

Krumbhaar Oaks

Little Bayou Black Hwy 311
Krumbhaar Court
Houma, LA

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family owned many plantations from Natchez, Mississippi to Louisiana including Wannacut, Carthage, and Palo Alto to Southdown, Hollywood, Crescent, Ardoyne, and Magnolia in Terrebonne. They were the operators of Southdown Mill, a central factory processing sugar cane for all of northern Terrebonne Parish until 1932.

Margaret Minor Krumbhaar, daughter of Charles Conrad Krumbhaar and Margaret Gustine Minor, married Milhado Lee Shaffer in the Krumbhaar home and, today, a bookcase and candelabras from the Krumbhaar home as seen as the black and white



photograph with Margaret M. Krumbhaar grace the Shaffer home at Ardoyne Plantation. The Krumbhaar home, divided into two homes as the subdivision developed around the trees, retaining some of the garden elements, the arbors, covered walkways and the beautiful oaks. The trees remain as testament to a prosperous time in not only Terrebonne Parish, but in all of the country. Story written by Trudy Voisin Hebert, Photo credits for the Sepia and Black & White photos from Ardoyne Website. [Ardoyne-Plantation Website](#)

The Krumbhaar Live Oaks remain a part of a dramatic landscape that enhances the Krumbhaar Subdivision off Hwy 311 and at Capital One Bank on West Tunnel Blvd. In recent years, residents and business have built around the trees, preserving these wonderful old oaks.

The tree grouping named for Charles Conrad Krumbhaar, once owner who married in 1908 to Margaret Gustine Minor of Southdown Plantation. Krumbhaar, along with David Pipes, Jr., his brother-in-law, managed Southdown Mill.

This old sepia photo shows the Krumbhaar home with a few young oak trees from Southdown Plantation Museum website collection



and a few bald cypress trees in the background. Today, these large live oaks surround parts of the original home and property. The live oaks located at the bank are on property that once housed the stables for the plantation horses and mules. The Minor and Krumbhaar families were deeply involved in the sugar cane industry in Terrebonne parish and Louisiana. Krumbhaar's ancestors, the Butlers were with George Washington at Valley Forge fighting in the American Revolution. Family members later invested in the sugar industry, purchasing sugar plantations in Louisiana. The Minor



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