The Egan Community was named for William M. Egan, a pioneer businessman of Crowley. The place was at various times known as Jonas Point and Canal Switch, later as the Abbott post office. The roadbed for the Louisiana Western railroad was constructed westward from Lafayette as far as Egan in the early 1870s; later it was decided to re-route the line south of Egan to eliminate bridging Bayous Plaquemine Brulee and des Cannes. The old roadbed, built by convict labor, remained there for many years. Dirt from it was used to build Acadia Parish roads. Interstate 10 highway was constructed on, or very nearly on, the old roadbed. Among early settlers of the Egan area were the families of Regan, Trumps, Sensat, Leger and Clements.