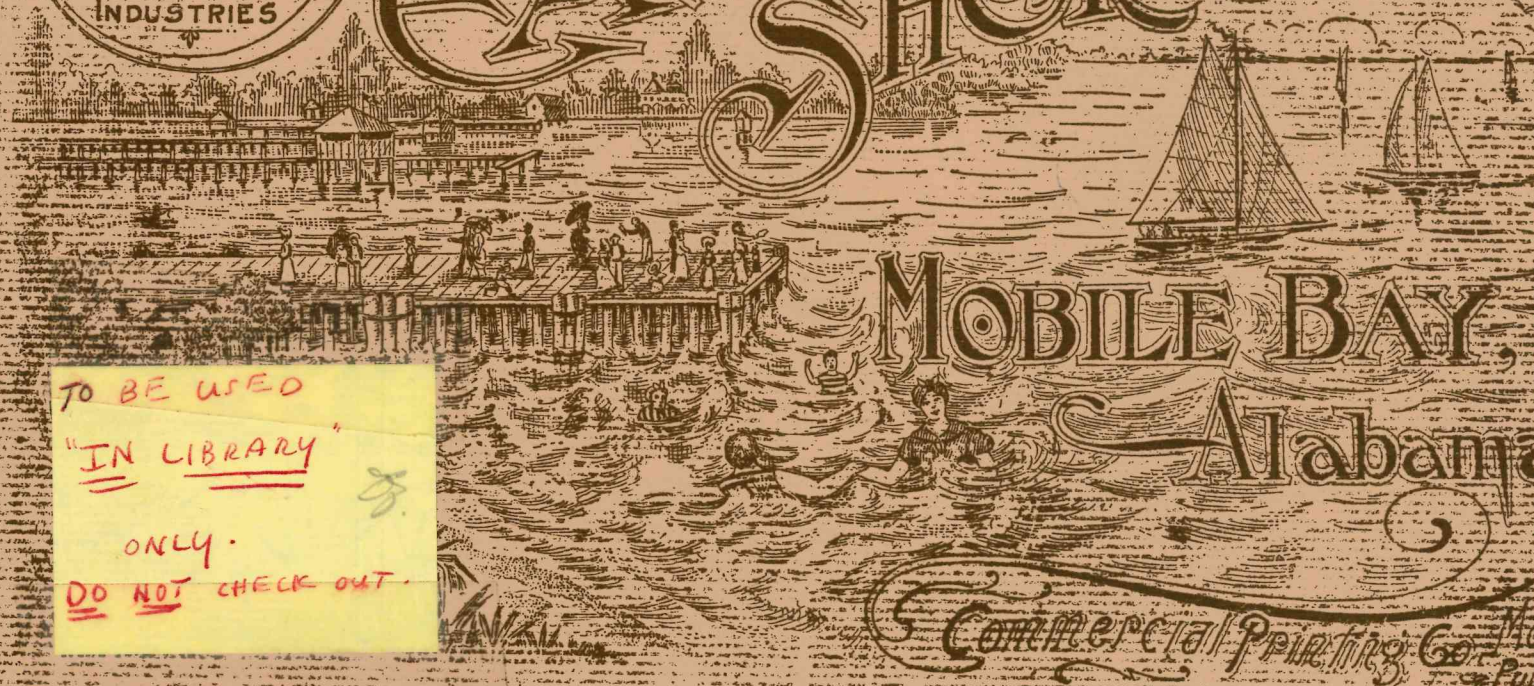


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The Eastern Shore

Who ever visited the Eastern Shore summer or winter, without feeling the subtle influence of that favored locality?

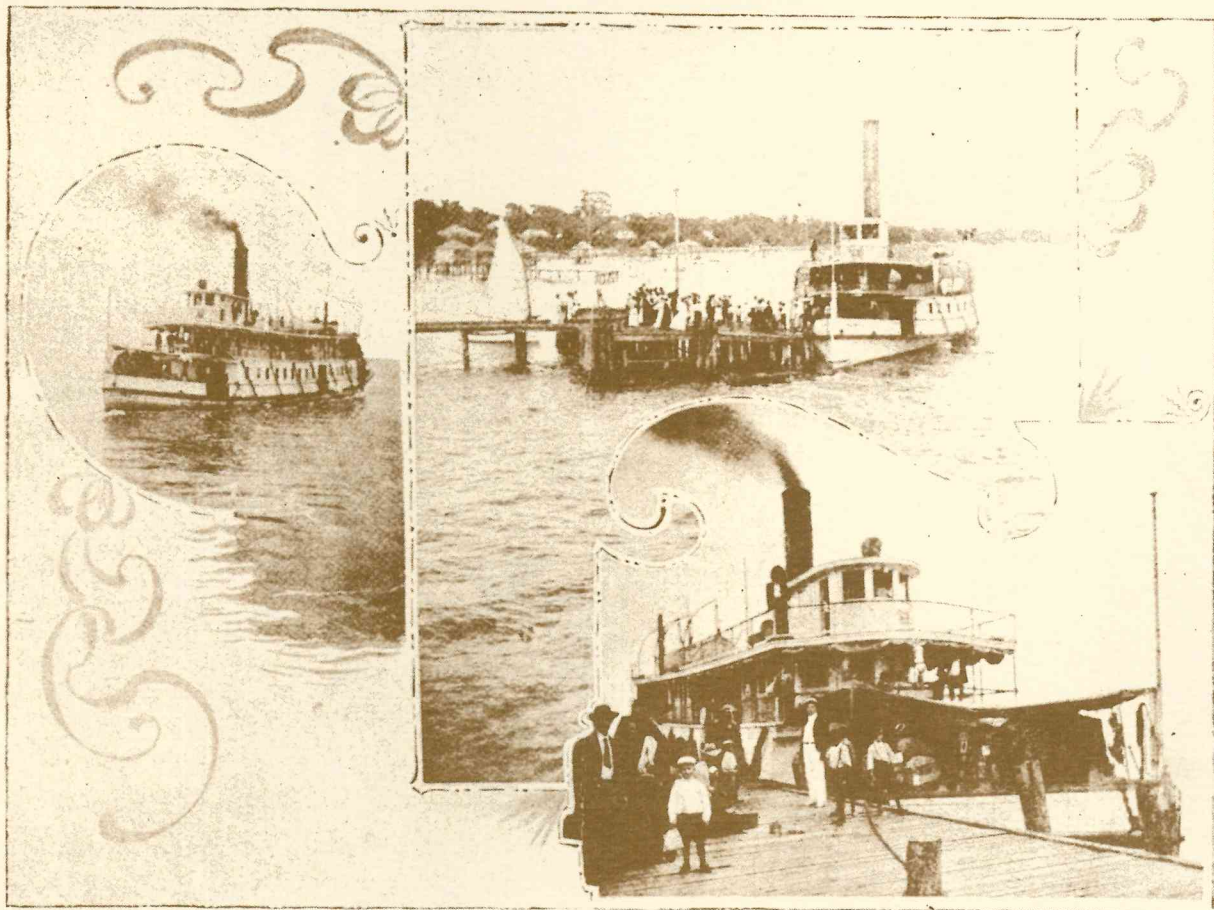
There is something restful in the very atmosphere, yet not lassitude, for those who sojourn on the Eastern Shore soon develop an energy which is surprising and can take long walks along the beach or in the wooded interior, or they can pull a boat without fatigue. The combination which is said to produce this atmosphere of health and strength arises from the salt of the bay and the breath of the pines. No matter which way the wind blows, it brings the air from one or the other of those potential sources, and in many instances from both.

Nowhere is there so favorable a summer and winter climate as on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay. The air is nearly always clear, bright and bracing. The summer heat is never excessive and in winter frost, snow or even fog are quite rare.



The Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay is a paradise for children, where the little ones can play out of doors both summer and winter.

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Steamer Baldwin leaving Zundel's Wharf for Fish River points
Steamer Baldwin landing at Zundel's Wharf, Point Clez.r.

Steamer James A. Carney at South Wharf Point Clear in Summer
On her daily trip to and from Mobile, direct

The average winter temperature at Point Clear and other places on the Eastern Shore is about 52°F. The rains are quite evenly distributed throughout the year and there is no such thing on the Eastern Shore as "the rainy season." So mild is the temperature and so temperate the water of the bay that bathing along the beach is safe, comfortable and invigorating almost every day between March 15 and November 1, while there are many hardy residents and visitors who go into the water seining for shrimp or fish, or for the purpose of bathing during the entire winter without

the slightest apparent injury and with evident enjoyment.

The many attractive features of the Eastern Shore as a summer home were early discovered and appreciated by the settlers along the rivers which empty into Mobile Bay. The planters who with slave labor grew cotton in the rich river bottoms left their plantations during the heated term with their families and lived for several months each year at some point along the high lands of the Eastern Shore between Point Clear and "The Village." Their flat boats and, later, palatial steamers plied between the plantations

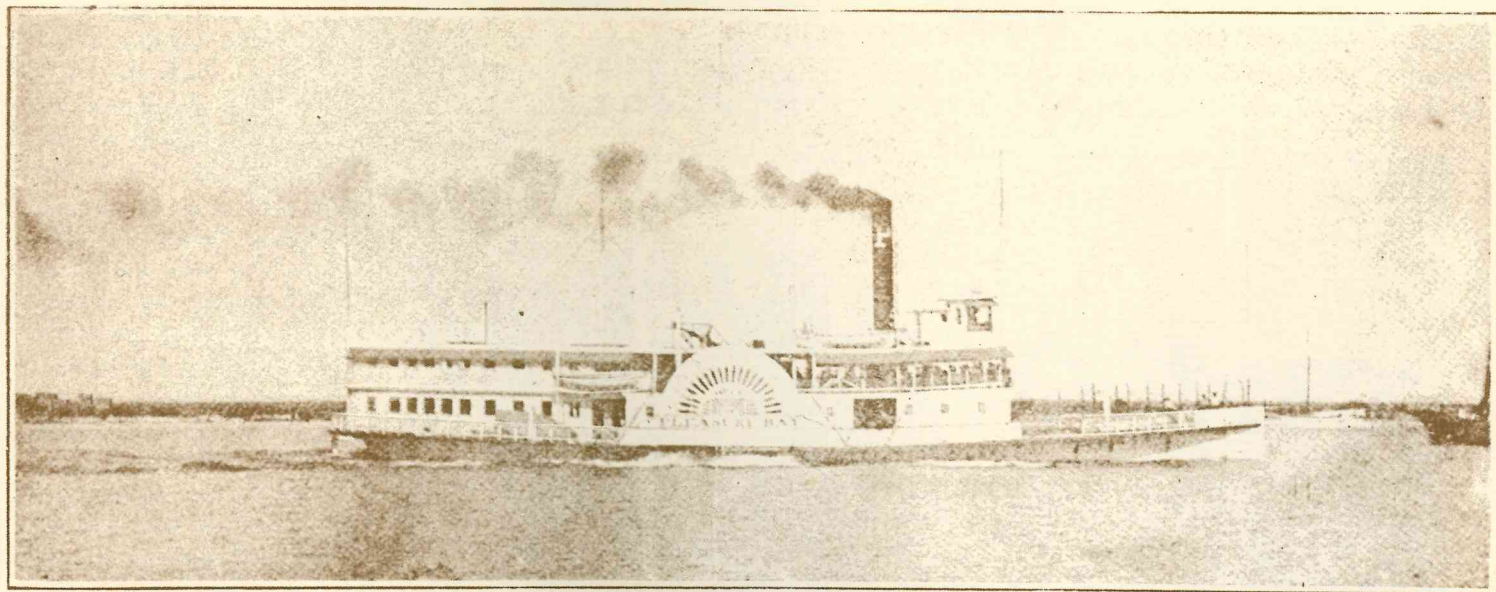
and the bay coast resorts and the glories of those old days have been preserved in many traditions. The Civil War with its privations changed the current of the Alabama planter's thoughts from the Eastern Shore for many years. Some of the famous resorts were allowed to go into decay and disuse during and after the Civil War, yet the return of prosperity to that section soon restored the summer popularity of the "Eastern Shore."



Sugar cane growing near Zundel's without fertilization. This cane makes the finest syrup.

The Eastern Shore has become as famous a winter resort as it was in its palmiest days as a summer resort. With each returning winter a larger number of persons from the north, east and west visit the Eastern Shore either renting cottages for the winter or staying at one or the other of the hotels and boarding houses which are open for guests both

during the summer and winter seasons. The winter visitors on the Eastern Shore form small colonies for mutual entertainment and every day furnishes a round of sport and amusement. Fishing and boating parties are organized, hunting parties go to the interior of Baldwin county after turkeys, quail and doves.



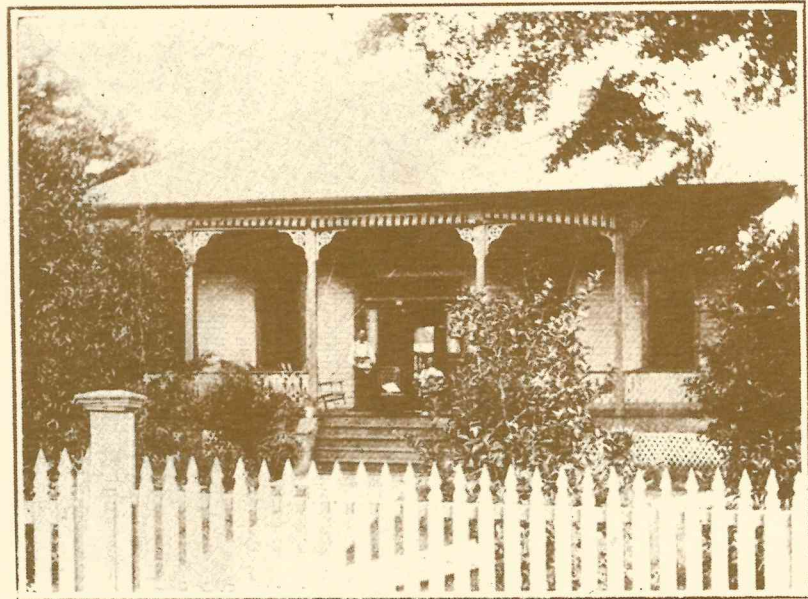
The palatial steamer Pleasure Bay, of the Bay Steamship Company of Mobile, which makes daily trips the year round from Mobile to and from Daphne, Montrose, Sea Cliff, Volanta, Fairhope, Battles Wharf, North Wharf and Point Clear, and is also popular as an excursion steamer.

Baldwin County

Baldwin county, in which the Eastern Shore of Mobile bay is situated, is the largest county in the state of Alabama, having an area of 1,620 square miles, or 1,086, 800 acres. It is almost as large as the state of Rhode Island and has a more extensive coast line. Perdido river and bay are on the east, separating the county from Florida; the Gulf of Mexico on the south, Bon Secours and Mobile Bay, the Mobile river and its eastern tributaries on the west. The county is almost surrounded by water, while through this immense domain run numerous smaller streams, several of which are navigable for steamboats.

No other country offers so many favorable conditions for the raising of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses; as the ranges of Baldwin county are noted for fine grazing, and the recent exportations to the Island of Cuba of the finest breeds, not only elicited surprise but admiration for the superior stock, that is now raised in these valleys.

No climate is more favorable to health than that of the Gulf Coast. This is a fact evidenced by the natives and residents of this country. The marked benefit derived by hundreds of delicate visitors, or invalids, slowly recover-



Residence of A. Moog, merchant, Battles.

ing from wasting or nervous diseases, wintering in Baldwin county, is manifest, as they return to their homes with renewed energy, and that exquisite feeling, the sensation of living.

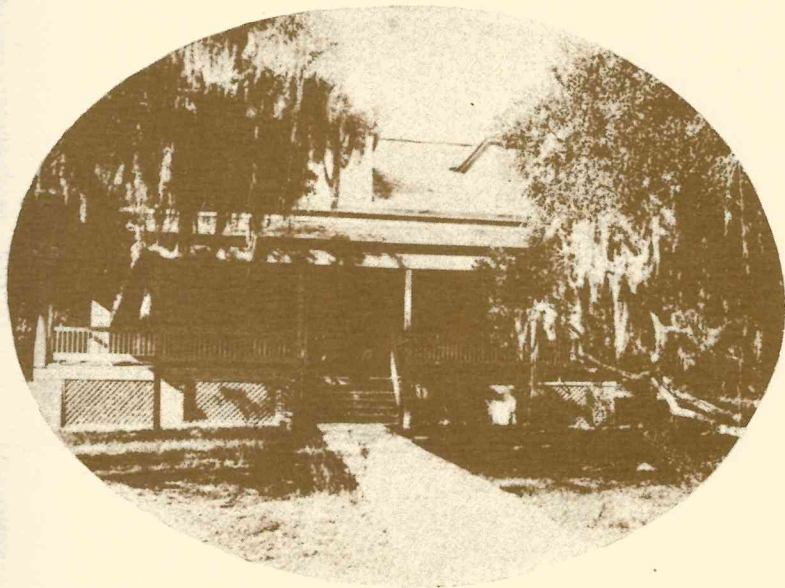
The county has a vast sea and inward coast line, with innumerable bays, salt and fresh water lakes, rivers, creeks, estuaries, inlets, bayous, lagoons, rippling streams.



Bay Steamship Company's steamer Pleasure Bay, arriving at Battles Wharf on her Daily trip from Mobile.

Early History

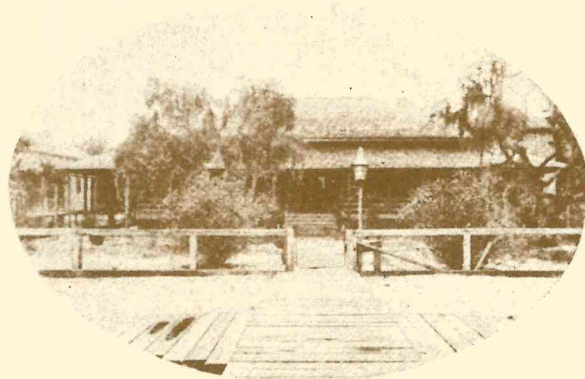
The early history of the Eastern Shore of Mobile bay is more frequently associated with that of Florida than with Louisi-



Summer residence of Charles Hall at Point Clear.

ana, as Mobile bay with the rivers emptying into it, was several times the boundary line claimed or maintained by the French, English and Spanish claimants of territory along the Gulf of

Mexico. Ponce de Leon as early as 1512 made an attempt to find the Eastern Shore where, alone on earth, is to be found anything resembling perpetual youth. The expedition of Pamphilo de Navarrez and his 300 Spanish soldiers of fortune and avarice spent itself upon these shores whence the survivors of innumerable hardships and harrasments embarked, on rafts or small boats and were, with few exceptions,

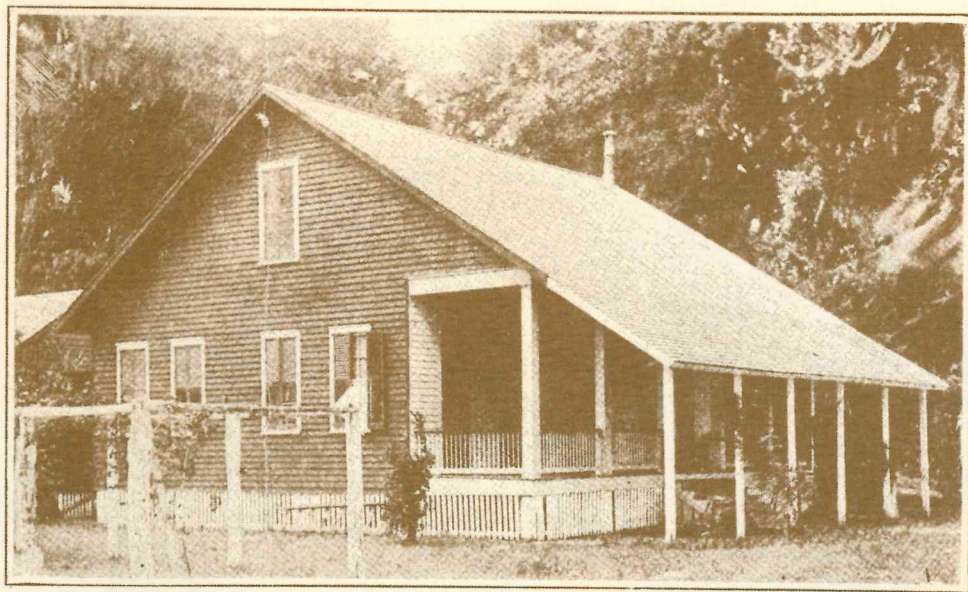


Summer Residence of J. F. Ross, of Mobile, at Point Clear.

lost at sea or, it is surmised, perished of exposure and want on Dauphin Island. Cabaca de Vaca was one of the four who escaped to reach the Christian settlement of New Spain. From his accounts he learned

to appreciate the beauties of the Eastern Shore and told such tales of the wealth of Florida as fired the imagination of the Spanish cavalieres so that they readily enlisted under Hernando de Soto, companion of Pizarro in the conquest of Peru, to possess themselves of the gold which Cabaca de Vaca had beheld in the sunset from the Eastern Shore. The de Soto party found the place but failed to find the money. The hotel accommodations along the Eastern Shore were not good at that time; the transportation facilities were crude and the natives did not treat their visitors with true Southern hospitality.

The only mistake made by de Soto and his followers was they were ahead of the times. They moved on, seeking the new Eldorado, and as a consequence all eventually died. After de Soto left it was nearly a hundred years before the Eastern Shore and surrounding territory again broke into the big headlines of the daily news.

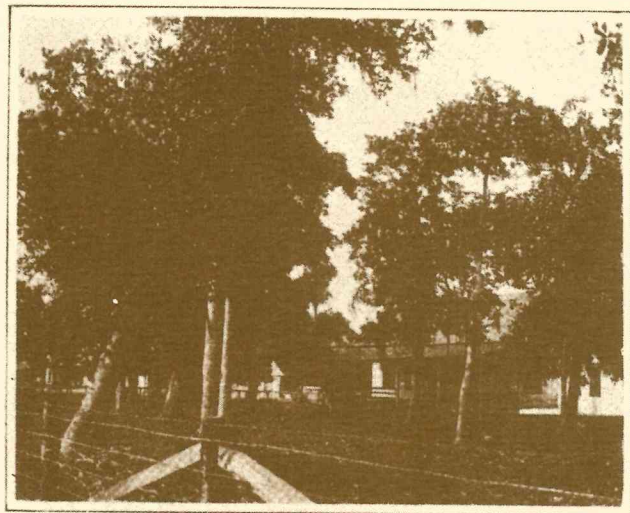


Residence of Captain Dave Coster, one of the Mobile bar pilots, at Point Clear.

The land was claimed in a general way by Spain, and none of the other nations seemed to be giving the matter much thought. In 1629 Sir Robert Heath was given all the right and title of the British crown to a vast territory which included the Eastern Shore of Mobile bay, the free state of Baldwin county and several other states.



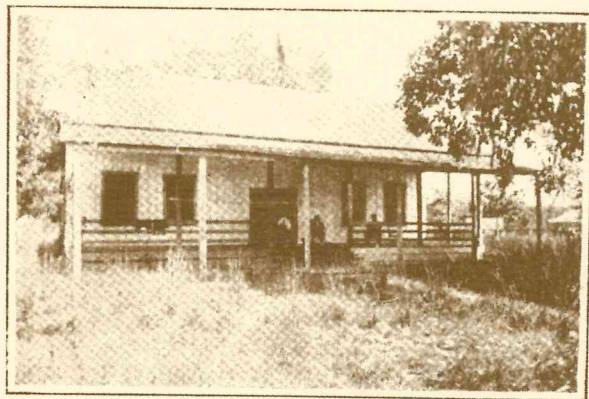
Under the sweet mágnólias at Sea Cliff. Thanksgiving dinner in the open air on the Eastern Shore.



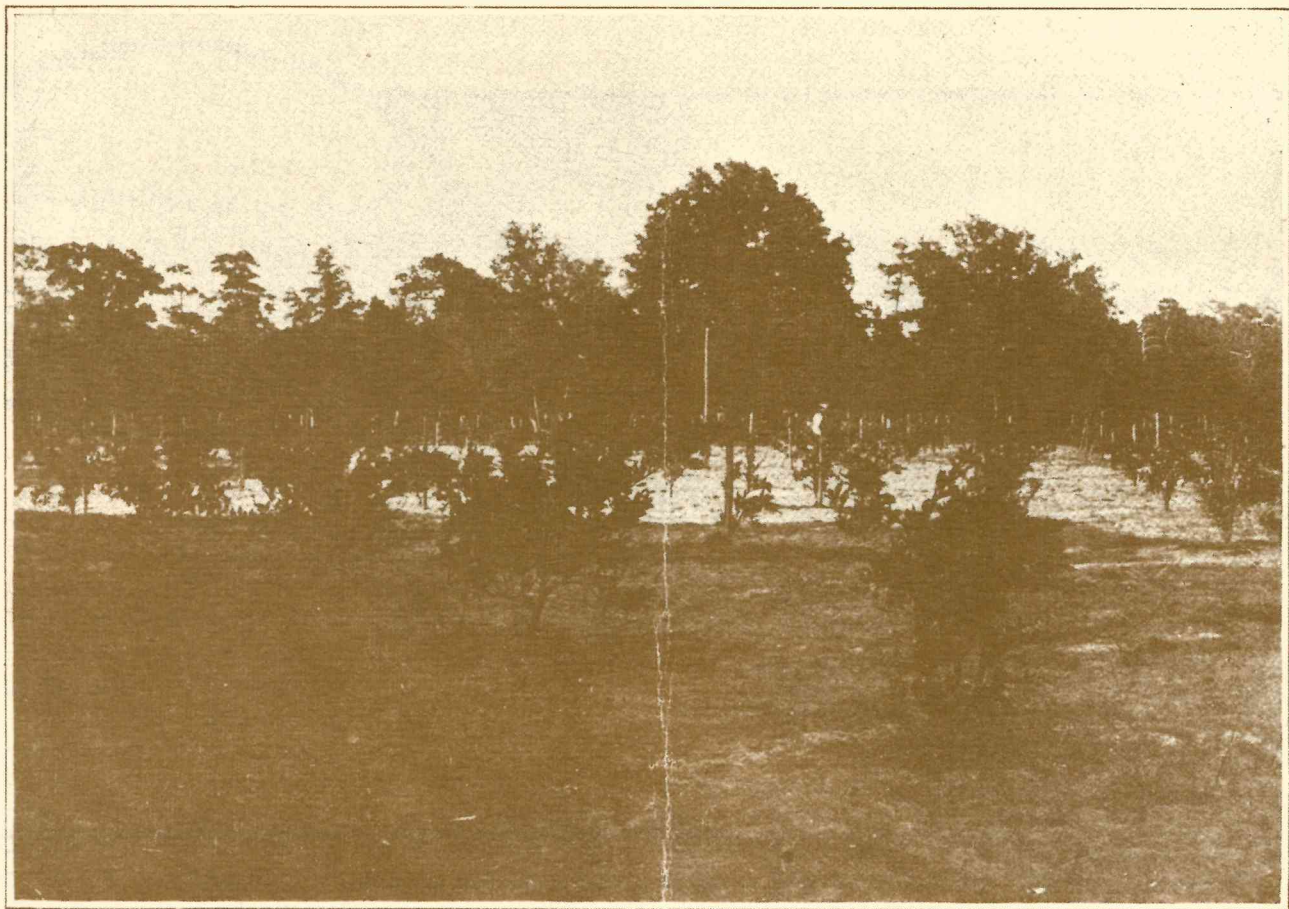
Cottages of E. Brodbeck at Zundels.

In 1663 it was also included in a grant to Monk, Shaftsbury, et als, though without Spanish permission. About 1702 the French filed a claim and settled in the neighborhood, later the Eastern Shore was embraced by Crozat and John Law, then in the Province of Georgia. In 1763 it was embraced in West Florida under British rule, then re-embraced by the Spaniards, and after that the territory had a checkered career, being embraced by almost anyone who happened to come along in an embracing humor. The last embracer being Governor

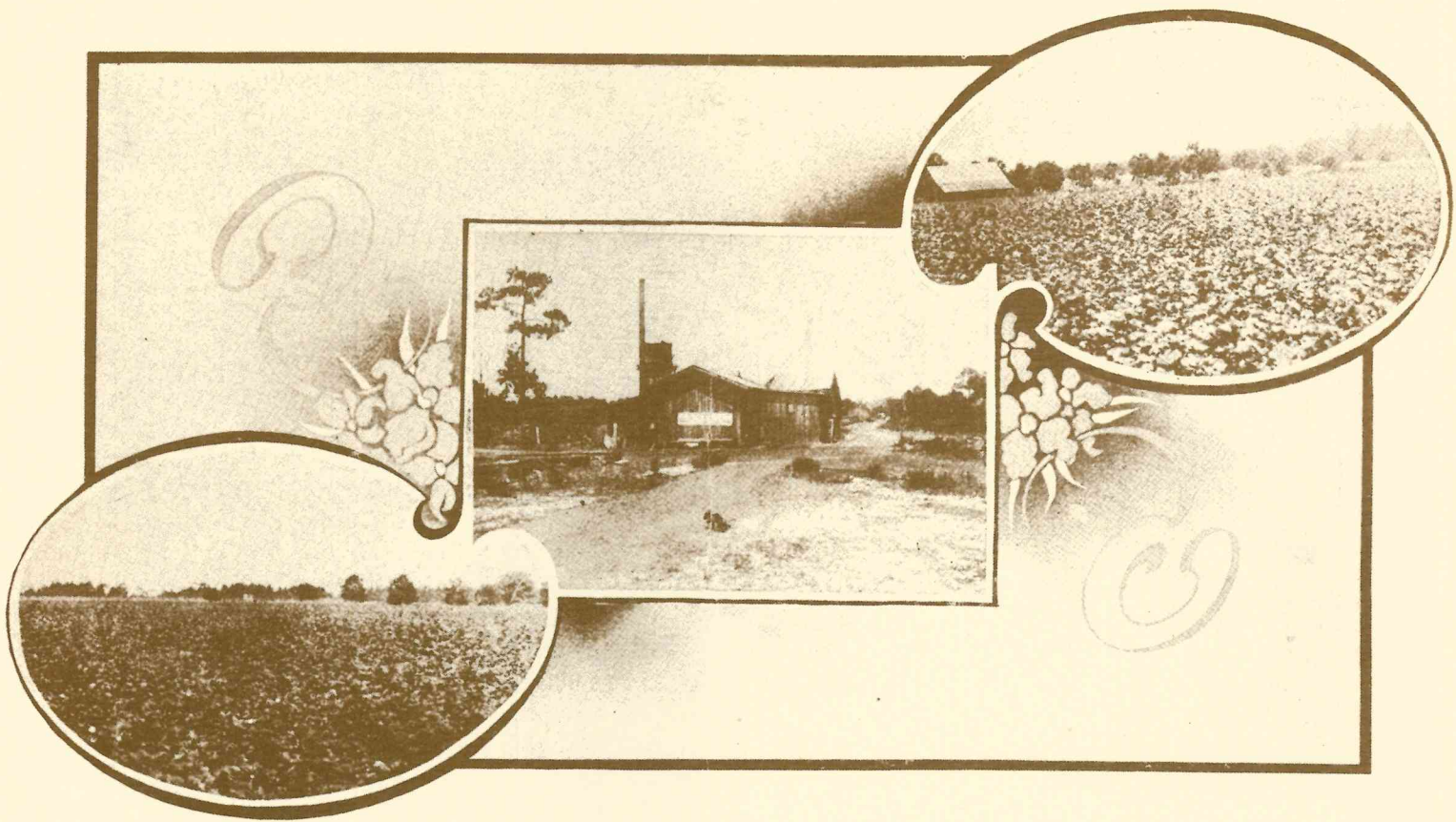
Wilkerson of the Mississippi territory, who, in April, 1813, took possession of Mobile under orders from Washington, D. C., and occupied all the territory between that point and Perdido river, which he did, dispossessing the Spanish claimants without bloodshed, and bringing the Eastern Shore under the stars and stripes where it remained until the civil war. In August 1814, Andrew Jackson, then a major general in the United States Army, established his headquarters at Mobile, and before his departure to meet the British under Packingham, visited the Eastern Shore on one of his incursions into a territory infested with marauding Indians and camped under a magnificent oak three and a half miles north of Daphne.



Summer and winter hotel at Zundels.



Young orange grove at Battles Wharf, yellow with fruit each winter when the visitors arrive.

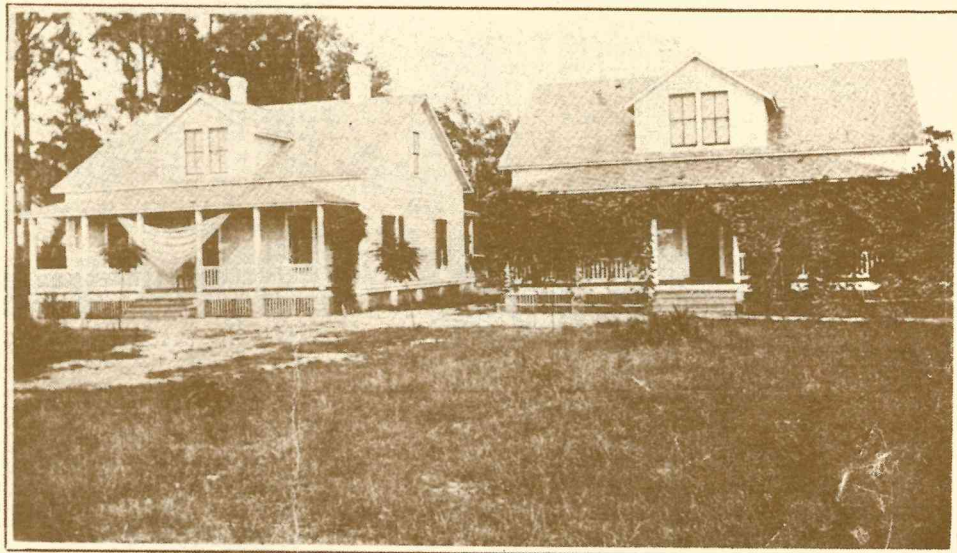


Cotton fields, saw mill and cotton gin near Zundel's Wharf, Point Clear. While cotton is not extensively grown on the Eastern Shore, the crop never fails and farmers are prosperous.

The tree is known to this day as "Jackson's Oak," and is often visited by those who are interested in historical objects.

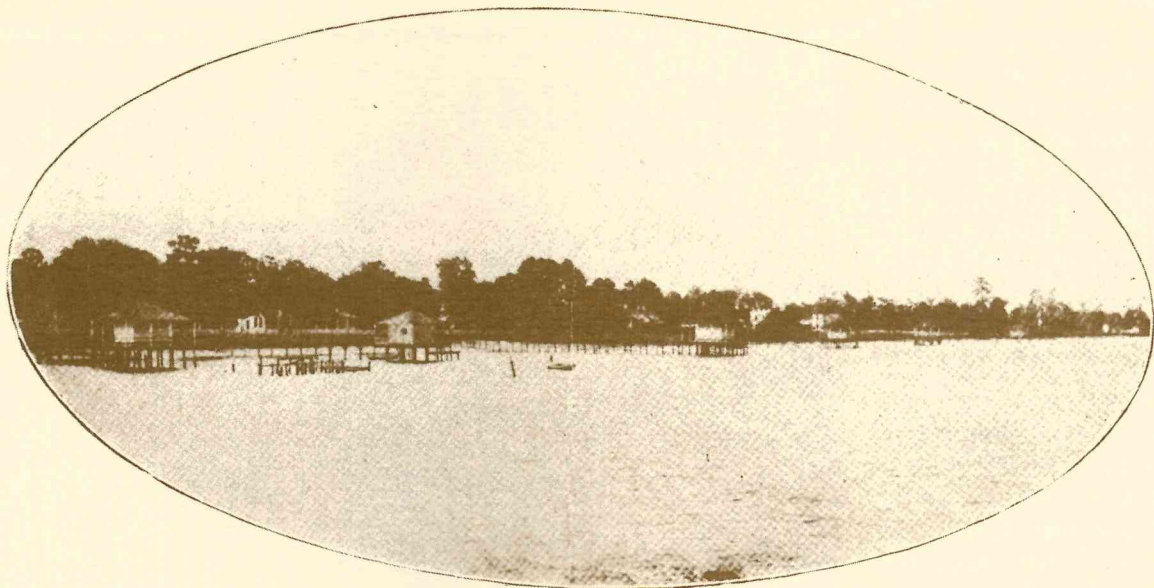
Early in 1861 the Eastern Shore seceded from the United States and stayed out of the Union until 1865.

On the morning of August 5th, 1864, the Eastern Shore of Mobile bay became excited. Admiral David Farragut, U. S. N., having heard what a fine place it was decided to pay the resort a visit. There was some objection on the part of those who were in charge of forts Morgan and Gaines, at the entrance to Mobile bay, but Admiral Farragut made a motion that the objection be over-ruled and his motion was sustained, he is said, on this memorable occasion, to have found the trip rather expensive. All the way up the Eastern Shore the vessels of the American Admiral scattered souvenirs which are still preserved and are highly prized by their present owners. During the centuries since the white man first visited the Eastern Shore there has



Cottages of Chas. De Briere, Jr., at Battles.

been no worse storm along that coast than the visitation of September 27, 1906, yet even in that blow there was not a life lost on the Eastern Shore by wind or wave, and the property damage was small there, showing that section to be as free from danger by storm as any in the world.



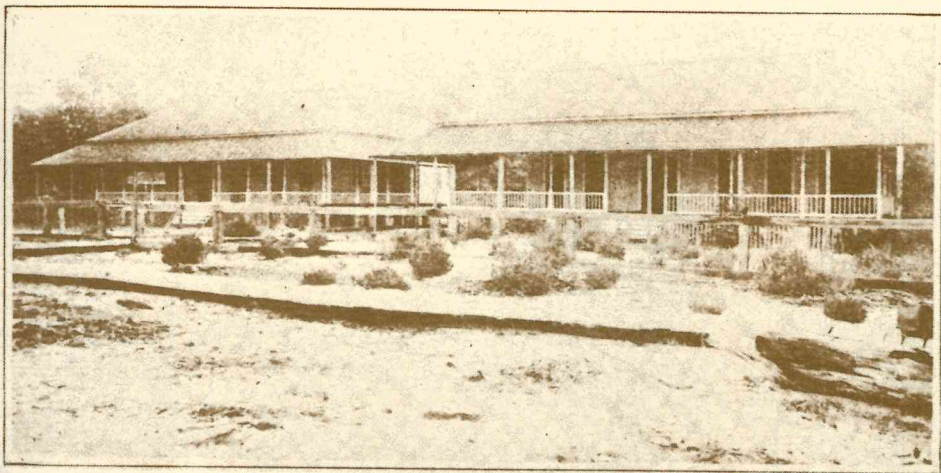
View along the beach at Battles looking South from Moog's boat house.

Transportation

The Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay must be recognized as a growing section, and the facilities for freight and passenger travel are naturally growing accordingly. The flat boat of the early planter who spent the summer there followed the schooner of the earlier settler and was succeeded in turn by the steamboat of a later period. The present steamers plying in the bay trade are those of the

Bay Steamship Company and the Baldwin County Transportation Company. They are safe, fast and commodious supplying sufficient accommodation for the present needs of residents and visitors.

Other plans are being made, however, which will be carried out as fast as conditions will permit. A party of Mobile and Eastern Shore people with abundant means to carry out their designs, are making preparation to build an electric line along the bay shore.



Two Cottages of F. L. Ross, of Mobile, near the beach at Point Clear.

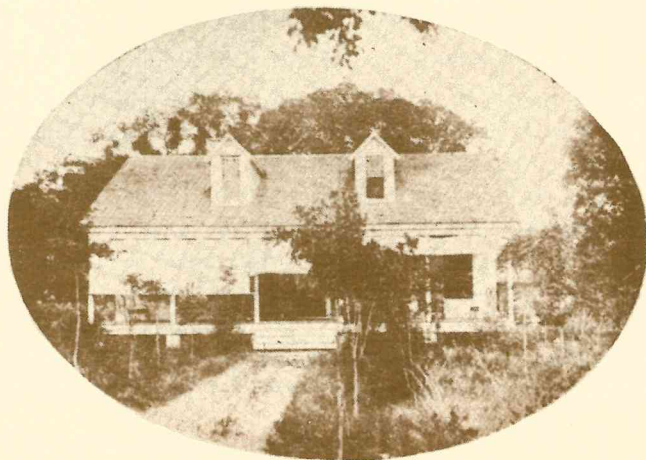
Two Old Standbys

In writing of the Eastern Shore, who would forget to mention the crab, might well be accused of neglect of a duty toward one of the oldest inhabitants and one which has played an humble yet important part in the development and popularity of that favored section; for wherever the bait is cast on the water there is the crab also, ready and willing to add his full quota to the gumbo. The soft-shell and the hard-shell crop never fails; they come forth in due season and make glad the hearts of many. He who owns a crab net and a piece of string need never go hungry on the Eastern Shore, or even without these equipments for the crab falls an easy victim to the hand of the hunter. It takes some generalship to land a hard-shell crab by hand without bloodshed, but this spice of danger only adds pleasure to the

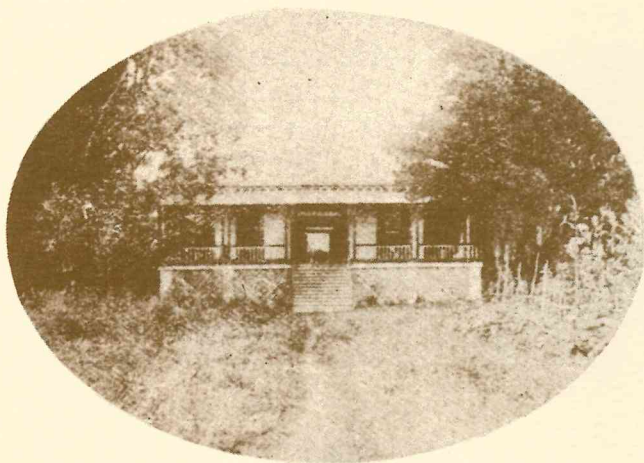
pursuit. Another beauty about the crab is that it is good any way it is cooked; baked in an oven, roasted in hot ashes, fried, stewed, boiled or made up into soup.

The Eastern Shore is the happy hunting ground of all the fat crabs. They come there to spend the fall and winter, then return to spend the spring and summer. They are always welcomed with an open net.

Another benefactor of the Eastern Shore country is the mullet,



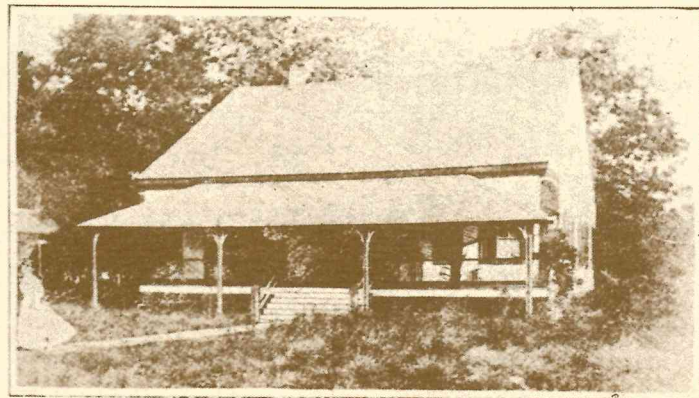
"Pinehurst" home of Capt. T. P. Norville, at Battles



Summer home of Dr. V. McR. Showalter, Point Clear.

the proletariat of the fish world. Though migratory in its habits the mullet, like the hobo, we have always with us. May their tribe increase.

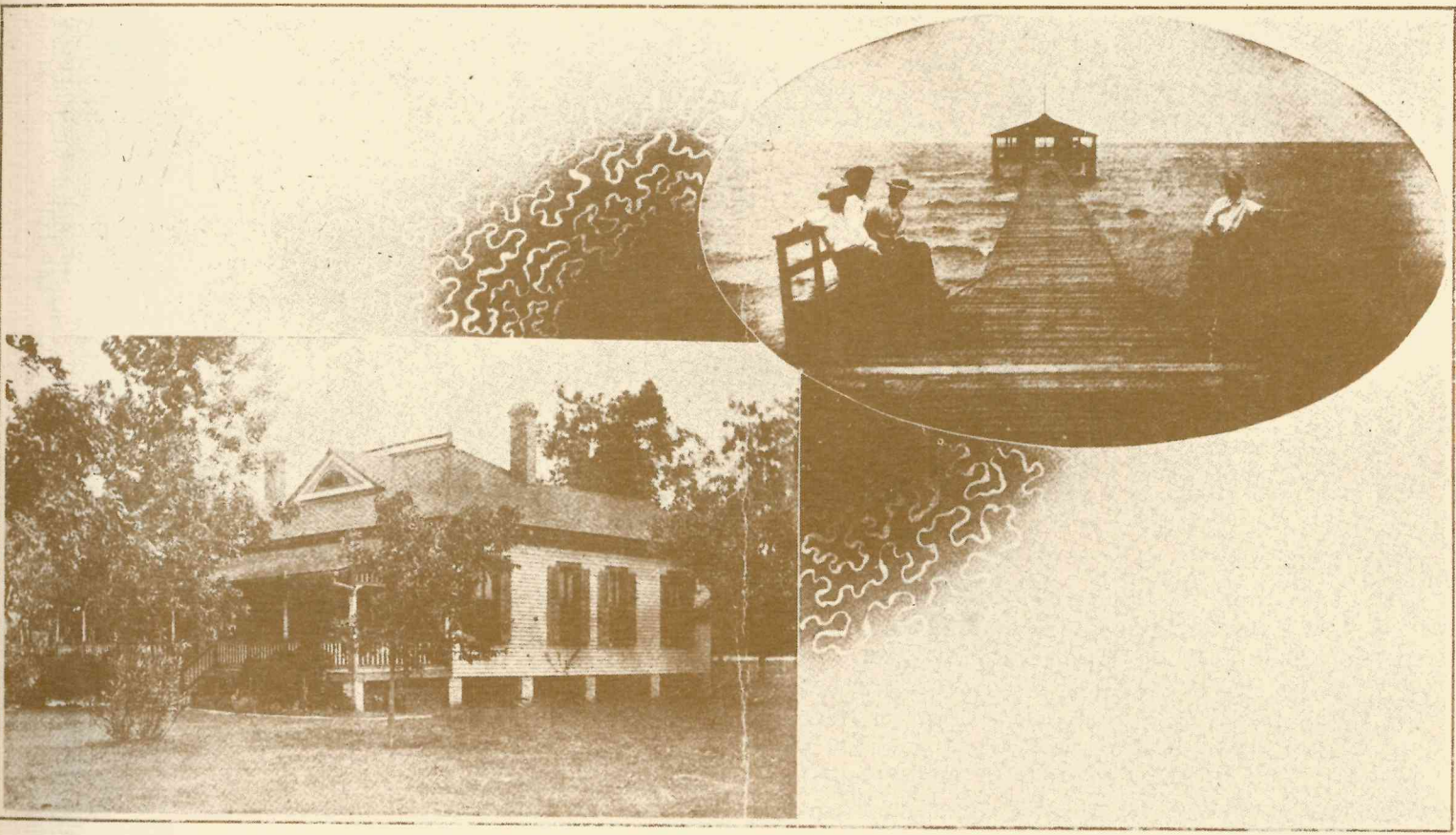
The mullet is not a game fish, is rarely caught with hook and line and has no appetite for any ordinary bait, though in the winter, when the row mullet are running in the bay a man with a castnet can bring enough of them in with an afternoon's work to feed a Scandinavian family for six months. The tenderloin of mullet is often mistaken in some countries for the tenderloin of trout. Even experi-



Summer residence of Col. R. B. du Mont, at Point Clear.

enced restaurant keepers make a mistake sometimes and serve mullet for trout. In reality it is better than trout if properly prepared, and is certainly more nourishing, having a greater amount of natural oil.

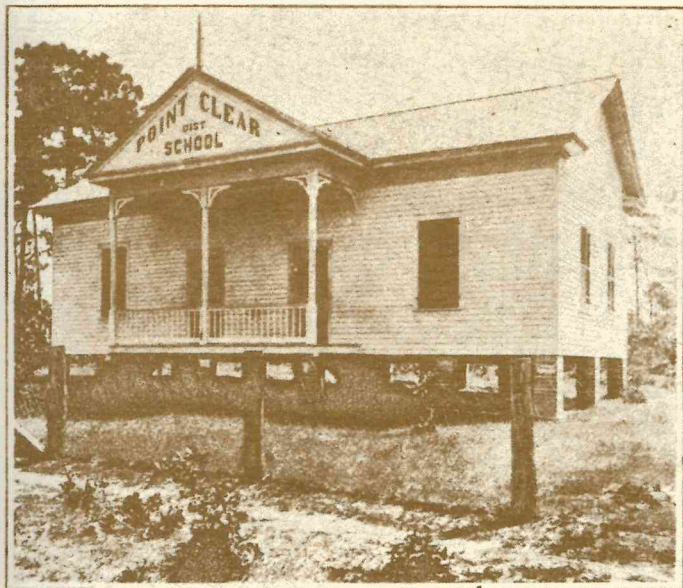
During the roe mullet season the gillnetters make some great hauls; sometimes catching nearly a ton of fish with one haul of the net. Mullet is known to be good brain food, and it is a mark of good sense never to miss an opportunity to eat a good fresh mullet if it is properly prepared.



Summer home, wharf and boat house of Adam Glass, one of Mobile's leading merchants, at Point Clear



Point Clear home of Captain Murray, manager of the Bay Steamship Company.



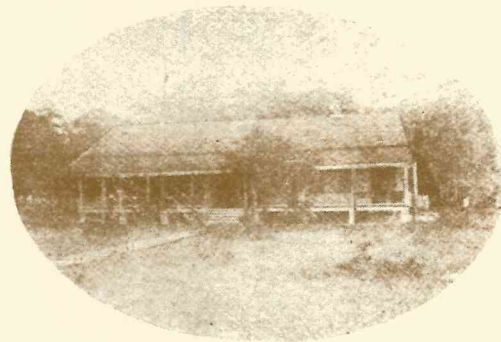
Point Clear District School.

From a point nearly opposite Mobile to a point a mile or more south of Point Clear, necting with a line of ferry steamers the road will give rapid transit to and from Mobile and the Eastern Shore settlements.

Those who are interested in the proposed electric line have property on or near the route to be traversed which they realize will greatly increase in value with this improvement, making the investment a perfectly safe one in any

event. Such a company once formed and placed in operation could easily furnish from its power house, at some central point, electricity for lighting houses along the entire front.

Another transportation plan already well under way is the building of a shell road, partly by the county and

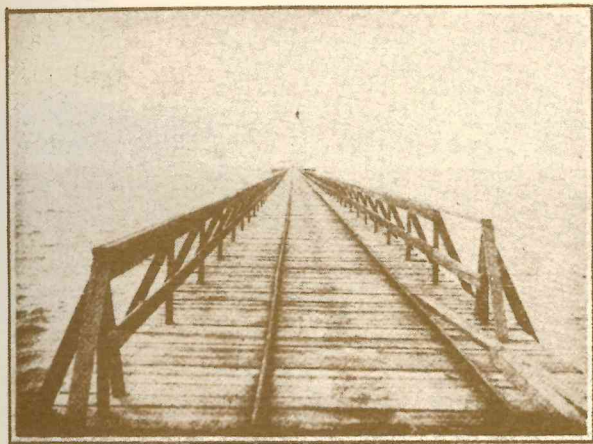


"Mountain House," Point Clear.

partly by private subscription, from Point Clear to Daphne. This will enable those living along the Eastern Shore and owning automobiles to ride from Mobile to Daphne on the steamer and thence to their homes by automobile. An oyster cannery which will be built to utilize oysters from the vast public reefs in Mobile bay will furnish the shells, should present plans develop into actualities, and the driving and motoring will be among the greatest attractions to Eastern Shore visitors.



Spring-time view of the residence of Captain W. B. Curran at Battles Wharf.

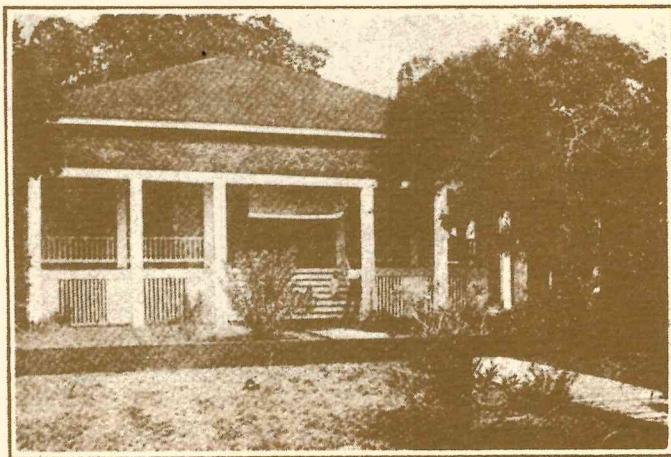


North Wharf, Point Clear.

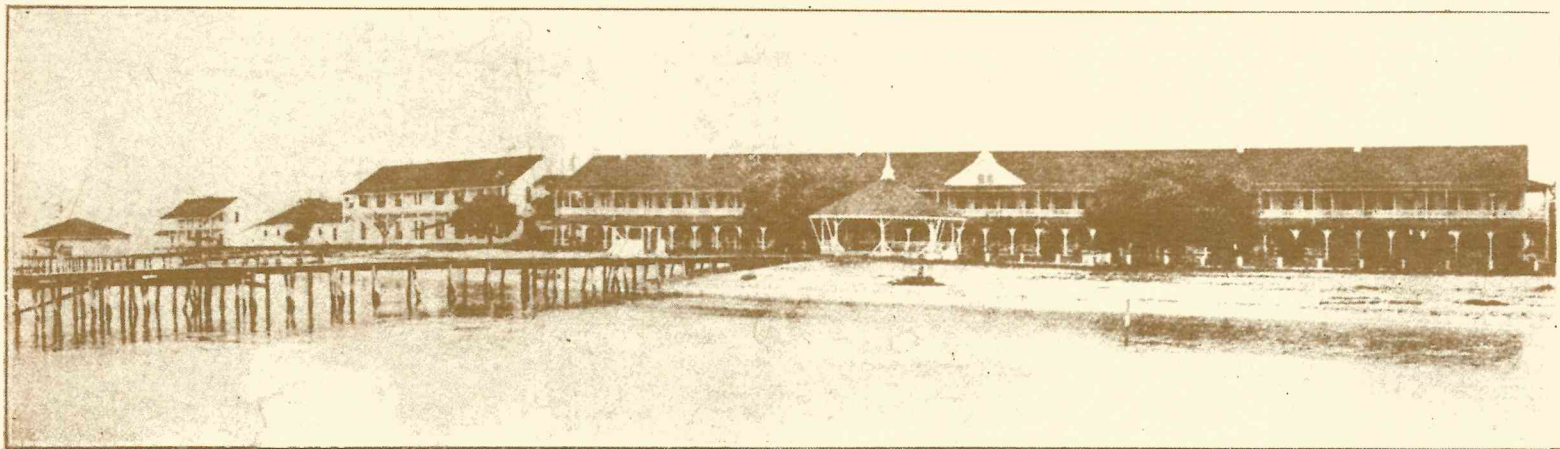
Back from the bay, a mile from Point Clear hotel, is Lily Lake, a deep, clear body of water, fed by living springs. In this the green trout, bream and perch abound, and those who understand fly fishing and the use of the artificial minnow may have rare sport. The fish in Lily Lake are game and show an utter contempt for the earth-worm bait of the tyro. The "expert" minnow, though, when handled by an expert, will make the big "green trout," which is really a species of bass, leave its happy home and some of the catches made with artificial bait in the winter of 1905 literally "surprised the natives."

Fine specimens of the tarpon, or silver king, have been caught from the wharf at Point Clear. The salt water fishing is great.

In passing up Mobile bay, after reaching Fort Morgan, in 1864, Admiral David Farragut's fleet paid its compliments to Point Clear, and some of his gun-boats sent several solid shots crushing through the village. Point Clear hotel was struck, apparently with solid shot from a Parrot gun, and a shell of larger calibre left marks which are yet to be seen on the Gunnison residence, near the hotel.



Summer residence of Col. D. P. Bestor, of Mobile, at Point Clear



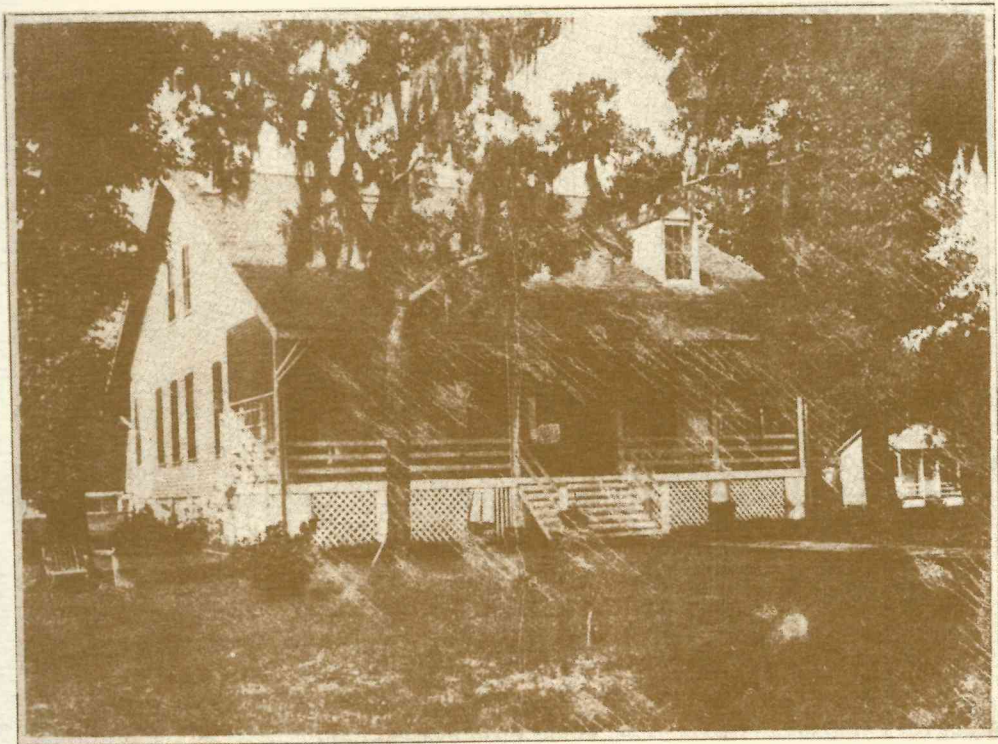
POINT CLEAR HOTEL

This widely known Eastern Shore resort, with an old and modern history, is now owned and managed by James K. Glennon, of Mobile. The summer of 1906 witnessed the most brilliant season at the Point Clear hotel since its foundation in 1848. The house with its 90 rooms has been modernized in every way, with electricity, furnished from the hotel's plant; water from the hotel's water works, electric call bells, new furniture, with metal beds and the many other conveniences usually expected of a first class hostelry by those who travel in winter or in summer.

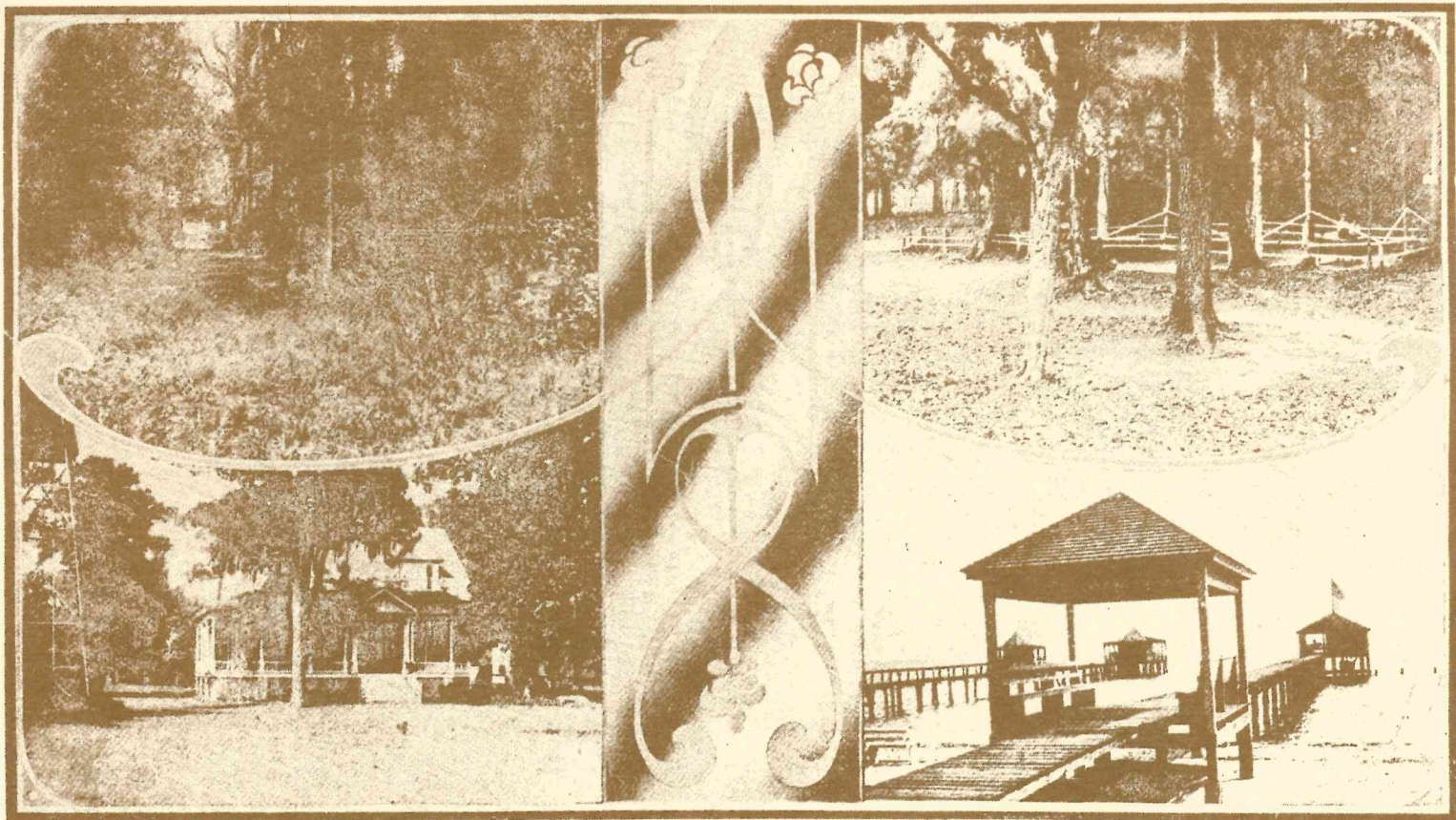
The sea and shore supply the table with delicacies, fresh

from the water and fresh from the farm in a profusion and variety found at few other places.

The Point Clear hotel enjoys the most skilled and polite service to be found and guests receive every attention which could be desired or expected. Sailboats and swift launches are to be had by application at the hotel office and reliable guides for fishing and hunting parties will also be supplied for guests when desired. Two new and commodious bath houses, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen, are situated on the south side of the hotel on as fine and safe bathing beach as can be found.



Mrs. L. J. Broadwood's residence, Point Clear



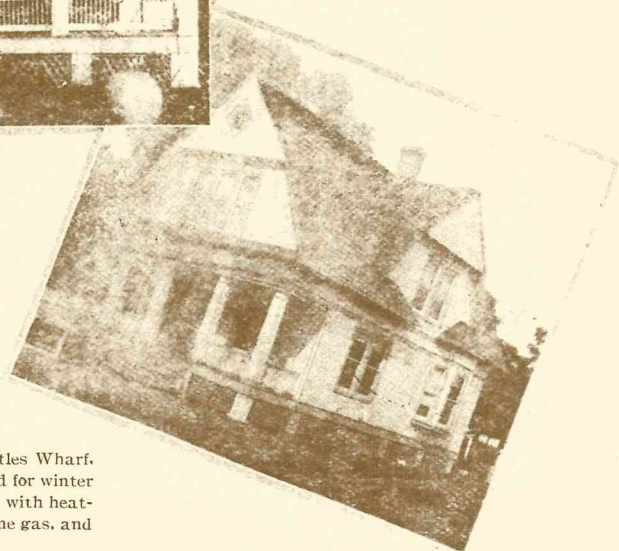
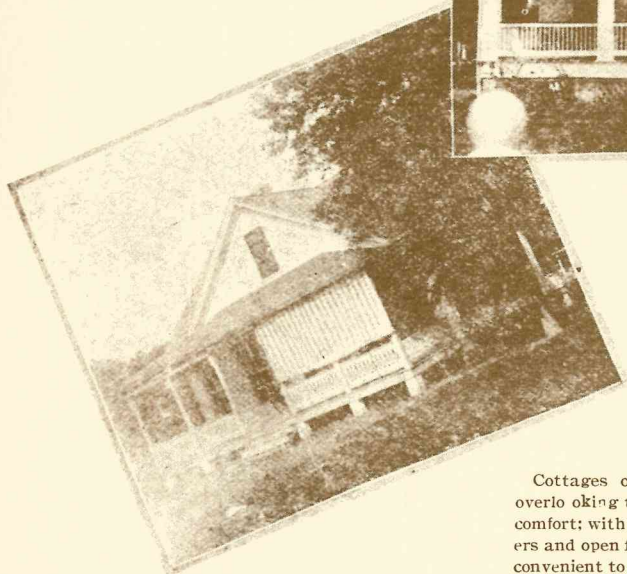
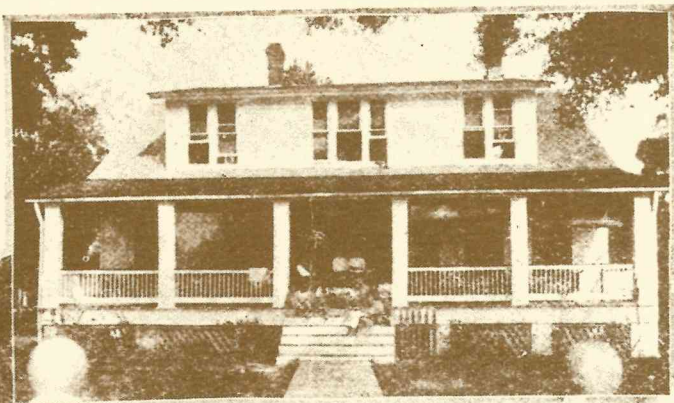
"Lovers' Lane," at Stone Springs, near Point Clear
Summer home of F. E. Overall, of Mobile, at Point Clear.

Grove surrounding Stone Springs, Point Clear.
Pier and boat house at the F. E. Overall place, Point Clear



Residence of Captain Edward Peppers. at Point Clear, in the midst of a beautiful grove, and facing the bay.

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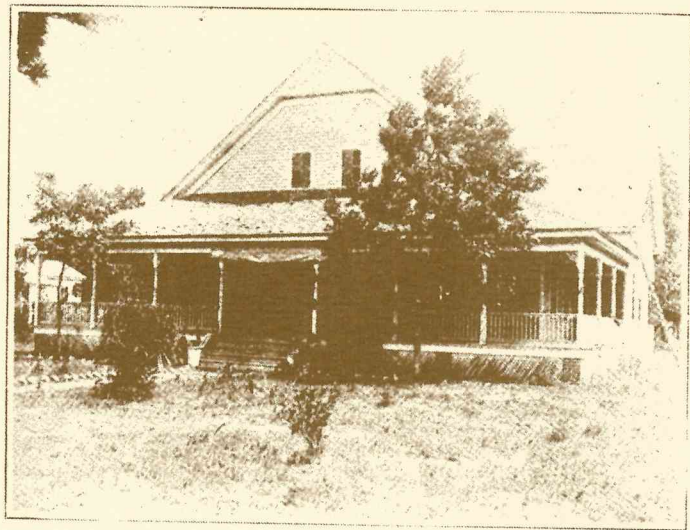


Cottages of Captain W. B. Curran at Battles Wharf, overlooking the bay and especially designed for winter comfort; with double walls and floors, warmed with heaters and open fireplaces, lighted with acetalene gas, and convenient to steamer landing.



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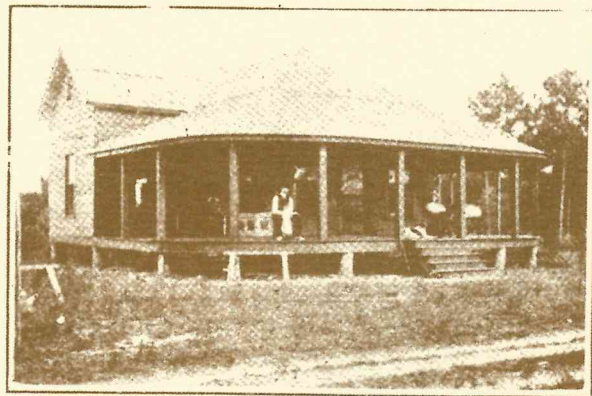


Residence of C. H. Costello, a Mobile merchant, at Point Clear

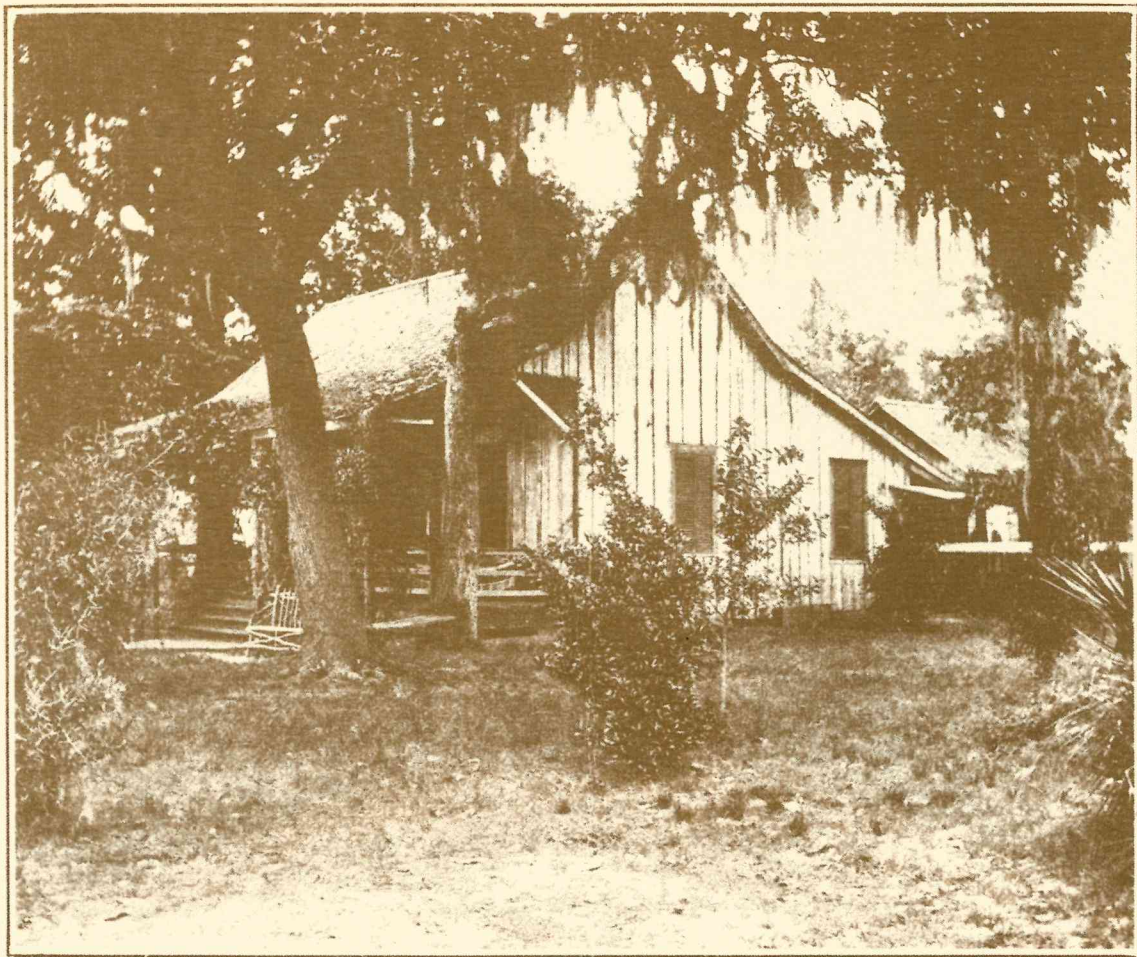
City in 36 hours; from St. Paul in 40 hours or from Denver in 48 hours. These figures are the approximate time required to reach Mobile from the various centers from the vicinity of which the greater number of the Eastern Shore's winter visitors come. They leave in a blizzard, with the temperature at or below the zero mark and in a day's travel will have reached the land where winter is little more than a name. On the Eastern Shore they find roses blooming in the open air, a temperature like that of

their own late spring, and the transition from northern winter to Gulf Coast winter seems almost a miracle.

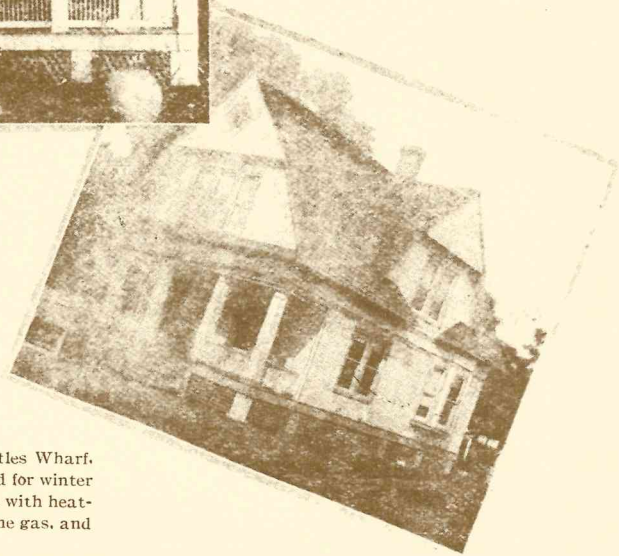
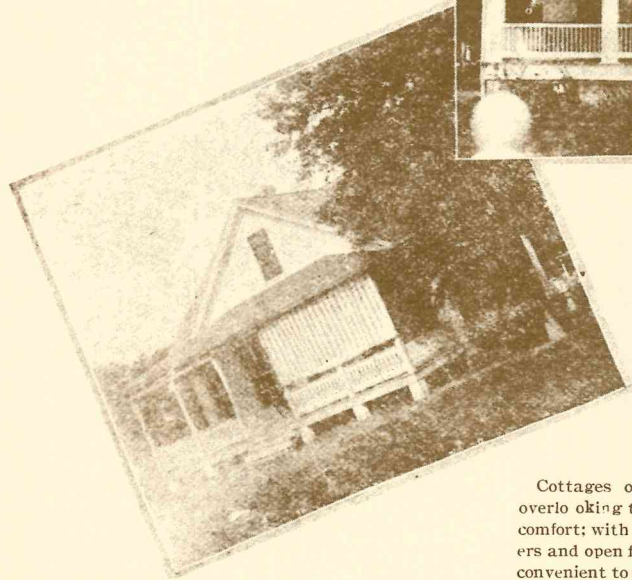
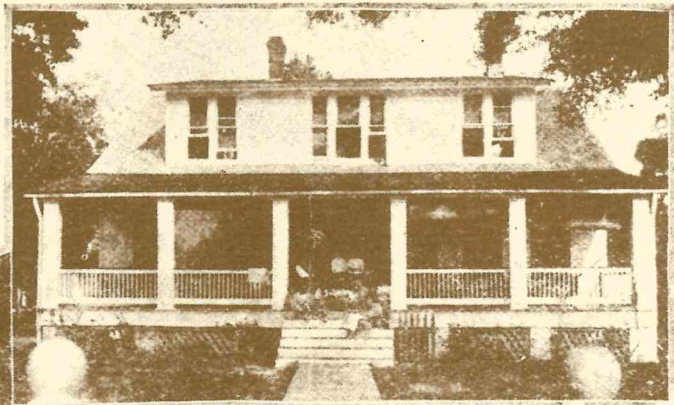
For those who are ill a long trip is particularly trying and the twelve, twenty-four, forty-eight hours, or even a longer period, saved by going to the Eastern Shore instead of some of the more easterly or westerly resorts is an item to be considered. The difference in the expense is also a matter to be taken into account and those contemplating a winter trip should investigate the advantages of the Eastern Shore.



H. E. Graham's cottage, with wide circular gallery, at Sea Cliff.



Summer home of Dr. Anglo Fistorazi, of Mobile, at Point Clear



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Point Clear

Midway between the city of Mobile and Forts Morgan and Gaines, which guard the entrance to Mobile bay, is a point on the Eastern Shore known for nearly three centuries as Point Clear. The title is appropriate, for no where is the air clearer or purer, and at no point do more limpid waters beat upon whiter sands.

At point Clear, long ago, there was a summer settlement frequented each year by wealthy Southern planters. A great hotel, famed over many states, flourished and was the scene of chivalric gaiety and lavish hospitality. This hotel, enlarged, improved and modernized, still stands on "The Point" and its pristine glories have been revived. A narrow cape on which stands the hotel, juts out into the bay, so that every one of the rooms overlooks the sea.

On each side of the point which gives the place its name, stretches a cove, north and south, and along these shores are many handsome cottages and homes, each shaded and protected by its sentinels of moss-bearded oaks.

A large number of these cottages are occupied by their



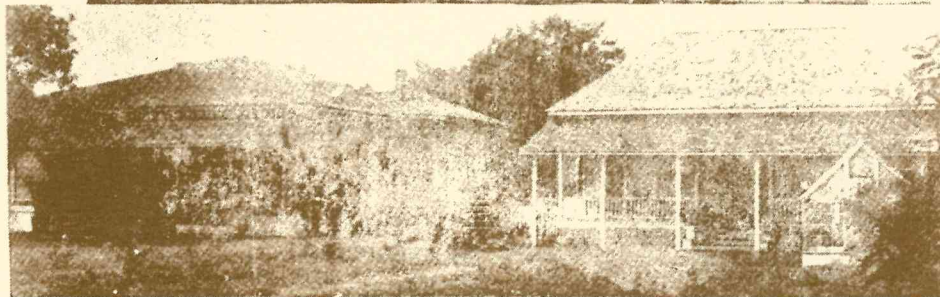
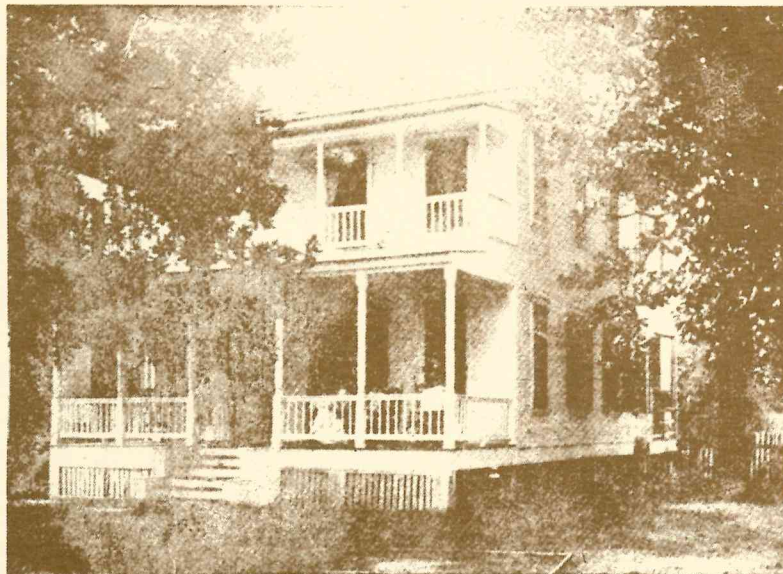
Cottages of F. L. Rice, of Mobile, facing the bay at Point Clear

owners in the summer but can be rented in the winter season.

At Point Clear the bathing is excellent, and each season brings its varying round of sports on land and sea, so that one must be sluggish, indeed, to lack amusements.

Among the summer events at Point Clear which attract hundreds of visitors each year should be mentioned the Alabama tennis tournament, the Mobile Yacht Club's regatta of the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association and the annual shoot of the Mobile Gun Club. In all of these events large prizes are given and much interest is manifested.

The regattas are particularly brilliant events. Yachts from the Southern Yacht Club at New Orleans, La., and the clubs at Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Pass Christian and Biloxi, Miss., participate with those representing the Mobile Yacht Club. The schooner yachts and big cabin sloops make the races both interesting and spectacular. The small cat boats are numerous in these races and are handled by expert gulf coast sailors with exceptional skill.



Residence and two cottages of Captain William M. Eanes in a beautifully shaded grove on the beach at Point Clear. Comfort winter and summer.

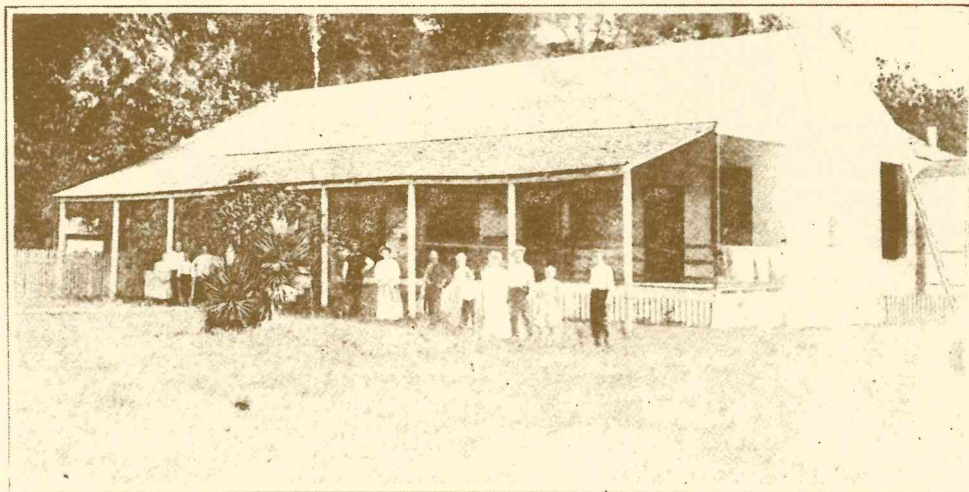
Healthfulness

The advantages of the Eastern Shore for the health seeker are many and varied. The soil is porous and well drained, so that there is no miasma and there are but few mosquitoes.

There is noticed here a total absence of the sudden changes in temperature or severely hot or cold weather so detrimental to the health of those who suffer from weak lungs.

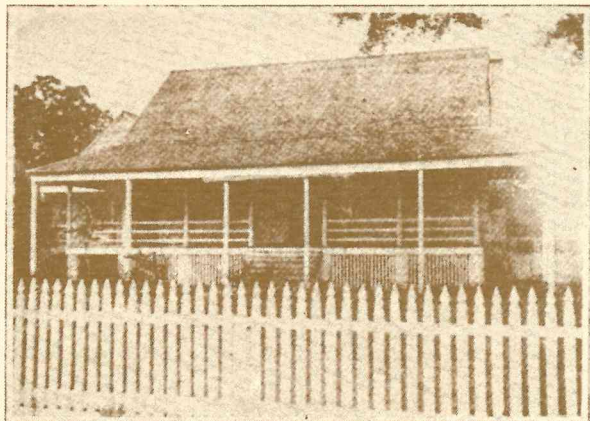
Among the ailments that are especially benefited by a sojourn on the Eastern Shore are consumption, pleurisy, bronchitis, kidney troubles, chronic rheumatism, nervous debility, heart disease and anaemia. The way that delicate children build up as a result of a visit to the Eastern Shore is often surprising. Convalescents after operation or severe acute diseases also pick up flesh and strength wonderfully.

There is a splendid opening on the Eastern Shore, at any of the several points, for a sanitarium to be conducted on modern lines and such a venture on a large scale is among the things planned by persons already interested in

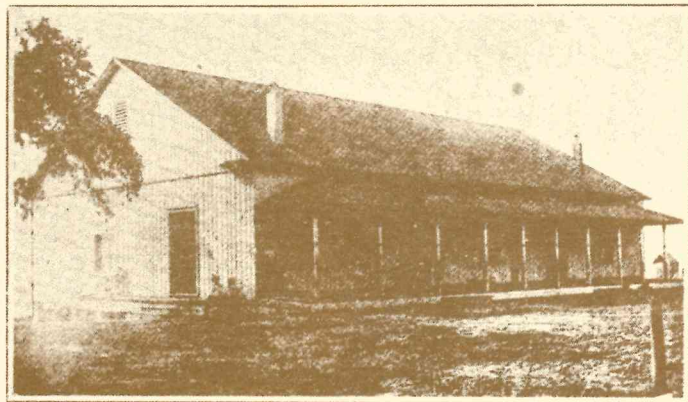


Summer residence of Adolph Danne, city clerk of Mobile, at Point Clear.

that section. The fact that malaria is almost unknown along the Eastern Shore and will not remain in the system of those who come there already poisoned with this malady has long been recognized and makes the place very popular with those who live in the malarial belts. It is also noticed that contagious diseases are very rare on the Eastern Shore and do not spread when imported there. The air seems totally opposed to all noxious forms of germ life.



J. P. Miller
Residence of Captain Joe Norville, Battles Wharf.

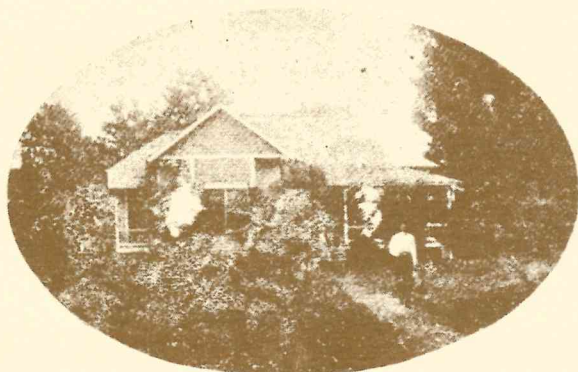


General store of A. Mcog, Battles Wharf.

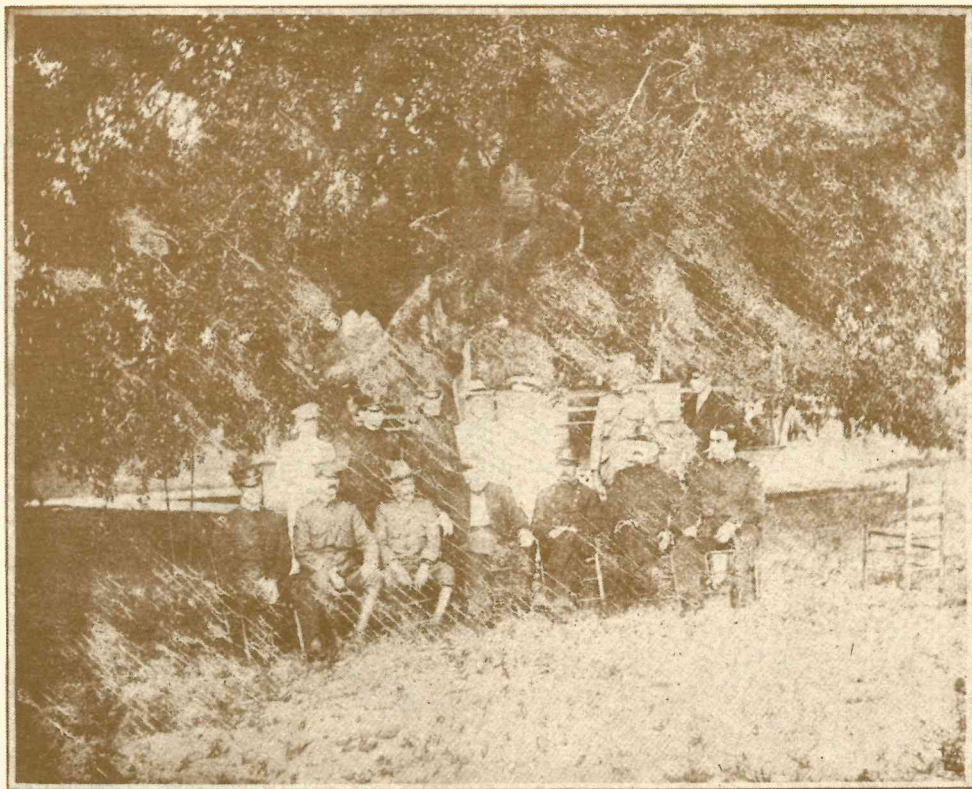
Accessibility

One of the many advantages which recommend the Eastern Shore of Mobile to those who live in the Middle or Middle-Western States and desire a warmer climate for the winter months is the accessibility of this section from their homes. It is much nearer for such tourists and visitors than are the areas in California and Florida, having like or similar climatic conditions at the same seasons.

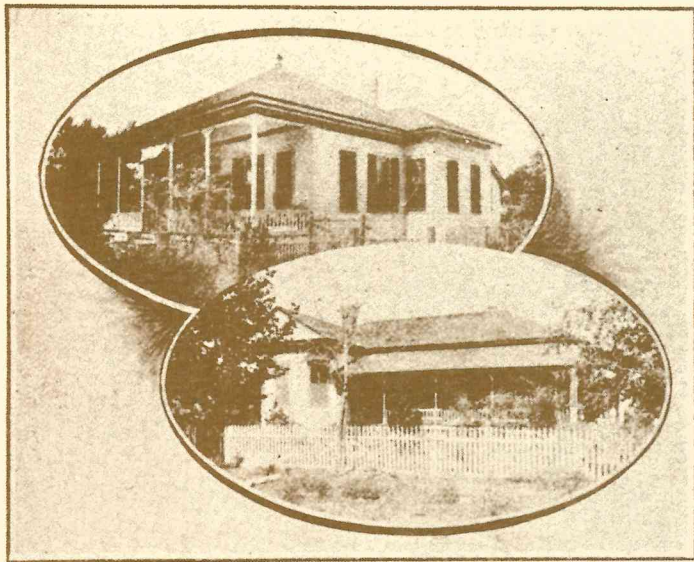
The trip from St. Louis, or Louisville to Mobile can be made in 20 hours; from Cincinnati in 24 hours; from Detroit, Chicago or Des Moines in thirty hours; from Buffalo, Omaha or Kansas



The Smith Cottage, Point Clear.



Governor William D. Jelks, of Alabama, his military staff and escort, visiting Point Clear hotel during the encampment of the Alabama National Guard in Mobile, July, 1906

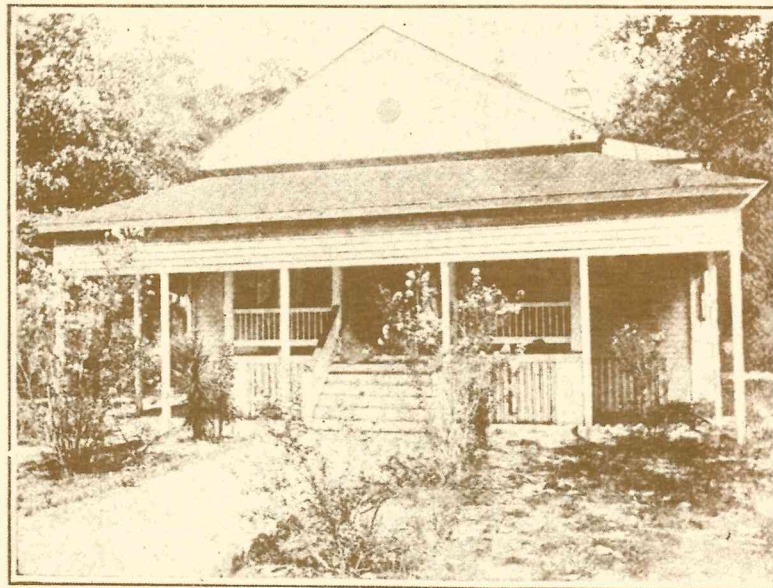


Two of the Zundel Cottages at Zundel's, Point Clear

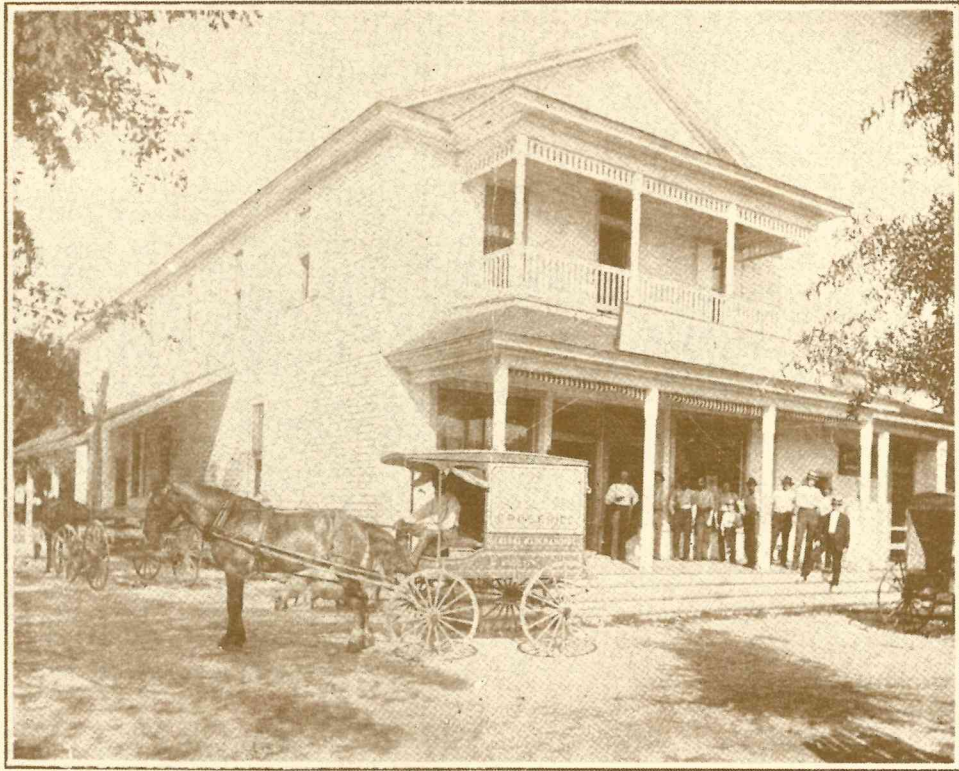
Zundel's Wharf

The Southern extremity of the Point Clear Settlement is usually referred to as "Zundels," though the post office of Point Clear is situated there and no dividing line marks where Zundel's begins and where Point Clear leaves off. This,

the South End of Point Clear, has, besides the postoffice, an excellent general store, a steam laundry, a good hotel and many of the more handsome residence buildings. Here, also, the bathing, boating and fishing are excellent, and small game is plentiful in the interior.

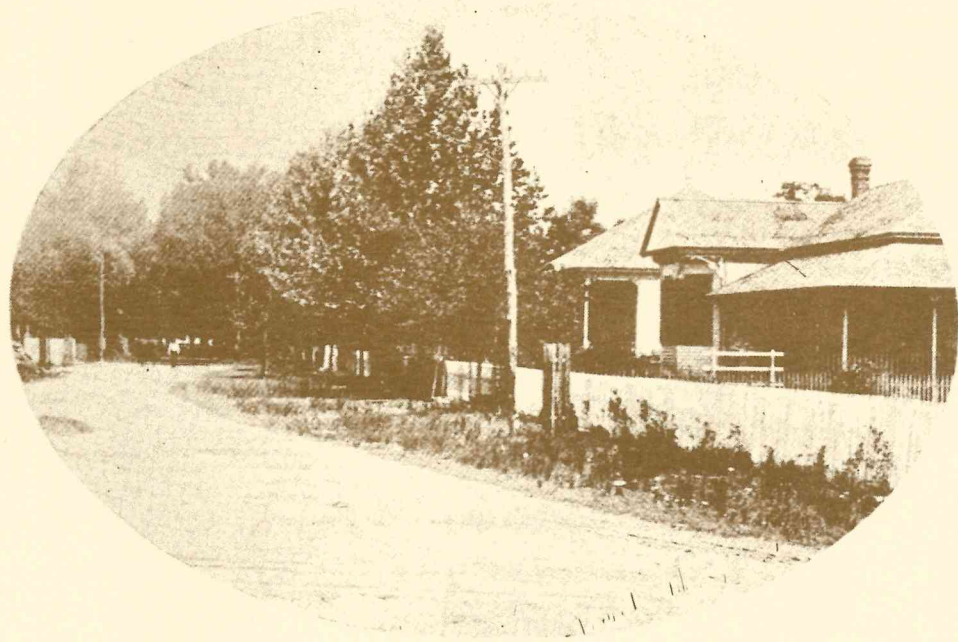


James Campbell's place, near Zundel's, Point Clear



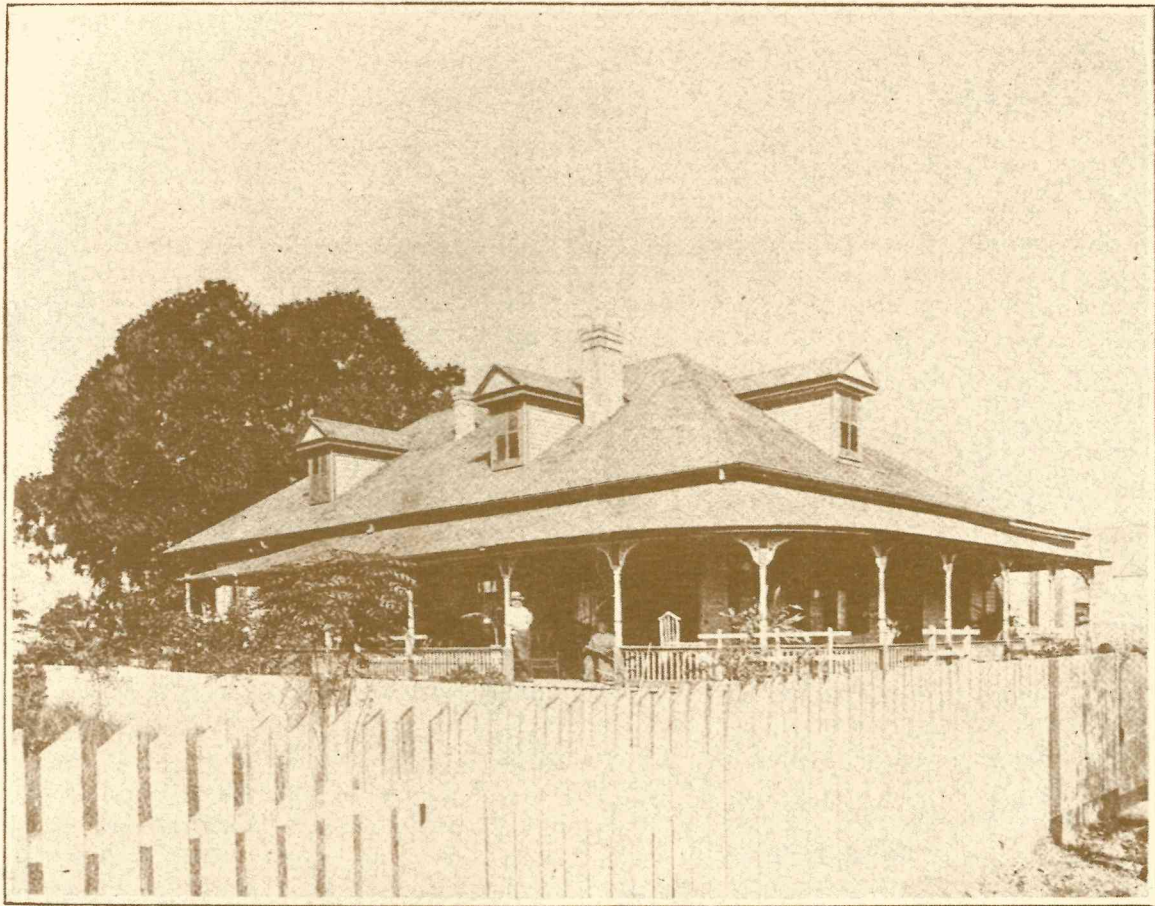
Store of Brodbeck and Zundel Bros., at Zundel's Wharf. Point Clear Postoffice is in the same building

Near Zundel's are to be found some of the most prosperous farms and truck gardens on the Eastern Shore, where sugar cane, cotton, corn and potatoes are staple crops. The sugar cane syrup grown and made there is accounted a finer product than is grown in Louisiana, and it is nearly all sold to the residents and winter visitors at the Eastern Shore resorts. Melons are also grown near Zundel's in great abundance and of excellent quality. The proximity of the gulf makes the climate more mild than even at Mobile and the early vegetables from Zundel's are often two weeks ahead of those from more northerly points in Baldwin County. The Baldwin County Transportation Company's fast steamer, Baldwin, makes daily trips from Mobile to Zundel's wharf, touching Point Clear and proceeding to Magnolia Springs and all Fish River landings.



Street Scene in front of the store of Brodbeck and Zundel Bros., Zundel's, Point Clear

She is owned largely by citizens of Zundel's and is managed by E. Brodbeck, Point Clear, Ala. In the busy season the Bay Steamship Company runs the steamer James A. Carney to Zundel's daily touching "The Point."



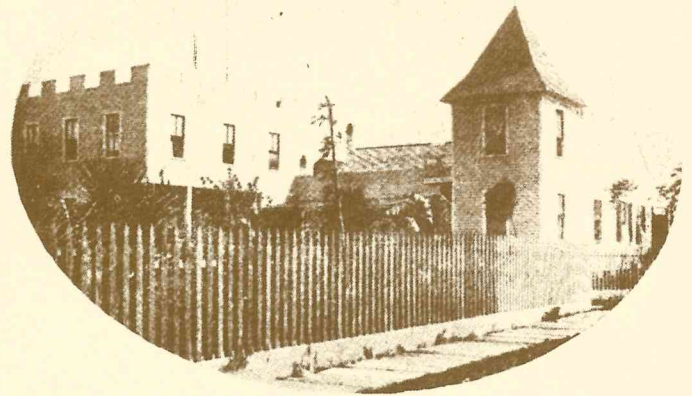
Residence of Edward Brodbeck, Merchant, Planter and Steamboat Manager, at Zundel's, Point Clear

Battles Wharf

Shaded driveways through leafy lanes, a broad walk and the bay connect Battles Wharf with Point Clear, less than a mile away. Battles is really the northern end of the Point settlement, though it has a separate post office and a separate steamer landing. At Battles there is a beautiful beach where the children can play in the white sand and where the bathing is both safe and enjoyable. There are also many conveniences for residents and visitors, excellent general stores, and easy access to the farms in the interior where vegetables and produce are grown. The Beach Hotel, with orange trees in its yard, the fruit ripening on the trees when the winter visitors arrive, is one of the attractive spots at Battles, and also one of its oldest sites, for the hotel is built around a pine-log house of such ancient date that the mind of the "oldest inhabitant" runneth not to the time when it did not stand there.

A district school, churches, an orphanage, many villas to be rented, pure water in plenty and other desirable features make Battles Wharf one of the most popular points on the Eastern Shore.

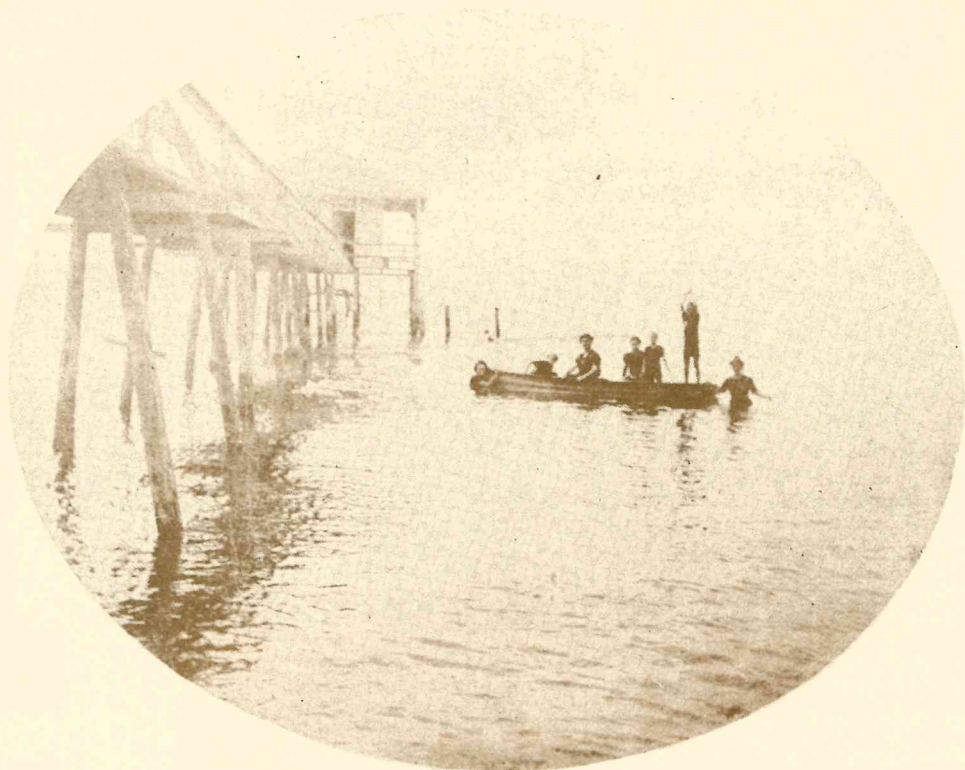
The last spur of the Appalachee range of mountains is said by an eminent civil engineer and student of geography and geology, Mr. Paul C. Boudousquie, to terminate near Battles, and from its base bubbles a living spring, the



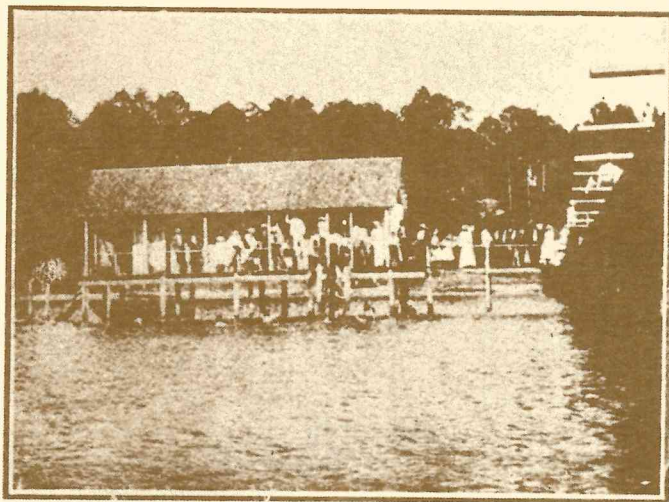
The Beach Hotel, near Battles Wharf and North Point Clear,
a popular resort summer and winter.

waters of which have wonderful curative powers. "Sweet Water Spring," it is called, and from it flows the clear and picturesque "Sweet Water Branch." Mr. Boudousquie has a summer home near where the spring water finds its way to the bay, and he has observed many remarkable cures made by the waters of the Sweet Water Spring. Urinary disorders and even dread Brights disease have been known to yield to its influence, in early stages.

The noted Spring Hill College, near Mobile, possesses at Battles a beautiful villa where the teachers and many of their pupils spend the days of the more heated term of the summer months, and many a delightful hour is spent there. The youths enjoying their vacation days in that favored retreat are many of them from foreign lands, confided to the care of the good Jesuit fathers. They enjoy the pleasures of the bay and other manly sports, including the great American game, baseball; and here they have every incentive to lead the active out-of-door life which makes them strong, active and healthy. They are a happy, care-free party, these Spring Hill College boys, with the right admixture of work and play and the very best moral as well as physical surroundings while protected by every safeguard to be found at the college proper.



Bathing at the Beach hotel pier, near Battles.

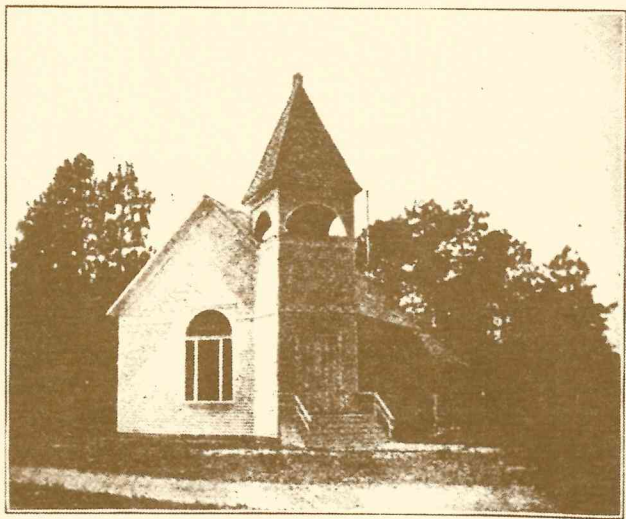


Bathers at Fairhope "Single Tax" Colony, where the Fishing and Bathing are hard to Beat

Fairhope

High on the hills, overlooking Mobile Bay, stands Fairhope, the home of the only "Single Tax Colony" in the United States, or perhaps, in the world. This colony is founded upon a theory and its motto is "We make good theories work." The philosophy of Henry George is put in practice at Fairhope as nearly as surrounding conditions will permit. The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation

owns nearly 4000 acres of land. This includes all of the town site and outlying properties as well. Lands are leased for a term of 99 years to individuals so desiring in tracts to suit their needs. The terms of the lease permit but a single tax, an "annually appraised rental which shall equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities and convert into the treasury of the corporation for the benefit of its lessees all values attaching to such lands not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees.



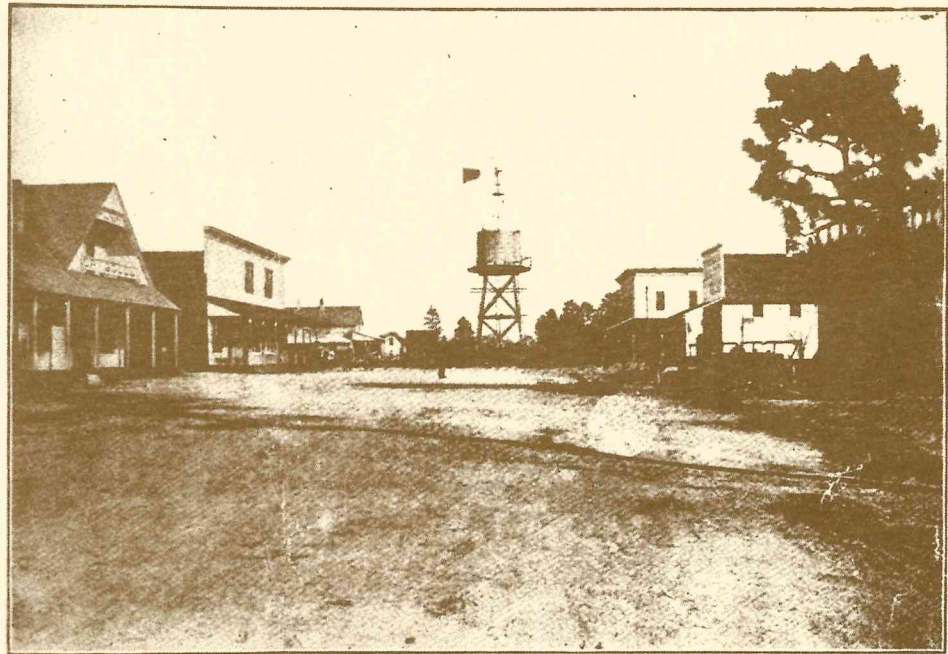
Christian Church, one of the several places of worship at Fairhope.

Out of these rents the corporation pays the taxes to the county and state on land, improvements and personal property of the lessees, and the remainder is spent for the public benefit in roads, schools, parks, bathing facilities and other public utilities. No part of the rent goes to the founders of the colony as profits, interest or dividends in any form.

The corporation also owns the wharf and revenues from it are expended for public benefit. A water works plant has also been installed, a free local telephone system is maintained and a public hall has been built.

The school fund is so increased from the colony treasury that the colonists enjoy eight months of excellent public school.

The officers of the colony are elective and members of the colony control its policies regarding men and measures, placing in practice the referendum, which gives each mem-



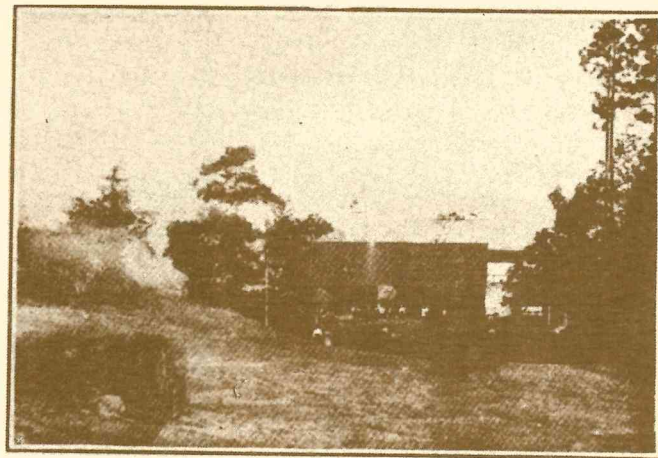
Business street in the Single Tax Colony, Fair Hope

ber an equal voice in the local government. Non members can lease land and have every right and privilege except that of voting, but they can become members at any time by signing the constitution and conforming to liberal conditions.

Mr. E. B. Gaston, of Fairhope, is secretary of the colony and takes pleasure in explaining the plans and aims of the colony to all who call or write on the subject. The merchants and farmers at Fairhope are all prosperous



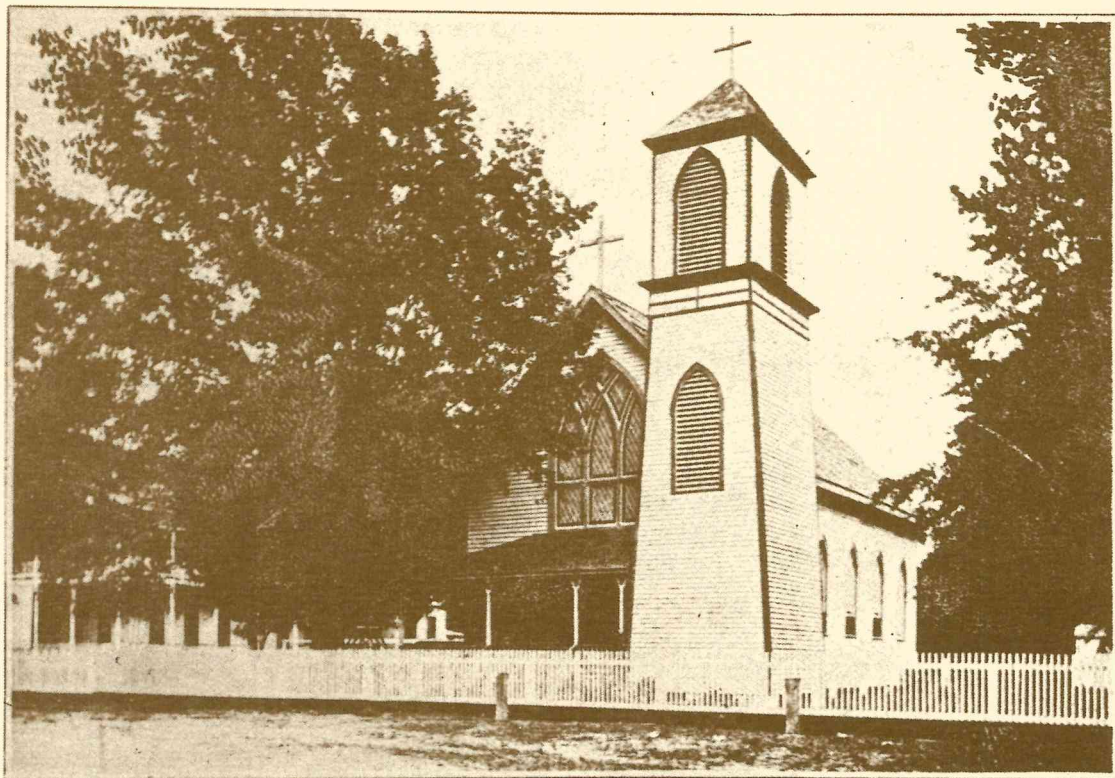
Sweet Water branch, near B attles.



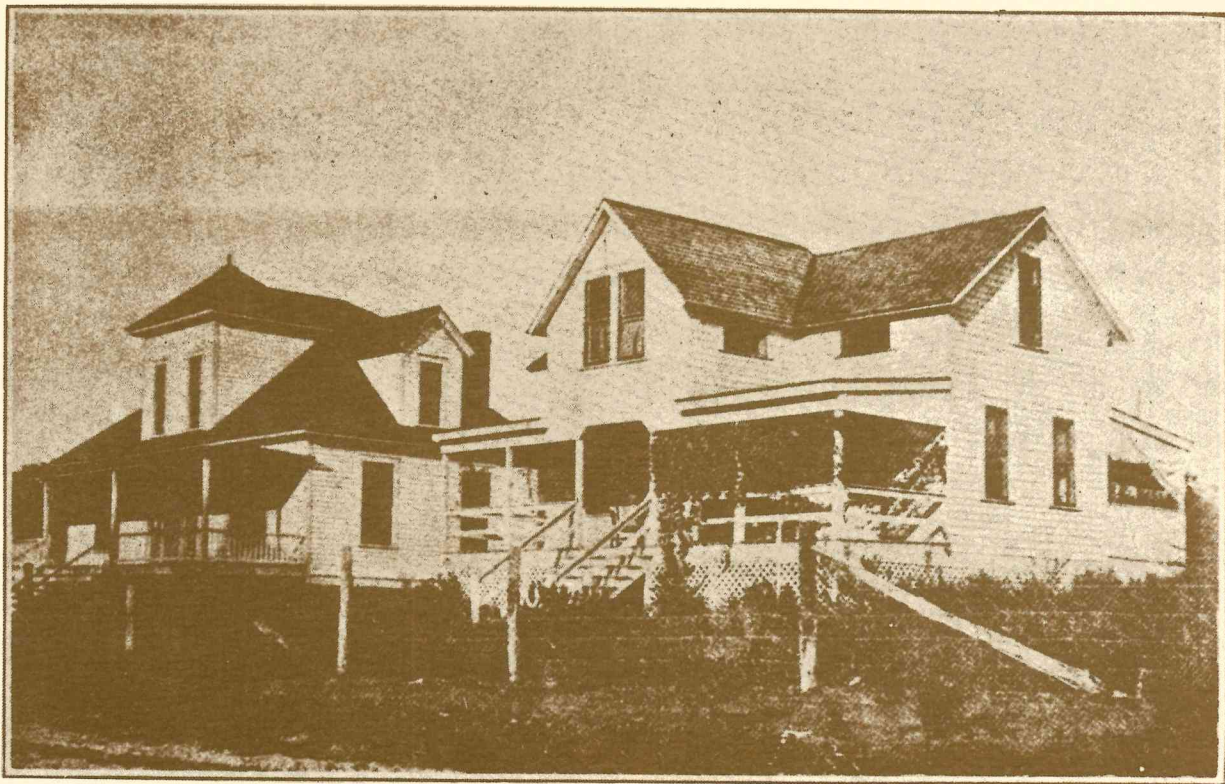
Wharf at Fairhope as seen from the hill.

and peace and plenty cheers their labors. The place has proven very attractive to winter visitors, having satisfactory hotels, boarding houses and numerous rentable cottages. The Fairhope Improvement Company has purchased a steamer, the Fairhope, which will run between Mobile and Fairhope, direct, carrying freight and passengers.

The Fairhope single tax colony was located in Baldwin county largely through the efforts of the passenger department of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, Mobile office.



Catholic Church near the beach at Battles.

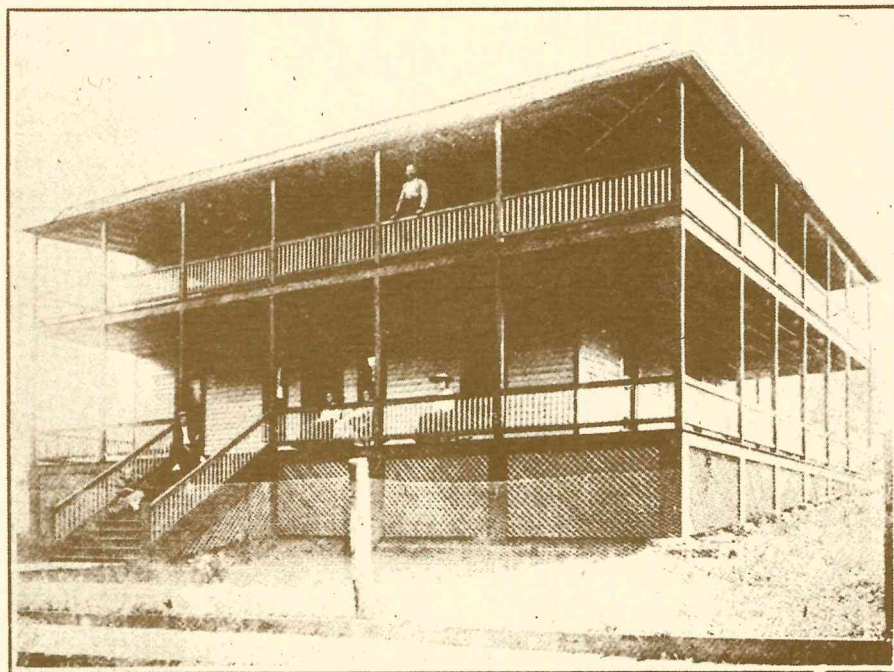


Residence of Mr. P. A. Parker at Volanta

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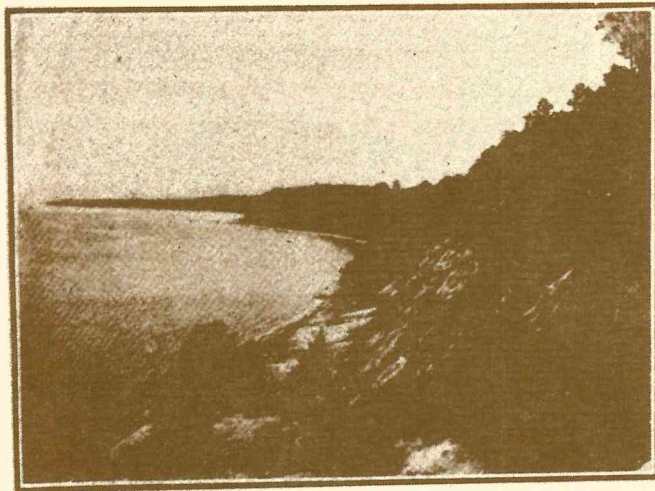
"Bayou Volante," flying river, now called by way of modernization, "Fly Creek," flows into Mobile Bay at a point between high bluffs, about two miles north from Fairhope. On the southern shore of this clear and beautiful stream is the village of Volanta. There is a saw mill at the mouth of the creek owned by the Volanta Lumber Company. This is the terminus of the proposed "Mobile, Volanta and Pensacola Railroad," which has been surveyed and rights of way practically secured through rich farming and timber country between Volanta and Pensacola, $43\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It is proposed to connect this line with Mobile by a ferry and a substantial pier has been built. At Volanta, on the summit of a bluff which gives a view of the wide expanse of Mobile Bay, is the Volanta Hotel, open all the year to tourists and visitors.

The Volanta Hotel is under experienced management, and though new, has become quite popular as a resort. The property about Volanta can be purchased in building



Volanta Hotel at Volanta is open summer and winter. It occupies a lofty site overlooking the bay

lots by those who actually intend to make improvements thereon, but cannot be bought and held for the purpose of speculation.



Sea Cliff, in front of J. Bestor Robertson's country home.
The highest bluff along the shore line between Corpus Christi, Tex.
and the Highlands of New Jersey.

Sea Cliff

The Geodetic Survey of the United States Government shows that the highest point of the seaboard between Corpus Christi and the highlands of New Jersey is at Sea Cliff, which overlooks the bay immediately north of the mouth of Bayou Volante, or Fly Creek. There are the red bluffs used during the colonial days as the summer home and retreat of troops at Mobile forts, Fort St. Louis, then

Fort Charles, to escape the dangers from disease which lurked about the ill drained garrison. There French, Spanish and English soldiers of fortune came alternately to recuperate from malaria, and the purity of its air and water has been known for more than two centuries.

On the summit of the cliffs are numerous comfortable, but unpretentious summer and winter homes, while at their base stretches a most beautiful beach and bay; for bathing and fishing.

Parallel with the beach, back from the cliffs, runs Fly Creek, teeming with green trout, bream, perch and many other kinds of fresh water fish. The place is easily accessible. Steamers land at Sea Cliff wharf.



All that is left of "Alabama City," an antebellum resort.



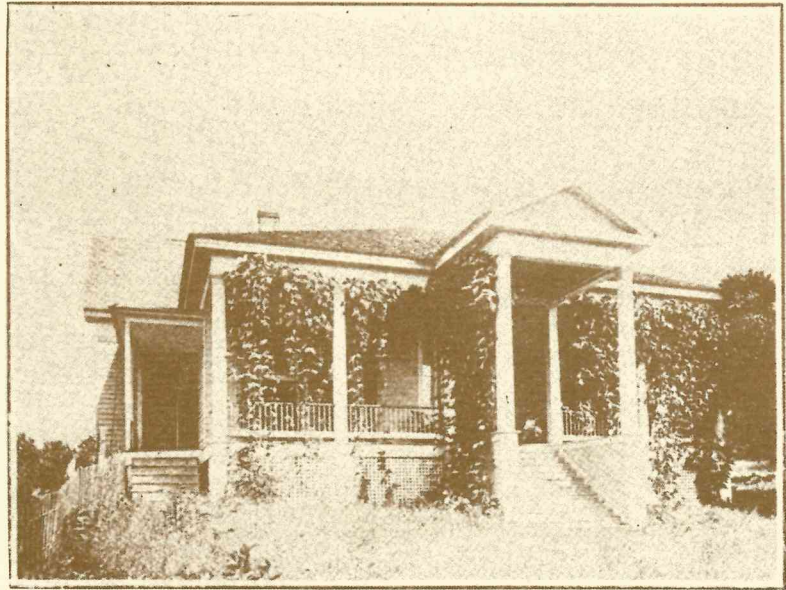
Cottages of Mr. J. B. Robertson, of Mobile, overlooking the bay from the summit of the bluff at Sea Cliff.

Montrose

The colonists at Mobile early discovered the natural beauties and healthfulness of the spot on the Eastern Shore where Montrose now stands and near there was the summer home of Elias Durnford, the British governor of the province. Wealthy families of Mobile have long made Montrose their summer place of residence and the homes there are among the finest on the Eastern Shore. Near Montrose are immense beds of a kind of clay which is particularly adaptable for the manufacture of high grade pottery.

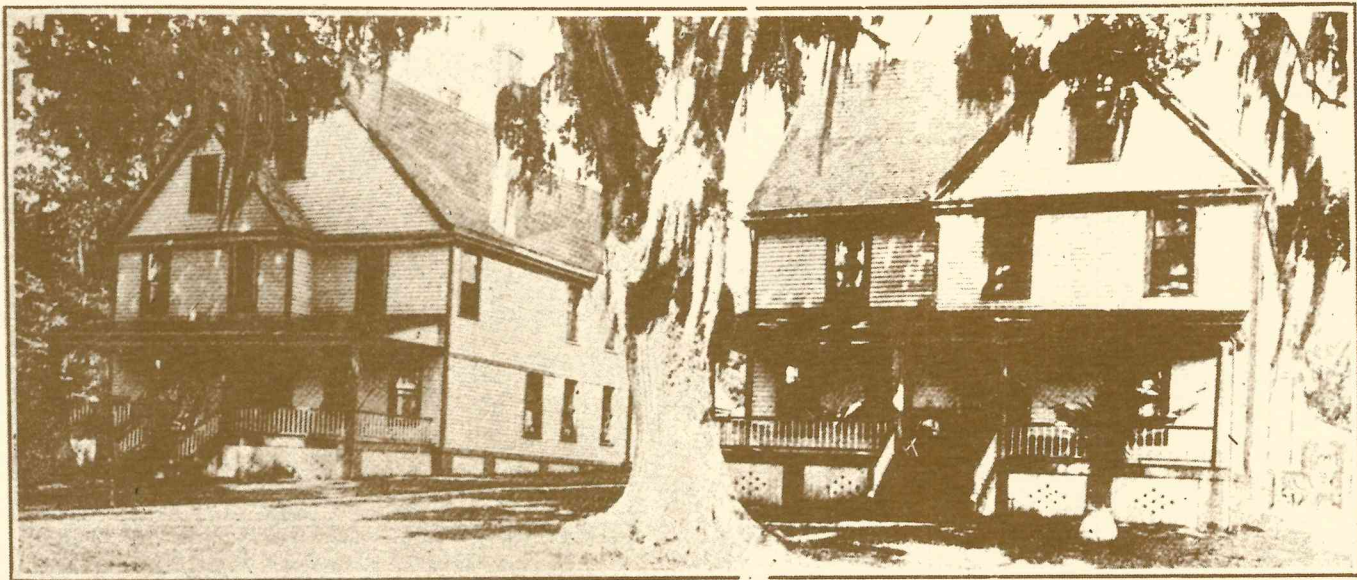
Each home along the Bay front at Montrose has its own spring of pure water. Steamers of the Bay Steamship Company land at its wharf coming from and to Mobile each day. There is a post office convenient to the bay front dwellers, and the place, like all others along the Eastern Shore, is connected with the outside world by local and long distance telephone lines.

There has been but little attempt to make Montrose a popular resort for the tourists or winter visitors and there is no hotel there, the nearest being at Daphne. There is a charming, quiet reserve about the place which impresses the casual visitor at once, Here is where the over-busy man or woman might find the "rest cure."



The Hidden Cottage, summer home of Attorney Elliott G. Rickarby,
of Mobile, at Montrose.

The manufacture of pottery at Montrose offers a field of industry which has been partially developed. Both the clay and fuel for burning it are ready at hand, in unlimited quantity, awaiting the touch of capital to develop a great industry. There is much to recommend Montrose to the favorable attention of both investors and visitors.



Home of W. D. Randall and Son, on a high ridge near bay at Daphne, one of the most beautiful spots on the Eastern Shore

Daphne

Nearly opposite the city of Mobile, and with a view of its spires, is Daphne, formerly the county site of Baldwin county. One of the oldest hotels on the Eastern Shore stands near the beach in a magnificent grove of oaks, cedars and magnolias, and this structure, like several others along the Eastern Shore, still shows marks of bombardment by

gunboats of Farragut's fleet in 1864. Its contiguity to Mobile and other features make Daphne very popular, both with the winter and summer visitors. Stores, turpentine stills and pottery give the place an air of business all the year. On the high hills north of wharves are several magnificent villas, including one which is owned by Hon. Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission.



Proceeds from the sale of this book will contribute to the preservation of the Battles Wharf Church, Battles Wharf, Alabama. This church is thought to have been built in the 1870's. This is a reprint of a book originally published in the early 1900's.

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