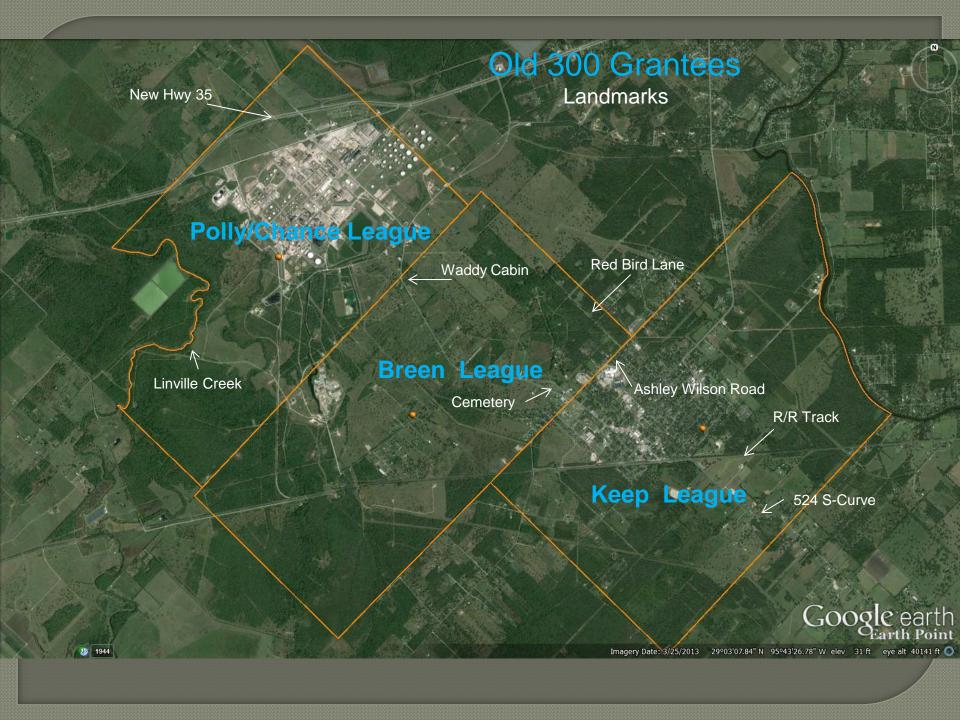
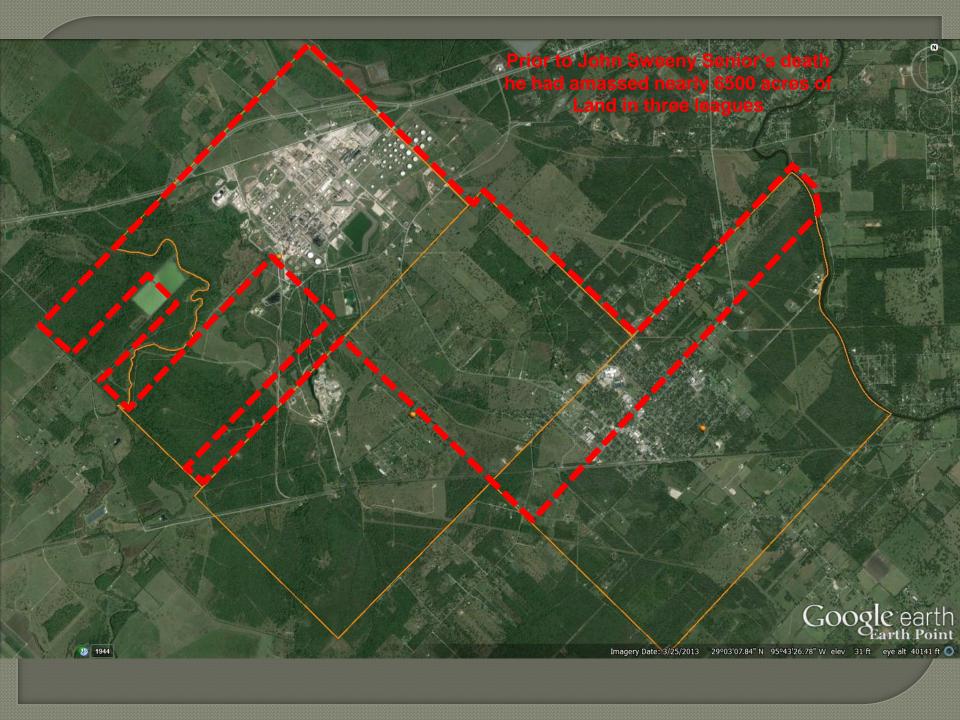
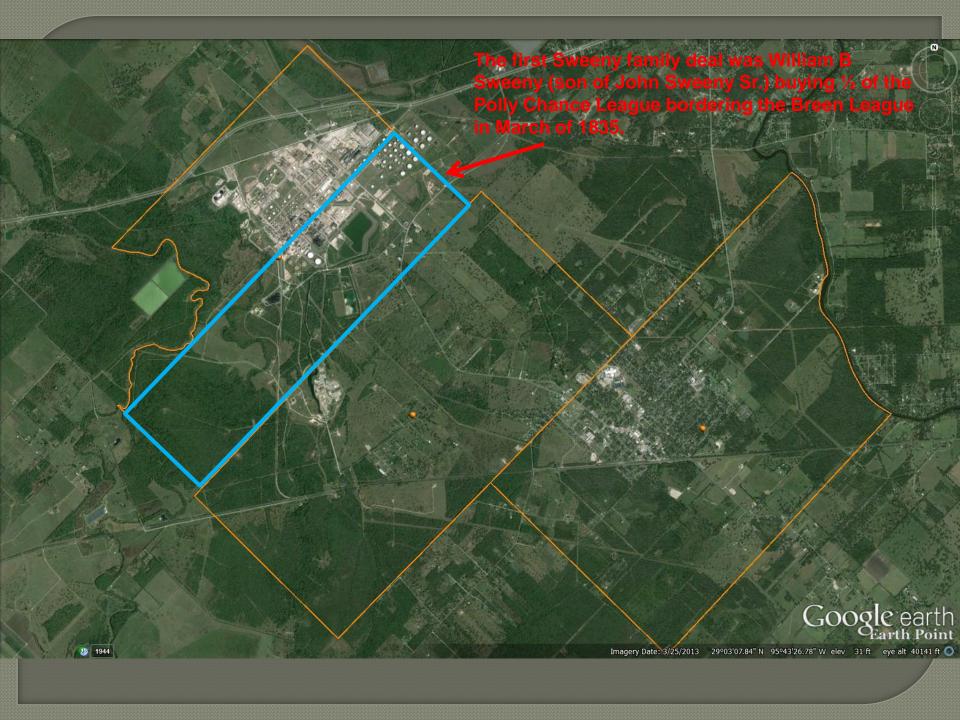
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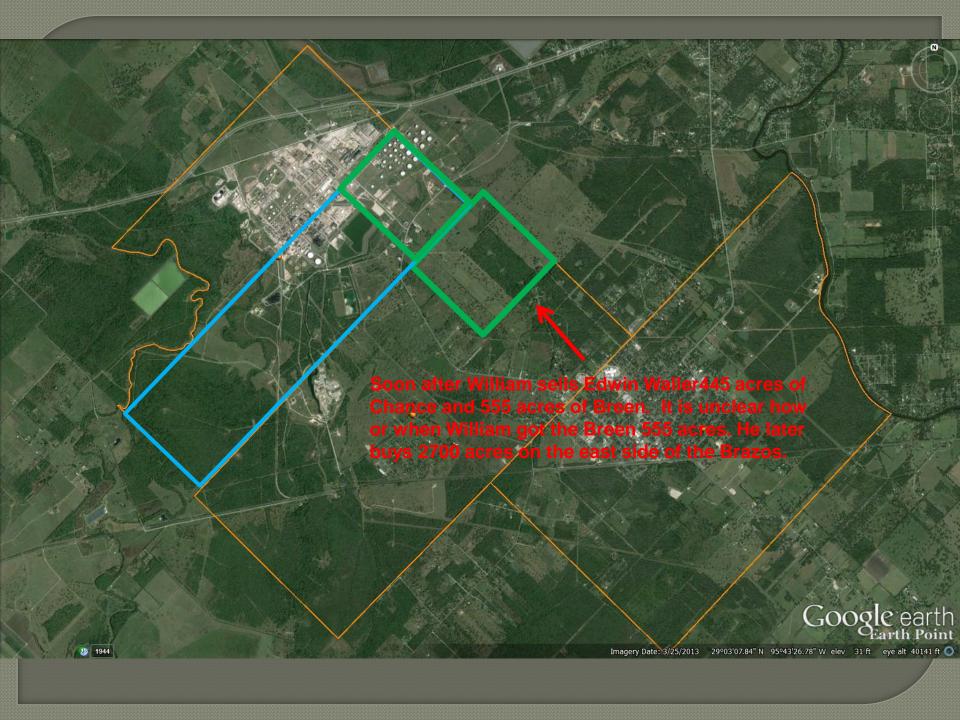
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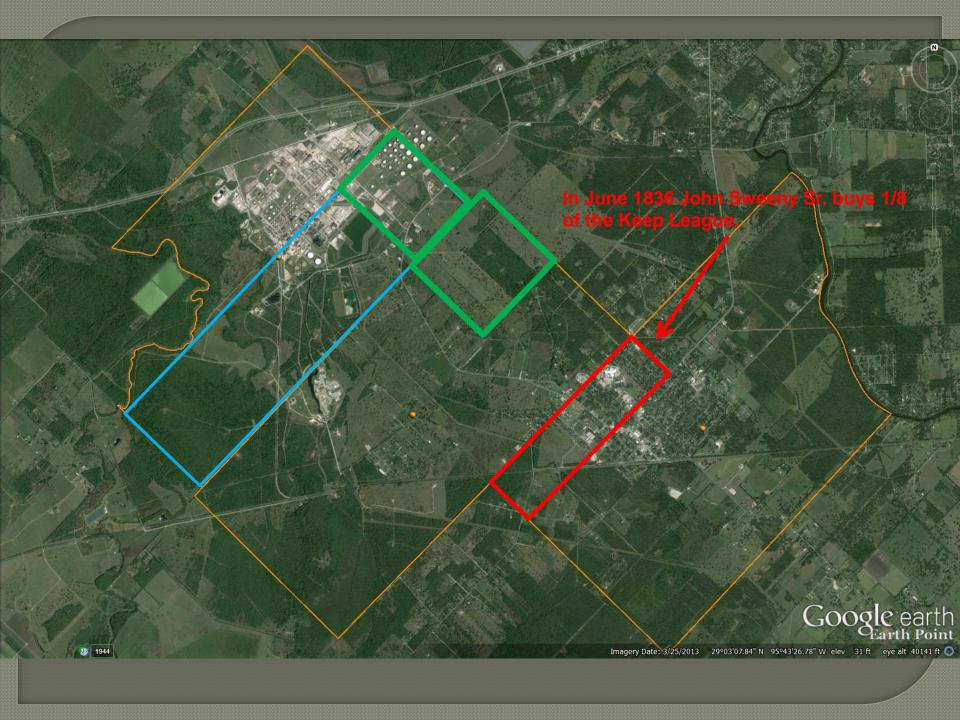
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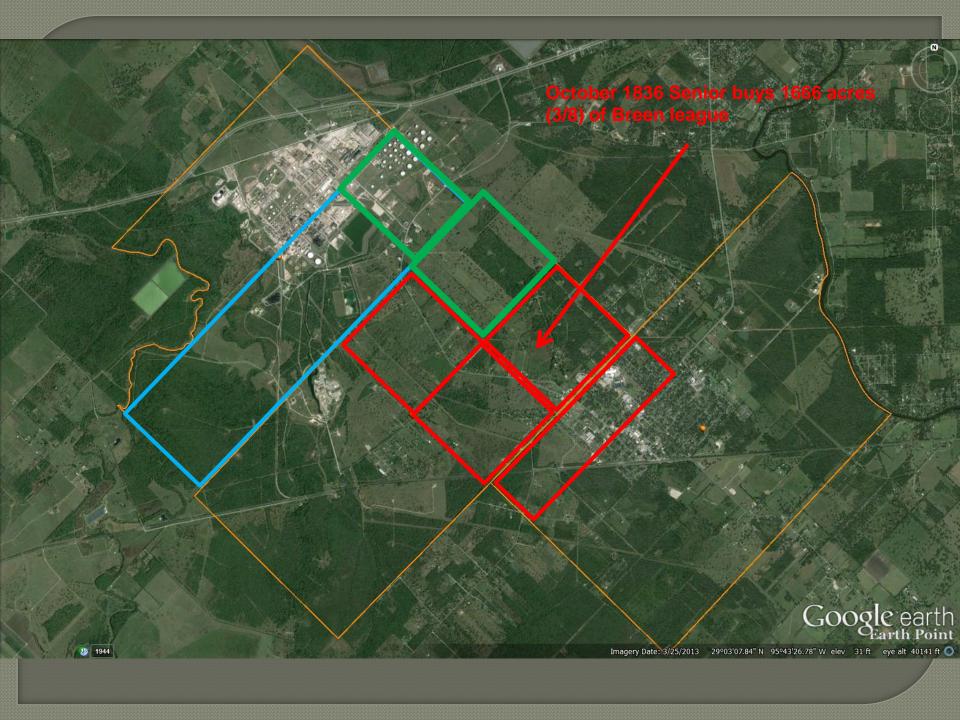


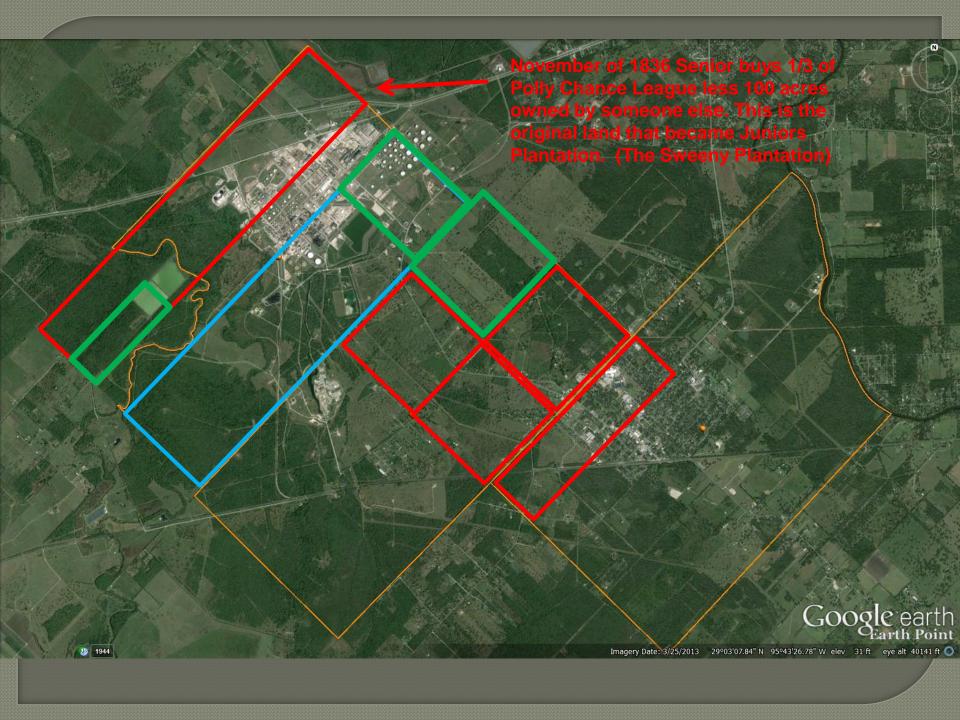


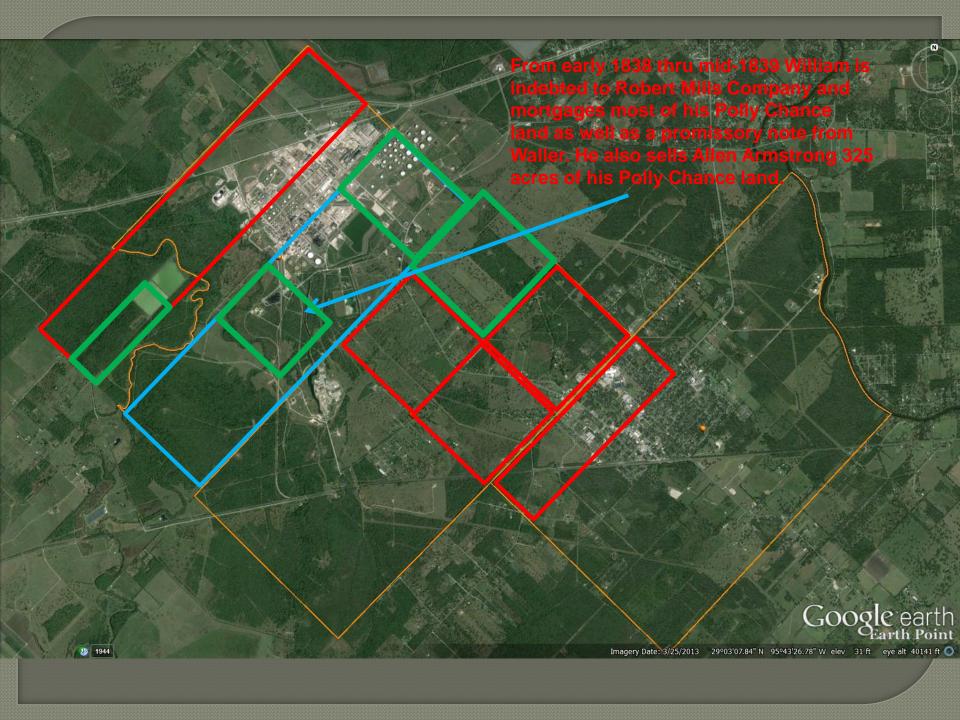


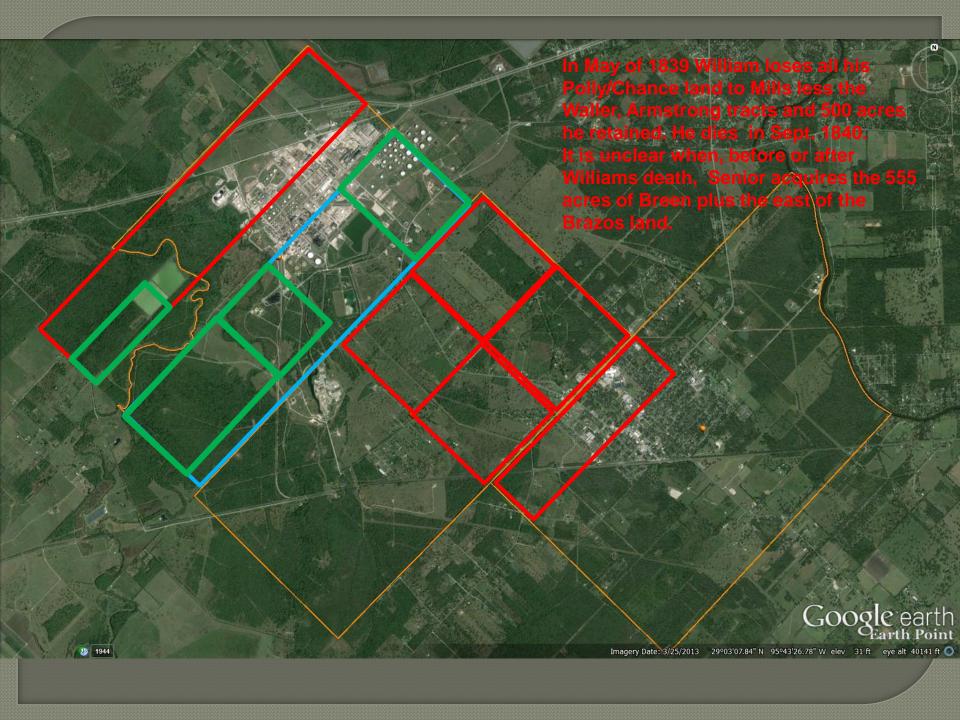


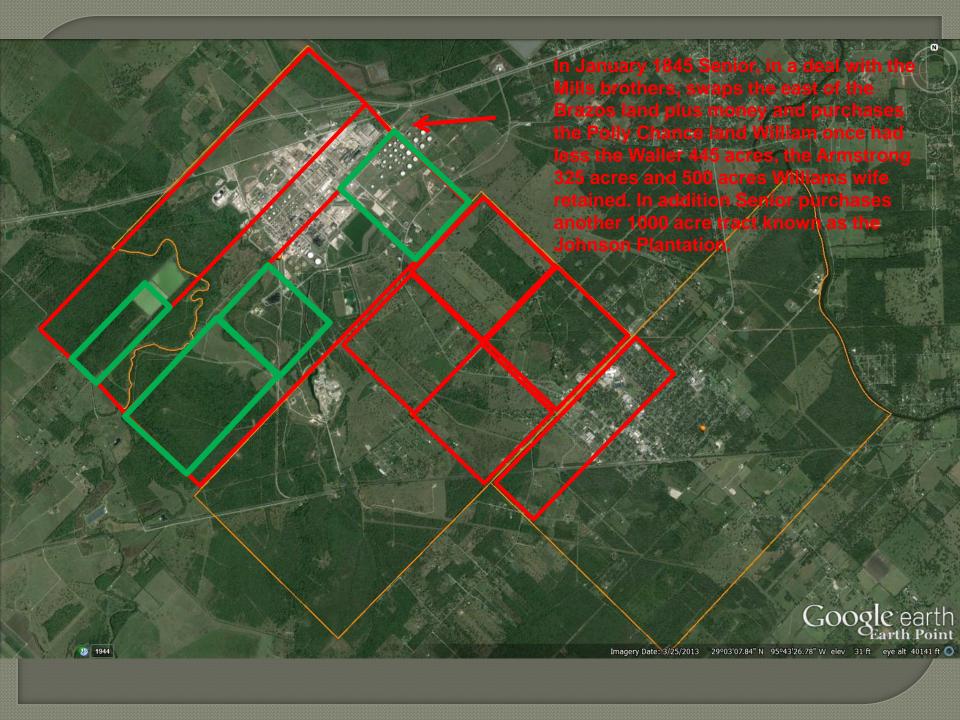


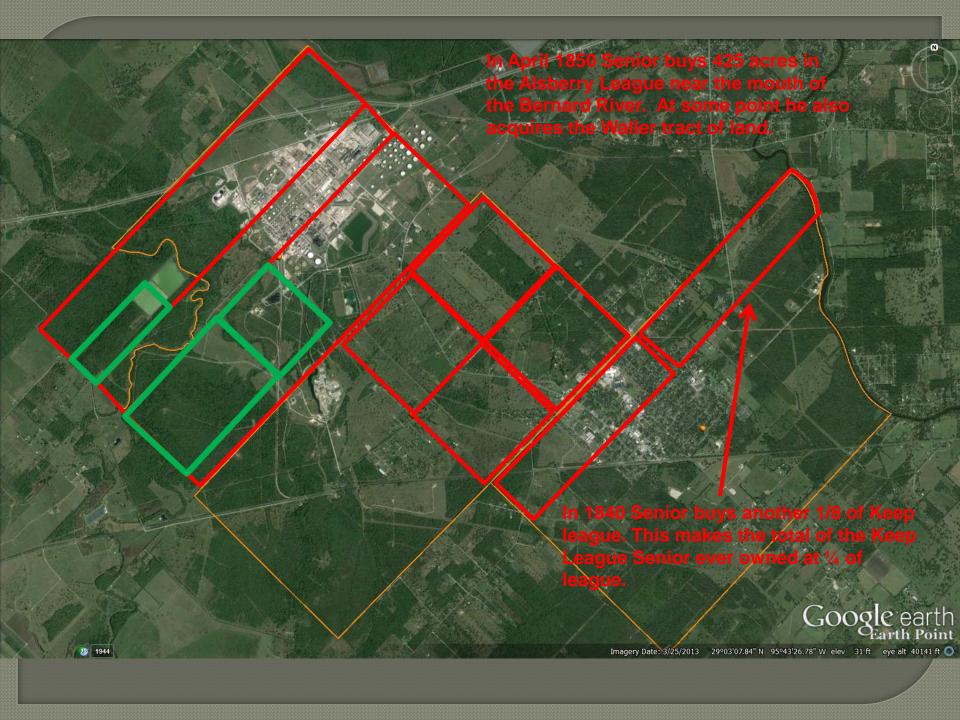


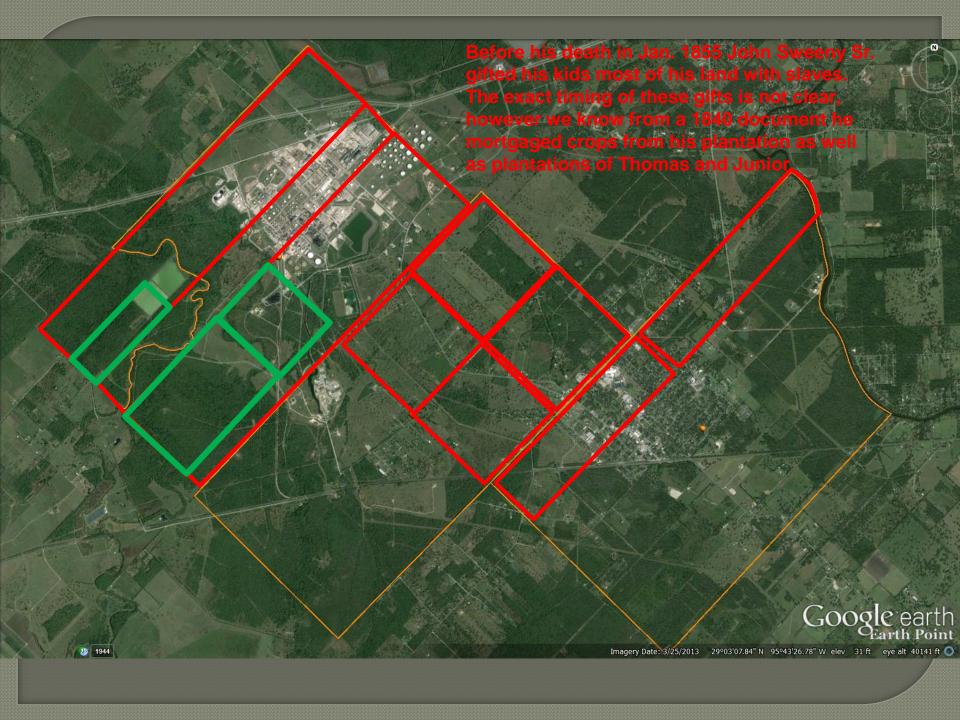


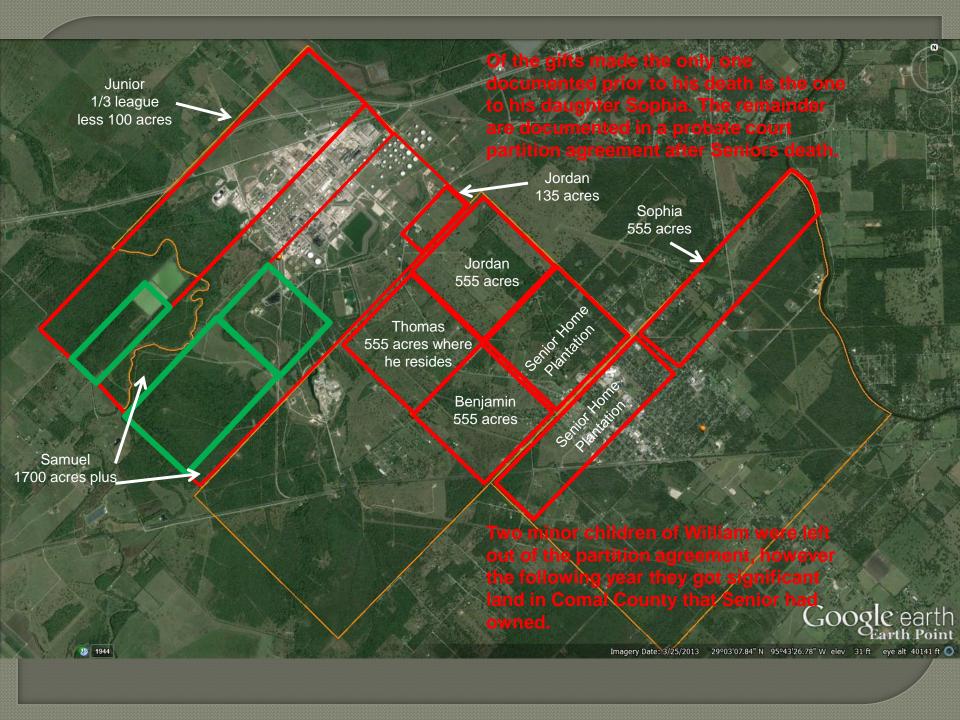






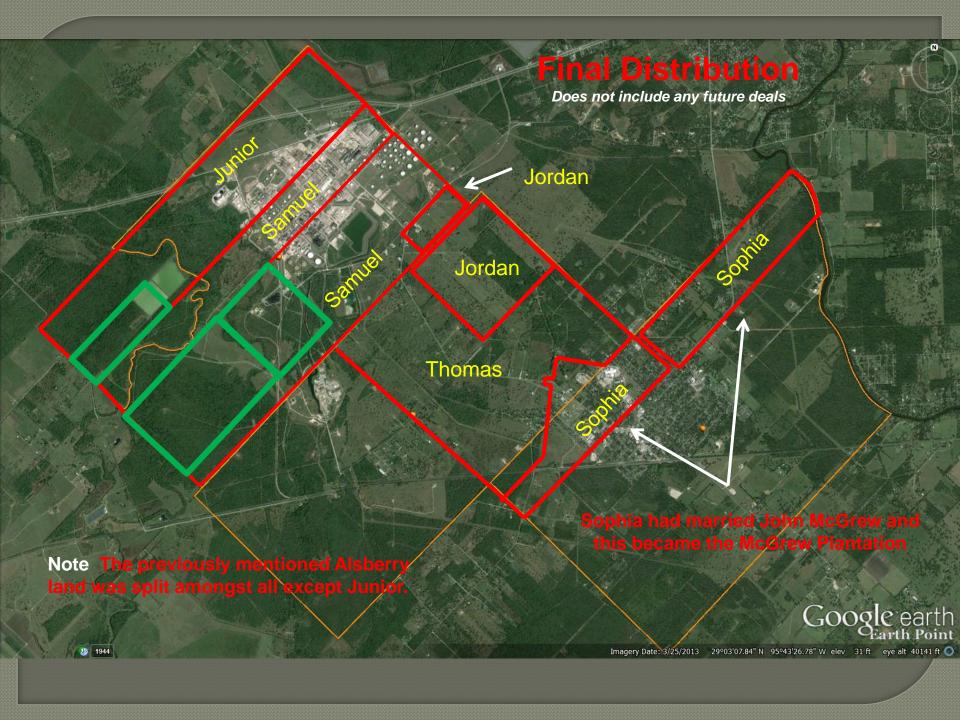




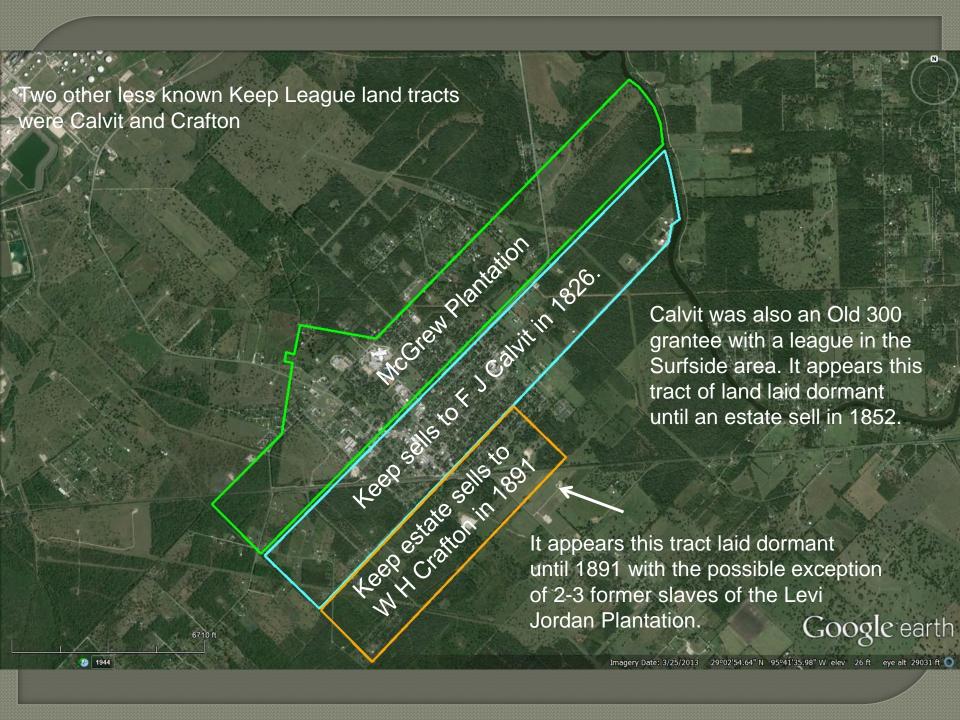


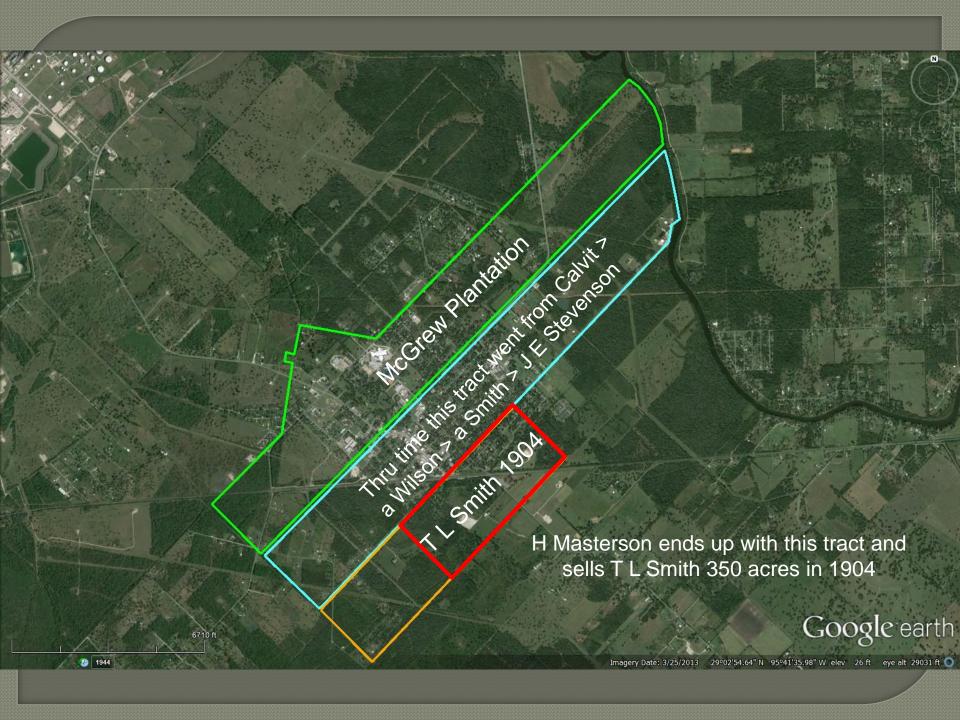


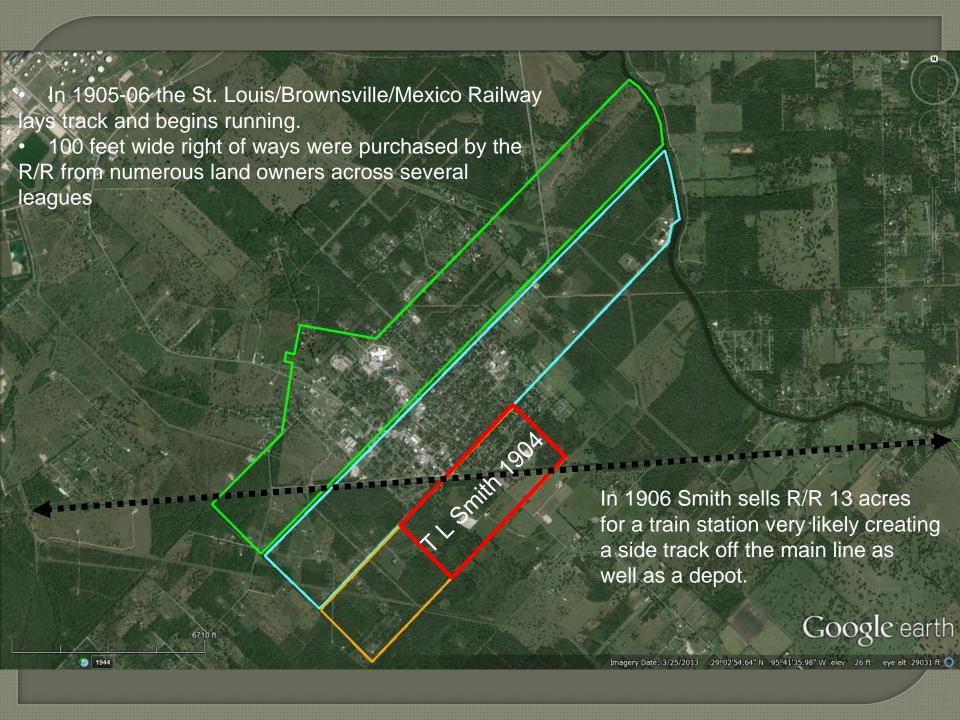












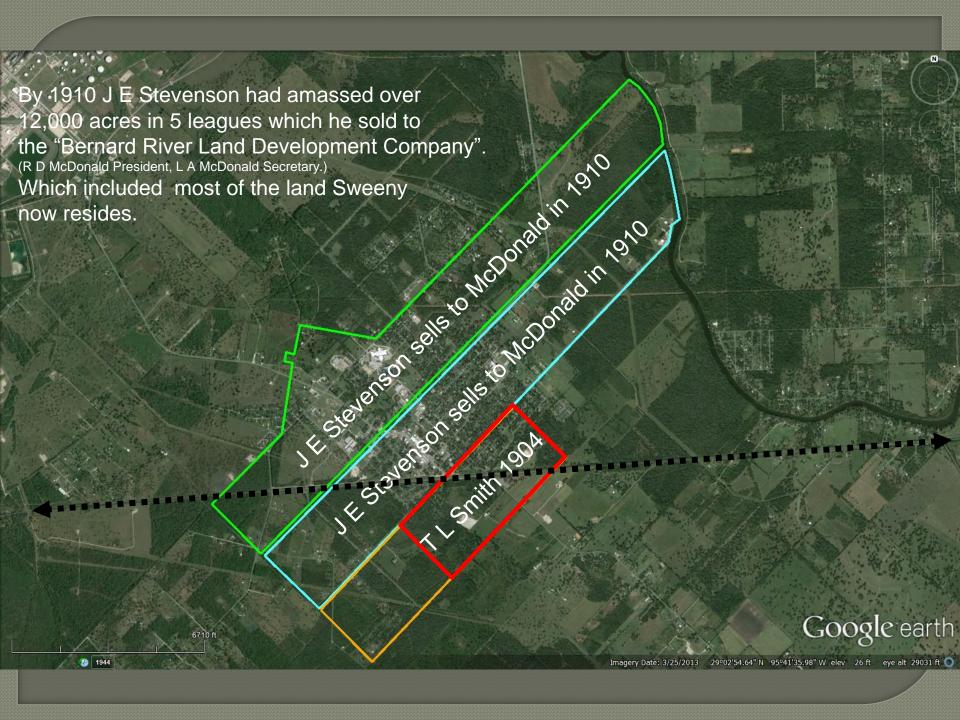
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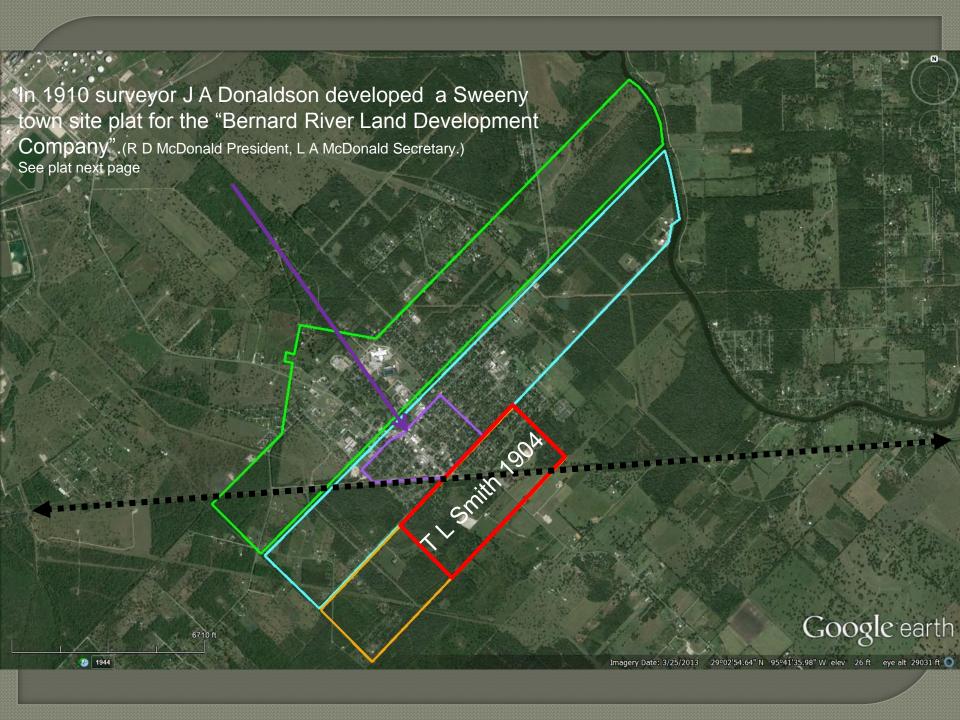
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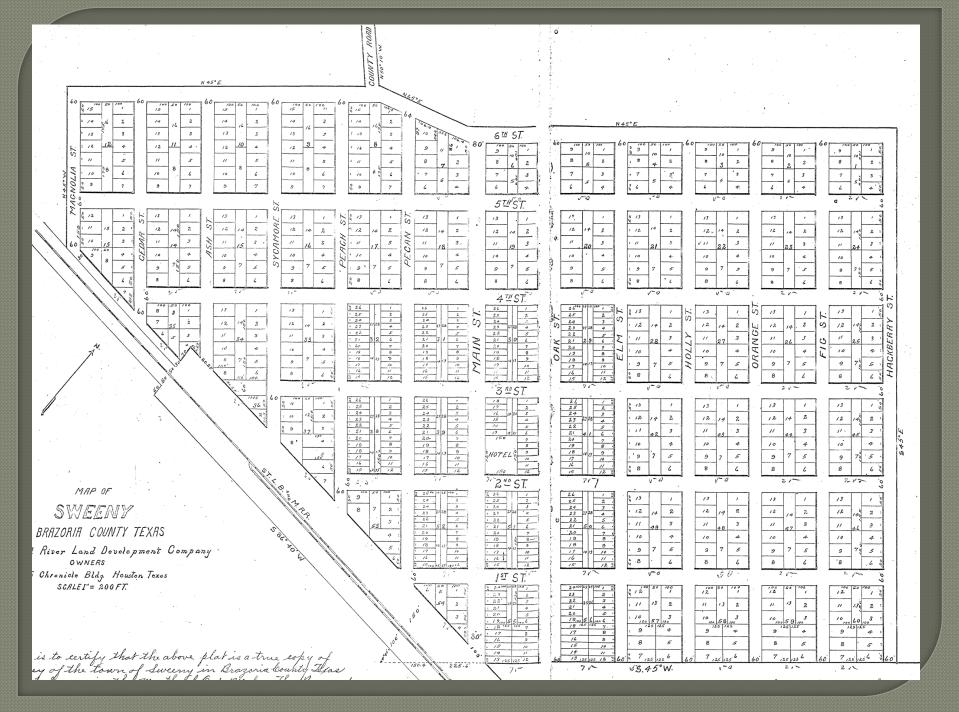
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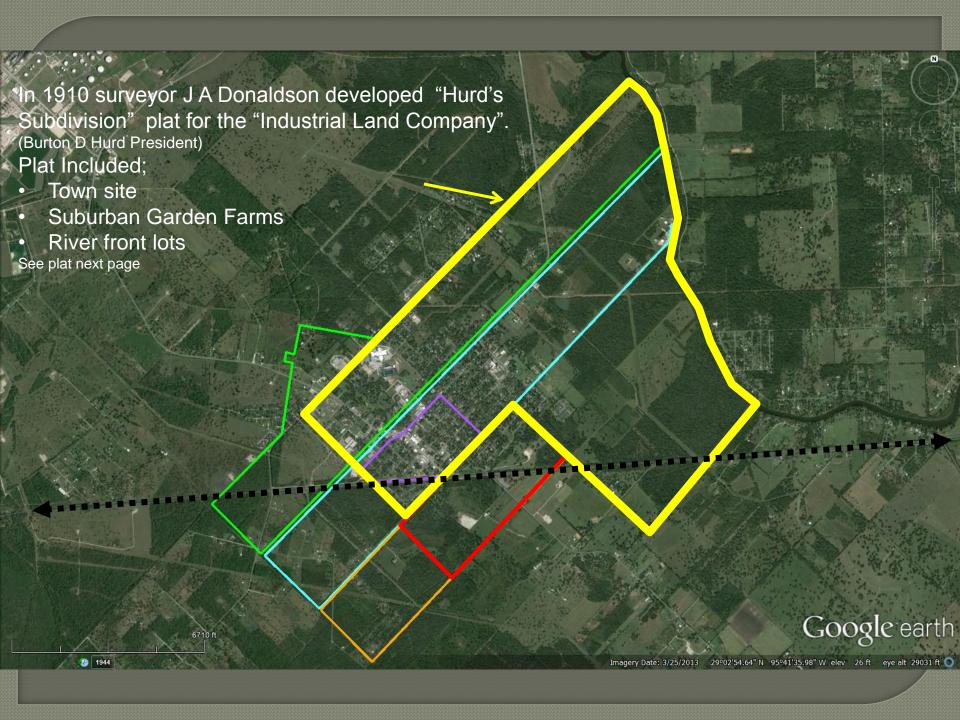
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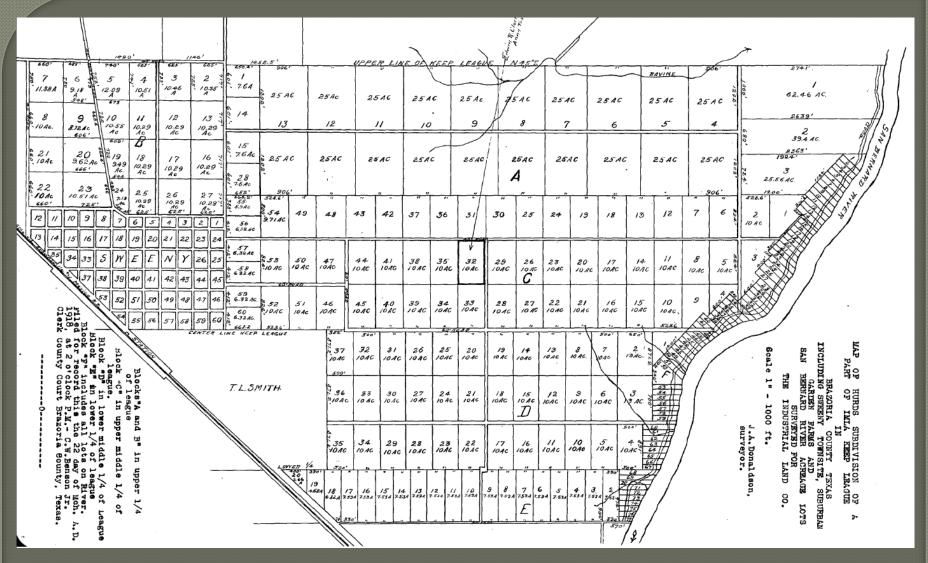




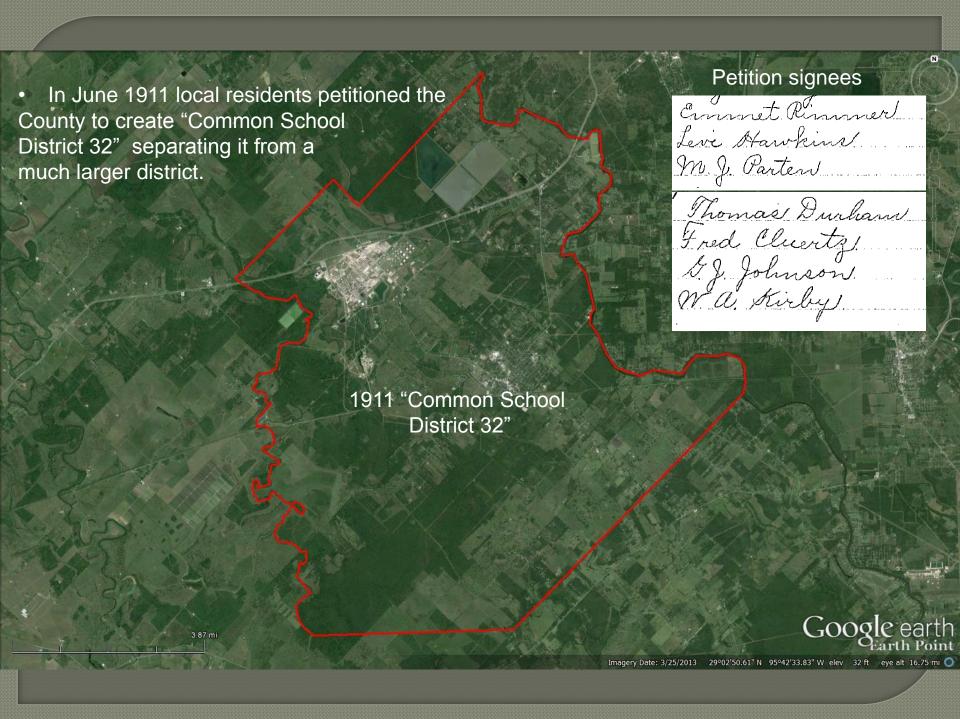








- Hurd's company bought and resold numerous lots and tracts from McDonald's company with the bulk of activity between 1910 and 1914.
- McDonalds company sold lots and tracts well into the 1950's.



District 32 Buys Lot For School

State of Texas,) County of Harris.) Know all men by these presents: That the Bernard River Land Development Company, a corporation having its principal office and domicile in Houston, Harris County, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar cash to it in hand paid by the Trustees of Common School District, No. 32 of Brazoria County, Texas, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has this day bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does bargain, sell and convey unto the said Trustees of Common School District No. 32 Brazoria County, Texas, the following described parcels of land; Lots one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, and fourteen, Block twenty-one of the Townsite of Sweeney, Brazoria County, Texas, as shown by the plat of said Townsite made by J. A. Donaldson for the Sweeney Townsite Company and recorded in the records of Brazoria County, the property hereby conveyed being for use of the white schools of said district. To have and to hold the above described property, unto the said Trustees of School District No. 32 Brazoria County, and their successors in office forever. And the Bernard River Land Development Company hereby binds itself, its successors and assigns to warrant and forever defend the title to said premises unto the said Trustees of Common School District No. 32 Brazoria County, and their successors in office against all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness the signature of the Bernard River Land Development Company by R. D. Mac Donald, its President, this 23rd day of June 1911. Bernard River Land Development Company. Attest: L. A. MacDonald (COR.SEAL) By R. D. Mac Donald President. Secretary.

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Sweeny School Built 1912

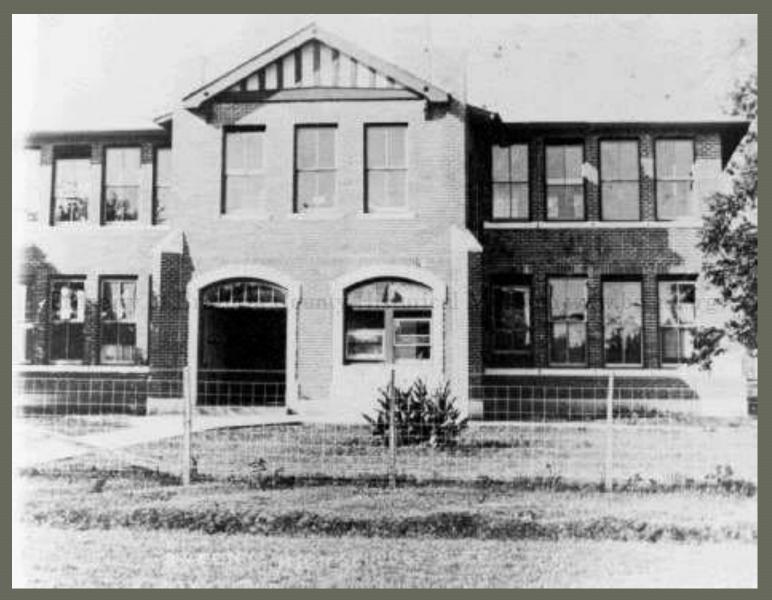


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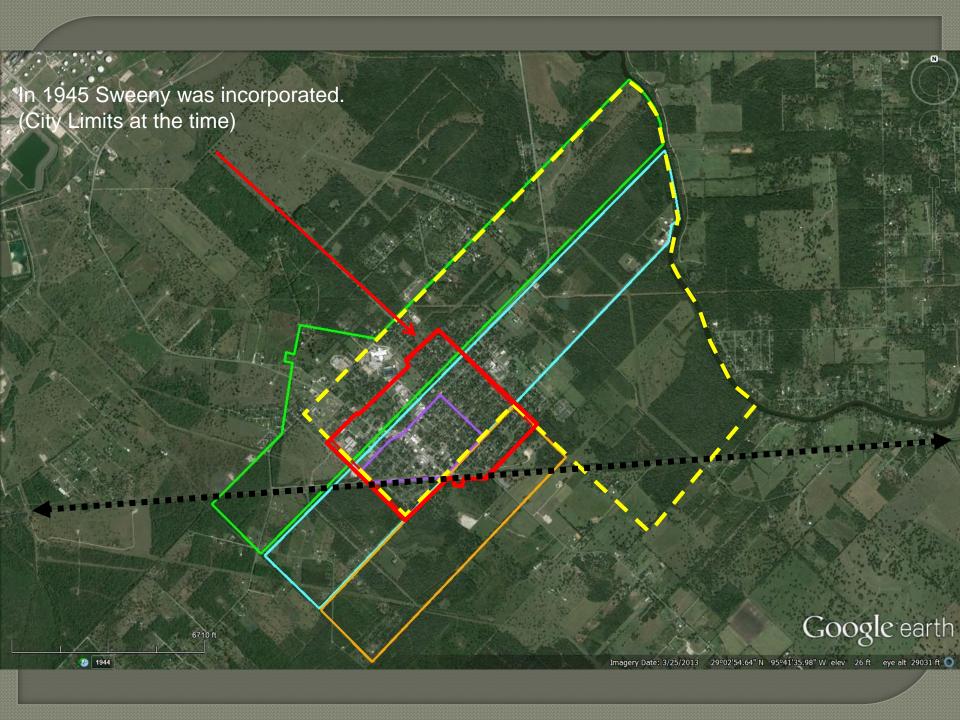
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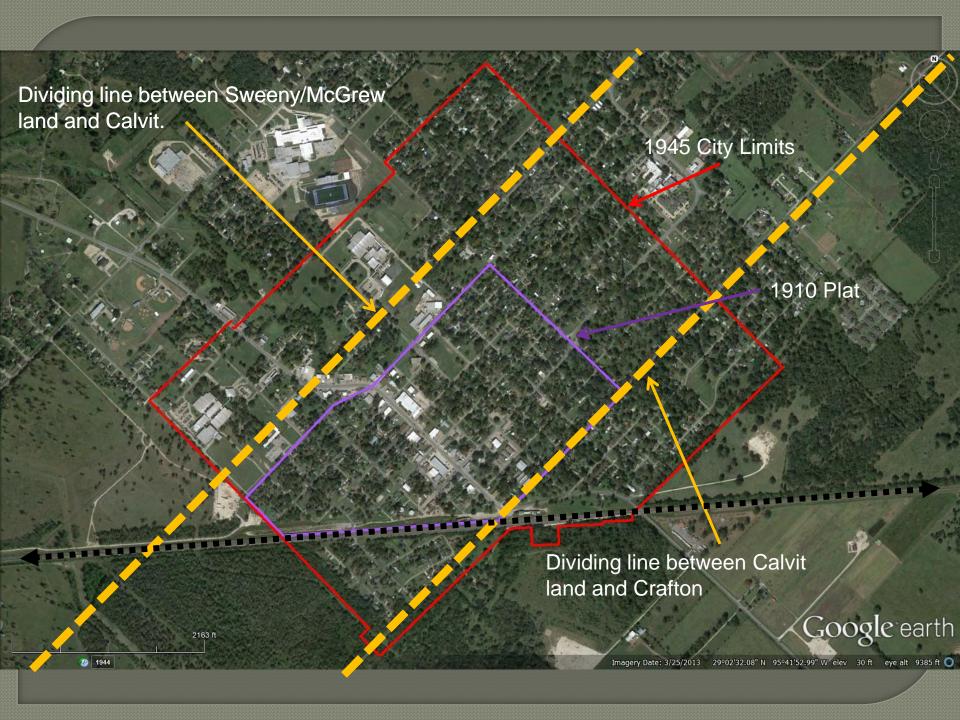
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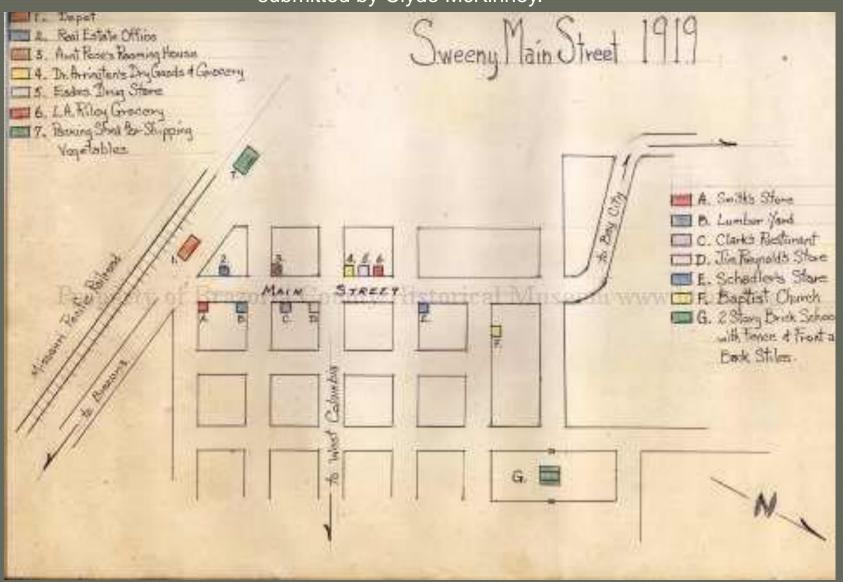
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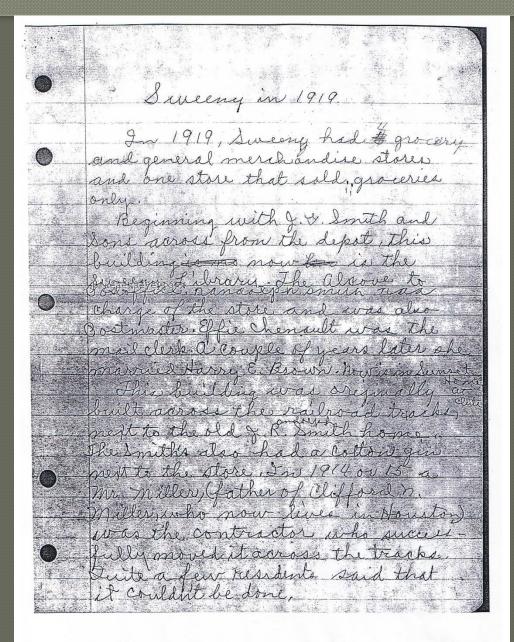




Main Street, Sweeny Texas, 1919 submitted by Clyde McKinney.



This document is believed to be written by Clyde McKinney in the mid 1960's and is a description of the 1919 map.



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In the same block as Smith's store, the Sweeny Lumber yard was operated in 1919 by & My augepurger In the next block was Clark Resturant run by the parents of present residents of Sweeny, Mis. allie Chenault, muriel Orr, and marie Chenault at the corner of this street was In the next block there were no wildings , a large hotel about the middle of the block had burned two or three years previously gwas torn down to build Benedicts

the block next to &chadlers,

Three Different Depots



- First depot built between 1906 and 1907 and once called Adamston or Adamson. Fate unknown.
- Second depot built in 1914, burned in May, 1961" per BCHM
- Third depot built after 1961.





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Arrington Dry Goods and Grocery

(Later Kimmey and Boswell)

- Lots 11 & 12 originally bought from McDonalds by Emmit Rimmer, Levi Hankins and L A Riley in 1913 and likely built the building.
- Bought by J T Arrington and Creel Brockman in 1919.
- Bought by L Hankins in 1921.
- Bought by J C Brockman in 1923.
- AF Kimmey buys in 1939

Blk 39 from 1910 Plat

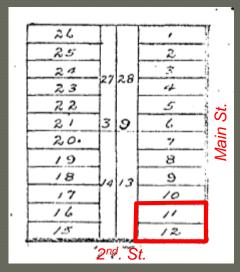




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Eades Drug Store

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Eades bought lots9,10, 13 & 14 in1912



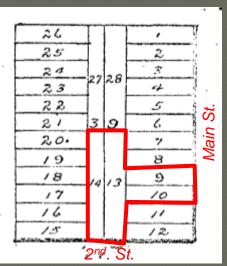




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Eades Drug Store Cont'd

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE M. H. EADES BUILDING

Moses H. Eades grew up in Bethany Missouri and after college his parents sent him to medical school at Ann Harbor Michigan. Upon graduation in 1877 he returned to Bethany and opened a medical practice in the nearby town of New Hampton. He later married Laura Copeland and thought life seemed secure with a growing medical service and a new wife, but this ended in 1910 with her unexpected death.

Desiring to begin anew away from the sad memories of New Hampton, he made plans to relocate. After reading about the booming development of new towns along the recently completed railroad between Houston and Brownsville, Texas, he thought this might be a good place. Traveling by train he visited the 350 mile long track with the effort to develop towns every few miles.

The townsite of Sweeny had been surveyed and few streets carved out of the forest in 1910, a plat recorded and the sale of town lots and surrounding acreage begun in 1911. The Bernard River Land Development Company owned the land and had constructed three buildings: a sales office, a residence for their agent, and a two-story hotel. Already existing was a general store and cotton gin across the tracks.

On August 5, 1911, Dr. Eades purchased six town lots and forty acres outside the town in a farming area, and settled in at the hotel and opened his doctor's office. By the fall of 1912, he determined the new town would be successful, so he began construction of a two-story building on his main street lots, the lower floor to contain a drug store and doctor's office and the top floor to be one large room for his living quarters. The hotel where he had lived for a year was operated for the B.R.L.D. Company by the Ballard family, and one of their daughters, Bertha and he were married in 1913. They had three children: Moses, Robert, and Mary Catherina.

Not only did he serve as the only medical doctor, but he was pressed into service by the farmers as a veterinarian, treating patients in his office, traveling by horse and buggy to deliver babies, and vaccinate farm animals in the area. Dr. Eades became seriously ill in 1923 and Mrs. Eades took him to a Houston hospital where he died. She then took his body by train to Bethany, Missouri to be buried with his parents.

Mrs. Eades, with three small children, continued to operate the drug store that stocked a multitude of supplies. In 1925, a telephone company brought service to Sweeny and they rented space for their office. With the development of the oil field and its discovery well in 1934, people began to pipe water to the new houses. The company rented space for an office where people could pay their monthly bills.

The booming oil field and increased railroad activity brought a need for more housing. Mrs. Eades had her store building moved to join the main building; added two rooms to it, and had the second floor partitioned into six bedrooms and a bath. Single men working in the oil field, and some railroad employees rented rooms, and she continued to operate the drug store until her retirement. Around 1948, Mary Catherine closed the drug store and operated a gift shop. Mrs. Eades died in 1956, and Mary Catherine in 1962, and the property passed to one of the sons, Robert.

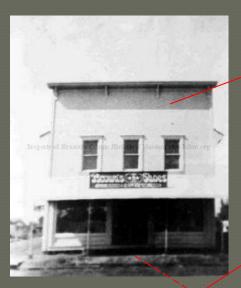
Robert closed the gift shop but continued the rental business until he sold the property to Marna and J.E. Robinson. Various businesses such as restaurants have occupied the lower floor over the years. In 1995, the Robinsons deeded the building and three lots to Brazoria County with provision that the Sweeny Historical Society could lease and operate if for the development of a historic museum for the community.

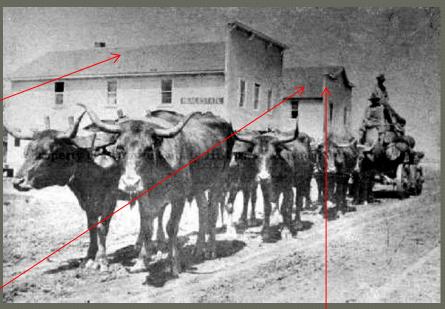
Researched by

Pat Ellis President Sweeny Historical Society

Compare Buildings

- Identifying the Eades building
 - Kimmey





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9-15-99 Corner of Main & 2nd Next to Eades Bldg. Across from Stop-n-Go

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L A Riley Grocery

- Riley buys and sells back to McDonald lot 5 in 1913
- Buys lots 6 & 7 from P B
 Carter in 1914
- Buys lot 5 from W L
 Sweeny in 1917
- Sells all to J C Brockman and the Arrington's in 1920 but reserves use of the kitchen on lot 7

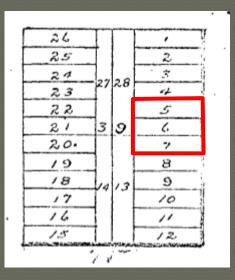




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Vegetable Shed Andy Waters per BCHM



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Smiths Store
T L Smith buys lots from McDonalds Company in 1912 and moves building from south side of the R/R tracks to town site lots



Gin Probably T L Smiths on south side of R/R tracks



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Baptist Church C E Ballard buys lots and sells/gives them to Church Trustees in 1913/1914



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Schradler's Store

Oliver Schradler buys Lots 15-18 Block 30 In 1912



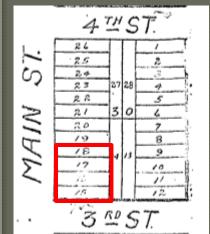


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School Burns 1925

Rebuilt and Opened 1927





Named Berta Barclay in 1951 after long time teacher/principal

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