

MEMORANDUM to Houston Subdistrict Office:

Brazos River at Richmond, Tex.

The maximum stage known since at least 1884 occurred in December 1913. On the basis of the following information obtained from newspapers, this date of 1884 can be extended back to 1852.

The following information was obtained from the Galveston News, May 29, 1884 - by-line Wallis (just upstream from Richmond) May 28, 1884: The Brazos River is higher here than it has been in 32 years. The water is 2 ft deep in N. P. Ward's gin house floor, 1-1/2 miles from the river.

From the Galveston News, June 6, 1884 - by-line Richmond, June 5, 1884: The Brazos River commenced falling Tuesday morning and is now slowly receding. It has been about 7 ft higher than at any time since 1852. The oldest inhabitant has never witnessed anything like it. A statement appears in the Texas State Gazette, dated March 27, 1852, that there was a great flood on the Brazos during this year.

From the above we know that the flood of December 1913 was the greatest since at least 1852. The historical floods paragraph in the station description should be corrected to include this information.

R. U. Grozier
9-24-59

MEMORANDUM to Austin District Office:

This information has been added to our copies of station description.

V. B. Sauer
12-9-59

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The Galveston News May 29, 1884

"Wallis (Just upstream from Richmond) May 28, 1884. The Brazos River is higher here than it has been in 32 years. The water is 2 feet deep on N.P. Wards gin house floor one and a half miles from the river."

The Galveston News June 6, 1884

"Richmond June 5, 1884-The Brazos River commenced falling Tuesday morning and is now slowly receding. It has been about 7 ft higher than at any time since 1852. The oldest inhabitant has never witnessed anything like it.

The Houston Post June 4, 1884

"Richmond June 3-The Brazos is higher than it has been for 30 years and still rising at the rate of an inch an hour."

The Texas State Gazette Mar. 27, 1852. There is a mention in this paper that there was also a great flood on the Brazos this year (1852).