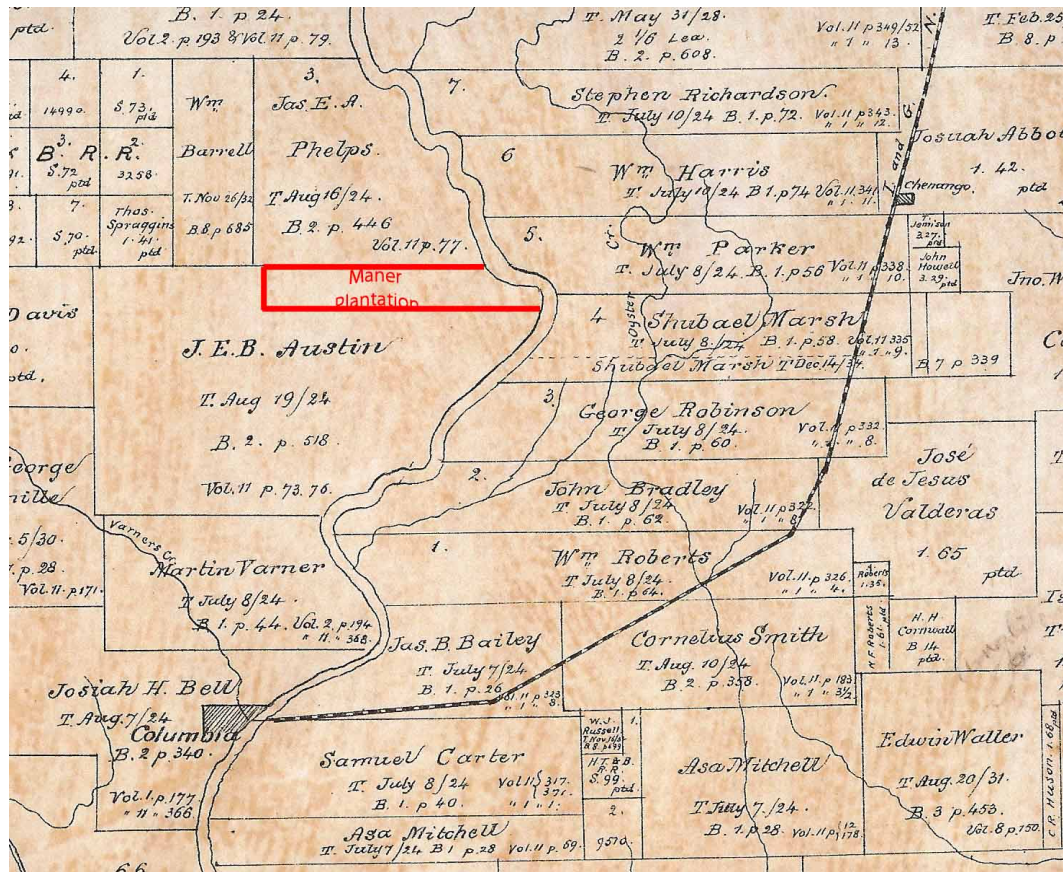


Maner Plantation
Brazosport Archaeological Society

The Maner Plantation was built in the northeast corner of the James E. B. Austin 3 League tract on the west side of the Brazos River ~ 10 miles north of Columbia. Eliza M. Hill inherited the total 3 league tract from the estate of her first husband, James E. B. Austin, brother of Stephen F. Austin. Eliza M. Hill and her third husband William G. Hill contracted the property to John S. Shepard in 1840 to start a cotton plantation with approximately thirty slaves. William Maner and a large extended family were in Texas by the fall of 1847 and Henry Shepard turned over his contract for 2222 acres to William Maner in December 1847.

On the plantation William Maner constructed a sugar mill using steam power. In the 1850's the Maner Plantation would be a consistent sugar and cotton producer using slave labor. At the time of his death in 1857 the plantation was under such heavy mortgages as to force his estate to sell the property. Alfred James bought the plantation at auction in 1859. Several of William Maner's sons served the Confederacy during the Civil War but on their return they scattered throughout the state. William Pitt Ballinger, a lawyer from Galveston, purchased the property in 187. Later T. L. Smith of East Columbia obtained the property later the Black Ranch controls the property at present.



Map 1879 Texas General Land Office

Eliza M. Westall Hill (1807-1847) inherited several large tracts of land in Brazoria County from the estate of her first husband James E. B. Austin (1803-1829), brother of Stephen F. Austin (See Osceola Plantation). In 1836 she married William G. Hill (1801-1860) and they resided on the San Bernard River at Waverly Plantation, the home of her second husband Zeno Phillips (?-1835). Eliza and William Hill contracted with John S. Shepard December 1, 1840 to sell him 2222 acres from the northeast corner of the James E. B. Austin 3 League tract. This 3 league tract was located about ten miles above the town of Columbia on the west side of the Brazos River. The 2222 acre tract was known as the "Gin Tract" first improved by James E. B. Austin in 1828 by his building a cotton gin and a few out buildings. After his death the property may have been leased from year to year based on the advice of John Austin¹ to Stephen F. Austin "I think that much the best plan for if the place should be hired from year to year those who have it will not take care of the fence Buildings etc which would go to wreck and then the whole or more rent would be expended in repairing. The buildings are good the Gin house is sound with the exception of some of the posts on which it stands not much work to replace them...Since writing the above Mr Jesse Thompson has made application for the Gin Place will agree to take it and in five years leave the improvements with 100 Dollars more than at this time..." His appraisal of the gin house and cotton gin as it stood was \$140.² In 1840 John S. Shepard was contracted to "place on the premises...thirty working slaves to cultivate a full proportion of cotton to the land cleared reserving enough of said land for the previous crop and after deducting sixteen hundred dollars the supposed amount of the annual expenses of the farm the residue Nett amount of the cotton sales are to be paid to the said William G. Hill."³ In 1842 William G. and Eliza M. Hill agreed that John S. Shepard had been keeping up with his end of the contract and would issue him a clear title as soon as their contract price of \$17,388 had been paid.⁴

December 1847 in New Orleans John S. Shepard turned his contract over to William Maner (1795-1860).⁵ Maner agreed to take up the contract and pay Shepard \$4340.00 for his equity in the property securing his mortgage with 41 slaves.⁶ These slaves had been deeded to him by his daughter Elouise M. Watson and her husband John H. of Panola County Mississippi in trust for the benefit of her mother (Rachel Porcher Miles Maner 1801-1889) and her children.⁷ William and Rachel Maner's plantation would be bordered on the north by Orozimbo, home of Dr. James A. E. Phelps and on the south by Osceola, home of William G. Hill⁸. The Maner family based on the birth places of their children (14) and deed records were from Gadsden County Florida.⁹ With their extended family there were quite a number of relatives that made the move to Texas. The 1850 Census lists their family, married daughters, and a possible relative Charles Manor at a separate location who had been in Brazoria County for several years prior to the move of the William Maner family¹⁰:

¹ John Austin was a close friend and a possible distant relative of Stephen F. Austin. He was the business partner of James E. B. Austin.

² Barker, Eugene C. ed., Letter Henry Austin to Stephen F. Austin, November 1, 1830, San Felipe de Austin, The Austin Papers, Vol. II, American Historical Association, United States Government Printing Office, Washington D. C., 1928, pp. 525-527.

³ Brazoria County Deed Record: B 118

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ BCDR: D 470 William Maner is often called Captain William Maner.

⁶ BCDR: D 453

⁷ BCDR: D 646/49

⁸ After the death of Eliza M. Hill in 1847, William G. Hill lost control of the Waverly Plantation property and moved his family to Osceola ~1848-1850.

⁹ BCDR: D 646/49

¹⁰ Frances F. Manor married E. S. Jackson September 16, 1846 probably a daughter of Charles Manor, who according to deed records arrived by January 1845. Francis Jackson listed as born in Alabama aged 20 in the 1850

William Manor [Maner] ¹¹ (Planter)	56 M South Carolina
Rachel M.	50 F South Carolina
William S.	24 M South Carolina
John T.	22 M South Carolina
Anna M.	18 F Florida
Elizabeth A.	16 F Florida
Edwin M.	14 M South Carolina
Ranna R.	13 M Florida
Frances T.	12 F Georgia
Julius W.	10 M Georgia
Caroline F.	8 F Florida
Theadore	6 M Florida
Benjamin M.	4 M Florida

Charles Manor (Blacksmith)	50 M South Carolina
Sarah	50 F South Carolina
William A. (Blacksmith)	25 M Alabama
Elizabeth H.	17 F Alabama
Sarah J.	10 F Texas
Jessey Morris	25 M Maryland

The 1850 Agricultural Census lists Manor as having 300 acres under cultivation. The tax roll for 1850 lists William Manor with 52 slaves, 14 horses, and 100 head of cattle. His two sons William and John owned 2 and 7 slaves respectively. His eldest son Henry C. Manor born is South Carolina aged 27 at this time is not listed with the family.

A married daughter is listed as living on the plantation in a separate residence:

L [Elouise] M[arie] Watson	25 F South Carolina [wife of John H. Watson]
William T.	5 M Georgia
P. Smith (Bricklayer)	28 M Louisiana
S. R. Bayou	30 F Texas

William and Rachel M. Manor's daughter Ellen Manor Johnson is also listed with her husband as an overseer.

S[eaborne] L. Johnson	31 M Georgia
Ellen M[aud]	26 F South Carolina
Laura	2/12 F Texas
John Burgess	62 M Scotland

During the 1850's the Manor Plantation produced in addition to cotton a consistent sugar cane crop. In March 1851 William Manor consigned his 1851 crop to Doswell, Hill &

Census which would match place of birth for Charles Manor's other children. Unable to find any record connecting Charles Manor and William Manor families although a connection postulated by other authors.

¹¹ The correct spelling for the name is Maner even though the lake on the property is now spelled Manor Lake.

Company¹² of Galveston “for sundry amts of money advanced & hereafter to be advanced by them for me and on my account as follows. For an Engine and Sugar Mill Bricks Kettles freight on the same from New Orleans Draft on in favor of R. & D. G. Mills¹³ advanced to Wm. Maner. In all amounting to Ten Thousand Dollars already advanced by them for me the last and present year...”¹⁴ By 1852 his sugar mill was in production.

1852 William Manor [Maner]	Steam	200 Hhds
1853		210
1854		175
1855		262
1858 William Manor Estate		95
1860		... ¹⁵

Marriage records indicate that daughters Elizabeth A. Maner and James A. Corker were married October 28, 1852, Fannie [Francis] T. Maner and Martin V. McMahan were wed June 19, 1856, and Anna Maner wed Lauchlin McKellar September 24, 1857.

Elouise Marie Watson, daughter of William and Rachel Maner, died before mid January 1857 leaving her son William T. Watson.¹⁶ January 23, 1857 William Maner passed away. His estate was appraised with assets of ~\$43,000 while claims against his estate amounted to ~\$60,000.¹⁷ The 1856 tax roll lists William Maner with 54 slaves, 26 horses, and 360 head of cattle. During the 1850's he had financed the daily operation and improvements on the plantation through heavy mortgages. He owed Henry H. Williams of Baltimore, Maryland \$15,046.21(nine notes) for his initial land purchase of the plantation, Curtis S. Swan of Tennessee \$16,457.72 (three notes) with 56 slaves as security, and Doswell, Hill & Co. of Galveston, Texas \$11,988.92 (four notes) with the plantation as security. Through the years Doswell, Hill & Company had fronted operating capitol and they held a mortgage and deed of trust on the property. Ammon Underwood, a local merchant in East Columbia, had provided supplies for the plantation for 1857 and his bill was past due. The wolves were at the door and no hope of refinancing was at hand. Curtis S. Swan had already brought suit against the William Maner and won early January 1857 seeking a foreclosure on the slaves on the plantation. He petitioned the estate for a sale of slaves as quickly as possible.¹⁸

Rachel Maner was administratrix of the estate for a short time but as the situation became more critical Henry C. Maner and James A. Corker, his brother-in-law, became dual administrators. Rachel Maner was able to receive a small amount of money for the maintenance

¹² Richard B. Doswell, Edward Hill, and Michael B. Menard partners.

¹³ R. & D. G. Mills & Company of Galveston owned by Robert and David G. Mills.

¹⁴ BCDR: F 82/83

¹⁵ Champomier, P. A., Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1852-53, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1853 Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1853-54, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1854. Champomier, P. A., Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1854-55, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1855 & Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1855-56, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1856. Champomier, P. A., Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1858-59, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1859. Champomier, P. A., Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1860-61, With An Appendix, New Orleans, 1861.

¹⁶ Elouise Marie Watson Probate Case 673, County Clerk's Office, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

¹⁷ William Manor Probate Case 691, County Clerk's Office, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

¹⁸ Ibid.

of herself and four minor children. By the end of 1858 the prospects for the widow and her children became even gloomier as even this benefit was challenged by Curtis S. Swan: "He [Swan] objects to an allowance of a yearly support for the widow and minor children for the reason they have already had one years support out of said Estate..."¹⁹ The executors of the estate had held off Swan in order to have enough slaves to harvest the 1858 crop of cotton and sugar, but were forced to start auctioning the assets of the estate in January 1859.

Administrator's Sale of SUGAR PLANTATION

Will be sold to the highest bidder before the Court House door in Brazoria county on Tuesday Jan. 4th 1859, the residence of the late Capt. Wm. Maner—the plantation known as the "Gin Place," on the Brazos river, about nine miles above Columbia.

Said plantation contains half a league of 2222 acres of land, and is well adapted for both sugar and cotton. It has on it a good Brick Sugar House, and a 30 horse power engine and mill, attached to which is a good grist mill; also a good Gin House and Press. On said place is a good dwelling house and negro cabins.

There is on the place between four and five hundred acres in cultivation, of which 180 acres are in cane. About two-thirds of said tract is heavily timbered.

Terms of sale, twelve month's credit, with approved security.

At the same time and place will be sold TEN NEGROES belonging to said estate on six months time, with notes and approved security.

On Friday, the 7th day of January, will be sold, on the plantation, all the stock, utensils, & c., belonging to said estate, consisting of 20 yoke of oxen. 20 mules, about 100 head of cattle, 8 cane carts, and between four and five thousand bushels of corn; also about 125 head of cattle running in San Saba county on the Colorado river. For further particulars apply to Henry H. Williams of Galveston, or to the administrators in Columbia.

CORKER & MANER

Columbia, Decr. 14 1858²⁰

At the estate sale the plantation was auctioned off to Alfred F. James of Galveston for \$28,000.75.²¹ At the same time eleven slaves were sold to different buyers for a total of \$8034.²² Three days later all the other items on the plantation were sold to a host of people including some of the Maner family. One of the items sold was a kiln of unfired brick to Orlando C. Phelps of the Orozimbo Plantation indicating that there was a brick kiln on the property (See Appendix B).²³ The administrators of the estate who had given title to Alfred James under the terms that he would assume the debt due Henry H. Williams and release the debt due Doswell, Hill & Company sued James over their fees on the sale for \$3000. This case was taken to the Supreme Court of Texas but was settled in Alfred F. James' favor though he had died by this time.²⁴

¹⁹ William Maner Probate Case 691, Petition Curtis S. Swan, December 2, 1858, County Clerk's Office, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

²⁰ *Democrat And Planter*, December 20. 1858

²¹ BCDR: N 284/86

²² William Maner Probate Case 691, Succession of William Maner Deceased, January 31, 1859, County Clerk's Office, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

²³ *Ibid.*

²⁴ Paschal, George W., Reports of Cases Argued and Decided in the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, During 1867 and 1868, Vol. XXX, W. H. & O. H. Morrison, Washington, D. C., 1870, pp.617-630.

By 1860 it is not clear if any of the Maner family were still on the plantation. Rachel M. Maner and her youngest minor children are not listed in the 1860 Brazoria County Census. John T. Maner is listed by himself as a planter. He was working the Yerby Place which he had rented from A. R. Park and consigned his 1860 crop of corn and cotton John W. Brooks.²⁵ Seaborne L. Johnson's family is listed with Carrie L. Maner 17(Caroline F. Maner) in his household. James A. Corker is listed as having Julius W. Maner 21 with his household. Edwin M. and Ranna R. Maner moved to San Saba, Texas where Edwin practiced law and Ranna was a stockraiser. Henry C. Maner is the most likely candidate as that part of the family still on the Maner Plantation. Perhaps he had an agreement to rent the property from the new owners:

H. C. Maner (Planter)	37 M South Carolina
S.	36 F South Carolina
Marcia	12 F Texas
Alice	7 F Florida
Samuel	5 M Texas
Lucy A.	4 F Texas
Mary	2 F Texas
William Watson	13 M Georgia (Son of his deceased sister)

With the onset of the Civil War several of the Maner family enlisted. Theodore A. and Julius W. Maner joined John A. Wharton's company of Texas volunteers which became Company B, 8th Regiment Texas Calvary, known as Terry's Texas Rangers. Julius, Jules as he was called, was absent much of 1862 on sick leave, but was present for duty in April 1863 and later suffered a severe thigh wounded near Newman, Georgia on July 30, 1864. Theodore A. Maner was left sick in Knoxville, Tennessee on the muster roll for November 7, 1862. The two brothers may have returned to Texas together with only Jules returning for service.²⁶

John T. Maner enlisted in the Confederate States Army at Columbia, Brazoria County, May 1, 1862. He served in Captain Moseley's Company, Light Artillery, Bates' Regiment, Texas Volunteers. In 1863 he was detached from his unit and assigned to the signal corps as a signal operator stationed in Galveston. On the muster roll for February, 1864 he is listed as on detached duty with no further service noted.²⁷

Abner J. Strobel noted, "The last of the name served in Hood's Brigade...He survived the war, during which he never had a furlough. On his return from the war, his neighbors wanted to know why he had come back. He told them that Lee had surrendered and he was a paroled prisoner. This was the first news they had of Lee's surrender and could hardly believe it."²⁸ This would have been Benjamin M. Maner if Strobel is correct.

Some authors have said that five of William Maner's sons served during the Civil War and that three were killed. After 1865 William S., Edwin M., and Ranna R. Maner are not listed in the Texas Census. This would mean that perhaps seven sons served during the war if the three sons above did not return.

²⁵ BCDR: J 408

²⁶ On Line Archive of Terry's Texas Ranger, www.terrystexasrangers.org

²⁷ Maner Plantation File, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas

²⁸ Strobel, Abner J., *The Old Plantations and Their Owners of Brazoria County Texas*, Revised Edition, The Union National Bank, Houston, Texas, 1930, pp. 20-21.

William Pitt Ballinger of Galveston acquired the Maner Plantation in April 1872.²⁹ Since Ballinger was an owner in absentia Henry C. Maner may have run the plantation for him during the 1870's. He had a note of \$242.13 to W. F. Wilson with whom he consigned his 1878 crop and in 1879 he cosigned his crop of corn and cotton to Wilson along with his sugar and syrup. He also used as collateral "all my harness, 3 plows, turning plows, one Ox wagon, on No 3 Victor vane mill, evaporator, cooling trough & c. used by me in the manufacture of Syrup & sugar" for \$189.12.³⁰ It is not clear which property he was farming. In the 1880 Census his household is listed:

Henry C. Maner	Farmer	57
Sam	Son	26
George Willford	Laborer	20
Rachel Maner	Mother	79
Ellen Johnson	Sister	59

In 1889 Rachel Maner died and may be buried next to her husband at the Maner Plantation. The grave next to William Maner according to those that cleared the land was a little bigger than a child. Catherine Munson Foster stated that Rachel must have been not much larger than a dwarf.³¹ This may not be the case as the grave could be a child or another member of the family as there is no marker over the gravesite. There may have been a brick mausoleum over the graves or a brick wall around the graves as the brick has been robbed from the location.



WM. MANER
WEEP NOT, WE'LL MEET AGAIN³²

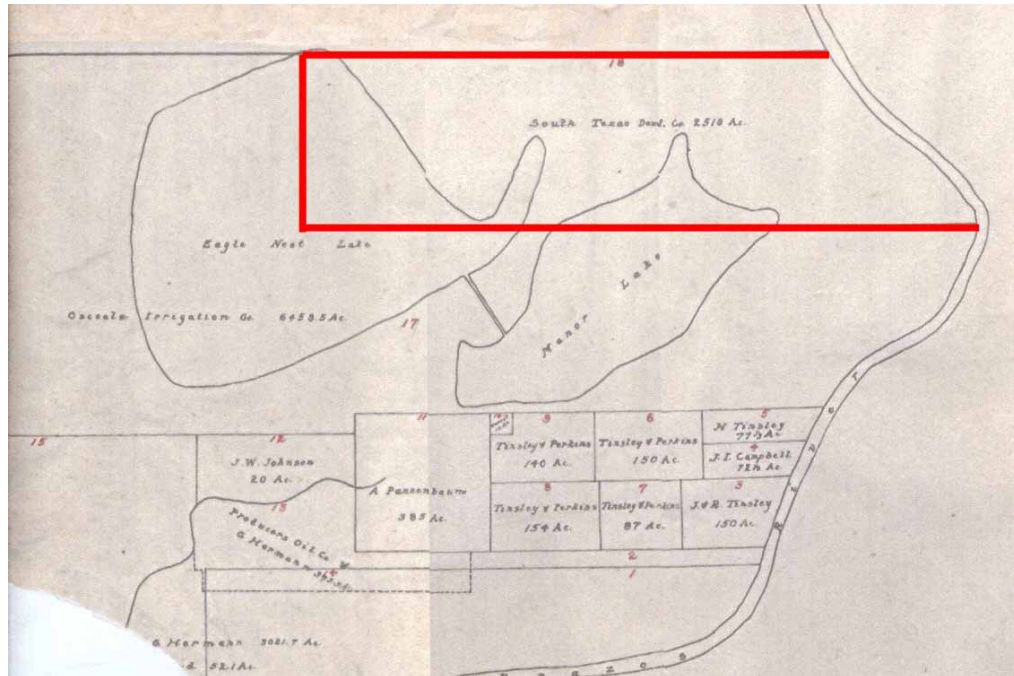
²⁹ BCDR: N 617

³⁰ BCDR : Q 600 & R 643

³¹ *The Brazosport Facts*, July 11, 1971, "Manor Plantation owner was a banished Briton", Catherine Munson Foster

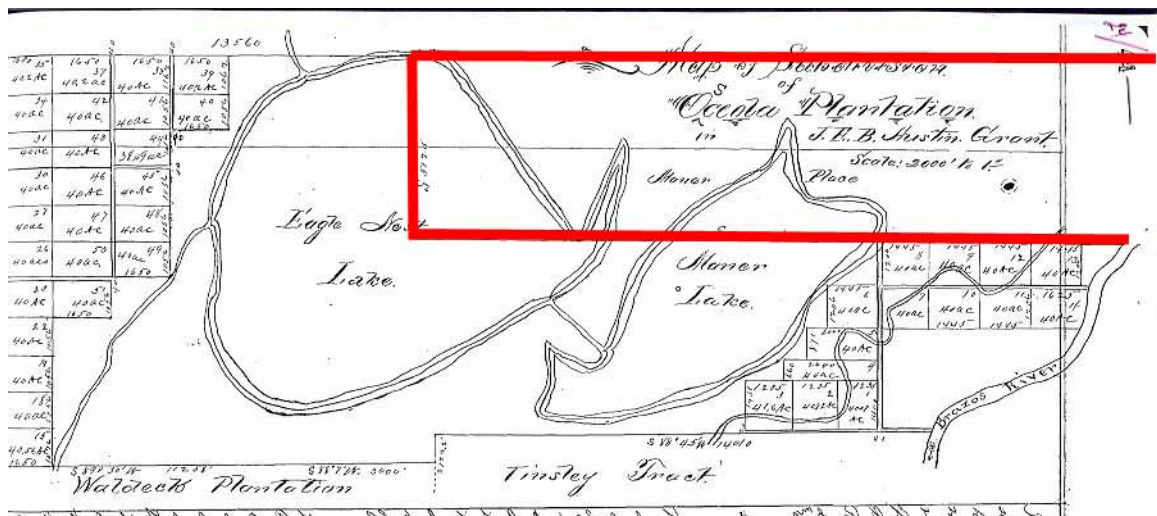
³² Roberts & Smith in Texas History <http://www.texasgen.org> It is possible that Elouise Marie Maner Watson may be buried at this site also.

In 1889 William P. Ballenger sold the property to Joseph G. Smith, a local merchant in West Columbia. Harris Masterson obtained the property in 1892 and sold it to the South Texas Development Company in 1905 when it was platted. “Manor Lake” is on part of the property.



Plat of Manor Plantation ~1905³³

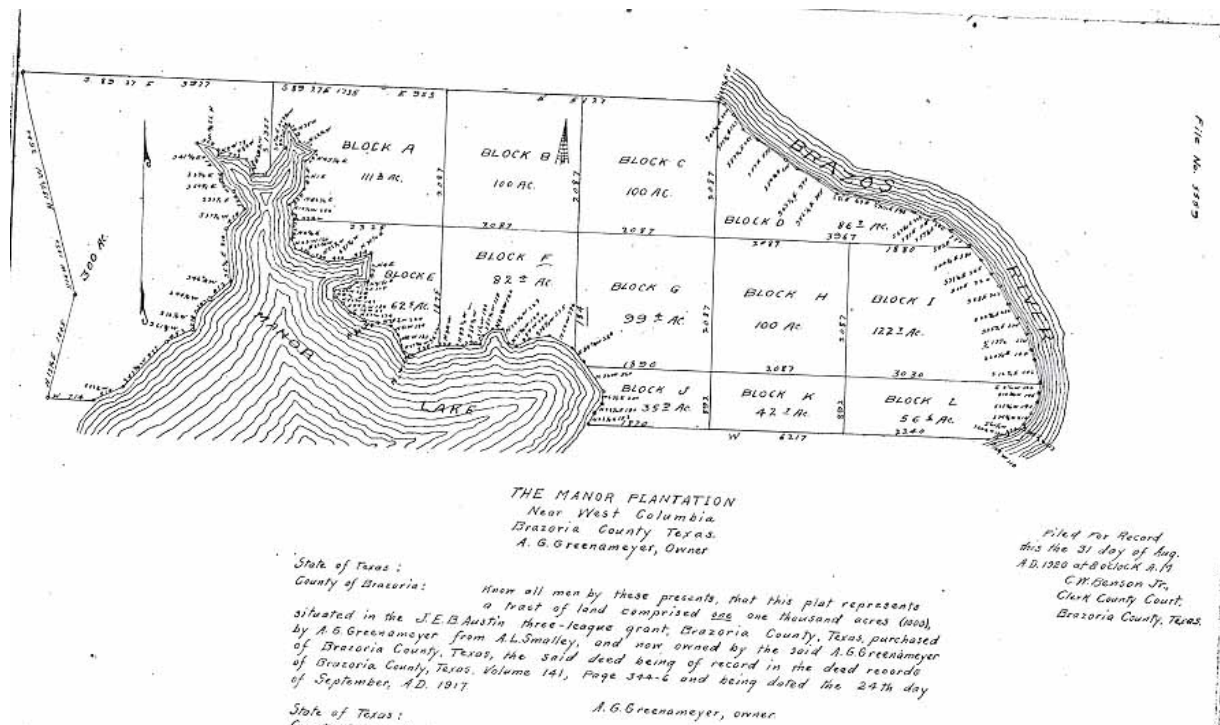
A previous plat of Osceola Plantation in 1893 had “Maner Lake” on the property so it is shortly after the turn of the century that the name of the lake gets changed.



Plat of Osceola Plantation with Manor Plantation Highlighted 1893 BCDR: 24 44

³³ Brazoria County Historical Museum, Map 1988.070c.0214

By 1917 A. G. Greenmeyer had purchased the eastern 1000 acres of the original Maner Plantation and he had the property platted in 1920



Most of the land owners after the Maner family did not live on the property and several were from out of state. Whether they were raising crops or only cattle is unknown. W. H. Black bought tracts A, B, E, and F in 1956.³⁴ The Tri-State Investment Company bought all the eastern tracts in 1929.³⁵ The Black Ranch and Tri-State Investment Company have been the owners for many years (See Appendix C). Access has been restricted so that any remnants of the home site, slave quarters, sugar mill, cotton gin, or brick kiln are unknown at this time. There are no known photos of the Maner Plantation.

³⁴ BCDR: 563 37 These are the tracts on which most of the plantation remnants should lie.

³⁵ BCDR: 236 601/602

Appendix A

Maner Family Genealogy

William Manor b. June 8, 1795 Beaufort District, South Carolina (William Manor & Jane A. May)

d. January 23, 1857 Maner Plantation (Buried on Property)

m.

Rachel Porcher Miles b. 1801 Beaufort District, South Carolina (James Miles & Rachel Porcher)

d. 1889 Brazoria County, Texas (Possibly buried next to her husband)

1. Henry C. Maner b. ~1823 South Carolina

m. (5 Children in 1860 Brazoria County Census)

S ? b. ~1824 Florida

2. Ellen Maud Maner b. ~1824 South Carolina

m. (4 Children in 1860 Brazoria County Census)

Seaborne L. Johnson b. ~1815 Georgia

3. Louise Marie Maner b. ~1825 South Carolina

m. ~1844(1 child William T. Watson in 1850 Brazoria County Census)

John H. Watson b.

4. William S. Maner b. ~1826 South Carolina

5. John T. Maner b. ~1828 South Carolina

6. Anna Miles Maner b. ~1832 Florida

d. January 1892 Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas

m. September 24, 1857 Brazoria County, Texas (6 Children)

Lauchlin McKellar b. ~1821 Cumberland County, North Carolina

d. March 14, 1882 Hays County, Texas

7. Elizabeth A. Maner b. ~1834 Florida

m. October 28, 1852 Brazoria County (2 Children 1860 Brazoria County Census)

James A. Corker b. ~1827 Georgia

8. Edwin M. Maner b. ~1836 South Carolina

9. Ranna R. Maner b. ~1837 Florida

10. Frances T. Maner b. ~1838 Georgia

m. June 19, 1856 Brazoria County

Martin V. McMahan b.

11. Julius (Jules) W. Maner b. ~1840 Georgia

d. April 17, 1901 Austin, Texas (Buried Texas State Cemetery)

12. Caroline Florida Maner b. March 10, 1842 Gadsden County, Florida

d. August 12, 1903 Gonzales, Texas

m. ~1870 (7 Children lived in Slayden, Texas)

Peter McKellar, Jr. b. 1831, Cumberland County, North Carolina

d. September 17, 1905 Gonzales, Texas

13. Theodore A. Maner b. ~1844 Florida

m. (2 Children 1870 Hays County Census)

Permelia ? b. ~1845 Mississippi

14. Benjamin M. Maner b. ~1846 Florida (Living with his brother Theodore in 1870)

Appendix B

February 5, 1858

Inventory of Property Belonging to the Estate of William Maner

2214 acres of land and improvements		\$28,000.00
Ngrs Man Lige alias Elijah aged about	45	750.00
“ “ London ruptured	62	300.00
“ “ John	38	1,100.00
“ “ Ben ruptured	38	850.00
“ “ Fred	27	1,250.00
“ “ Aleck Read	55	550.00
“ Woman Hannah	50	450.00
“ “ Amanda	28	850.00
“ Boy Wm. Son of Amanda	11	775.00
“ Girl Amy Daughter of Amanda	8	500.00
“ Woman Martha Cook	27	950.00
“ Austin Child of Martha	7	450.00
“ Susan Child of Martha	6	300.00
“ Minny Child of Martha	2	200.00
“ Woman Polly Washing & Ironing	40sickly	600.00
7 Carts in running order & Irons for one		295.00
1 Wagon		75.00
19 Ox yokes @ 2.00 \$38.00 7 Ox chains \$10.50		48.50
26 Sets of gear @ \$1.00 \$26.00 13 Ploughs @ \$3.00 \$39.00		65.00
2 Sweeps @ \$1.50		3.00

3 Horses 1 Worthless 1 @ \$25 1 @ \$65	90.00
24 Mules (8 running out) @ \$60	1440.00
19 Yoke Oxen @ \$50	950.00
100 Head of Cattle on the Brazos @ \$6.00	600.00
100 “ “ in Llano County @ \$6.00	600.00
100 “ of Hogs @ \$1.00	100.00
73 Molasses Bbls @ \$1.50	109.50
1 Kiln of Brick mostly unburnt	100.00
Household and Kitchen Furniture	
11 Cane bottom Chairs @ \$1.00	11.00
12 Cane “ “	9.00
1 Sett of Drawers	8.00
1 Counting Room Desk	12.00
4 Bedsteads @ \$6.00	24.00
3 Feather Beds @\$15.00	45.00
3 Wool Mattresses @ \$10.00	30.00
3 Moss “ @ \$3.00	9.00
1 Cotton “	5.00
4 Corn Tables @\$1.00	4.00
Library about 100 Vols.	50.00
2 Meat Safes	12.00
Crockery, Stove, Wood & Tin Ware & Cutlery	34.00
Kitchen Utensils	15.00
Glass Ware	<u>3.00</u>
	\$42,622.00

Appendix C Deed Records

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	James E.B. Austin	Deed	SR		July	10	1824	13284	J.E.B. Austin 3 League Tract
Estate James E. B. Austin	William G. & Eliza M. Hill								J.E.B. Austin 3 League Tract
William G. & Eliza M. Hill	John S. Shepard	Deed	B	118	Feb	24	1842	2222	NE Corner JEB Austin 3 League Tract on Brazos River \$17,388
John S. Shepard	William Maner	Deed	D	470	Mar	5	1847	2222	All his rights to
John H. Watson	William Maner & Henry C. Maner	Deed Trust	E	63/64	May	27	1844		\$5000 & 53 slaves for trust as separate property for future wife Louisa Maria Maner
John H. Watson & Elouise M. Watson	William Maner	Deed Trust	D	646/49	Dec	26	1846		29 slaves on 4 Dec 1846 & 12 slaves on 26 Dec in trust for her mother & children same slaves as E 63
William Maner	John S. Shepard	Mortgage	D	453	Mar	6	1847		\$4340.00 used 41 slaves to secure note
Seaborne L. & Ellen M. Johnson	William Maner	Deed Trust	D	521/22	Oct	10	1847		Family of slaves in trust for his wife as separate property
William Maner	Frederick Hath & Co. London	Mortgage	D	650/52	Feb	21	1848		\$16418.75 note ~60 slaves as security
William Maner	Wright Williams & Co. New Orleans	Mortgage	D	659/60	Feb	25	1848		\$1500 note 7 slaves as security
William Maner	Morgan L. Smith	Mortgage	F	60/61	Mar	8	1851		\$2000 note 3 slaves as security(Alexander, Ephraim, Barbarary)
William Maner	Doswell, Hill & Co. Galveston	Deed	F	82/83	Mar	15	1851		Consignment of Sugar Crop to cover \$10,000 to buy Engine and Sugar Mill Brick
E. M. Pease	William Maner	Deed	F	89	May	3	1851		\$1400 3 slaves all children
William Maner	Louise M. Watson	Deed	F	90	June	2	1851		Gave his daughter 7 slaves
William Maner	Doswell, Hill & Co. Galveston	Mortgage	F	106/08	July	1	1851		\$11,116.32 note secured by all his slaves
William Maner	John L. Darragh	DT	F	776/77	April	1	1854		\$14,400 note to Doswell, Hill, & Co. 56 slaves
William Maner	Henry H. Williams Baltimore	Mortgage	G	178/79	Jan	25	1855	2222	\$15462 for initial land purchase
William Maner	Alfred F. James & Wm.P. Ballinger	DT	G	197/98	Jan	25	1855	2222	\$9206.89 owed to Doswell, Hill, & Co.
William Maner	Henry H. Williams Baltimore	Deed	G	282/83	May	22	1855		Consignment of 1855 sugar crop to pay his note & additional advances
William Maner	Henry H. Williams Baltimore	Mortgage	H	15/16	Jan	8	1857		\$4215.69 debt due extended consign ½ crop sugar & cotton

Estate Auction	Estate of Alfred F. James	Deed	N	284/86	Jan	4	1859	2220	\$28,000.75 bid
H. C. Maner & J. A. Corker	H J. B Cash	Deed	J	366/67	March	1	1859		\$910 for family of 4 slaves at auction on 4 th Jan 1859
Edwin M. Maner	James A. Corker & Seaborne Johnson	Deed	J	365	Jan	11	1860		\$1200 his interest in estate now under litigation
Alfred F. James	R. M. Thrasher	Deed							
Michael D. Menard Helen C. Bostwick John R. Bostwick	William P. Ballinger Galveston	Deed	N	617	April	30	1872	2222	All their rights under R. M. Thrasher to Maner Plantation
William P. Ballinger	Joseph G. Smith	Deed	3	175/79	Aug	10	1889		Maner Plantation + 400 acres of Phelps League
J. G. Smith	Harris Masterson						1892		Maner Plantation part of law suit 10989
Harris Masterson	South Texas Development Co.	Deed	67	544/45	Sept	18	1905	2222	One of many tracts sold
South Texas Development Co	Arthur L. Smalley	Deed	81	161/63	April	27	1908	1000	Maner Plantation
A. L. & Ebby Smalley of South Dakota	A.G. Greenemeyer	Deed	141	344/46	June	30	1917	1000	Maner Plantation \$8000 + \$10,000 note assumption
E. T. Harris trustee	A. G. Greenemeyer	Deed	182	369/70	May	26	1924	356	Tracts A, B, E, F
Bessie Greenemeyer	Mildred Pickus	Deed	163	414/15	April	5	1938	356	1/3 interest
Denver Greenemeyer	Mildred Pickus	Deed	303	303/04	Aug	29	1941	356	1/3 Interest
Mildred Pickus	C. F. Mann	DT	128	25	May	4	1953	356	\$13528
C. F. Mann	W. H. Black	Deed	563	37	May	22	1953	356	\$13528
W. H. & Frances Black	W. H. Black Jr. & Dan Black	Deed	581	116/118	Dec	31	1953	356	\$13528
C. F. Mann	W. H. Black	Deed	657	584	June	20	1956	356	
W.H. Black & Dan P. Black	Black Ranch	Deed	876	774/77	April	1	1964	356	Tracts A, B, E, F
Black Ranch	W.H. Black & Dan P. Black	Deed	867	231	Jan	1	1991	356	50/50 partnership Tracts A, B, E, F
A. G. Greenemeyer	Live Stock National Bank	Deed	182	252/53	March	8	1924	644	Tracts C, D, G, H, I, J, K, L
Live Stock National Bank	E.T. Harris Trustee	Deed	182	254/55	May	26	1924	644	Tracts C, D, G, H, I, J, K, L
Live Stock National Bank	Tri-State Investment Co.	Release	236	601/02	Oct	3	1929	644	Tracts C, D, G, H, I, J, K, L

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