

Trinity and Live Oak



Before Camille



After Camille



by
Dan Ellis

As a young man and native of Middletown, Connecticut, he had taken his bride, Susan Metcalf of Virginia, to Liberia where they formed one of the first foreign missionaries for the Episcopal Church. Shortly afterwards, his wife died and he married Maria Chapin of Vermont while on a visit home in 1842. However, within their first year in Africa, she also died. The third Mrs. Savage was Elizabeth Rutherford of Rhode Island, who was of hearty stock and outlived her husband by many years.

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Dr. Savage had served as Trinity's Pastor since 1847, until 1861 when he relinquished his rector-ship to Rev. George W. Sill. Possibly due to the impending Civil War, Dr. Savage had sold most of his real-estate holdings including his residence and successfully operating Trinity Female Seminary. However, with the unexpected return sale of the school he was forced to remain in Pass Christian with assistance in some measure by Rev. John E.C. Smedes.

A Compliment from an early acquaintance

Thomas S. Dabney

On July 4, 1845, Thomas Dabney acquired a simple but airy and cool, summer house from Andrew and Myra Jane Knox. The dwelling, located at the west end in the current 900 block of Beach Boulevard, was situated in a grove of shade-trees looking directly on the shining beach and the blue waters of the Gulf.

At that time, the little village of Pass Christian was a place of extreme beauty. The houses were enshrouded by the shade of live-oak, magnolia, and other beautiful trees, which were dotted along the beach for a distance of four miles that were deployed roughly by two miles on each side of the Pass Christian lighthouse at midtown. The residents were, in the main, people of culture and wealth – either citizens of New Orleans or planters of Mississippi or Louisiana, who came there to spend the summer months. When Thomas and Sophia Dabney sold their home on February 1, 1855, for \$6300, it was evident that during their years of ownership, they had greatly improved the property.

At Pass Christian, the Dabneys attended the Episcopal Church. "The organ up in the gallery and the singing up there behind us seemed mysterious and heavenly. The tall pines and the giant live-oak on the great Indian mound in front and the cedars that stood round it, made the church seem a place where the world and its thoughts could not enter. One day we were told that we were to be taken to the beautiful little church to be christened – all, from Edward down to the baby in a nurse's arms were christened that day.

"Due to Colonel Dabney's stubborn rigidity, prior opportunities for baptism were ignored because of the characters of the clergymen. But it was the Pass cleric who won his respect. We were baptized by the Rev. Thomas Staughton Savage with Mrs. Savage standing by our mother's side as godmother for the whole flock. An envelope containing a handsome sum for each child's name was put in the rector's hand when it was over. The church made no charge for admission into her folds, but Col. Dabney made his offering to be used in any way that the minister thought best."

**Excerpts from
"Memorials of a
Southern Planter"
by Susan Dabney
Smedes**

Thomas Staughton Savage — The Educator Trinity Female Seminary of Pass Christian

In reading and interpreting Deed Book property transactions, there is much relevant information to be gleaned. Hindered by a lack of supporting facts, the researcher's comments are shown in *italics*. Property descriptions indicating the ½ section line of Sec. 25 and 26 would be approximately at Josephine Street as the northern boundary described in some transactions.

On 5-16-1851, for \$2,180, Dr. Thomas Savage purchased from Theodore and Amilie Grego, Lot #109 measuring a 150' frontage along the Gulf by a depth to the ½ Section Line of Section 25. *Due to the stated sale amount, it is almost certain that there was a house already existing on the Gulf front property which was located off Henderson Avenue near the Trinity Episcopal Church.*

6 SouthWest ---- Marguerite French

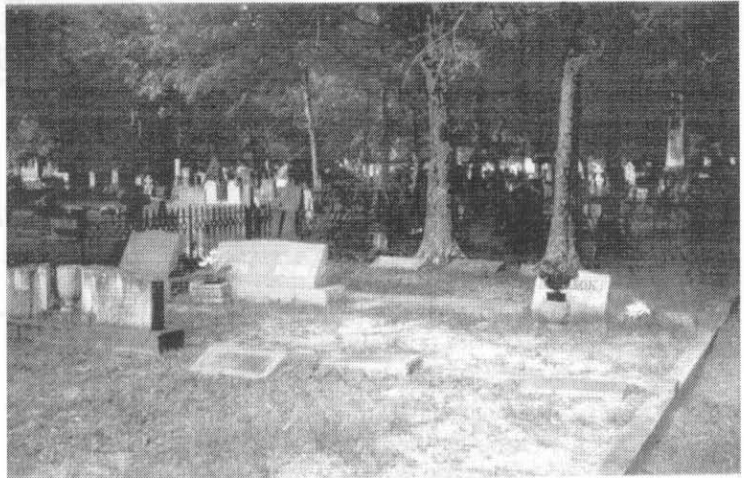
Marguerite French
Lt JG (NC) USNR
12/10/1930 – 4/30/1956

6 West — Aiken / Lundy

*Note: There is no marker for Gayle Aiken, Jr.
The first Aiken was Isham as head of a family of six
that arrived to farm his land in the 1830s.*

Walter Boardman Lundy
1870 – 1949

Vera Lloyd Lundy
1878 – 1964



French / Lundy / Wiegand / Hanson plots

6 NorthEast — Wiegand — 3Markers

W.G. Wiegand — journalist, reporter, columnist, athlete — was an avid researcher of Pass Christian's early homes and residents and a founding officer of the Pass Christian Historical Society.

William Green Wiegand, Sr
1903 – 1971

Mildred Brown Wiegand
1908 – 1951

William Green Wiegand III
1960 – 1960

7 — Henry Leovy — Fenced Deep Family Plot that extends through Plot #22

Henry Hunley Leovy — Born at Marietta, GA — 9/25/1863 – 4/16/1888

Son of Henry Jefferson Leovy and Elizabeth Adair Monroe Leovy

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace"

Thomas Monroe Leovy — Born at New Orleans, LA — 11/13/1860 – 8/6/1871

Son of Henry Jefferson Leovy and Elizabeth Adair Monroe Leovy

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"

Eliza P. Monroe — Born at White Hall, KY — 8/11/1790 – 7/25/1871

Daughter of John and Catherine Adair and widow of Thomas B Monroe

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"

Thomas B Monroe ---- Born in Virginia — 10/24/1794 – 12/24/1865

"He emigrated to KY — Appointed US Dist Judge by President Jackson —

Resigned 1861 . . . Civil War. . ."

Katherine Adair — Born in Kentucky — 12/10/1817 – 12/13/1900

Daughter of Thomas B and Eliza P Monroe

Polly Hardin Monroe — Born in Kentucky — 4/25/1820 – 3/5/1913

Note: Henry Leovy, a lawyer from Georgia, with wife Eliza and six children, settled in Pass Christian

For more than 20 years, they lived at 625 E. Beach Blvd, which was built in 1871, and is locally called the Leovy-Hill House,— Henry Jefferson Leovy arrived in the Pass during the early 1870s with his wife, Elizabeth Adair, a member of the Monroe family. Polly and Kitty Monroe shared the adjoining property at 613 E Beach Blvd.

George Leovy (1797 - 1881), Henry's father, began property acquisitions in 1852, and lived west of Clarence Avenue. Pass Christian has a street named for the Leovys.



Leovy Family Plot

*Fenced – enclosing 15 well marked graves –
Extends from Plot #7 through Plot #22 East
Includes marital relatives – Adair, Monroe, others*

8 East — GN Smith — a physician from North Carolina, with wife Seignora, and two children lived at 709 E. Beach Boulevard. On September 4, 1861, Dr. Smith was listed with the Mississippi Brigade as Army Surgeon under the command of Brig. Gen. Dahlgren

Dr. George Norfleet Smith

1806 - 1882

Seignora Peyton Meade Smith

1811 - 1888

Harriet Meade Smith Leroux

1849 - 1891

Dr. Charles Louis Leroux

1845 - 1898



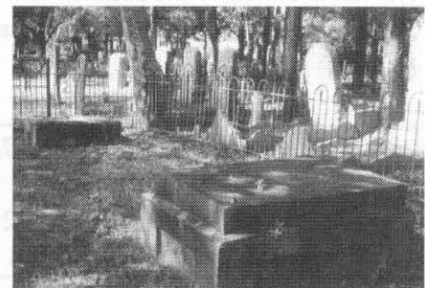
George N Smith Plot

8 SouthEast – Gordon — Broken Slab

Virginia Amelia Gordon — 1825 – 1855



Virginia Amelia
Gordon
1825 - 1855



Illegible and Unnamed Block Tombs

8 West — Consists of One large unnamed cement block tomb and a smaller, illegible one

21 East — N Bohn — Fenced

Nicholas Bohn started his legacy as a shoemaker.

Nicholas Bohn from Germany —
10/6/1831 – 1/23/1900

"Those who knew him best, loved him most"

Barbara Shaad, his wife, from Switzerland —
1/31/1837 – 12/30/1888

*"Tis hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart
Tis hard, So hard, to speak the words
Must we forever part?"*



N. Bohn



Nicholas Bohn Plot – Fenced

Anna Henrietta, daughter of Denis & Josephine Amiel — 6/22/1880 - 6/6/1882

21 SouthWest — Wm Gammill – 2 Markers

William Gammill
Son of JA and MA Gammill
8/30/1858
3yr - 3mo - 3day

J.A. Gammill
"Departed this Life"
2/19/1819 – 10/6/1861

James and Martha Gammill of South Carolina settled in the Pass during the 1850s. They had 4 children — Amanda, James, Charles, and Florence



Gammill Plot

22 East — Henry J Leovy — extends from Plot #7 into Plot #22 — Fenced Plot — Three rows deep — here showing 2nd and rear rows

Henry Jefferson Leovy — 5/17/1826 – 10/31/1902

Elizabeth Adair Monroe — wife of Henry Jefferson Leovy — 12/4/1828 – 6/1/1905

Augustus Leovy — Died 12/26/1900

George Leovy — England – (1797 – 4/6/1881)

Victor Leovy — 3/9/1869 – 11/10/1942

Frank Adair Leovy — 1870 – 1949

Son of Henry Jefferson Leovy and Elizabeth Adair Monroe

Augusta Glenny Leovy — 1871 – 1942

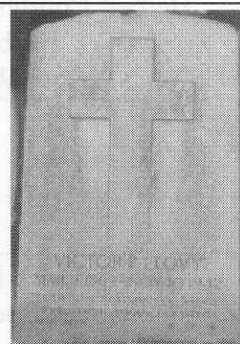
Wife of Frank A. Leovy — Daughter of Emma Louisa and Isaac E Glenny

Elizabeth Monroe Leovy Annan — 1901 – 1943

Daughter of Augusta Glenny and Frank A Leovy

Helen Leovy Carrington — 1903 – 1982

Daughter of Augusta Glenny and Frank A Leovy



50 NorthWest — Laville Bremer

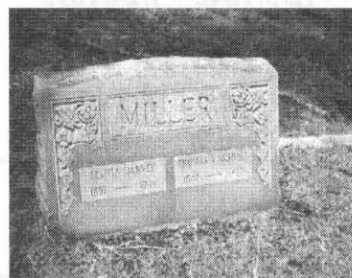
— Cement border and large monument

Laville Bremer — Died 11/30/1942 at age 67
 Mary Moore — His Wife — Died 12/4/1943

*Bremer Plot***51 SouthEast — Mrs TM Miller**At Front — A partially Buried Stone reads: **“Brill” — 1875 — 1882***Possibly a Grandchild of John Brill, Sr.*

Miller Headstone Reads:

Letitia Dabney Miller — 1852 — 1946
 Thomas Miller — 1847 — 1920

*Miller Plot**Brill 1875-1882*

*There is an apparent relationship between Letitia
 and Anne “Dabney”*

51 NorthEast —At Front — A partially Buried Stone reads: **Fassman — 1865**

*Henry and Eliza Ann Fassman built their home in 1848 — the Widow
 Fassman sold the property in 1874, which is the current site of 541 and
 543 East Beach Boulevard.*

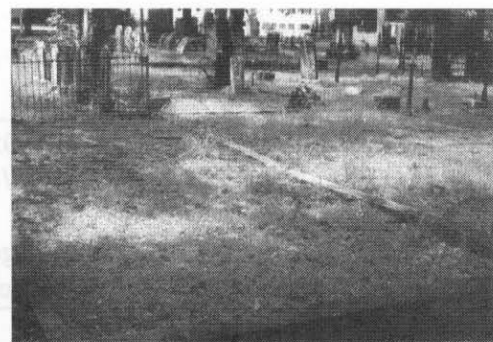
Anne Robinson Dabney — Died 7/31/1915
 77 years 7 months

*Dabney / Fassman***51 NorthWest — Virginia Trautman**

No markers apparent

51 SouthWest — Charles Michaud

No markers apparent

*Trautman / Michaud Plots*

74 — Mrs Mervyn Rafferty — Memorial Monument

— 7 headstones

Katharyn Palmer Kenway (Wales) — 11/18/1868 – 3/31/1941

Lucille Atkinson Rafferty — 3/13/1928 – 8/20/1992

Rory Robin Rafferty — 4/13/1928 – 5/15/1994

Sheelah Rafferty Maginnis — 12/8/1921 – 6/30/1978

Nigel Ewing Rafferty — 8/8/1923 – 12/6/1984

Mervyn S Rafferty (Chicago) — 12/19/1897 – 10/31/1955

Donald Rafferty, MD (Pittsburgh) — 2/24/1882 – 6/11/1954



Rafferty Family Plot

The Raffertys owned 551 E. Beach Dr., one of the oldest homes, "Ballymere."

Dr. Rafferty served as Mayor in 1935. Son Rory was famous for having conducted his mail route with a chauffeur driven car. The large West Indies anchor at PCYC was a gift of Dr Donald Rafferty.

75E John E Lansing

John Randolph — Infant son of JE and RD Lansing

Died – 12/24/1906

Robert Boward — Infant son of JE and RD Lansing

Died – 1/20/1906



Lansing Infants

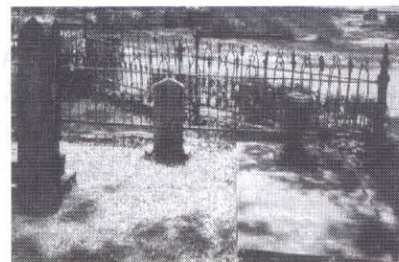
75 West — Mrs ED Greene — Small Pinnacle, Headstone and Cement Slab with urn

Major Benjamin Greene was appointed United States Surveyor General

Benjamin H Greene, Son of Esther Shackleford and John Futhey Greene

Chief Engineer, 2nd Army Corps, Army of Northern VA – CSA

9/7/1829 (South Carolina) 1/4/1890 (Montana - Where his remains lie)



Greene / Dabney Plot

Thomas Dabney Greene, Son of Emmeline Dabney and Benjamin H Greene

4/20/1875 – 9/2/1904

Emmeline Dabney, daughter of Sophia Hill and Thomas S Dabney,

Wife of Benjamin H Greene — 10/7/1844 at Burleigh Plantation

Died 7/13/1923

(In the novel by Susan Dabney Smedes, "Memorials of a Southern Planter," much of the information gathered was due to the correspondence between "Emmy" and her family, with memoirs of Summer visits to Pass Christian from the 1840s to the 1860s)