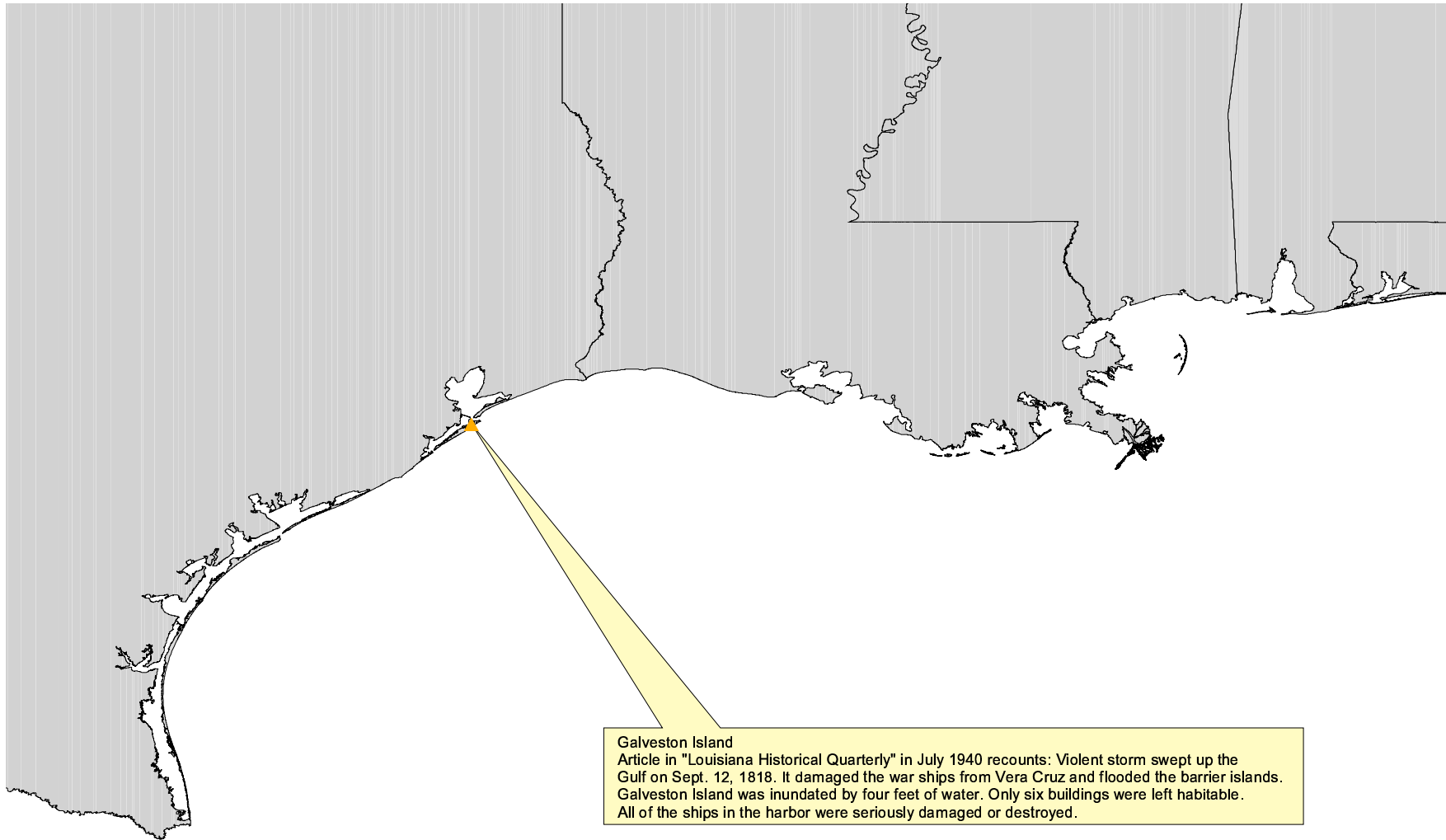


# The Lafitte Hurricane at Galveston in 1818 - Sept. 12-14



Galveston Island  
Article in "Louisiana Historical Quarterly" in July 1940 recounts: Violent storm swept up the Gulf on Sept. 12, 1818. It damaged the war ships from Vera Cruz and flooded the barrier islands. Galveston Island was inundated by four feet of water. Only six buildings were left habitable. All of the ships in the harbor were seriously damaged or destroyed.

Not much is known about this storm. Antonio Martinez, an early Texas governor, noted this storm in his letters. A couple of years after the storm, Col. W.C. Hall saw the wrecks of the ships that had belonged to Jean Lafitte.

