

Lafitte's Treasure...

According to one legend, shortly before the pirate evacuated his post on Galveston Island, Lafitte was overheard to say that he had buried his treasure at a place called the "Three Trees." Later, the two men returned to Tres Palacios, began digging and unearthed a large metal chest. However, upon opening it, they found not the wealth of gold they had expected but rather the remains of Lafitte's wife, Madeline Rigaud, who had died shortly before he left for Mexico.

Other stories report that Lafitte's flagship, the *Pride*, was wrecked in Galveston Bay, taking with it the "six bear skins filled with gold, silver and precious stones" it was reported to contain.