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I live in a small and quiet neighborhood; there is not much popular attractions in the area. However, just like the wonders of St. Mary, my locality has some features and people that I feel are important. They have influenced the life I have lived within the area and elsewhere. The first “wonder” is my grandfather. I live in an extended family with my grandparents, uncles, parents, and siblings. Grandfather is 96 years old, but one could mistake him for a 70-year-old man. He is strong and very independent. He carries on his daily chores without much assistance. He takes care of his horses and cattle. Although he cannot do hard work, he is always up and around and hardly resting. He believes that as long as a person is strong, they should toil until they can no longer do the work. He is a personal hero and mentor for me.

The second wonder is a park managed by the local government. It has been in existence since the country gained its independence. It has benches, flowers, and fruit trees. The local community understands the importance of the park; hence every person takes care of it. One cannot pick fruits to carry. The fruits must be eaten when still in the park. The park has a rich history of carvings on trees and benches.

The third wonder is a local natural pond that has no inlet or outlet; however, the water there is always fresh. Local people believe that the inlet and outlet are below the water surface. There are several myths about the pond.

The fourth wonder is the local church. It has been in existence since 1854. My grandfather says that his father was among the people who built the church. The history of the church is portrayed on its walls in the form of portraits and paintings. It also creates a good environment for a person to meditate. There is also a garden where one can sit or walk around
alone or with friends. These wonders influence the life of the community members even after they have left the area.