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History of the E. J. Caire Store

1850 Original brick structure built on riverbank.

1855 General mercantile business started on site by Jean Louis Aubert.

Late 1850's Jean Baptiste Caire helped his cousin JL operate the store.

1860 The Caire's Landing store was established on July 28th.

5-year joint venture of J. B. Caire & J. L. Aubert's brother Jacques

1865 J. B. Caire completes buyout of Jacques Aubert.

1879 J. B. Caire dies. The store is operated by his wife Félicie and their 10-year old son Etienne Joseph Caire.

1881 Original brick structure moved to its present location due to a federal levee and road project.

1885 E. J. Caire completed school and took over the family business. Name subsequently changed to E. J. Caire and Co.

1897 Larger wooden structure built adjacent to the brick structure. The older building is converted into a warehouse.

1900's to 1950's Store enjoyed decades of long-lasting prosperity selling dry goods, hardware, furniture, clothing, and pharmacy.

1910's Renamed *E. J. Caire's* and is rebranded *The Store of the People*.

1950's Interstate 10 & Hwy. 61 begin commerce shift to the East Bank.

1955 E. J. Caire died on July 16th, Grandson Sydney Jr. took over management. Store is Renamed *Caire's Store*.

1970's Store closes.

2001 Added to the National Register of Historic Places on November 29th.

2005 Moderate damage to both stores repaired following Hurricane Katrina.

2021 Catastrophic damage to the older store and minor damage to the newer store due to Hurricane Ida.

2023 Stores purchased from fellow family member by Sharon & Derrick Spell after the death of Warren Caire in 2022.