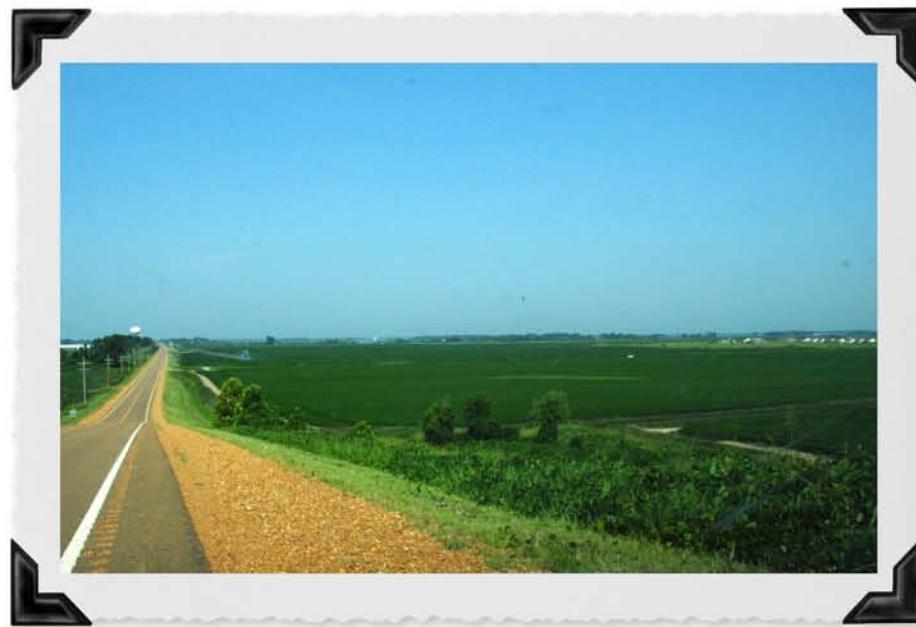


♪."Great River Road"- (Mississippi)♪

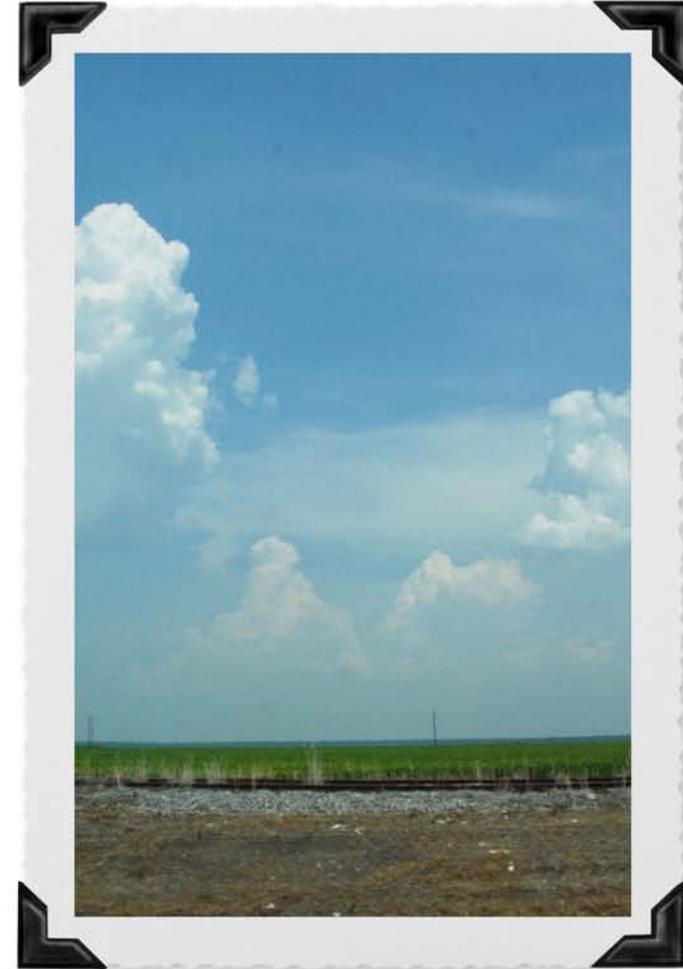




Mississippi delta cotton fields along US highway 61

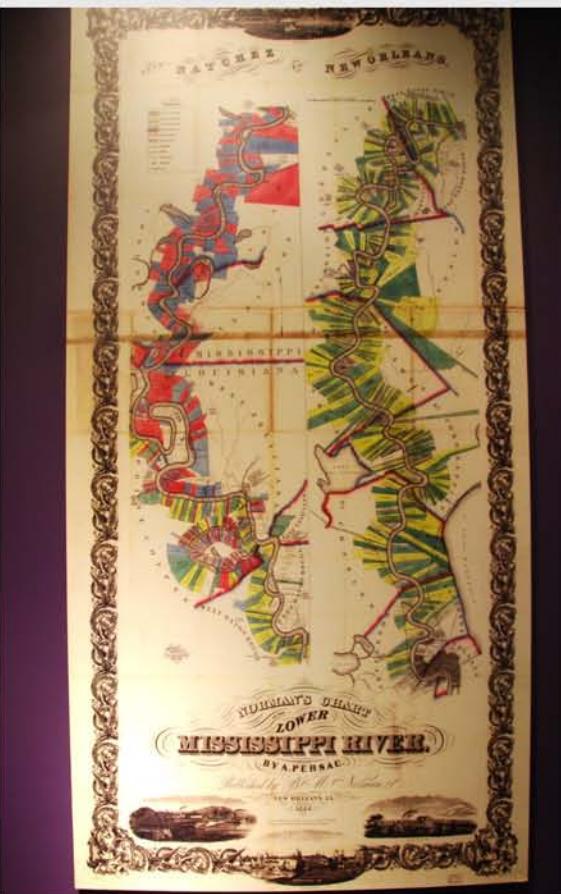


Old farmstead & cotton field



Developing thunderstorms

"Great River Road"
∞ (Mississippi) ∞

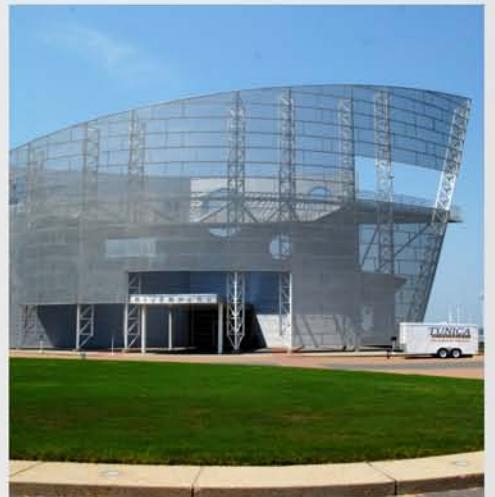


Old navigational map of the Mississippi River

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



De Soto discovering the Mississippi (circa 1520)



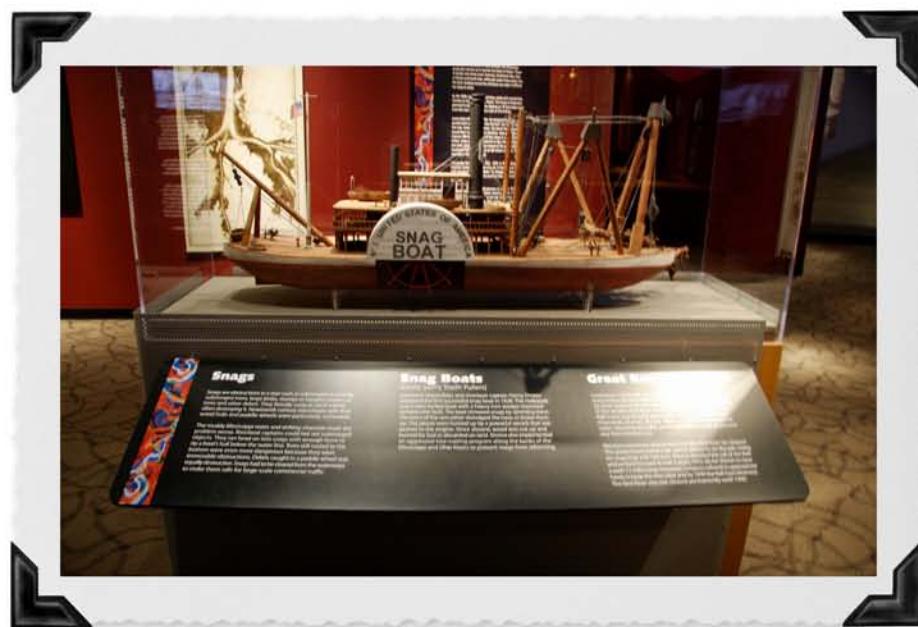
"Riverpark Museum" - Tunica



Antique
Steamboat whistles



Riverpark Museum - natural history exhibit



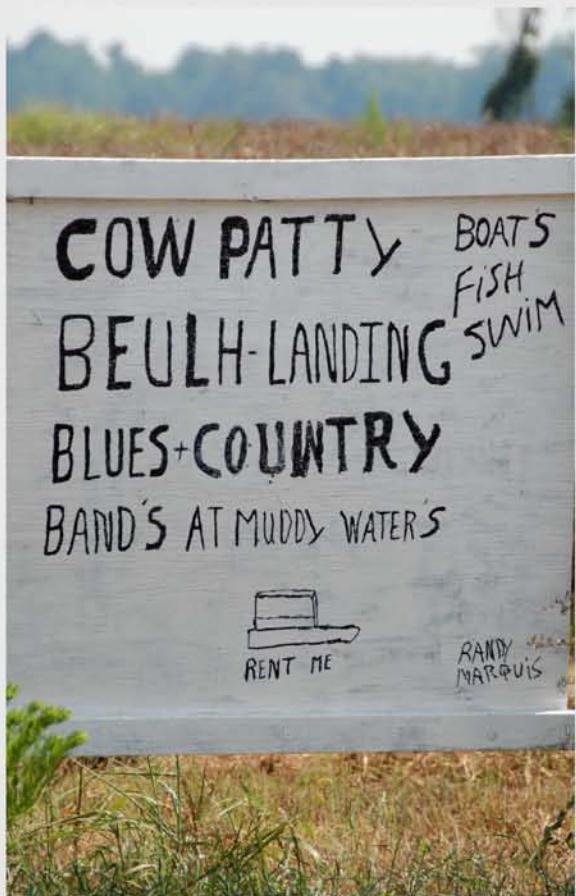
Riverpark Museum - exhibit on "snag boats" that cleared the river of old logs

"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)

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Cotton fields on the Mississippi delta south of Greenville

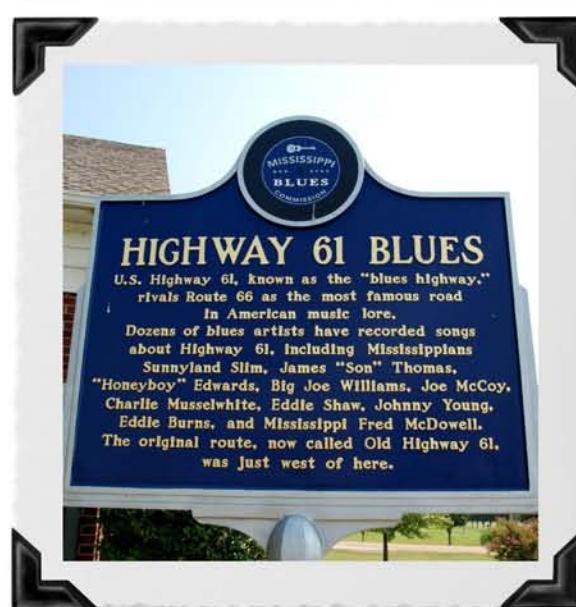


A lot going on here!

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



"Ironclad" gunboat exhibit -
Riverpark Museum



Commemorating the "Blues Highway" near Greenville



Old mansion in Greenville



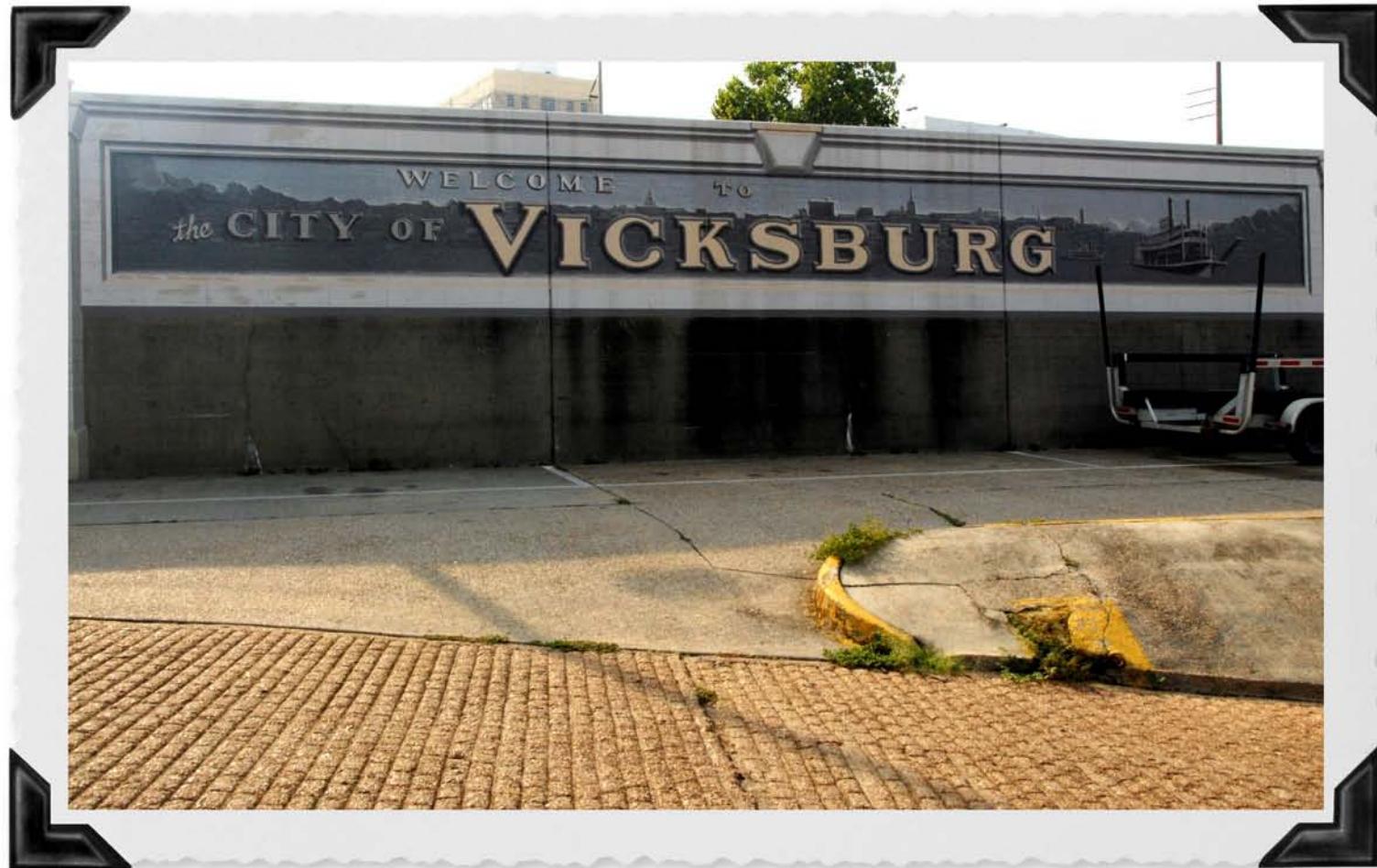
Mississippi River bridge to Arkansas



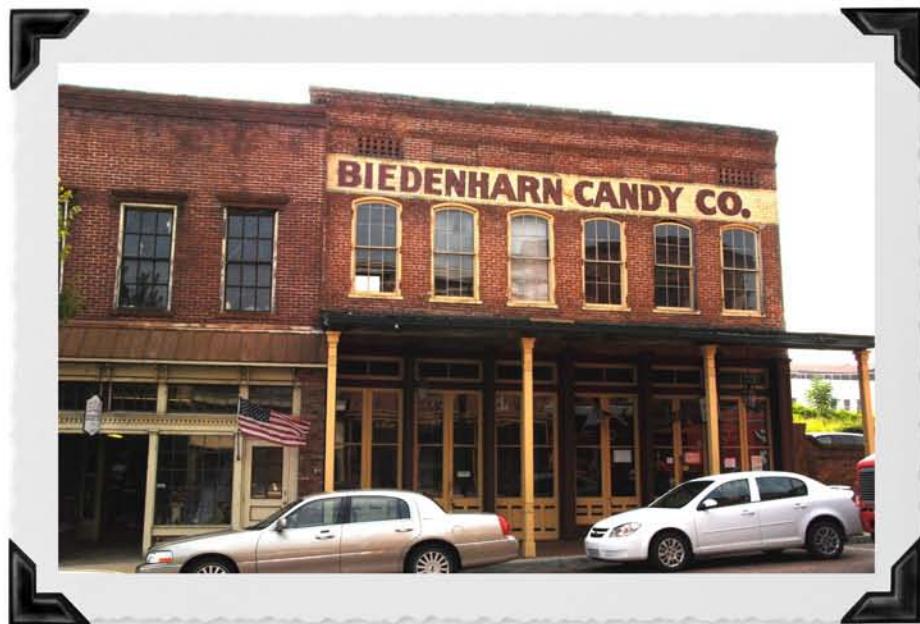
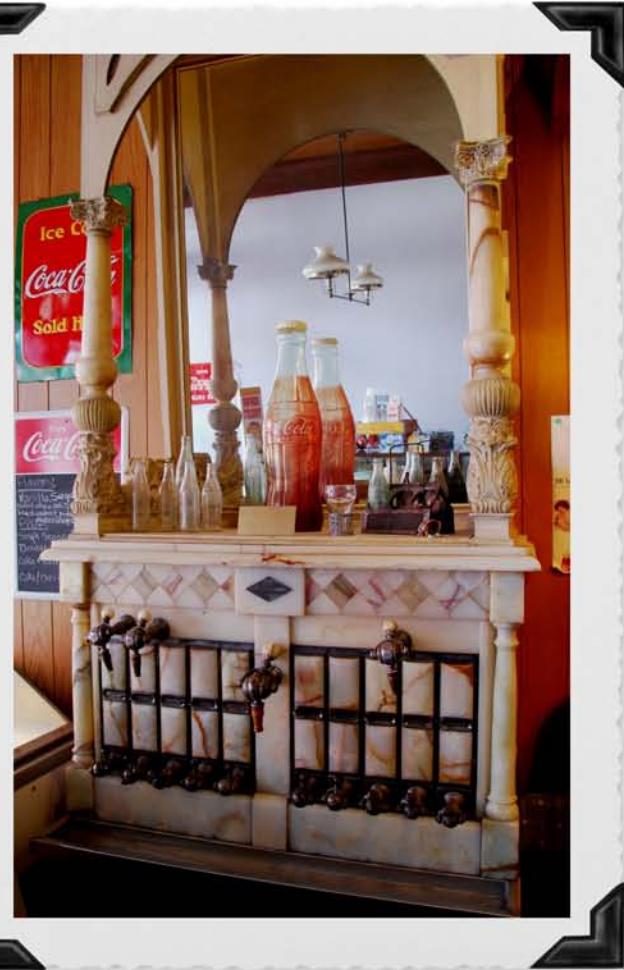
Restored river steamboat - now the Greenville Visitor Center

"Great River Road"
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♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



Below the levee on Vicksburg riverfront

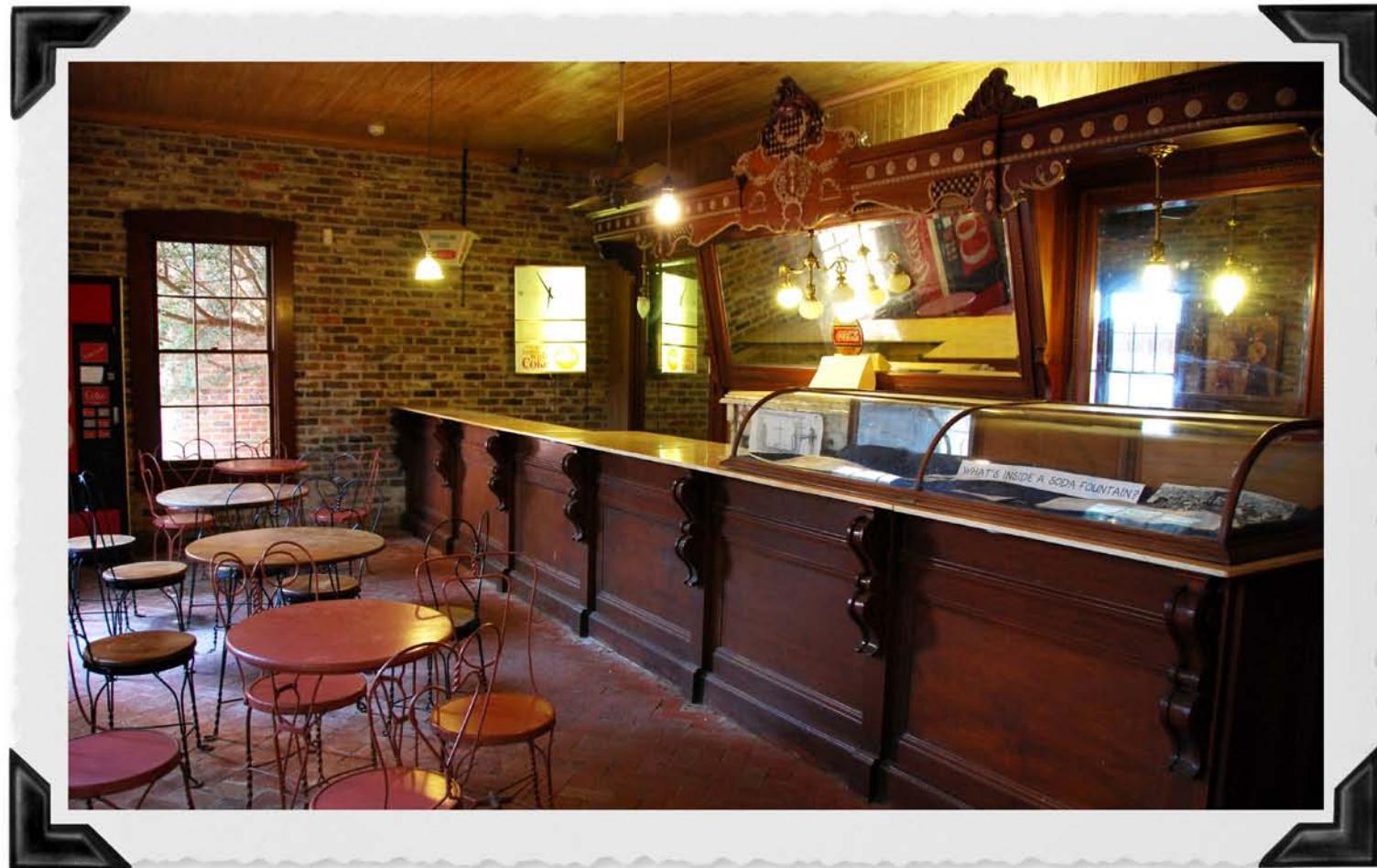


Biedenharn Candy Company - the first place where Coca-Cola was ever bottled

"Great River Road" -
∞ (Mississippi) ∞

Beautiful marble soda fountain for dispensing Coca-Cola

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



Original soda fountain at the Biedenharn Candy Company - Vicksburg



Coca-Cola historical museum - Vicksburg



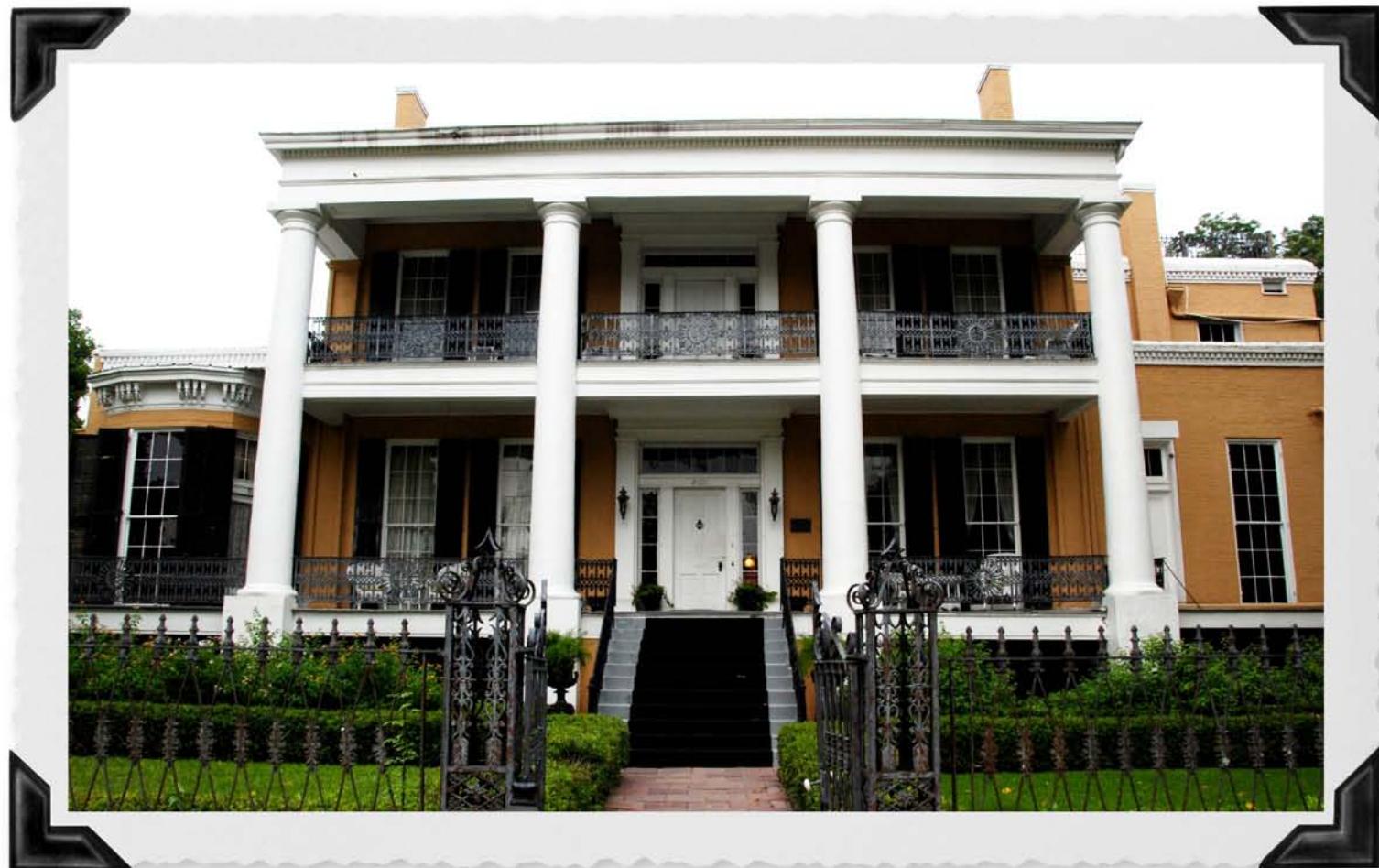
Original bottling equipment for the first bottling of Coke



Antique Coca-Cola signage and memorabilia

"Great River Road" -
(Mississippi)

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



"Cedar Grove Mansion Bed & Breakfast" Vicksburg - Union headquarters for Generals Grant & Sherman in 1863



Front veranda - Cedar Grove Mansion



Formal garden - Cedar Grove
Mansion

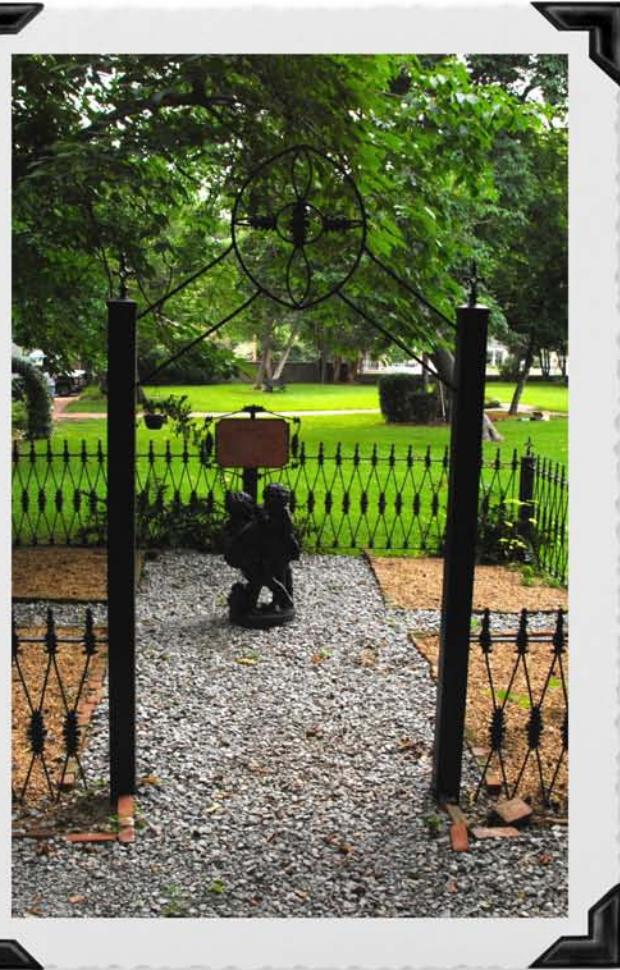


View of the garden from
the veranda

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



Veranda
overlooking garden



Old family cemetery - Cedar Grove Mansion



Garden view of Cedar Grove Mansion

"Great River Road"
∞ (Mississippi) ∞



Strolling the grounds before dinner at Cedar Grove Mansion

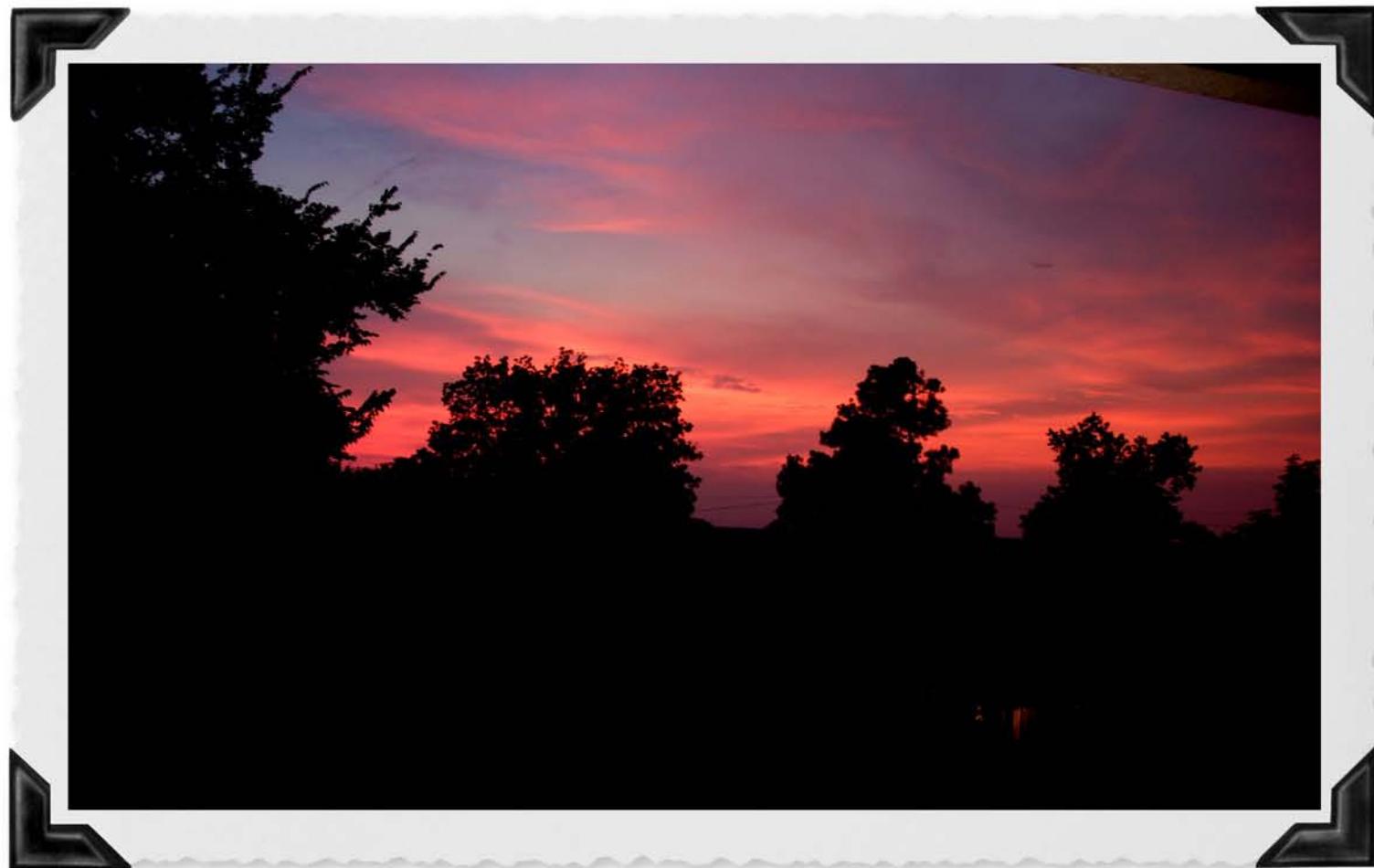


Garden suites at Cedar Grove Mansion

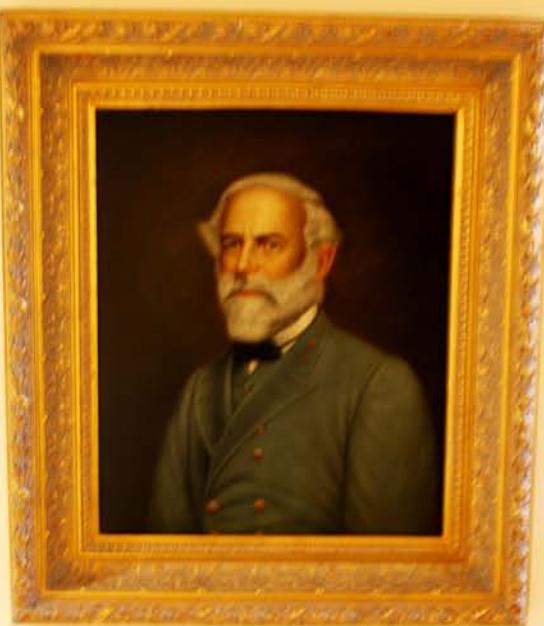
"Great River Road" (Mississippi)

Pool & Spa - Cedar Grove Mansion

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Sunset from the veranda - Cedar Grove Mansion



Portrait of General Sherman - Cedar Grove Mansion

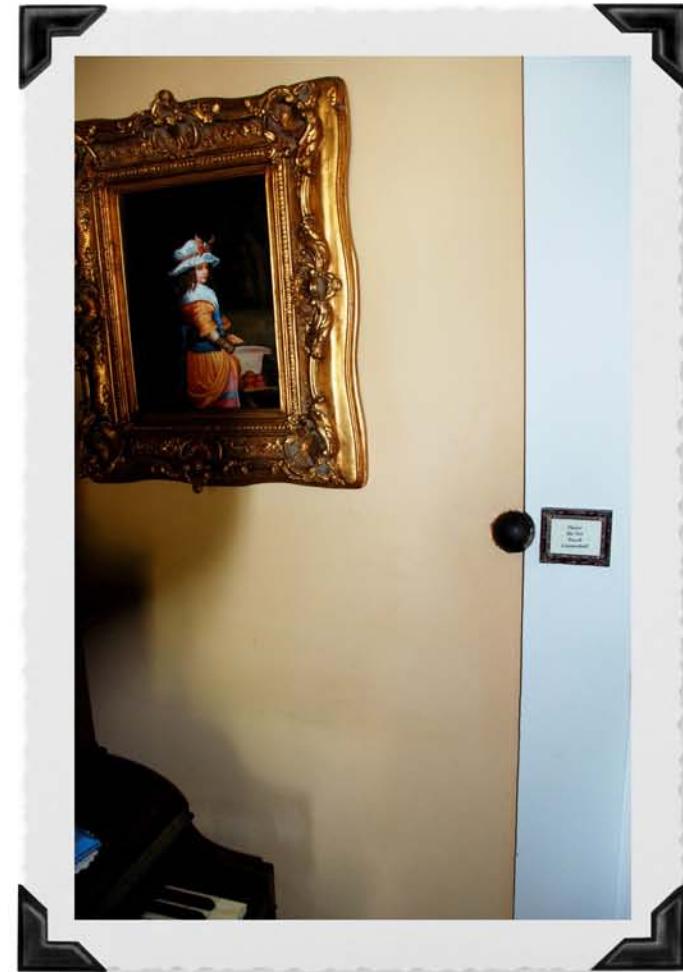
"Great River Road" (Mississippi) ~



"Sherman's Room" - mine for the night



"Sherman's Room"



"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)



Formal parlor - Ceder Grove Mansion

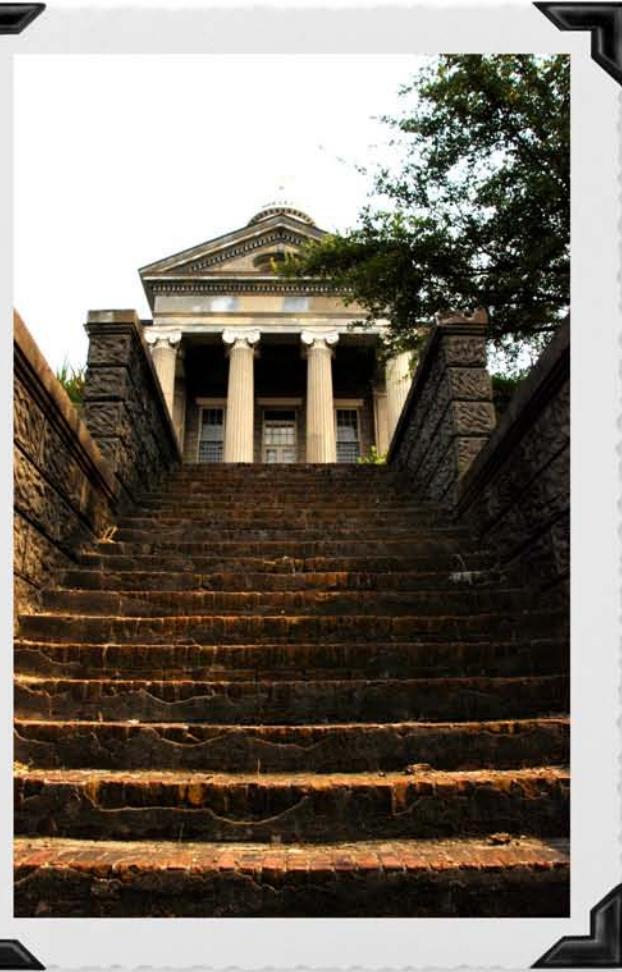


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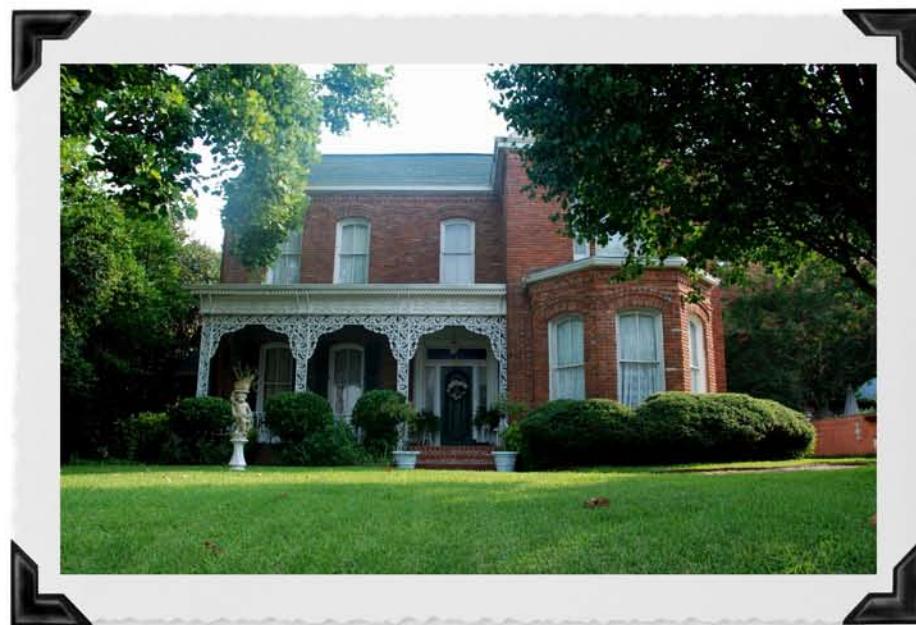
Old family portraits



US Marine
Hospital circa 1861



Old Courthouse - Vicksburg (circa 1820)



One of countless lovely mansions in Vicksburg

"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪

THE MURALS OF VICKSBURG

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



The Vicksburg murals fill the entire length of the flood wall downtown and tell the history of the city and the river

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



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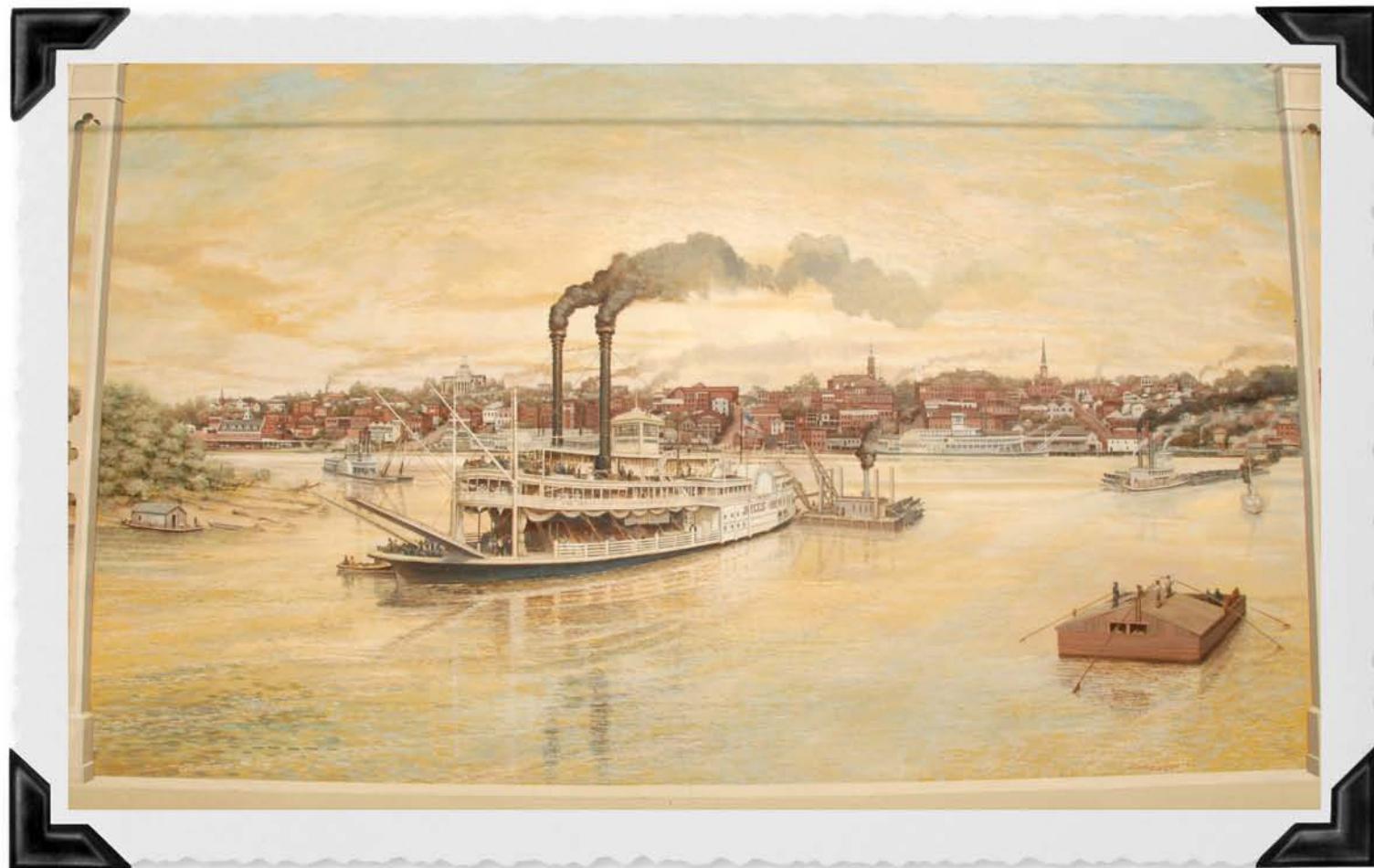
Evacuation to higher ground during the Great Flood of 1923

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



First major bridge across the lower Mississippi River

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



Vicksburg waterfront - circa 1907

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



Joseph Biedenharn and the first bottling of Coca-Cola

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



The Sultana's last voyage

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



Steam powered railroad ferry - circa 1900

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



The Steamer Sprague - largest and most powerful sternwheel towboat ever launched - circa 1901

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The Sisters of Mercy

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The War Between the States

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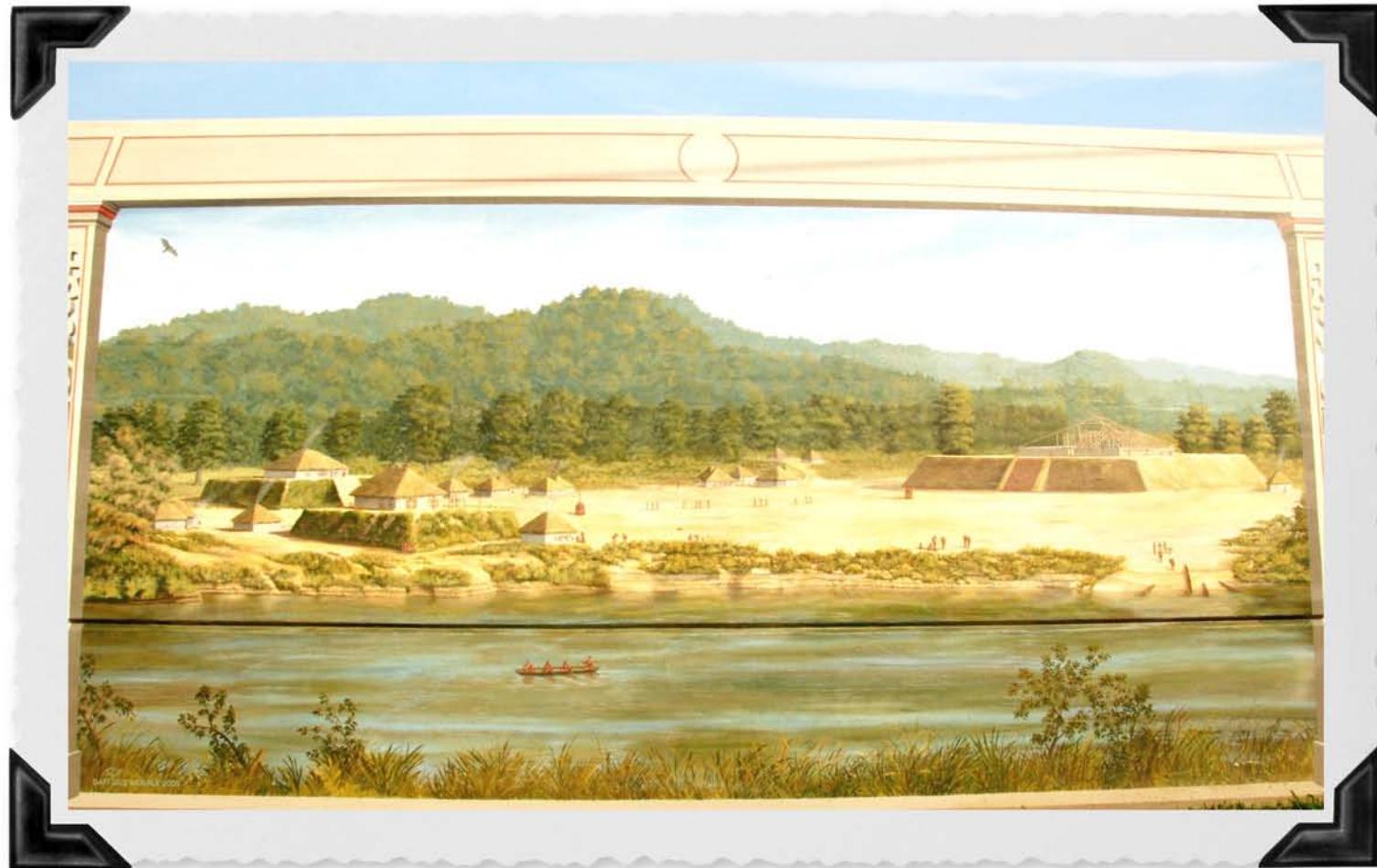
The Election of a President - Jefferson Davis receives the news

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



Early exploration at Fort Nogales - Spanish Territory (circa 1790)

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



Prehistoric settlement near present day Vicksburg - dating back to as early as 2000 BC

♪"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)♪



President McKinley visits the "Land of Cotton" - circa 1901

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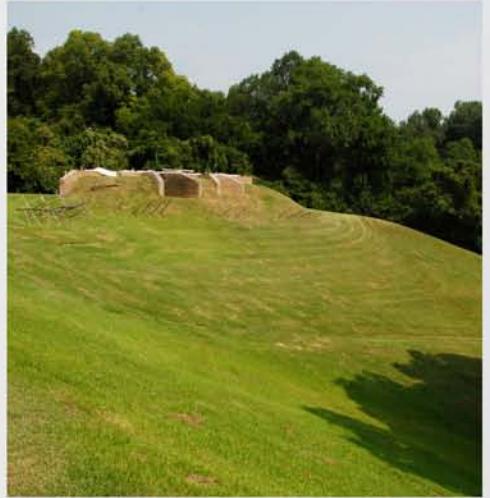




Reconstruction of Confederate defenses

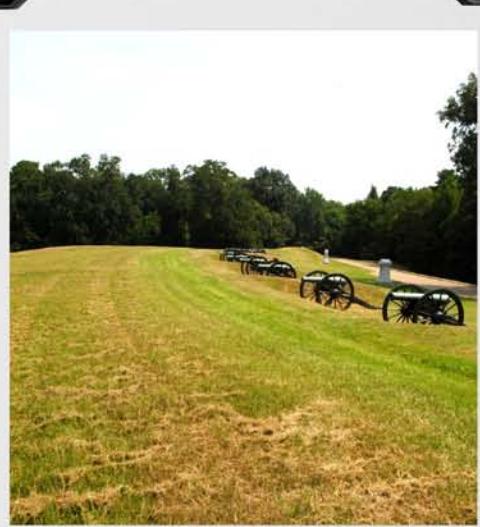


Display of various Union & Confederate artillery pieces



Confederate lines at their highest point

"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)



Union artillery
forward line



Union artillery in rear support



Monument to Confederate soldiers from Mississippi

"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)



Battle lines less than 30 yards apart - Confederate on the left / Union on the right



Monument to the Union soldiers from Illinois

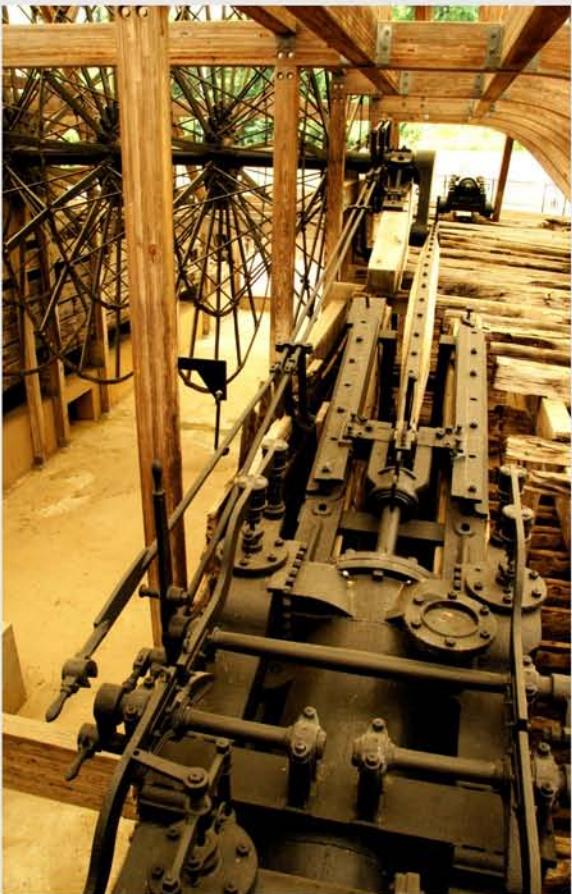
"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)

Great Seal of the State of Illinois

~"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)~



Site of Confederate naval guns defending the Mississippi River above Vicksburg



Steam powered pistons to drive gunboat's paddle



Union gunboat "Cairo" -
sunk by a Confederate mine



"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



Aft deck and guns



Boilers for generating steam

"Great River Road" -
~ (Mississippi) ~

Interior of engine room



Steam driven
paddle wheel

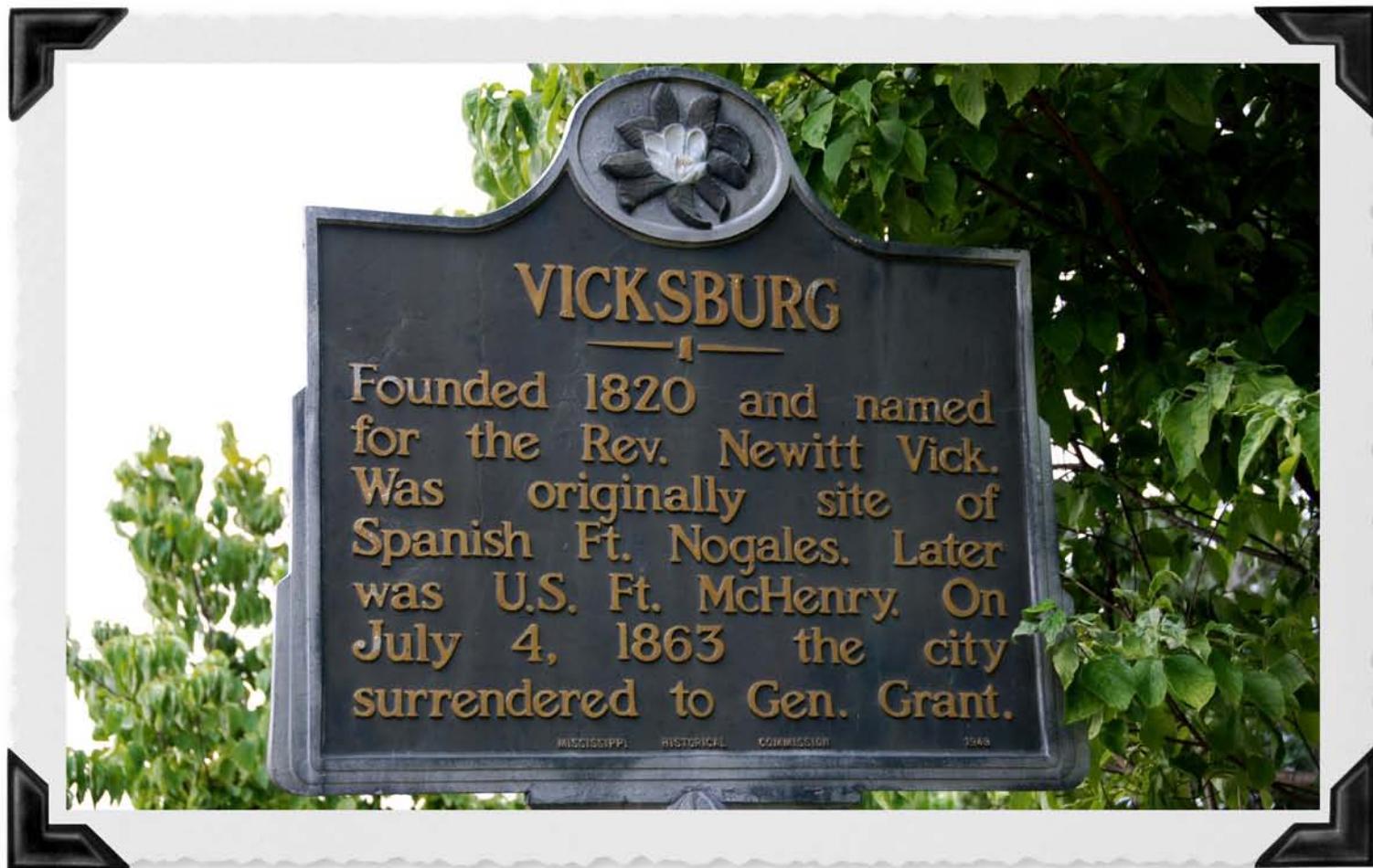


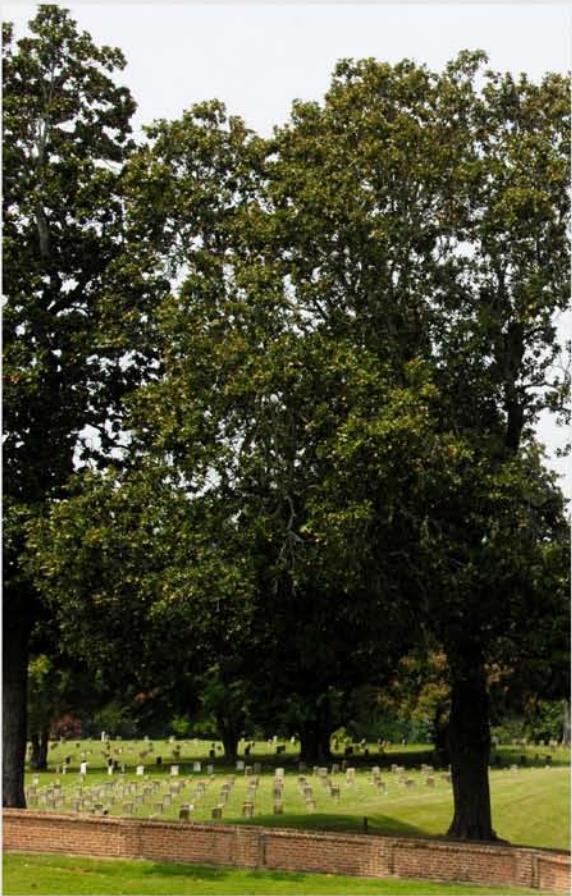
Capstan - steam driven winch for hauling the anchor and moving heavy guns



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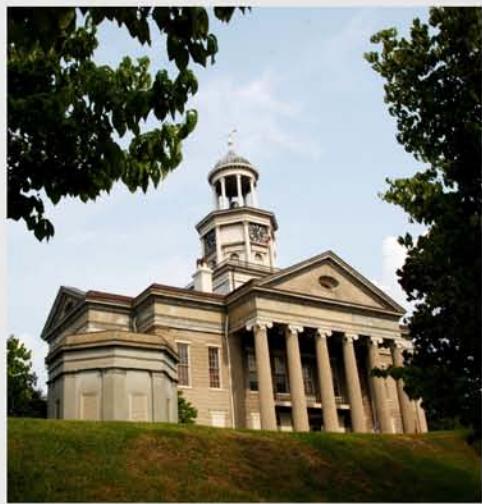




Vicksburg National Cemetery



One of many historical homes in Vicksburg

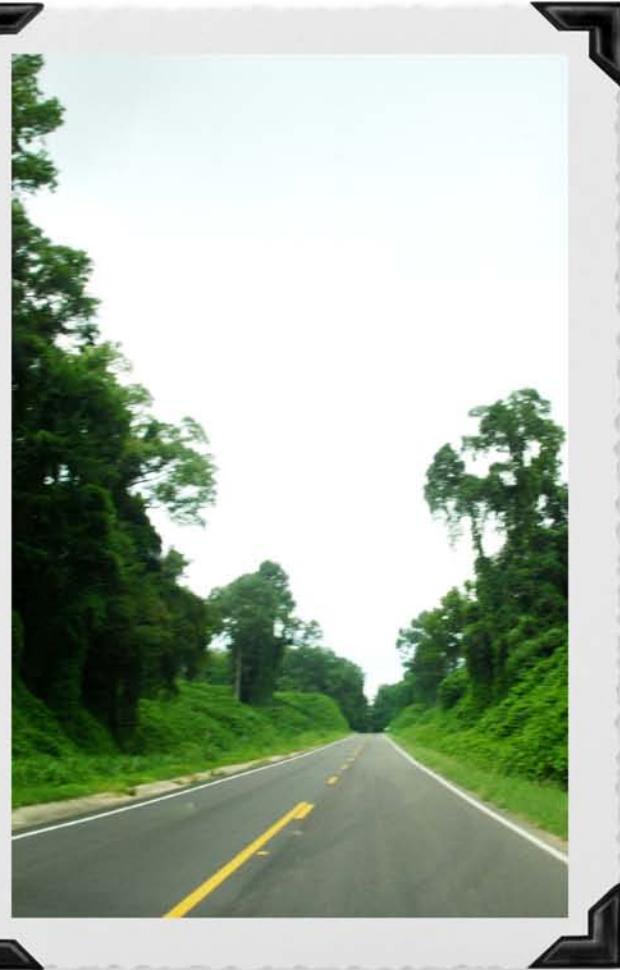


Old Courthouse - Vicksburg

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



"Kudzu" covers everything



Mississippi State Highway 462



Old bus trying to be a Steamboat!

"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)



"Dog Trot Cabin" in Grand Gulf National Military Site - Port Gibson



ONE MAN SUBMARINE

The Submarine was powered by a Model T Ford engine and used during the early prohibition period to bootleg whiskey and rum from Davis Island to Vicksburg.

"Great River Road"
(Mississippi)

Grand Gulf National Military Site



Church organ



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (1890 - 1957)

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



Port Gibson State Historic Park



Last surviving Civil War hospital wagon - Port Gibson



Old whiskey still - Port Gibson State Historic Site



14 inch Confederate mortar at Ft Wade

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)



Road to Grand Gulf National Military Site during a heavy thunderstorm



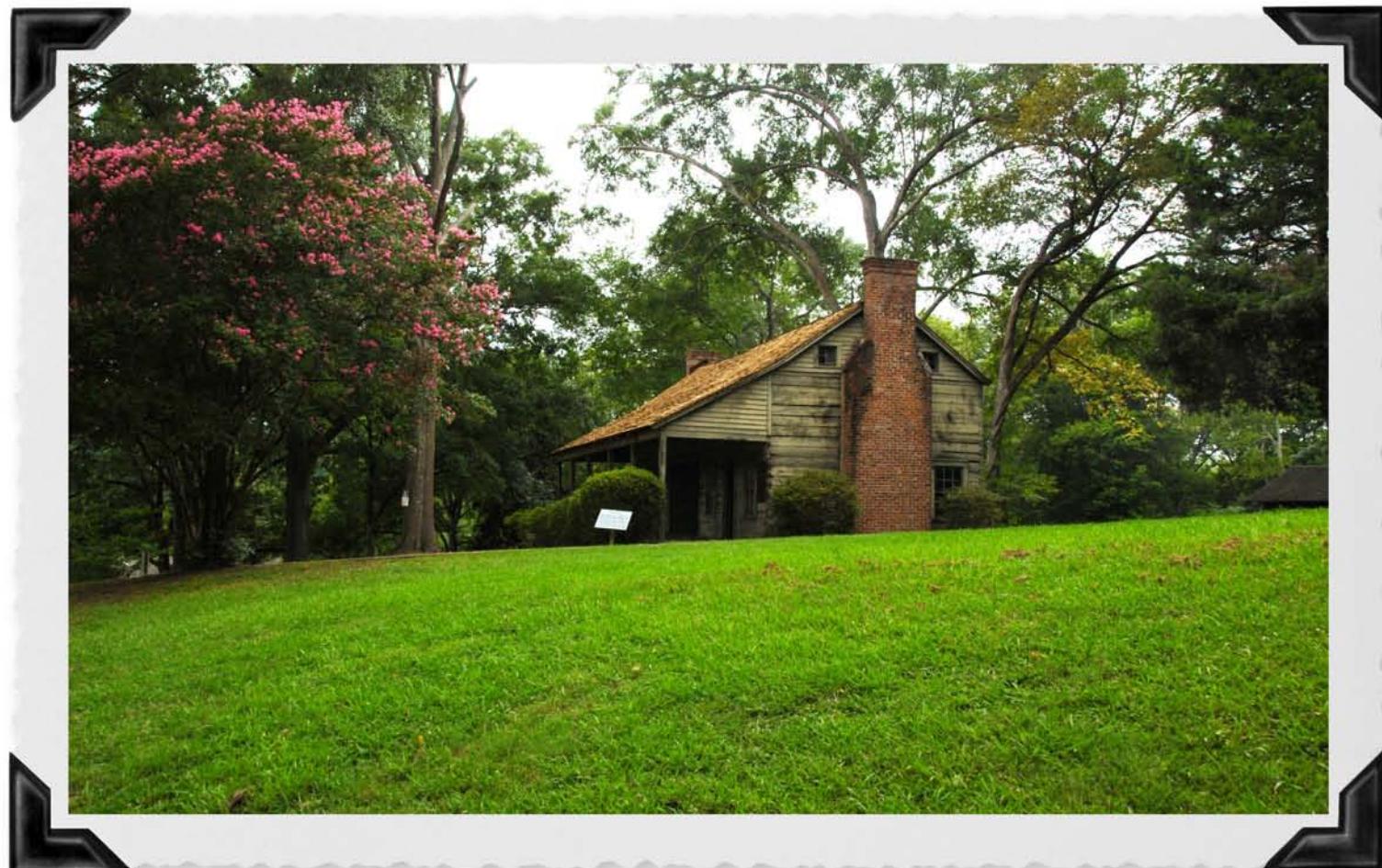
Confederate graves



Shows how high the flood waters can be near the river

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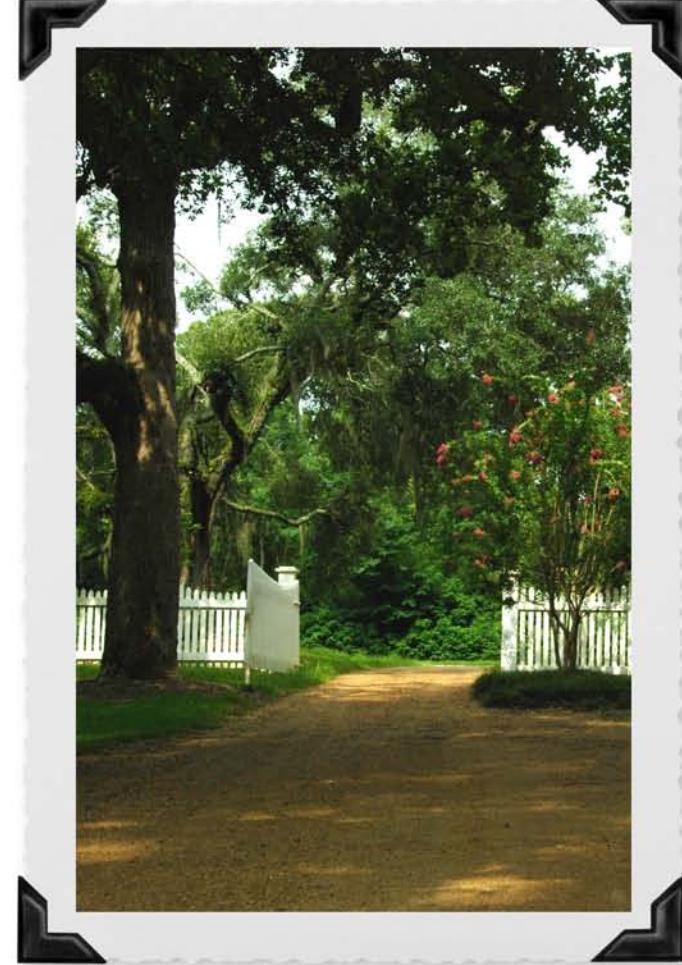
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Port Gibson State Historical Park



Slave quarters - Melrose Plantation, Natchez



Entrance gate - Melrose Plantation, Natchez

"Great River Road" (Mississippi)

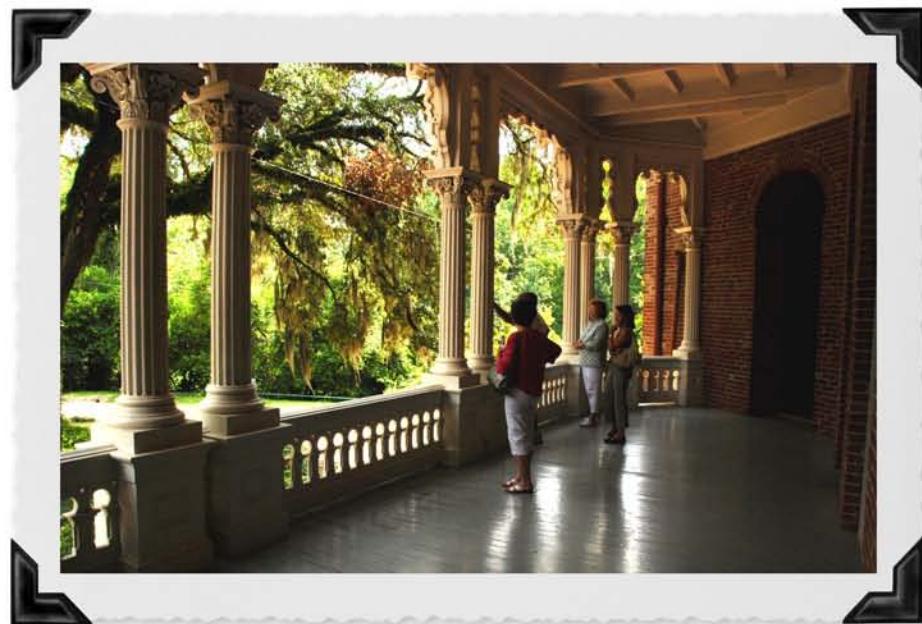
Garden pond - Melrose Plantation, Natchez



Longwood
House, Natchez



Longwood House



View from one of the eight balconies at Longwood House

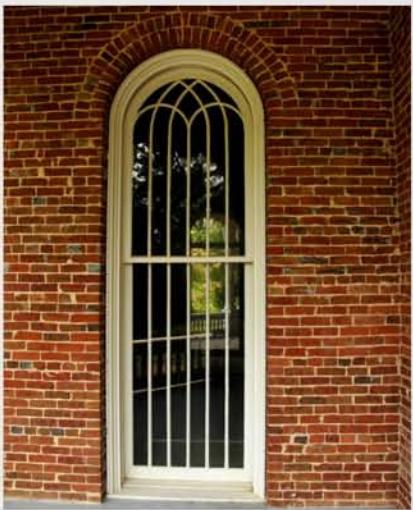
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Longwood House - Natchez (the largest octagonal building in America)

∞"Great River Road" - (Mississippi)∞



Widow that also served as a door when opened from the bottom



One of the many balconies at Longwood House



Looking out on to the balcony



"Punda" fan above dining room table to "shoo" away flies

"Great River Road" (Mississippi) ☙



Rare outside toilet for both men & women at Longwood



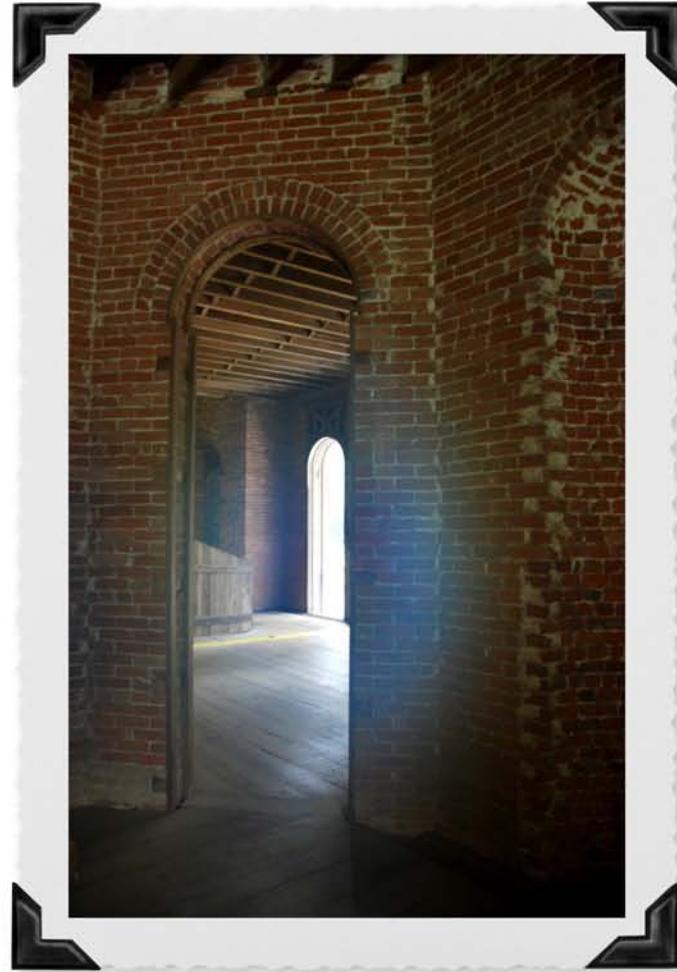
Men's side of the toilet



Floor plan
Longwood House



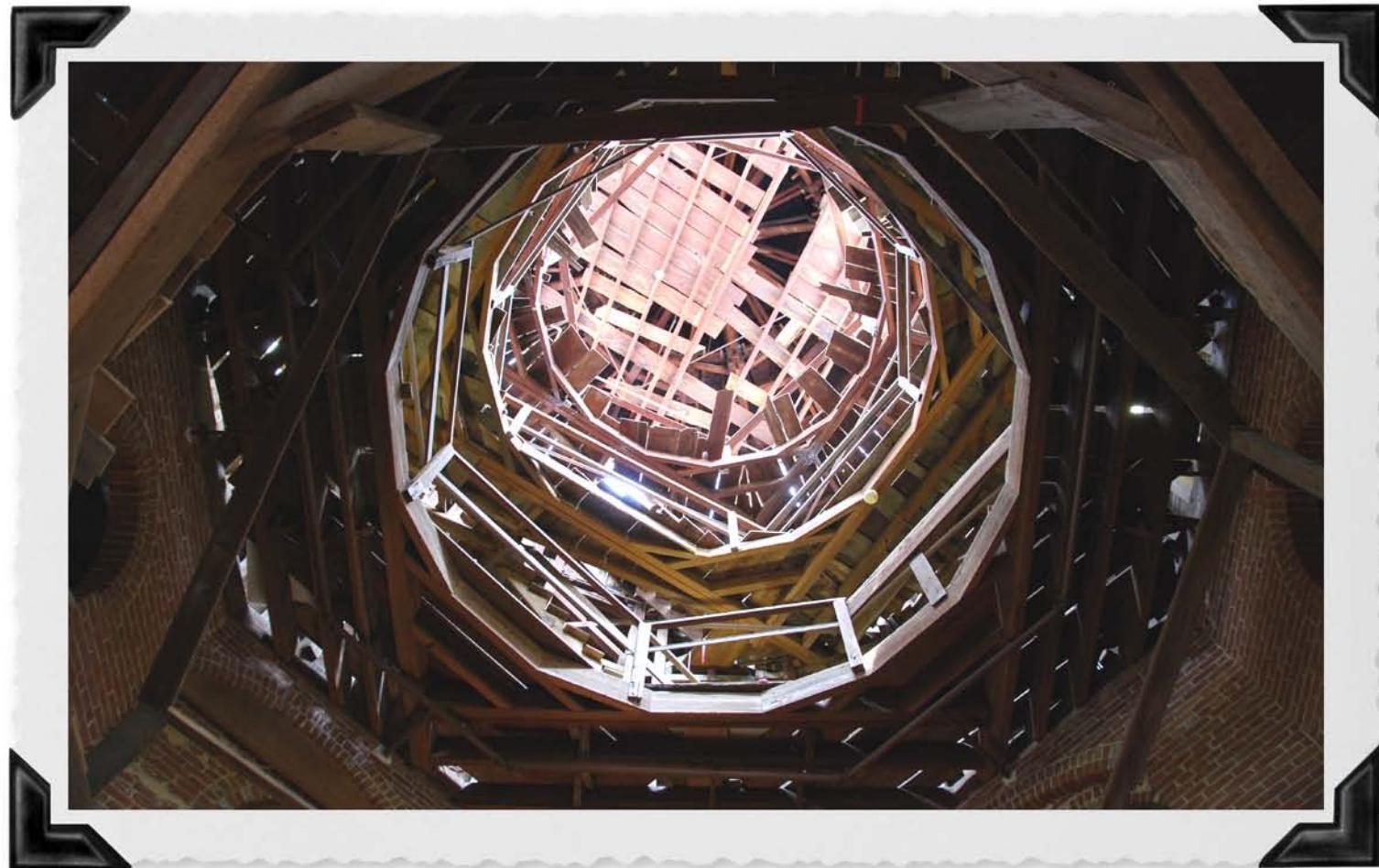
Unfinished interior of Longwood House



Special 5 sided brick were made for the octagonal design

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(Mississippi)

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Unfinished atrium with dome above - Longwood House (circa 1860)



Confederate General Pemberton & Union General Grant - Vicksburg



Old Iron bar jail cell - Port Gibson State Historical Park

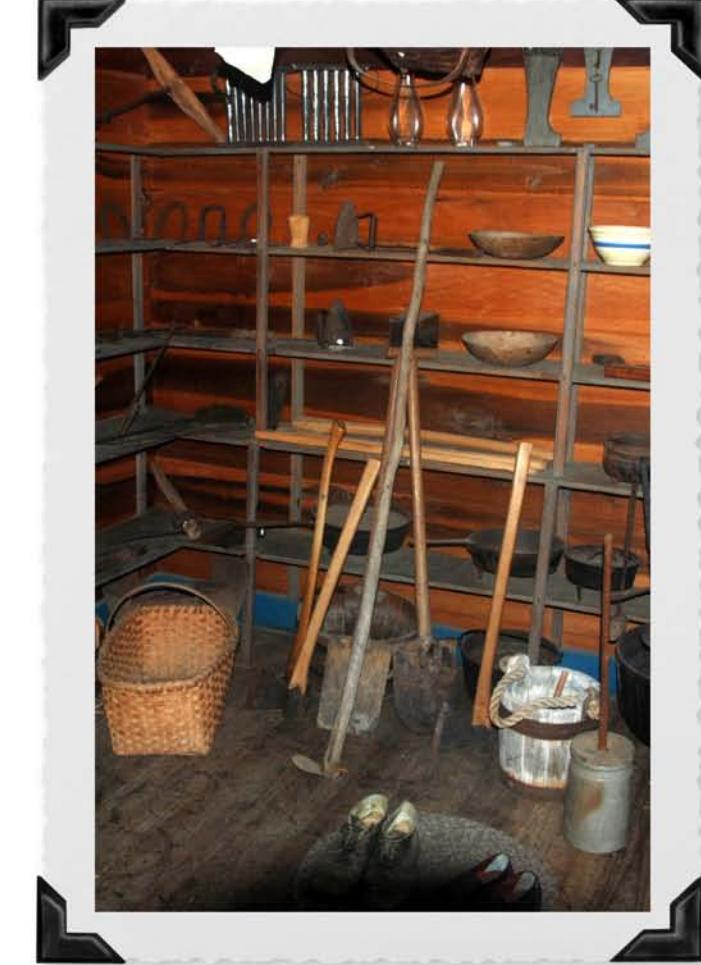


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Antique horse drawn hearse - Port Gibson



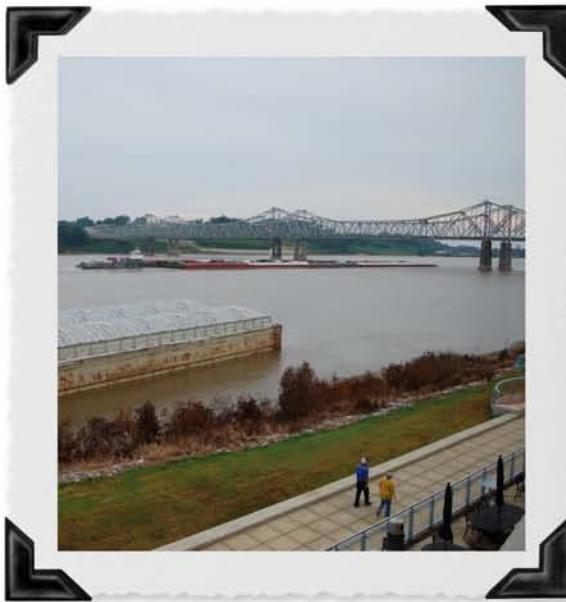
Kitchen - Locust Inn (Natchez Trace)



Toolshed - Locust Inn (Natchez Trace)

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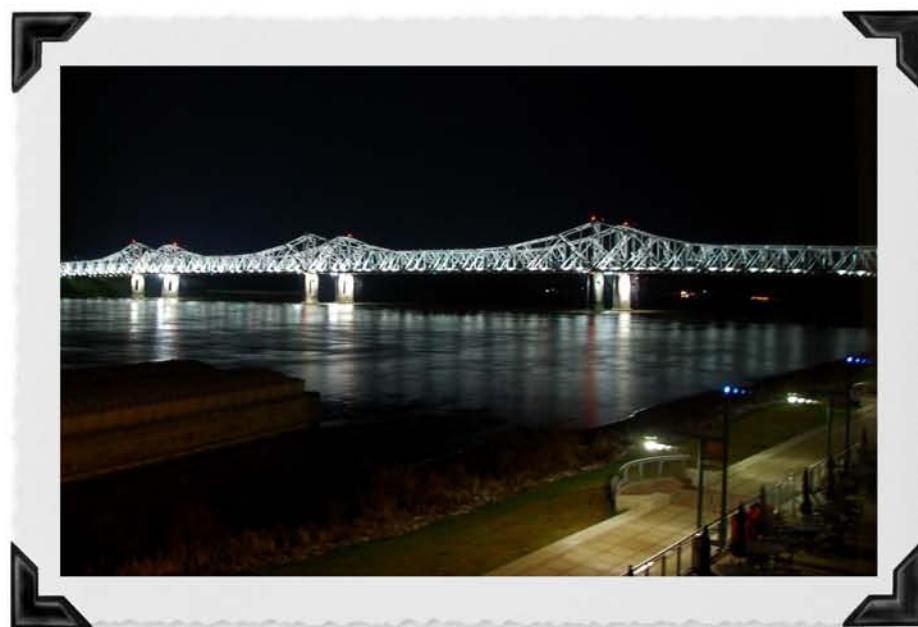
Dining Room - Locust Inn (Natchez Trace)



Barges south to
New Orleans

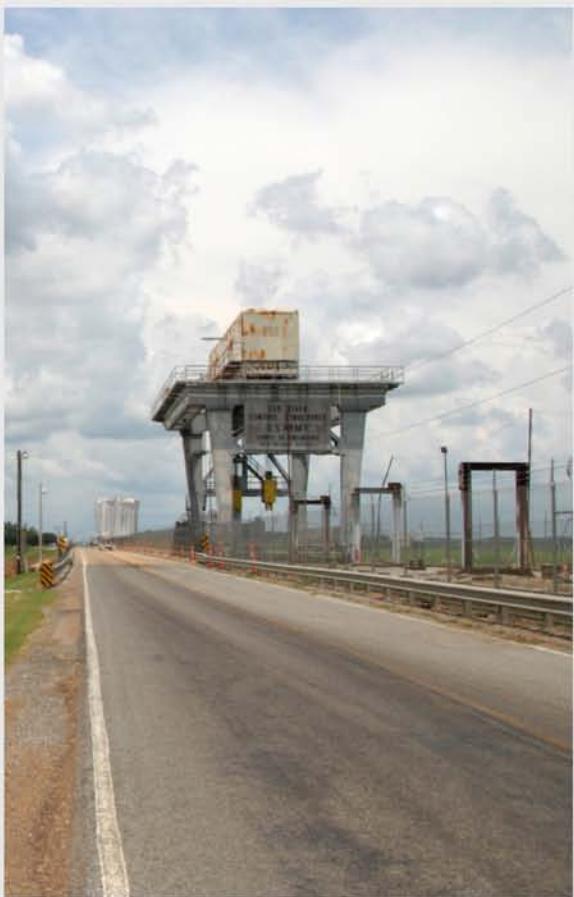


Wild Orchid



Bridge across the Mississippi River to Louisiana from Natchez

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Corps of Engineers flood control structure on Old River



Sugar cane field



Small cemetery - graves above ground

"Great River Road" (Louisiana)



State Capitol
Baton Rouge



Huge railroad bridge to cross the river at Baton Rouge



Recent flooding along the river above Baton Rouge

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State Capitol building - Baton Rouge



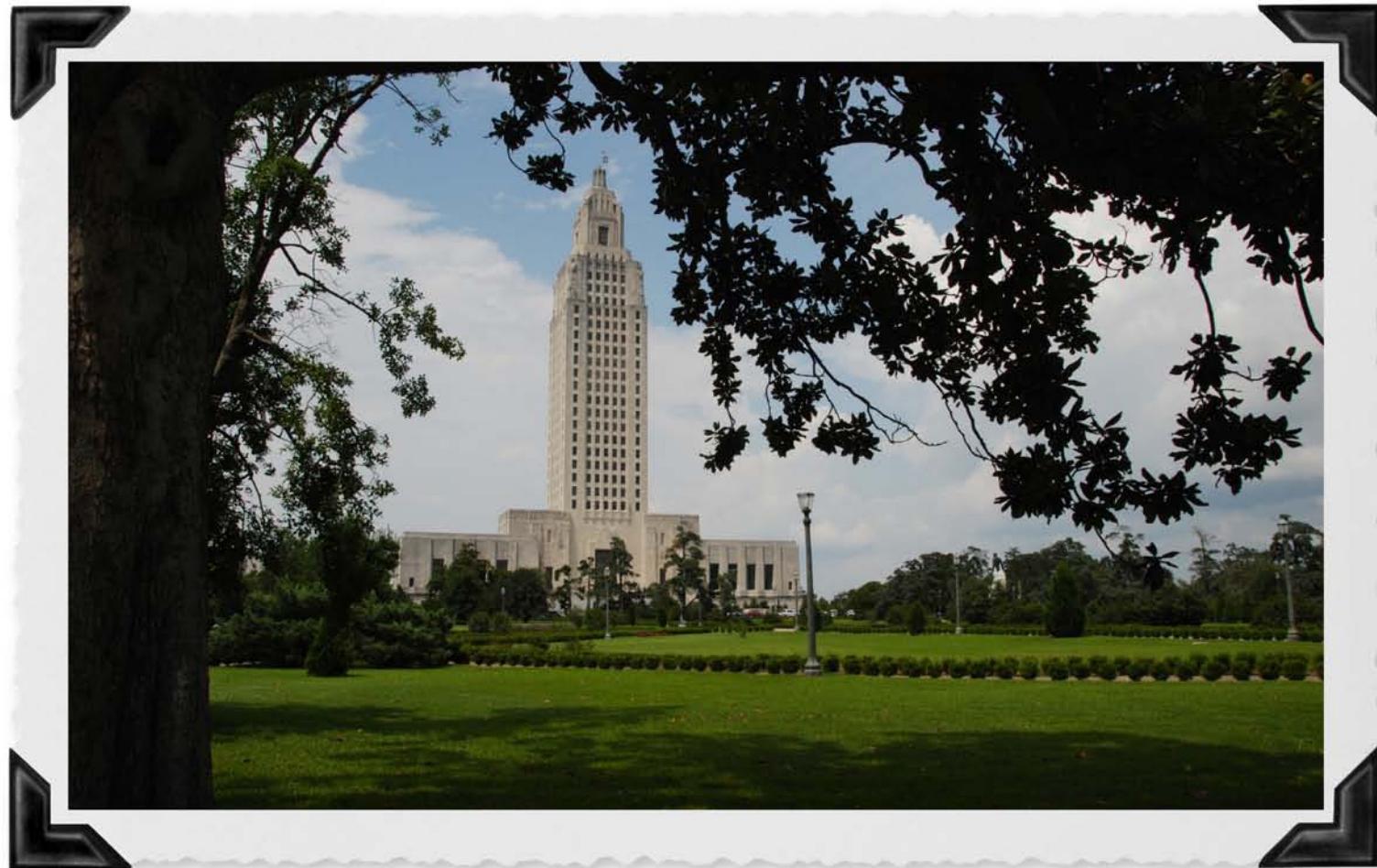
Courthouse Square and State Capitol building



Memorial to Governor
Huey Long - Baton Rouge

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State Capitol - Baton Rouge



Spanish Town was established in 1805



Modern sculpture on the LSU campus

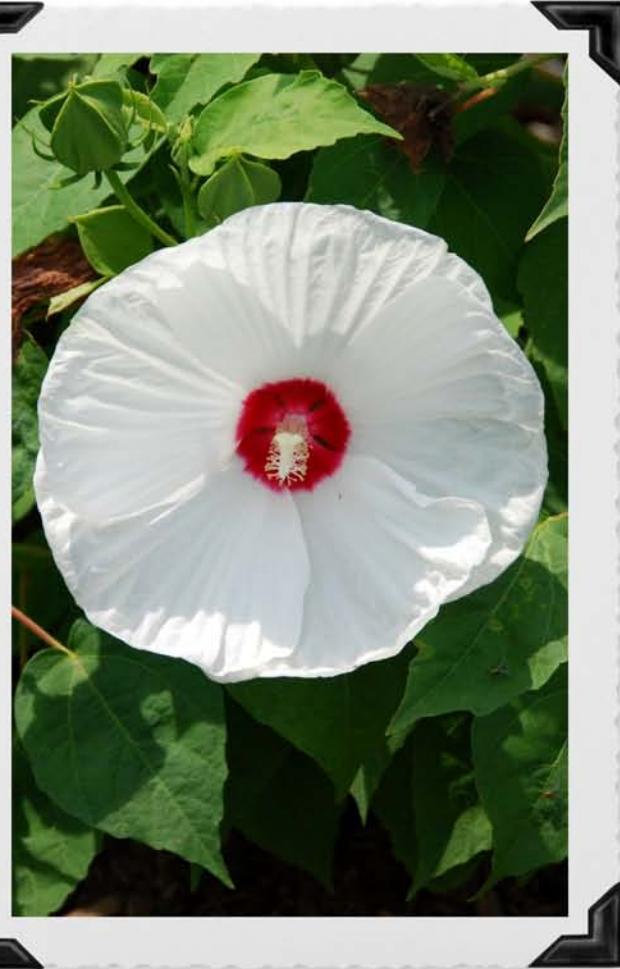


Old "Shotgun" style house in Spanish Town

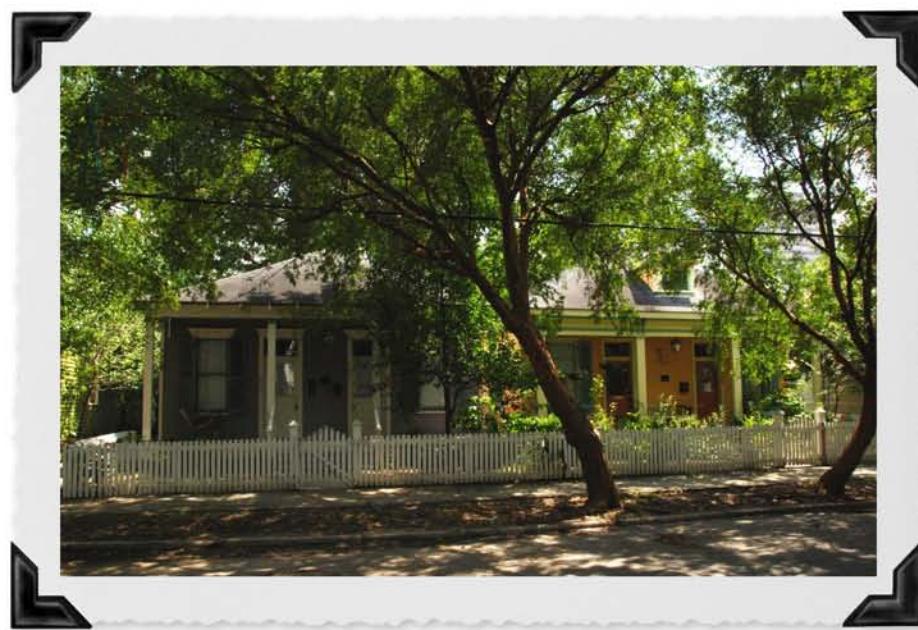
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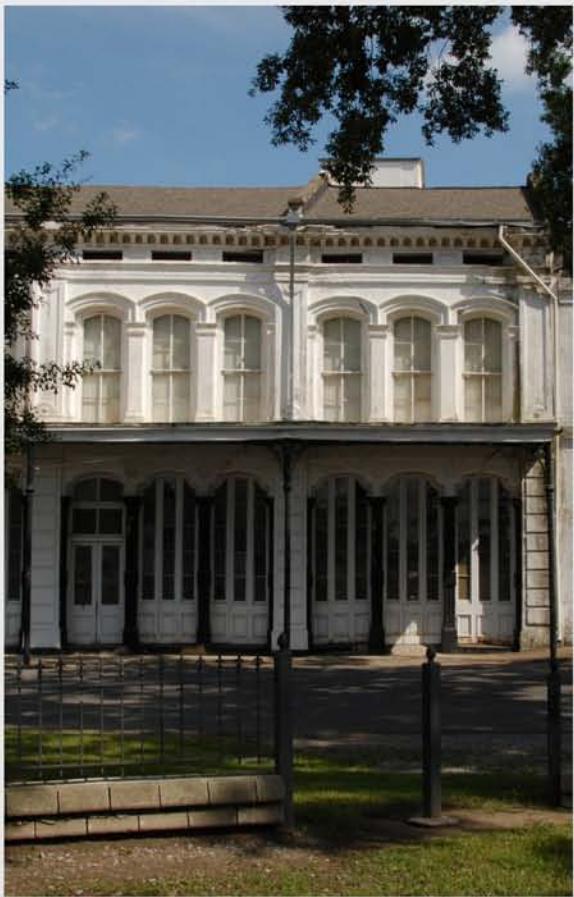
"Spanish Town"
Baton Rouge



"Great River Road"
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"Spanish Town" - oldest neighborhood in Baton Rouge (land grant from Spain)



Old Merchantile store



Old Merchantile Store in
Donaldsonville



Donaldsonville

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Mississippi River delta - St Charles Parish



Approaching Venice, southernmost point in Louisiana

"Great River Road" (Louisiana)



Shrimp boat harbor in Venice



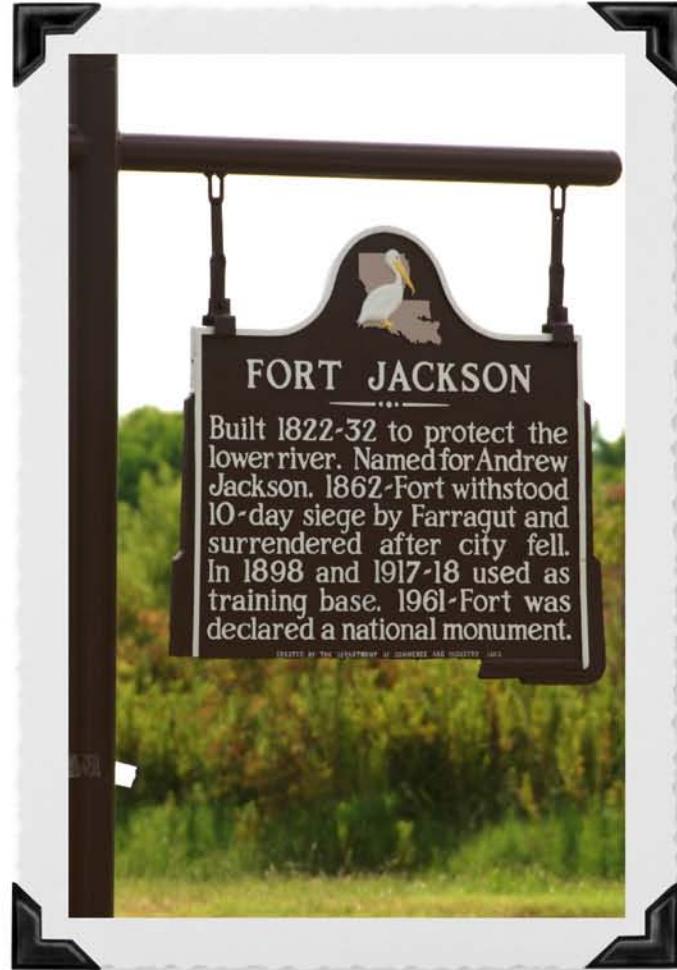
BP Oil Spill emergency
response headquarters



Ship on the river
15 ft above me



Ocean going ships on the river headed north to New Orleans



Fort Jackson was the southernmost fort on the river

"Great River Road"
(Louisiana)



Downtown New Orleans from south of the river



Bayou country

"Great River Road" (Louisiana)

Southern Louisiana bayou country