Chipola is located in the western part of St. Helena Parish, about eleven miles northwest of Greensburg. In 1880 Dr. E. O. Collins named it after Chipola in Florida. The post office site was moved about a mile from the site originally selected.

The name Chipola at once suggests the Choctaw word Chepuli, which means "feast," or "great dance."

The 1950 Rand McNally gazeteer describes Chipola as having a population of 80 and a post office. The 1960 edition designates Chipola as rural, giving no population figure. It says mail is received from the Greensburg post office.

Source: "Louisiana Place-Names of Indian Origin" by William A. Read.

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