



Investigation Summary Report

The Bourbon Orleans New Orleans, LA



HISTORY

This historic hotel stands on the grounds that once contained two buildings, an old convent and an orphanage. The first building was built in 1816 and was next to the first district courthouse. The building burnt down shortly after but was rebuilt in 1819. The building was used for Mardi Gras balls as early as 1823 and was also the site of the New Orleans Theater. Rumor is that the building was also used to hold the famous "Quadroom Balls", where wealthy white men would meet with their Quadroom mistresses.

In 1849, John McDonough purchased the theater, ballroom, and the Orleans Coffee Shop. In 1866, the theater was destroyed in a fire but the ballroom was saved. In 1881, the Sisters of the Holy Cross bought the building and used it as their convent. In 1963, the hotel bought the building and the Sisters of the Holy Cross were relocated on Chief Mentuer Highway in New Orleans East. After several renovations, the hotel now stands as shown above.

Most common hauntings reported or of those of a young girl, and elder woman, and a pirate named "Raoul". Childrens laughter, crying, and footsteps are often heard and occurrences such as sinks being turned on/off have been reported.