

EJ Caire Stores

HISTORY



1850

General mercantile business started on site by Jean Louis Aubert

Original brick structure built on riverbank

1855

Jean Baptiste Caire helped his cousin JL operate the store

LATE 1850'S

The Caire's Landing store was established on July 28th: 5-year joint venture of J. B. Caire & J. L. Aubert's brother Jacques

1860

J. B. Caire completes buyout of Jacques Aubert

1865

J. B. Caire dies - store operated by his wife Félicie and their 10-year old son Etienne Joseph Caire

1879

Original brick structure moved to present location due to a federal levee and road project

1881

E. J. Caire completed school and took over the family business - Name subsequently changed to E. J. Caire and Co.

1885

Larger wooden structure built adjacent to the brick structure The older building is converted into a warehouse

1897

Store enjoyed decades of long-lasting prosperity - Dry goods, hardware, furniture, clothing, and pharmacy

1900- 1950'S

Renamed "E. J. Caire's" & branded "The Store of the People"

1910'S

Interstate 10 & Hwy. 61 begin commerce shift to the East Bank

1950'S

1955

E. J. Caire died on July 16th-grandson Sydney Jr. took over management - Renamed "Caire's Store"

Store Closes

1970'S

2001

Added to National Register of Historic Places on November 29th

Moderate damage to both stores repaired following Hurricane Katrina

2005

2021

Catastrophic damage to the old store and minor damage to the new store due to Hurricane Ida

Stores purchased from fellow family member by Sharon & Derrick Spell after the death of Warren Caire in 2022

2023