

Virginia Morris and the Indians

In 1835, five year old Virginia Morris, daughter of Ritson, noticed approximately twenty canoes of warriors headed swiftly toward the Elmwood plantation from the direction of Clear Creek. Fearing an attack, her mother immediately sent for help, while hiding Virginia and the other children under the beds. When Mr. Morris arrived with several slaves, he was relieved to learn that the natives (probably Attakapans) were headed on a hunting excursion on the Trinity River to the north. They left as quickly as they had appeared after securing food and water from the Morris family.