Coushatta, Red River Parish Tell
‘High Water’ Story in Official Survey

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Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 18.—Coushatta, La., has come through high water and an occasional approximation of hell, its official history discloses.

The history of the town and Red River parish is told in a survey of Parish resources and facilities published today by the parish development board and the state public works department.

The original town site, the history discloses, has been completely destroyed by the “meandering and treacherous red river,” but the town gradually moved back to safer ground. Two major fires, one in 1874 and one in 1918, gutted the town, which was rebuilt largely in brick after the second.

And one of the fiercest riots of reconstruction times led to reprisals and counter-reprisals.

But the parish survey points out that the people of Coushatta “were never discouraged by calamities.”

The town is the seat of Red river parish whose economy, the survey points out, is mainly agricultural, with cotton and corn as the principal crops and livestock farming steadily increasing.