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RIVERS, LAKES, AND BAYOUS

The principal lakes of the county are Lake Bolivar in the southern part, Lake Vermillion and Swan Lake on Indian Point, Lake Beulah in the central part, and Lake Concordia to the north. These lakes, all originally a part of the Mississippi River, were made into lakes by cut-offs and changes in the channel of the river prior to the survey of the county; Lake Beulah was formed by the cut-off of 1863. The interior lakes are Alligator Lake in the north, Holmes Lake in the eastern part, Lake Porter and Six Mile Lake in the central part, Christmas Lake, east of Lake Beulah; and Huspuckena Bayou in the north. Jones' Bayou in the central portion and Porter's Bayou in the southern portion, flow into the Sunflower River on the eastern boundary of the county. Lake Porter and Eagle Nest Lake drain into the northeast fork of the Bogue Phalia. Bogue Phalia is a beautiful little river running through Bolivar County and down through Washington County into the Sunflower River. Laban's Bayou and Stokes' Bayou drain into Bogue Phalia on the west. Pace's Bayou, Snake Creek, and Bogue Hasty drain into Bogue Phalia from the east. The Bogue Phalia is a navigable stream from its mouth to what is known as "The Narrows." There it appears to have filled in, and for several miles is a narrow bayou. North of the Narrows it widens out again into a river for about twenty miles to its forks, known as the Forks of the Bogue, one of the branches going northeast and the other, northwest. Clear Creek runs from Lake Beulah to Shell Lake in Washington County. Deer Creek, a noted stream, flows southeast through Bolivar, down through Washington County. Williams' Bayou flows from the Mississippi River southeast into Washington County, emptying into Deer Creek. Black Bayou flows from Tupelo Gum Swamp, at Kimball Lake place, southeast into Fish Lake in Washington County. In the county are large swamps of low flat lands, such as Gibson Swamp, near Rosedale; Clear Creek Swamp, between Egypt Ridge and Bogue Phalia; and others upon which fine cypress timber grew.

The only open lands in the county were the great flat stretches of lands known as "open woods," where there was no cane or undergrowth; where deer, bear, and other animals fed upon the acorns and persimmons which grew on these lands. In rainy seasons these lands were covered with water, upon which were thousands of ducks.