

The bay area has been in existence as a thriving energetic community since the early 1800.

It was originally part of a league of land, approximately 5000 acres that was given by the Mexican government in a Spanish land grant to a Colonel Ritson Morris of the Texas army, also some of his soldiers were given portions of the grant.

May 18, 1895 Seabrook Syndor purchase two tracts of this league of land a total of 263.3 acres for the sum of \$9,316.50.

It was on this site the original townsite of Seabrook was laid out and named in his honor, it was filed in the office of the county clerk of Harris county on June 12, 1896.

Seabrook had been named Morris cove along with the area near Middle Bayou known as Junkers Cove and Lakeside area. Early settlers created the first civilization in these areas.

There were about 30 to 35 families scattered about the se areas and some of the families are still here to spin the tales they were told and know. The Larrabees, Ballentine, Palms, Hammers, Brummerhops, Gales, Christys and Mueckes.

They made thier living by mostly farming and selling the produce along with ranching and fishing and fishing camps.

The mode of travel in those days were by horse back, wagon or boat. The nearest railroad was in Webster. During the rainy season they were some times cut off and could travel only by boat. At one time almost every family carried the mail in the area.

They sold thier vegetales and other produce to Galveston and Houston they were taken by wagon or boat, depended on where they sold.

It took all day by getting up at 4:00a.m. till sun down to go to Harrisburg, which was Houston at that time or if they went to Galveston they went by sail boat and it depended on the wind as to how long it took, If the wind was right they made it in four to five hours or if the winds were still it took all day and night. They in return bought the items they needed at the city they traveled to.

There were grocery stores and mail and blacksmiths in the Junkers cove and Morris cove along with one at Lakeside.

Then the fishing camp owners began to come into the are, some bringing the boats and some building them, when they got settled.

They would rent boats, fishing poles and sell bait, crab bait and hire out to row the boats or take them out into the bay and return later to pick them up. Summer homes began to pop up along the lake and bay. Many fish stories came out of this period as the stories told about the breaking of a horse.

In those days you could catch shrimp by just casting off a pier, and wade and catch crabs and flounders. Also there were some bootleggers in the area, running whiskey by boat.

The area really began growing then with a drug store and dry goods store along with other business.

It was in 1961 the town of Seabrook was incorporated, on March 24, 1961 the application and fifty qualified voters on a petition was taken to Harris county with \$150, a check from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Seabrook Fire Dept. to set up the election for incorporation, an election was called for Oct. 14, 1961.

The growth in the area later moved to the areas around the bay, leaving the Junkers cove area for Ranching and farming. As there were not too many roads about the wooded areas.

Many residents can trace back six generations that were here. Many had at least four generations attend the Clear Creek schools from the beginning all the way thru.

Many very wealthy people ^{bought} homes along the bay for only summer homes and many residents that lived here perement commuted to other town to work.

The Schools have always been top notched, thanks to Humble oil and ref, who paid a large % of the taxes for many many years, as they had a tank farm in webster. Later Houston lighting & power also came into the picture and they helped on the tax problem.