History

In area, West Baton Rouge is the smallest parish in Louisiana, located in the southwestern part of the state with the Mississippi River forming its entire eastern boundary.

The flags of France, Spain, the United States, and the Confederate States have flown over the area. Settlers have been French predominantly—from France, Canada, and Nova Scotia—and English, migrating from the Felicianas and East Baton Rouge parishes. Mounds in the northern section of the parish reveal evidence of early Indian culture.

In the late 18th century, Acadian refugees settled in the parish, leading a simple and industrious life. Although little is recorded of their accomplishments, their efforts laid the foundation on which the parish development was built.

Visit...

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The West Baton Rouge Museum

Located in the Old WBR Courthouse, Restored Wing

sponsored by the West Baton Rouge Historical Association
Post Office Box 502
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

Admission is free.

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 4 p.m.
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The perambulator, circa 1811, once belonged to a member of an early family in the parish, the late Cecil Bird. The library steps are from the home of Sir Winston Churchill, a gift from Sir Winston to Mr. Bird. Both these valued objects are gifts to the Museum from Mr. Bird's brother-in-law, Paul Perkins.

Henry Watkins Allen, (1822-1866), was governor of Louisiana 1864-1865. This is the final clay model for the Allen monument, as submitted by sculptor Angela Gregory. The monument, on the Courthouse grounds, was unveiled on June 3, 1962.

The plantation desk was used in West Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse by all the district judges in the parish from 1840 to 1937.