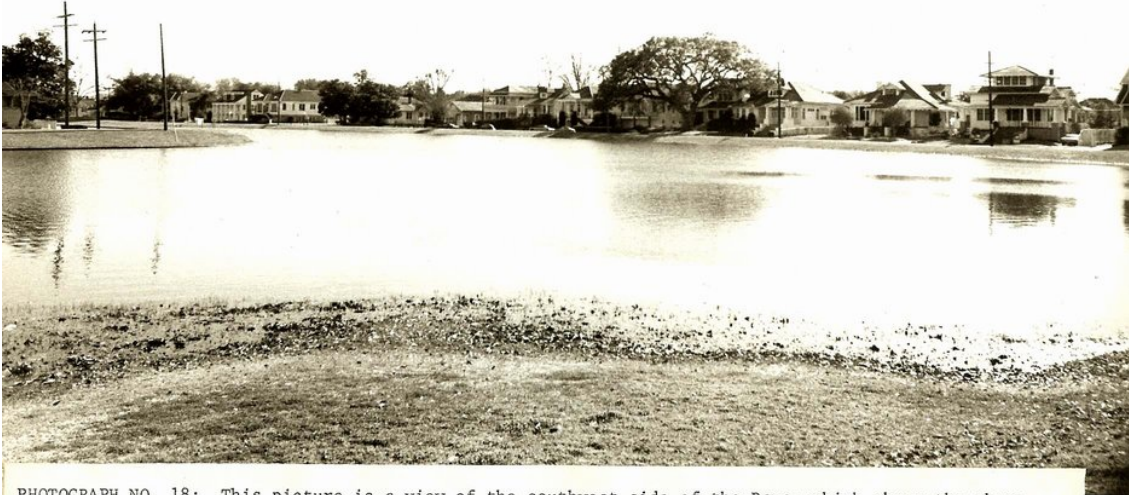
PHOTOGRAPH NO. 15: The next residence facing the Bayou on the southwest side is the attractive, well-kept cottage on the right. The house at the left, partially in the picture, is at the corner of Moss Street and Harding Drive. It is 1347 Moss Street, an 1840 house which was, for some 40 years or more, the home of the late Dr. Elizabeth Wisner. Her father's donation to the City of New Orleans provided the funds for constructing Wisner Boulevard along the Bayou from Beauregard Circle to Lake Pontchartrain.



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 16: View from Harding Drive along the Bayou, the first two buildings, both duplex apartments, do not appear in the picture. The third structure, a Southern plantation-type residence, is at far left, the next residence cornering to Wilson Drive and Moss. The residence on the opposite corner of Wilson and Moss is partially hidden by two large magnolia trees. Of interest is the fact that these trees are remnants of the old MAGNOLIA GARDENS which was operated in long past years as an amusement park. From Wilson Drive toward No. Carrollton is the 1400th block of Moss. All buildings are residences. The one at right in picture is the Mullen residence, the home of the Mullen family for four generations. This house was built during the 19th century, when the Mullen family operated a shipyard on the Bayou.



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 17: View of the continuation of the 1400th block of Moss to North Carrollton Ave. and City Park Ave. The building partially visible at left is the de Lapouyade residence, the home of that family for four generations. The structure faintly discernible at far right is the first residence facing Bayou St. John. The building not shown in the picture which corners to Moss and No. Carrollton is an apartment building facing No. Carrollton. Of interest in this picture is the beautiful oak tree. This is the historic "Trading Oak" under which trading with the Indians and settlers took place in the early days, probably even before the settlement of the Vieux Carre'. It is between 300 and 400 years old.



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 18: This picture is a view of the southwest side of the Bayou which shows the sharp curve starting at 1492 Moss (the proposed restaurant). It was taken from the bank of the Bayou opposite City Park and gives a panoramic view from the apartment house shown in Photograph #14 almost to the corner of Moss and North Carrollton. The first house facing the Bayou from No. Carrollton can be glimpsed at the far right.



PHOTOGRAPH #19: View from the Esplanade bridge of northeast side of Bayou, the 1492 property being indicated by the arrow. At the left is the service station which faces Esplanade Avenue and has been in this location since prior to 1929, the date of the first ordinance. Between the rear of the service station and the brick wall bounding the 1492 property, there is a distance of 46 feet, a wide flower bed having been planted on the service station side of this wall after this rear lot was classified transitionally a number of years ago as a buffer zone between the service station and 1492 Moss Street.



PHOTOGRAPH #20: View of the service station from Esplanade Avenue. At far left is the Desmare Playground. From the playground to the service station all structures are residences. It will be observed that the side of the station facing Moss Street is well back from the Bayou.



PHOTOGRAPH #21: View of the side of the service station which faces Bayou St. John. Note the extremely deep space from the curb to the side of the station, the station itself not being visible on Moss Street until one passes the 1492 Moss Street property. This picture shows a view of the 46 foot area in the rear of station which is used only as a driveway and acts as a buffer zone between the service station and 1492 Moss Street. At the far rear the arrow indicates the garage and guest house behind the 1454 Moss property facing the Bayou.



PHOTOGRAPH #22: Close-up view of rear of service station which gives a clearer picture of the width of the buffer zone and the wide flower bed which screens the service station from the 1492 Moss Street property. The structure at the rear is a side view of the garage and guest house in the lot and garden behind 1454 Moss Street. The 1454 Moss Street residence faces Bayou St. John around the curve which begins approximately at the 1492 Moss Street property (the proposed restaurant).