

Sunrise Plantation Trees

Bayou Dularge
500 Bayou Dularge Rd
Houma, LA

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The majestic Sunrise Live Oak stands on the right bank of Bayou DuLarge about four miles from Houma marking the location of Sunrise, once a thriving sugar plantation. The tree nearest to the road is named Sunrise after the plantation and is estimated to be about 375 to 400 years.

Sunrise Plantation began with Michel Eloi Theriot and his wife Seraphine Thibodaux, pioneers of Bayou Dularge, in the 1830s. They raised a typically large family, and in 1846, their 14th child, Jonas Taylor Theriot was born at Sunrise Plantation. He later served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil War and safely returned home. In 1873, he married Florence Wright at St Eloi Church in Bayou Dularge, where he was interred in the church cemetery in August 1900.

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The next owner, Henry Clay Duplantis, in 1900, remodeled the original house. Since then, the house has housed many generations of the Duplantis family.

[Henry Clay Duplantis Portrait](#)



When Justine D. Champagne, daughter of H.C. Duplantis, and Lydie C. Duplantis, granddaughter, lived at Sunrise, they planted many trees and took great care of them after each hurricane. They witnessed the loss of many large oaks, pecans, and

other trees during hurricanes. A cane hoist located near the Sunrise Live Oak loaded sugar cane in wagons or trucks for the trip to the mill. The old oak tree sheltered and shaded plantation workers during breaks and lunches.

Current owners, William and Monica Harris say they purchased the property in part because of their love of the variety of trees.

“We have added more trees so that this former plantation will always be a special place for trees and wildlife,” Monica said. Mrs. Harris says that she heard a story of the women living in the home, selling pecans to purchase school clothing for the children in hard times. Story written by Monica Harris and Barbara Jordan

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