

Historic Place Names Associated with Weeks Bay Alabama  
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1732 Carte De La Louisiane -

1771 British Admiralty Chart (hardcopy only) - Magnolia River referred to as La Saut,  
Weeks Bay named Fish River, Small village indicated near Weeks or Nolte creek  
Point Clear referred to as Pont Gradingo

1831 Finley map – Weeks Bay referred to as Fish Bay

1836 H.S. Tanner, Tanners Universal Atlas – Town of Williamsburg (Fairhope?)

1894 Geological Map of Alabama (USGS) – Town of Lamberta located on west side of  
Fish River just north of current day Highway 98

1879 Rand McNally – Magnolia River referred to as East Branch of Fish River.

Date unknown – Magnolia river referred to as Cataract Creek with note of ‘falls’

Notes

As for the turpentine, Magnolia Springs stands on land granted by the Spanish to a Joseph Collins in 1800 (see BLM plat record). In 1834 the administrators of the Joseph Collins Grants sold the land to Joshua Kennedy, and in 1855 the lands were transferred to Kennedy , Moore, and Co. Those two and another partner were engaged in the turpentine business , and worked hundreds of slaves in the woods, gathering pine sap for miles in every direction.

The business thrived until the War Between the States. When Admiral Farragut attacked the area, the Confederates burned the turpentine still to keep the Union forces from using it. The war also brought the next wave of settlers to the area. Six years after the war ended, Kennedy & Moore sold their tract of land to a widow from Vermont, Mrs. Lizzie Breed, for 50 cents an acres. Her friends and relatives soon joined her here, many of them vowing to return to live in Magnolia Springs as soldiers in the Union Army.

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