SILAS T. GRISAMORE

Silas Grisamore arrived by steamboat from his native southern Indiana in the mid 1840s. He taught school in Assumption Parish, sold goods from flatboats on Bayou Lafourche, and eventually became a merchant in Thibodaux. During the Civil War, Grisamore served in the Army of the Confederacy in the Trans-Mississippi Department as Quartermaster in the Army of Western Louisiana. He achieved the rank of Major. After the war, Grisamore resumed his business and for many years was mayor of Thibodaux and president of the Lafourche Parish Police Jury. He also was editor of the Thibodaux Sentinel newspaper, in which he published his memoirs, "Reminiscences of Uncle Silas." As a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Grisamore often was its Senior Warden.