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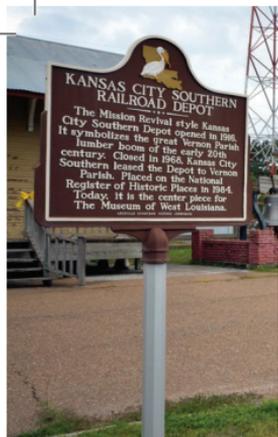


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Kansas City Southern Railway Station

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The Museum of West Louisiana is housed in the historic Leesville KCS Depot building. From 1916 until 1968, the Kansas City Southern Railway served as a primary travel and transportation center for the city of Leesville and all of the surrounding area, but eventually

rail travel declined and the building fell into a state of disrepair. On October 25, 1984, the building

was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and by 1986 had been fully restored to serve as a storehouse of artifacts illustrating the history, culture, and resources of Vernon Parish and the West Central area of the Louisiana Territory.



Other buildings on the grounds, including a dogtrot cabin, a shotgun house, and a section house, serve as excellent examples of the architectural styles which were common to the area during the 1800s and early 1900s. Each has been fully



restored and displays a variety of historical artifacts. Pioneer Park, located on the southern end of the museum property, is available for picnics, special events, or just sitting and relaxing.



Items of interest include archaeological artifacts, logging and railroad memorabilia, clothing and household items, and special displays. Recent additions include the P.O.W. Paintings, a group of scenes painted on the walls of a local hotel by German prisoners of war during World War II. The Museum Gift Shop showcases many handmade and donated items.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and by appointment

FREE ADMISSION

Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Located in historic downtown Leesville

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The Museum of West Louisiana is a not-for-profit educational and cultural organization that relies on volunteers and annual, tax-deductible memberships and donations to fund its activities. Your support helps continue the Museum's mission of protecting and preserving the heritage and culture of West Central Louisiana.