Snyder Memorial Museum

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From an original sketch by Louisiana artist, Anne Goss Nelson
BASTROP, LOUISIANA
POINTS OF INTEREST . . .

The courthouse is located on the main square in the heart of Bastrop. There have been four courthouse buildings at this spot, (1) the first log courthouse, (2) a brick structure which burned in 1870, (3) the building completed about 1873 which was rebuilt in 1884. The fourth structure, which is the present one, was finally occupied in 1915 and has since had two major enlargements and renovations, the first in 1935–1936 and the latest in 1966–1968.

The Locke-Cullen Memorial, dedicated to the paper and gas industry is located on the Northeast corner of the courthouse square.

A cotton gin and two International Paper Mills are located in downtown Bastrop. Tours of the mill are available each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. if reservations are made by calling 281-1211.

The oldest church in continuous use in the Parish is the Bartholomew Methodist Church which was built in 1825. It is located on the Old Bonita Road, between Bastrop, Louisiana and Bonita, Louisiana on Highway 140.

Highway 165 South, which is a Blue Star highway (the marker can be found at the intersection of Madison Street and Odom Street in Bastrop) leads toward Point Pleasant, the site of long ago river boat traffic. This landing was the scene of steamboats, warehouse and romantic riverboat captains.

RECREATION TO SUIT ANY TASTE....

Within Morehouse Parish are great recreational facilities. Bastrop boasts three city parks, two with swimming pools. A. P. Carter Memorial Park, near the Snyder Museum has picnic tables, playground equipment, and a gym with basketball courts.

Excellent fishing facilities are found at Bussey Brake Reservoir. This 2000 acre man-made reservoir was constructed by International Paper Company to insure their water supply. Bussey Brake is known for the best bass fishing in this area. Boats, bait, and fishing tackle, along with trailer sites and camping facilities, are available. Bussey Brake is located 6 miles from downtown Bastrop, on Highway 593 (Bonner Ferry Road).

Chemin-A-Haut Park, a Louisiana State recreation facility is 7 miles from downtown Bastrop on Louisiana Highway 139. Good camping abounds here; cabins or tent sites, a large central lodge, bar-b-que and cooking facilities and ball fields. Reservations may be made in advance. This is a wonderful spot for family vacations and family reunions.

Woodlands Park, located on Highway 139, and owned by the School Board, is a beautiful woodland area conducive to the study of plant and animal life in the area. It has excellent coverage of both deciduous and coniferous plants. There are detailed hiking areas, picnic tables, a water well and rest rooms.

Nature trails are indicated which include two bridges over the stream which meanders across the acreage.

This area of Louisiana is well known for its delicious bar-b-que. There are several restaurants where bar-b-que beef, ribs and pork are a speciality.

All of the Morehouse Parish facilities, shops and restaurants carry on the deep South warmth and welcome traditional to this part of the world. The Historical Society, the Police Jury, and the parish as a whole extend a warm invitation to all comers, and hope visitors will take home happy memories and make a speedy return.
SNYDER MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The Snyder Memorial Museum was built as a private residence in Bastrop, Louisiana, in 1929 by Charles and Esther Snyder. In 1972 the four Snyder heirs gave the home and grounds to Morehouse Parish, to be used by the citizens of the Parish. In December 1972, the Morehouse Historical Society was organized to perpetuate the history of and promote the interest of Morehouse Parish. The Police Jury (governing body of the Parish) allowed the Society to create and use the home as the Snyder Memorial Museum.

Inside the home are period pieces of furniture, maps and charts dating back to the original Spanish Land Grants made to Baron de Bastrop in 1796, kitchen utensils, china, articles of clothing, tax receipts issued when Point Pleasant was an active trading port and histories pertaining to the parish and its citizens.

The spacious grounds are known for beautiful azaleas and other Southern plants, including cotton, soy beans and peanuts. The garage houses farm tools of all descriptions. Beneath the shady pine trees can be found picnic tables for the visitors use.

The Museum sponsors frequent specialized exhibits during the year which are on loan for a limited time.

Snyder Memorial Museum is located on Highway 165 North on the Mer Rouge Road.

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