

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve



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After the Civil War, former slaves built a thriving town on the battlefield at Chalmette. They bought the land from a free man of color, Jean Pierre Fazende. In 1966, the National Park Service acquired the land to preserve the battlefield. Fazendeville's people moved to other places, but they are still a community at heart.

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