The Estherwood area had two earlier names, Tortue, after the Indian chief, and Coulee Trief or Trive. The “Coulee Trief” name origin involves a mysterious person believed to have been one of Lafitte’s pirates. About 1816 a man named Jean Baptiste Trief built a cabin on a coulee about six miles west of the present city of Crowley; he was described as “tall, dark and sinister-looking; he mingled little with the Acadian settlers. He wore large earrings of the kind that were worn by buccaneers of the Spanish Main.”