



High on a hill in St. Francisville, Louisiana, the Myrtles Plantation, like other plantations, has its interesting points; however, this one's history also has a haunting added to it.

According to (myrtlesplantation.com), "The drama of The Myrtles Plantation began in 1796 when General David Bradford, also known as "Whiskey Dave" of the Whiskey Rebellion, fled the United States to avoid



arrest and imprisonment. Bradford arrived at Bayou Sara, then a Spanish Colony, and obtained a land grant of 650 acres from the Baron de Corondelet to begin a new life."

The Myrtles is built in a Creole cottage-style with a clapboard exterior, very similar to other plantation homes during the 19th century. With 22 rooms, the house includes cast-iron railing and a long veranda in the front. The main building has many interesting architectural touches, including stained glass, and is the oldest building on the property. The grounds include an island and gazebo, but the Myrtle tree and flowers are most striking in the rear of the building.

Today, a well-cared for bed and breakfast, it promotes the haunting and the title of being one of the most haunted homes in America. Supposedly there are more than 10 ghosts that haunt this property. The most famous is Chloe, a slave girl, who has been sighted over the years and even caught in photographs by those who have visited the Myrtles.

According to the ghostaugstine.com and guide on tour, the property then called Laurel Grove was transferred to General Bradford's daughter, Sara, who married Clark Woodruff. The General died in 1808.



The story told is that the Judge liked a slave name Chloe and forced her to become his mistress. She became too familiar with family doings and the Judge banished her, but not before he had one of her ears cut off.

Chloe began to wear a turban following the incident. She would return to the house, but was so upset over what had happened that she plotted to make the family sick, then nurse them back to health.

Oleander leaves were put into a cake mix and the amount killed Sara and two of the children. The baby was not included, since it was put to bed. The result was that Chloe was hung and then thrown into the Mississippi River weighed down with rocks.

The children, Chloe, and others who were murdered in the house are said to be the ghosts.

