

EPISODE TITLE: Miss Olive's Pie Safe

CIRCA: 1910

Guest Interview: Olive Freeman

Project: Cypress pie safe

Status: Initial interview completed

Octogenarian Olive Freeman lost her ancestral home and most of its contents during the 2005 hurricane, Rita. This pie safe, or garde-manger, was badly damaged, but recovered. Her parents had purchased it used in 1910 for \$4. The pie safe was rebuilt using material salvaged from the on-site barn, also destroyed by the flood.

Pie safes can be found made of many different woods and variants, but this one is very typical of those found in Louisiana in the first part of the 20th century. This piece is made from cypress and is an assembly of assemblies. The front and back panel assemblies screw onto the side panel assemblies. Drawers, shelves, doors and trim are attached to complete the piece.

- A digital reproduction of the piece is animated to disassemble and show the original components and assembly procedure.

The story is told by 89 year old Miss Olive Freeman. Video locations will be at her past homestead, her new home and the MT studio shop.

The material will be newly milled kiln dried cypress, period hardware and bronze screening.



Restored piece



Digital Reproduction