Midland On Railroad Line

Midland, on the main line of the Louisiana Western (Southern Pacific) railroad about nine miles west of Crowley, was the point of intersection for the branch line of the Southern Pacific railroad completed in 1894. C.C. Duson was responsible for getting the branch line from Midland to Eunice, the town he founded in St. Landry Parish and named for his wife, Eunice Pharr Duson.

A ferry over Bayou Plaquemine Brule near Midland was operated in 1870 by Frank Quebedeaux. The ferry, built of cypress logs, was poled or hauled across the bayous by ropes, and accommodated horse-and-buggy and foot traffic.

Another old landmark of the Midland area is the Quebedeaux Cemetery, located on the south side of Bayou Plaquemine Brulee near the ferry landing. Many of the older graves bear no inscriptions or dates. Some of the inscribed tombstones on older graves bear the names of Quebedeaux, Gastelin, Daigle, Carpenter, Fremaux, Breaux, Lacomb, Romero, Fontenot and Fruge.