

“St. Malo” Louisiana State Historical Marker. Philippine-Louisiana Historical Society, St. Bernard, LA, 9 November 2019.



St. Malo was the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States. In the first half of the 19th century, Filipino sailors established a village on the southern shore of Lake Borgne on a site previously settled by Native Americans and Maroons. By the mid-19th century, St. Malo was the largest fishing village on the lake and a symbol of the growing Filipino presence in Louisiana.