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Family Cemetery Houses Memories Of Old Customs

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The lot of a real estate agent who still owns a small tract in the old cemetery, where the ancestors of the Lafitte family are buried, is a section of land on the banks of the Bayou Plaquemine, which is the southern boundary of the city of Lafayette.

The cemetery is a family property. It was started by Pierre Lafitte in 1800, and his son, Etienne, continued the work until his death in 1815.

It was a wealthy man who, when his relatives and friends died, did not make a special effort to have them buried in a family plot, but allowed them to be buried according to the wishes of the deceased.

The cemetery is surrounded by a high fence, and the entrance is through a gate.

The different plots are separated by black iron gates, and the graves are marked with marble headstones.

The oldest graves, which are still in good condition, are those of Jean Lafitte, who died in 1800, and his wife, Marie Lafitte, who died in 1805.

The stones of the graves are made of marble, and the inscription on the stones is in French.

The cemetery is a place of great beauty, and the trees and flowers around the graves add to the solemnity of the place.

The Lafitte family has been one of the most prominent families in the history of Lafayette, and the cemetery is a reminder of their contributions to the city.