

# Places— ing Names

said that one night in De-  
ber, 1993, they went to  
and the River was flow-  
past and the next morning  
n they got up the water  
standing still.  
rs. Wilson said she was  
ed on a farm in Carthage,  
t., and that her husband  
also from there. She said  
had married and then  
grated to Grand Bayou in  
She had a sister living  
Grand Bayou (on the op-  
te bank of the river)—and  
was one thing that had  
npted her and her husband  
settle in this particular  
Mrs. Wilson had only  
children — one dead at  
and the other dying at  
three. Mrs. Wilson says  
house she now lives in is  
one they lived in before the  
r changed its course.  
n her front porch she said  
could see the dozen or so  
boats that used to pass  
each day. Two that she re-  
mbered were the "Jesse K."  
and the "Laura Lea."  
are D'Artois Leeper.

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ical prominence before  
ntimely death at the age  
rty-five. He was a mem-  
of the first board of su-  
isors of the "Seminary  
earning of the State of  
siana."  
ources: J. Fair Hardin's  
rthwestern Louisiana"  
G. P. Whittington's "Ra-  
s Parish, Louisiana, A  
ory." — Clare D'Artois  
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# —Louisiana Places—

## Winnfield

Winnfield (Winn Parish) is located almost in the geogra-  
phical center of the parish,  
and was made the seat of  
justice when the parish was  
established in 1852. A post  
office was established at  
that time, but during the  
Civil War mail service was  
suspended. The town was in-  
corporated in 1855.  
The Winnfield area re-  
mained unsettled and almost  
unvisited by whites until  
about 1840, when land along  
the state's various rivers be-  
gan to become scarce. Winn  
Parish was carved from a  
portion of Natchitoches, with  
both parish and town being  
named in honor of Walter O.  
Winn, prominent Alexandria,  
La., lawyer.  
Winnfield is best known as  
the birthplace of Huey P.  
Long. Source: Fortier's  
"Louisiana" and "Louisiana,  
a Guide to the State." —  
Clare D'Artois Leeper

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# Louisiana Places

## Winnsboro

WINNSBORO (Franklin). After the United States  
took over Louisiana, what is now Franklin Parish  
continued to be a portion of the vast Ouachita and  
Catahoula districts. The settlers transacted all legal  
business in Harrisonburg, or at Fort Miro  
(Monroe).

Toward the end of the first half of the 19th cen-  
tury, immigration had brought enough settlers into  
the area, however, to suggest the creation of a new  
parish. John Winn, pioneer of this section, backed a  
bill creating a political subdivision, and in 1843  
Franklin Parish was created.

A disagreement between the inhabitants of the  
eastern and western portion of the parish  
developed regarding the location of the parish seat.  
The issue was settled when John Willis donated 160  
acres of land, situated virtually in the center of the  
parish, for a parish seat to be named "Winnsboro"  
in honor of Senator Winn. The first courthouse was  
constructed there in 1844, settling the controversy  
for all time. Three courthouses have since been  
constructed on the site, the latest in 1952.

One of the first pioneer settlers in this area was  
the Osburn family, which came from Claiborne  
county, Mississippi, and took up land near the  
present town of Winnsboro. A cluster of farms call-  
ed the "Lower Settlement" became known as  
Oakley, and another as Osborn's, called the "Upper  
Settlement," comprised nearly all of the  
inhabitants of the eastern portion. — Clare D'Artois  
Leeper

# Louisiana Strange S

Winona means "first  
if a daughter." The n  
of Indian origin. It is  
the Dakota language. C  
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native to Louisiana. M  
Louisiana's Indian p  
names are from the C  
language, with a sprin  
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a Dakota name come t  
isiana? It migrated her  
white settlers.

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stripped of its lumbe  
Pine Tree Lumber Co.  
to a site about eight  
north of Winnfield in th  
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the company were fro

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Wisner is the secon  
est community in F  
Parish. It is located  
Missouri Pacific R  
about 15 miles south  
Winnsboro, the paris

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of Hope Estate pla  
where the first set  
was made, and the  
of the railroad in th  
19th century. First  
Bryan City for the ov  
the Hope Estate, the  
later changed its na

