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# Pine Forests Attract Early Settlers

Central Louisiana's pine trees have been one of the major assets of the state for a very long time. They provided wood for the first rude cabins and, later, timber for the mansions. They provided shelter for the abundant game, and it was to these cool pine hills that many early Louisiana families fled to seek relief from the scourge of such devastating summer epidemics as yellow fever during the 19th century. And, of course, the lumber industry is a major one throughout the state to this day.

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parents. And try to find him on a federal census, which should state how long he had been in this country and would also be a good clue as to when his sister arrived. It is likely that port of arrival was New Orleans, but in the South, we also have such places as Mobile and Galvezton to consider. Ship lists are available for practically all ports of entry, but too few have been put in order and published for easy research.

The old story about having to know the name of the ship on which an ancestor arrived in