

Oakland Prud'homme's Store Time Line

- 1864 Sep 16 Jacques Alphonse Prud'homme I (JAP I, b. 1838) marries Elise Lecomte
- 1865 Sep 18 P. Phanor Prud'homme II (PPP II) born
- Oct 12 P. Phanor Prud'homme I (b. 1807) dies
- 1867 Informal agreement between JAP I and Pierre Emmanuel Prud'homme(PEP) to divide the old Bermuda Plantation with JAP I taking the Big House
- 1868 Dec First of several succession sales at Bermuda regarding Phanor I's estate; lawsuit filed over administration of Phanor I's estate
- 1870 Sep PEP relocates across the river to Atahoe
- 1871
- Mar Louisiana Supreme Court sends Phanor's estate case back to parish court
- Aug PEP and JAP I mortgage Bermuda Plantation for \$2,100
- Sep Phanor I's estate case settled in parish court; JAP I authorized to pay debts
- 1873
- Apr EP's house at Atahoe burns
Formal division of Bermuda Plantation between JAP I and PEP
- Jun 3 JAP I issued retail merchant license by State and parish
- Jun 30 JAP I issued licenses for tobacco and liquor sales
- 1875 JAP I, Lecomtes and others donate land for railroad right-of-way (not built until 1882)
- 1877 May 9 J. C. Keyser, Sr. (b. 1835, see bio in Memoirs) completes cistern for store
- Dec 28 Alain L. Metoyer is appointed post master for new Bermuda Post Office
- 1878 PEP buys right to operate a ferry on Cane River; A. Lambre Prud'homme begins operating store for JAP I
- 1879 Feb5 Bermuda P. O. discontinued

c.1880 Office (006) and north addition (003) constructed at store; attic extended

1880 JAP is director newly-established Merchants and Planters Protective Union

1882 Texas & Pacific Railroad built through Natchitoches Parish with station at Cypress

1883 Jan 12 John D.W Sera appointed post master for new Bermuda P.O.

Aug 21 Alain L. Metoyer appointed post master for Bermuda P. O.

Dec 26 Marie Noelie Prud'homme born

c.1885 North shed (003) of store enlarged

1887 Aug Work begins on "Tap Line" railroad from Cypress to Natchitoches

C.1890 Uncle Buddy's room (004) created on north side of store

1896 Jacques Alphonse Prud'homme II (GAP II) born

c.1900 Buddy's dressing room (005) constructed

1903 Jun 5 JAP I appointed post master at Bermuda

c.1904 Boll weevil invades upper Louisiana

1906 Old Lecomte town house in Natchitoches dismantled; slate used to reroof Big House at Oakland; paneling may have been re-used in store

1908 Last high water at Oakland (because of damming of Cane River)

c.1908 South additions (001, 007, 008) to store constructed

1910 Jul 6 Prud'hommes acquire a Ford automobile

1912 Iron bridge built over Cane River

1916 Oct 5 Jules Lecomte Prud'homme, "Uncle Buddy," dies

1919 Feb 17 JAP I dies

1923 Oct 20 Elisa Lecomte Prud'homme dies

1924 Bermuda P.O. relocated from Lambre's to Prud'homme's Store

AUG 9 JAP II marries Rosalie Keator

1927 Old mule barn/stables burn down; north shed of store comes into use as a place for curing meat.

1936 Dams create Cane River Lake; La. Hwy. I paved with concrete from Alexandria to Natchitoches

c.1937 Rural electrification comes to Cane River area; allows installation of an icebox and lights in store

c.1941 Last cotton ginned at Oakland

1941 Dec 31 Mrs. PPP II (Marie Laure Cloutier) Prud'homme dies

1945 summer Grandma and Grandpa Mayo Keator come to live at Oakland

1948 May 21 PPP II dies

c. 1949 Tractors replace mules at Oakland

c.1950 Two new gasoline pumps installed at store

1955 Feb Grandma Keator dies
Nov Grandpa Keator dies

1958 Filming of John Ford's Horse Soldiers

1962 Feb JAP II retires as Bermuda postmaster

1967 Jul 14 Bermuda P. O. closes

1980 New concrete bridge built across Cane River

1982 Fall Prud'homme's Store closed

1984 Prud'homme's auction farm equipment

1988 Oakland named Bicentennial Farm

Jun 13 JAP II dies

1993 Congressionally- mandated study of Cane River area completed

1994 Nov 2 Public Law 103-449 passed by Congress creating Cane River Creole National Historical Park and the Cane River National Heritage Area

1997 Prud'hommes sell Oakland Plantation to NPS

1998 Jun Prud'hommes vacate Oakland¹

1. Oakland Plantation Prud'homme's Store Historic Structure Report by The National Park Service pp. 41-43