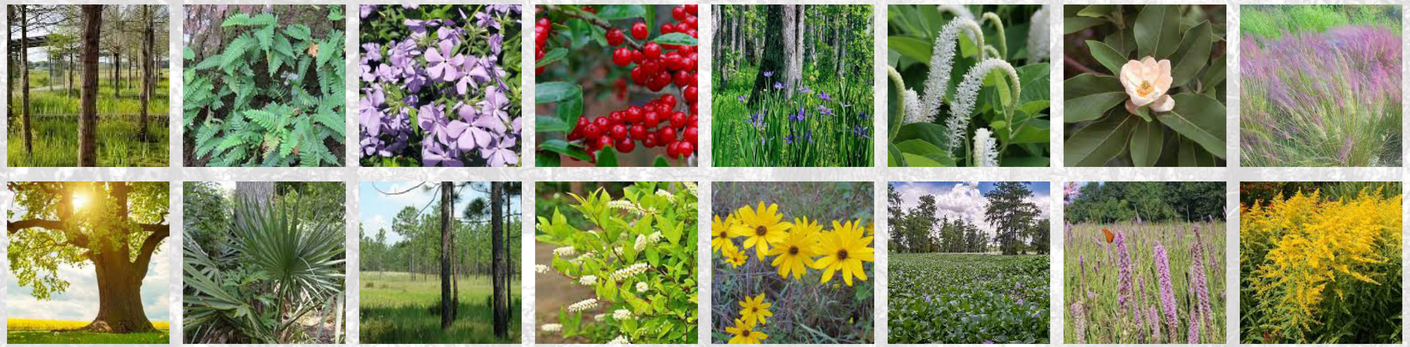
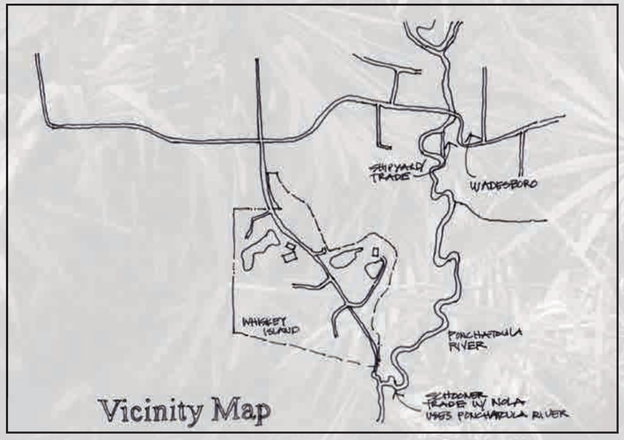
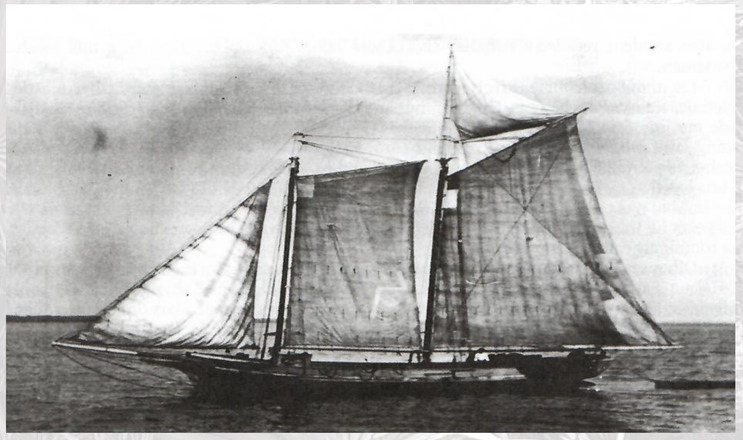
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Site History

In the 1840's Richard and Mary Ann Wade laid out the town of Wadesborough on their property on the Ponchatoula River. The town was planned with neat streets probably named for family members. Running north - south paralleling the river were Water, Mill, Mary, Emma, Elizabeth, and Catherine streets, and the east - west streets were Pam, Main, Ida, Hester, and Joseph. Most of the commercial activity was along the river front with usual wharves, businesses, storehouses, a grist mill. In 1849, for example, William Wells and his wife Lavina Durbin Wells sold their mill located on the corner of Main and Mill streets in Wadesborough to George R. Dingle. There was also a small shipyard in Wadesborough, which built at least four sailing vessels between 1852 and 1861.

The landing alongside the Ponchatoula River on the Wade's property was sometimes called the Ponchatoula Landing, and is shown on some pre-1850 maps as Ponchatoula. This naming of the port on the Ponchatoula River as "Ponchatoula," led some early community historians to conflate this community with the settlement further east of the 1850's that became the city of Ponchatoula. The little river port must have presented an interesting scene in the late 1840's and early 1850's with warehouses full of lumber, poles, shingles, barrel staves, barrels of tar, bales of cotton, and other items awaiting shipment to New Orleans. With schooners and occasional steamboats arriving or leaving almost every day, it was usually busy along the wharves. Dock workers and ship crewmen could be seen loading and unloading cargo from the vessels. Local residents would inquire at one of the town stores for the latest arrivals of fancy goods from New Orleans.

Notes from Jim Perrin
Author of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, a Community History

A man named Henry Spaulding Henry, Jr., (1878-1966) operated a small lumber mill on the island that was used to prepare railroad ties. When he registered for the draft during World War I, he was employed in that area as a tie agent for the Gulfport and Ship Island Railroad Company. Henry was listed as a contractor of cross ties at Whiskey Island on the 1920 census. Listed on the census form at Whiskey Island were eleven Blacks, all of the males were employed as tie makers or men who cut the timber from the swamp. Living next to Henry was a man who worked as a trapper in the swamp, and three who worked as moss gathers. A 1926 Ponchatoula newspaper article referred to Henry as “the Mayor of Whiskey Island.” Sometime around 1926, Henry married for a second time and moved to New Orleans by 1930. He was working as a salesman for a lumberyard in 1930.

Whiskey Island, a small isolated location, has not been reported in any of the records I have
abstracted over the years. If the name comes from the production of whiskey during the 1920’s this was common in many backwoods areas of this parish. Those who produced the “moonshine” were sometimes “busted,” when there was a sheriff’s election.

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