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Oakley Plantation House is located in the Audubon Memorial State Park in West Feliciana Parish. Construction of the House was started in 1799 on a Spanish land grant by Ruffin Gray, a Successful planter from Natchez, Mississippi. Gray died before the House was completed. His widow Lucy Alston finished the House and Remarried James Pirrie of Scotland. Pirrie thus inherited Oakley and the two Gray children, Ruffin Jr. and Mary Ann.

To this marriage a daughter Eliza, was born on October 6, 1805 at Oakley. This was the young lady who indirectly introduced the aspiring artist and naturalist John James Audubon to the beautiful Felicianas. In the spring it was customary for the planters from surrounding parishes to bring their families to New Orleans for social and cultural purposes. It was on such an occasion in the spring of 1821, that Mrs. James Pirrie Met Audubon. At this time Audubon was in desperate circumstances as he was hard put trying to make a living for himself and his thirteen year old, pupil assistant, John Mason, by giving drawing lessons while working on his monumental Birds of America.

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THE ARRANGEMENT REQUIRED THAT AUDUBON SPEND HALF HIS TIME TEACHING DRAWING TO MISS ELIZA. HE WAS OTHERWISE FREE TO ROAM THE WOODS AND WORK ON HIS PAINTINGS. FOR THIS AUDUBON WAS TO RECEIVE SIXTY DOLLARS A MONTH PLUS ROOM AND BOARD FOR HIMSELF AND YOUNG MASON.

AUDUBON ARRIVED AT OAKLEY JUNE 18, 1821. 0f HIS FIRST IMPRESSION HE WROTE IN HIS JOURNAL: "THE RICH MAGNOLIAS COVERED WITH FRAGRANT BLOSSOMS, THE HOLLY, THE BEECH, THE TALL YELLOW POPLAR, THE HILLY GROUND AND EVEN THE RED CLAY, ALL EXCITED MY ADMIRATION."

AUDUBON'S STAY AT OAKLEY DID NOT LAST LONG. On October the 20^{th} of the same year he set sail FOR NEW ORLEANS. ALTHOUGH HIS STAY LASTED ONLY FOUR MONTHS, HE PAINTED THIRTY-TWO OF HIS FAMOUS BIRD PICTURES AND DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WEST FELICIANA.

OAKLEY HOUSE CONTAINS MANY ANTIQUES OF THE 1790-1830 Federal period as well as examples of AUDUBON'S PAINTINGS. THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS RECEIVE HEAVY VISITATION BY LOUISIANA RESIDENTS, OUT OF STATE VISITORS AND STUDENTS.





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