



## Investigation Summary Report

### **The Crowley City Hall Crowley, LA**



### **HISTORY**

Originally a Ford dealership, Crowley City Hall houses municipal government offices as well as four museums. Constructed in 1921, this building is one of the few remaining 1,000 similar structures built in the U.S.

The Ford Automotive Museum has on display two 1923 Model T Fords, history information panels, photographs from when the dealership was operating and an award-winning short film on the Ford-Crowley connection.

In the History of Crowley Museum, exhibits, displays and artifacts showcase Crowley's founding by the Duson brothers in 1887 and the town's growth spurred by the Louisiana Western Railroad. Crowley blossomed through advancements in the rice industry as many local residents made their living farming, processing, or shipping rice.

The oldest recording studio in continuous use in Louisiana, J.D. Miller Music Museum, has been restored to its original look and features exhibits, photos and a video that chronicles the history of J. D. Miller and his music, as well as the artists that recorded at the studio. J. D. began his career as a musician and in 1946 opened his own studio to produce records featuring the local talents of Cajun, Zydeco, blues, country and swamp pop artists. His most famous song, "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky-Tonk Angels," was recorded by Kitty Wells. The chart-topping record made her a star.

Crowley's Mill Street, lined with a large number of rice mills, mill more rice annually than any other city in the U.S. Exhibits, displays, and artifacts in the Rice Interpretive Center give a step-by-step glimpse into the rice growing and harvesting process in Crowley.

## **INVESTIGATION**

It was a quiet night at the City Hall. There were a few unexplained knocks. At one point in the evening an investigator claimed to feel the old car elevator move. There were a few spikes on the K-2 meter from the elevator. There were several interesting audio clips that were obtained (see site).