Early Louisiana Furniture Fills Lake Grove Plantation Home

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Lake Grove plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Lide on Lake St. Joseph at Newellton is filled with one of the largest collections of early Louisiana furniture in the state.

Interest in this type of furniture dates back approximately a quarter of a century when collectors were looking for furniture and artifacts as a tangible part of the state's history.

However, Mrs. Lide has been interested in it since her girlhood days on Bayou LaFourche, "for this is a type distinct from other 18th and 19th century Southern furniture," said the former Miss Nita Deloach, a native of Monroe, La.

Many will remember her early Louisiana furniture shown at the Kent House Festival last May 19. This period of furniture will be used in refurbishing Kent House.

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The Lides have lived at Lake Grove for more than 40 years and their son, David Jr., and his family, now of Dallas, made their home for many years at American Falls. Both homes were purchased from Judge J.B. Synder and both are well-known to old-time politicians who were guests there of Judge Synder.

Lake Grove was first known as Cabin Amedelis.

Set in a grove of pecan, cypress and oak trees, the plantation epitomizes all that the popular conception of plantation life in the South encompasses.

It is no wonder that the plantation has been a mecca for authors, Frances Parkinson Keyes began her novel "All This Is Louisiana" at Lake Grove so that she could get the feel of life in the northern part of the state.

The plantation home also attracts people from all walks of life, including Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark III, whose brother-in-law is Tom C. Clark, a former judge of the United States Supreme Court; the

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A table for making blood sausage was brought from southern Louisiana and though the wood has been refinished, worn places in the top indicate many years of usage.