

GRD at Dillard Wetlands Project

Remember and Reclaim: Acknowledging the Land

A panel discussion exploring our historical relationship with land

June 10, 2021



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DILLARD
UNIVERSITY
PROPERTY

WARRINGTON DR

LONDON AVENUE OUTFALL CANAL

ORLEANS PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY
(FORMER FRANCIS W. GREGORY
JR. HIGH SCHOOL)

PROJECT SITE

MILES DRIVE
PRATT DRIVE

VAN AVENUE

VIRGIL BOULEVARD

REPUBLIC ST

RAYNE DRIVE

BRUXELLES STREET

PARIS AVENUE



Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentations by Panelists
 - Sasha Irby, Bvlbancha Collective
 - Leon Waters, Hidden History Tours
 - Dr. Robert Collins, Dillard University
- Moderated Discussion
 - Atianna J. Cordova, WATER BLOCK + WATER BLOCK Kids
- Breakout Session
- Closing



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Sasha Irby, Okla Hina Ikhish Holo
*Artist, Educator, Medicine Maker and
Revolutionary Instigator*

Indigenous History in Bvlbancha

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Art: Monique Verdin



Exterior and Interior Images of the Wetland



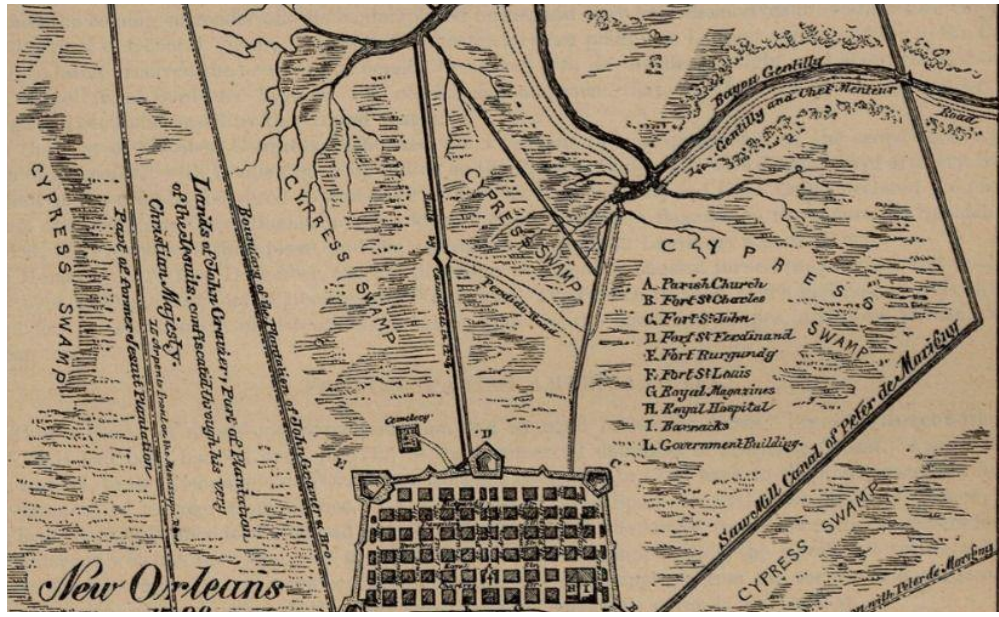
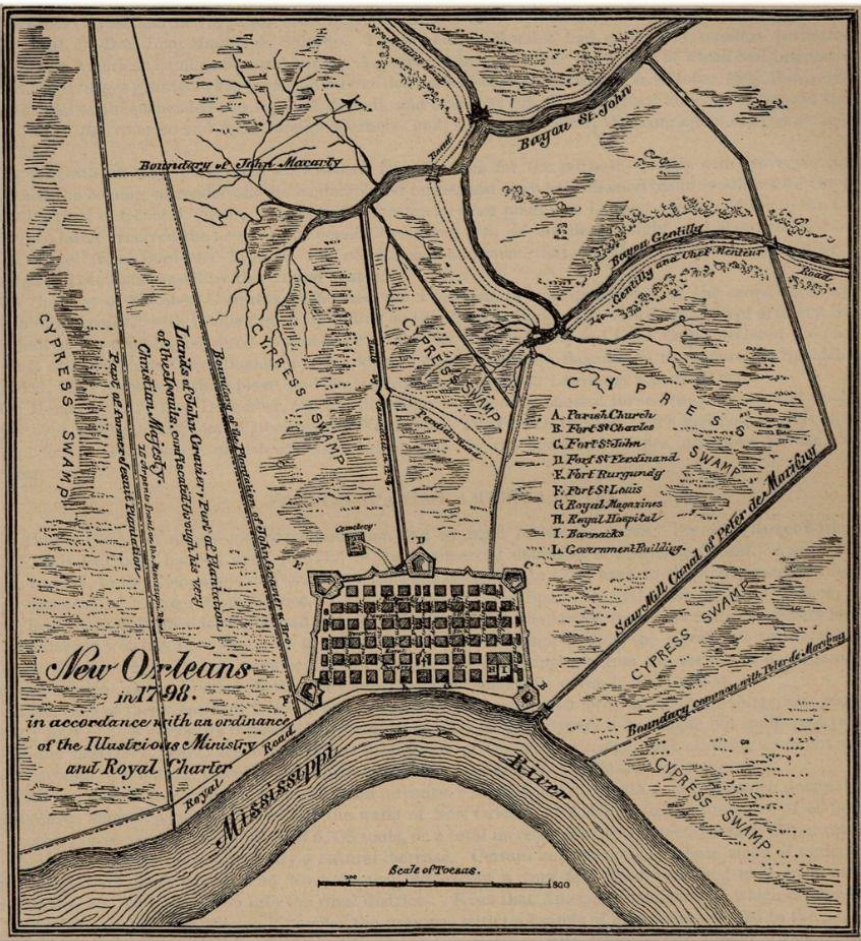


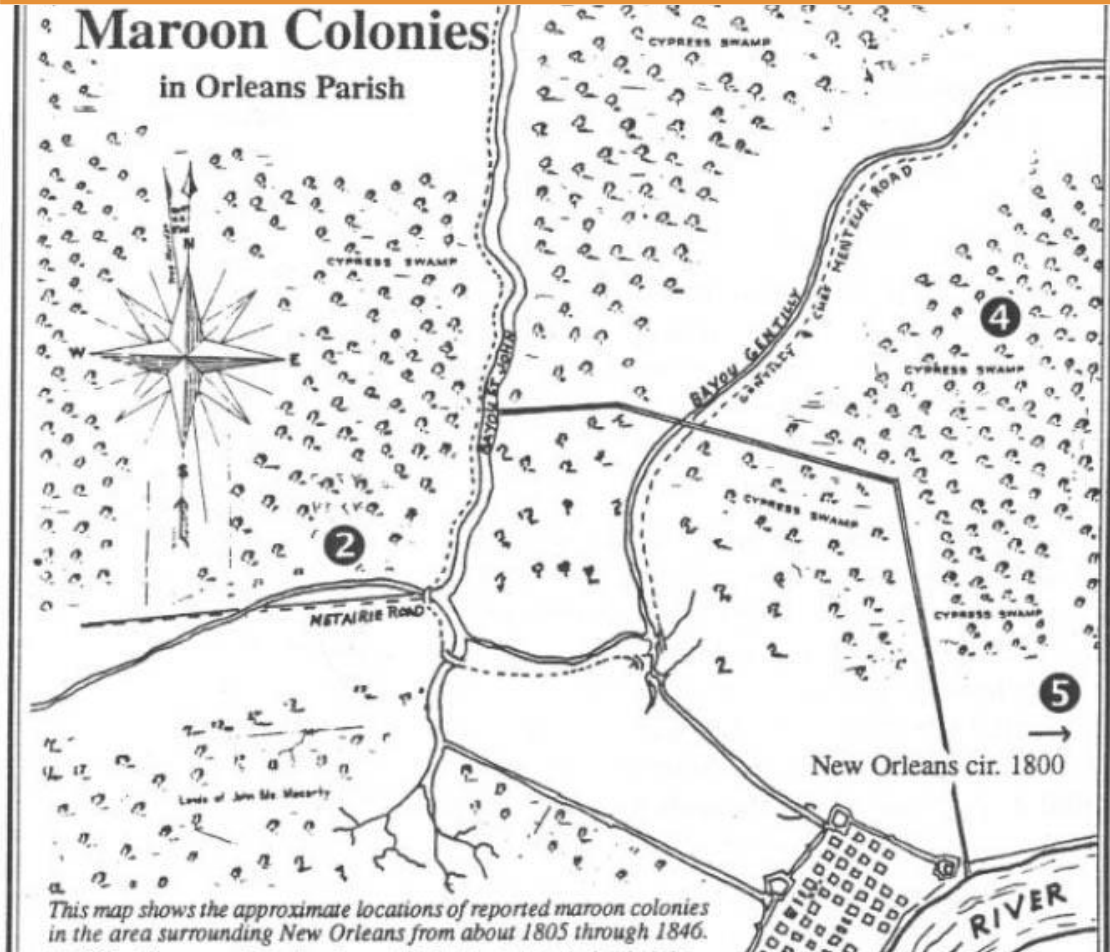
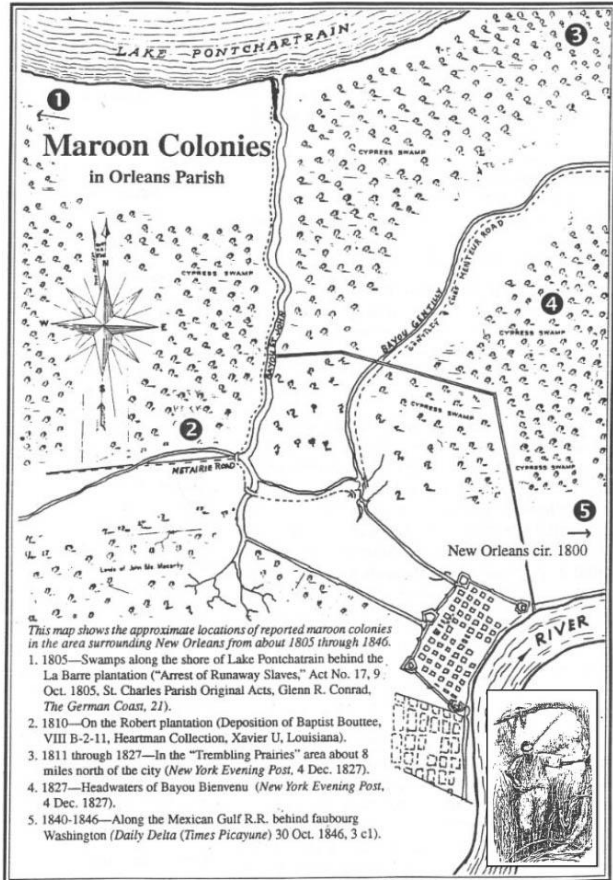
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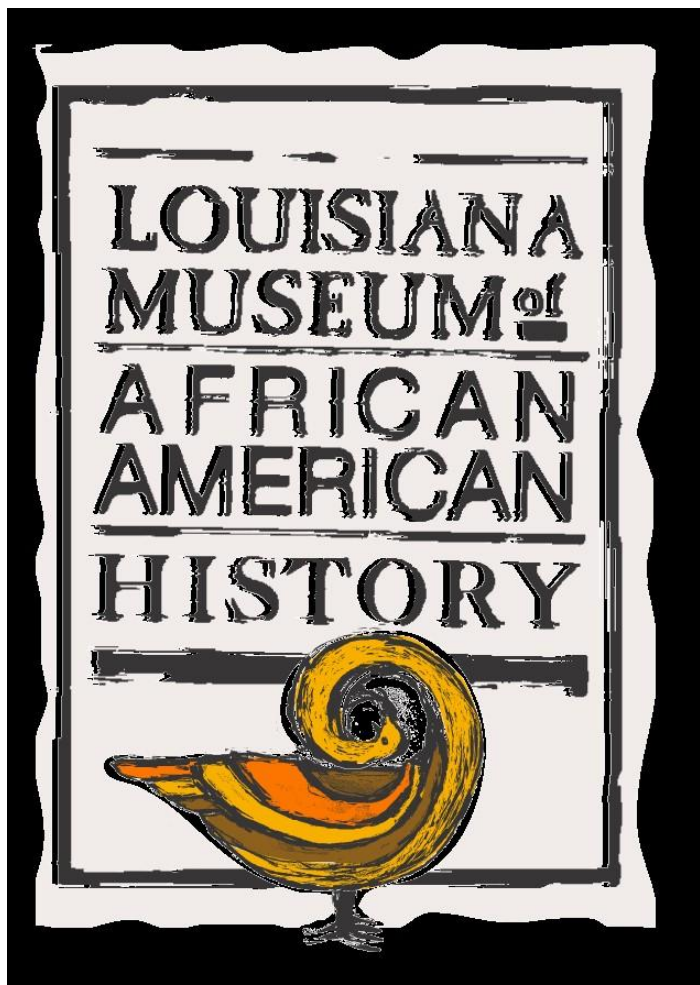


Leon Waters

Historian, Publisher and Social Activist

Maroon History in Orleans Parish





HIDDEN
HISTORY
TOURS

On to New Orleans!

Louisiana's Heroic 1811

Slave Revolt



A brief history &
DOCUMENTS

relating to the rising of slaves in January 1811,
in the Territory of Orleans.

By **Albert Thrasher**

\$30

Order from:
Hidden History LLC
1132 Arabella Street
New Orleans, LA. 70115
Add \$4 for ship/handling
history_hidden@gmail.com
504-432-9901

THE STORY OF THE
AMERICAN MAROONS

Slavery's Exiles

Sylviane A. Diouf





Robert Collins, Ph. D.
*Professor of Urban Studies and Public Policy at
Dillard University*

**The Dillard University Relationship to the
Dillard Wetlands Project**



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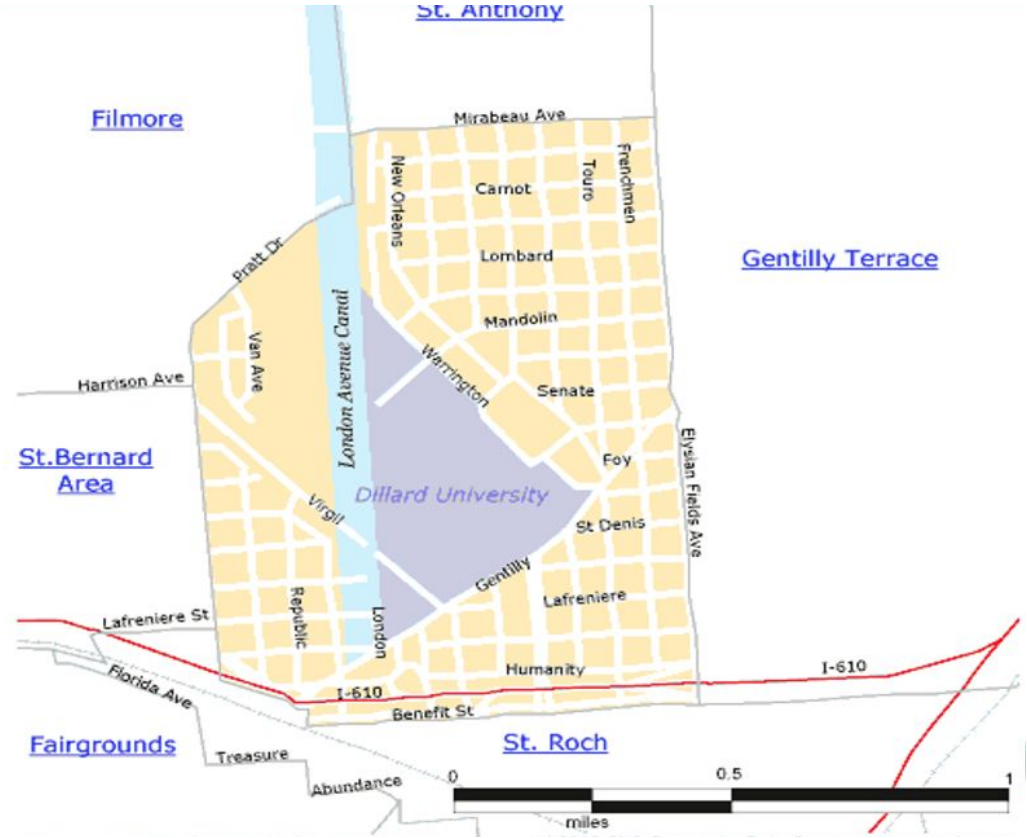
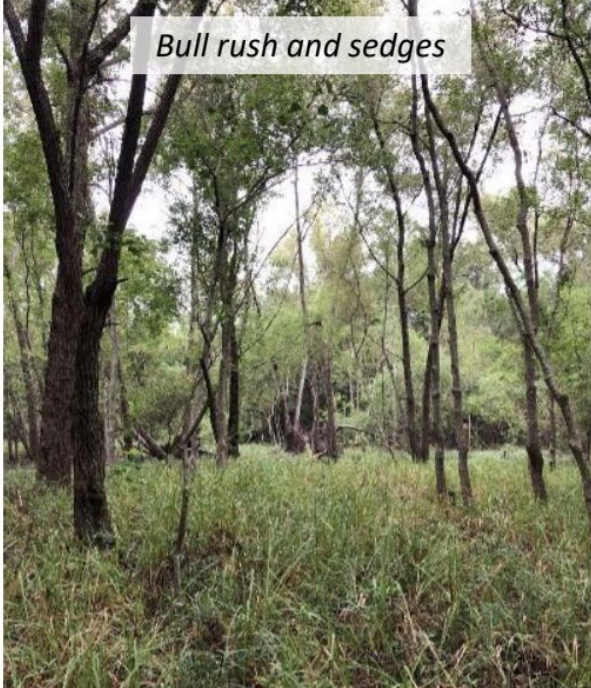
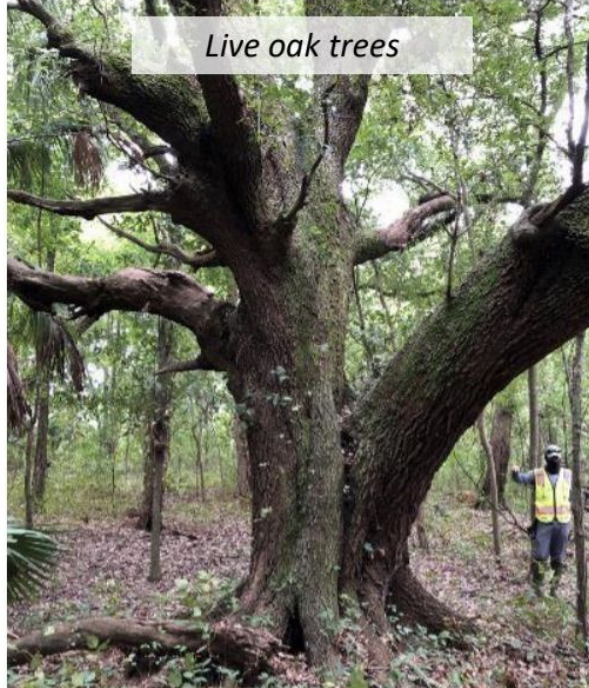


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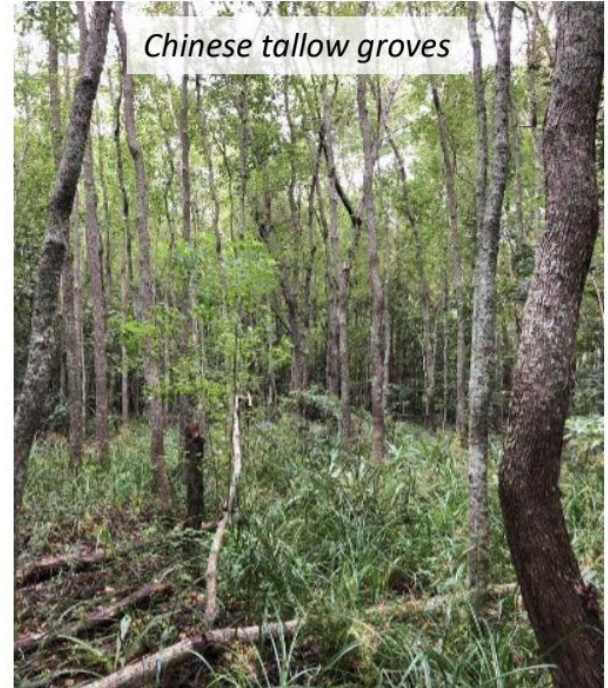
Bull rush and sedges



Live oak trees



Chinese tallow groves



Moderated Discussion w/ Panelists

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Breakout Session Questions (25 mins)

- What is something shared by one of the speakers that connects to your everyday life (*maybe it's a place, a street name, or a memory that you have with wetlands or swamps*)?
- How do you see the history of land, water, liberation, and community in the environment or in the city today?
- Does the name of a place determine how comfortable (e.g. safe and welcome) you feel when you visit? Why or why not?
- What would you like to see considered when choosing a name for this project?
- What would you name this project?



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Gentilly Resilience District at Dillard Wetlands Project

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 10, 2021
6-8 p.m.
Virtually through Zoom

Saturday, June 12, 2021
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tulane Memorial Baptist Church (3601 Paris Ave.)

register at nola.gov/neoevents



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