Louisiana Places

Desoto Parish

Longstreet

Longstreet is located in the northwest section of DeSoto Parish, approximately fifteen miles from Mansfield, the parish seat.

The first settlers came to Longstreet about 1826. The name Franks was first given to the community because the Franks family was one of the first families to come to this part of Louisiana. They gave land for the school, cemetery and the Methodist Church.

The first post office was established on Sept. 23, 1854. The first postmaster was William C. Peyton. Later the name was changed to Longstreet, supposedly for General Longstreet.

Some of the first settlers were the Samples, Fargersons, Williams, Headricks, Moncriefs, Thompasons and Franks.

The population of Longstreet is about 250. There is no industry, but dairy farming has replaced the cotton farming. There is still a high school at Longstreet and the community has two new brick churches, Methodist and Baptist.

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