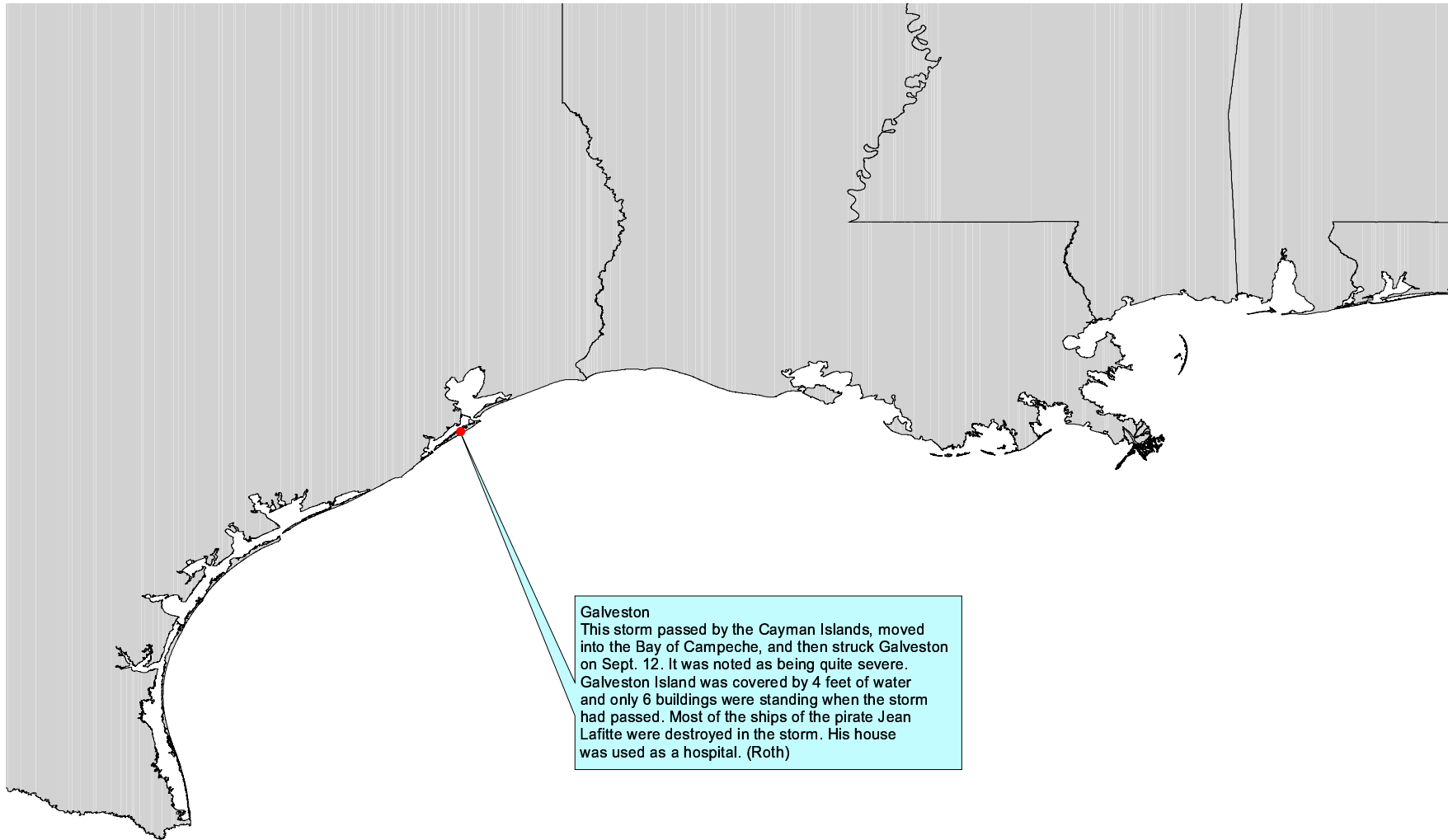


The Lafitte Hurricane at Galveston in 1818 - Sept. 12-14



Galveston
This storm passed by the Cayman Islands, moved into the Bay of Campeche, and then struck Galveston on Sept. 12. It was noted as being quite severe. Galveston Island was covered by 4 feet of water and only 6 buildings were standing when the storm had passed. Most of the ships of the pirate Jean Lafitte were destroyed in the storm. His house was used as a hospital. (Roth)

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.

