

Connely Oak

Downtown Houma East
101 Oak Street
Houma, LA

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Sheriff Connely's father, Frank came to Louisiana from Kentucky and his mother was Lucy Kelly of Illinois. 1910 Census shows AW with wife Clara with ten children ranging from ages 21 to 1 in Terrebonne Parish.

The patriarch of the six is the one off the back-east corner of the house. The story was that even though it had been planted at the same time as the others, its location had been used to tether mules and horses and the ground was much more fertile. Even though it has been pruned back to keep it from damaging the house roof on the west side and the power line across the street on the east side it remains an impressive tree with a canopy of about 140 feet. Information submitted by Sandy Ostheimer and story written by W. Alex Ostheimer

This tree and its accompanying shed are a sight to see measuring three feet above the ground its girth is about 21 feet. The canopy produces shade to half a block, as well as for visitors at lunch time on hot summer days. The scenery of this tree provided a great photo backdrop for many a budding photographer.

Once, the residence of Sheriff A. W. Connely (Arthur Warren), both home and tree grove are located at the corner of Park Avenue and Oak Streets. The trees were planted shortly after the family moved to the home between 1885 and 1892. Originally, there were eight. One on the bayou side in front of the house, two equal distance on each side of the front walk, one set a little away from the home on the east side of the front gallery and two set about fifty feet away from the two back corners of the house on the east and west sides.

The oak on the west side at the back of the house was badly damaged by the 1927 storm and had to be taken down. The one on the bayou side in front of the house died of causes unknown before the land was sold for the new twin spans. The remaining six continue to shade the home.



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