

# Wurzlow Farm Trees

Bayou Blue

2367 Bayou Blue Road

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These roadside Live Oaks remain a part of a very well-known area called *the Wurzlow Farm* along the Upper Bayou Blue Road. This farm originally purchased by Herbert, Kermit and their father, Frank Wurzlow proved advantageous to the family. "The most beautiful place I have ever seen," Frank told his son Kermit as they crossed the small wooden bridge to reveal a little wooden house with a mud chimney framed by large 50' orange trees, ripe with fruit.

The Wurzlow family used the farm for growing vegetables and fruit for the restaurant at the Wurzlow Hotel in Houma as well as flowers grown for the Wurzlow Florist. Frank hybridized and patented the Wurzlow Easter Lilly. (*Wurzlow Florist Shop photo from I Dug up Houma Terrebonne, Helen Wurzlow*)



The Wurzlow family lived as nature lovers and at one time, Kermit along with Randolph Bazet, the son of Mary Agnes Wurzlow preserved the Louisiana iris. They planted Irises in natural settings for strategic public scenic areas visible to this day along Hwy 182 the old US 90. Bazet was a well-known notable naturalist and historian from Terrebonne parish.

Jack Moore, a descendant, says he maintains the front area. The rear property of the farm given to nature remains in a wild state. The family is in the process of trying to preserve the farm for future generations and sprucing up the 'party house.' Moore is the son of Patricia Wurzlow and Marvin Moore of Kentucky and she is the daughter of Herbert Wurzlow. Moore related how he remembered events held at the farm. He remembered as a boy a time when farm became a dairy and how the man who ran the dairy would milk the cows, every day. Moore's grandfather lived to the age of 99 years and Moore fondly remembers him very well.

The Wurzlow family began in Louisiana with August Wilhelm Wurzlow who emigrated from Berlin, Prussia, the son of William and Dora Figler. He married in 1862 in Houma to Emeline Belanger at St Francis de Sales church. Herbert opened the HC Wurzlow Abstract Company and once acted as the Chief Deputy Clerk of Court in Houma. He had three daughters; Patricia mentioned earlier, Byrne W. Windham, and Claire W. Shaw. Events are still taking place on the Farm, Girls Scouts camp there, weddings and showers continue not as often as they used to, but the place still holds a nature's bounty as background for scenic events. Story written by Trudy Voisin Hebert

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