

Towns Along the Red River

DIXIE
BELCHER
GILLIAM
HOSSTON
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Gilliam

In the 1880s R.L. Gilliam came to the area and bought land. In 1898 when the railroad came through the area, Mr. Gilliam donated a right of way with the agreement that the railroad put a depot on the land and name it Gilliam. A post office was established in 1900. In the aftermath of a cyclone in 1908 which killed 40 people, the T&P Railroad sent carloads of emergency supplies and provided railcars for temporary storage for belongings of the survivors.



Belcher

The village of Belcher began in 1899 when steamboat landings at Rush Point and Brairfield on the Red River largely were abandoned and shipping traffic moved over to the railroad. A new community was named "Horseshoe" and later renamed "Belcher" in honor of John Belcher who owned the land.



Dixie

The community was named for Dixie Cross Roads in Bossier Parish from where many settlers migrated. The railroad came to the area in 1899. A cotton gin was on the west side of the road in Dixie and a railroad depot on the east side.