

# MUSEUM OF WEST LOUISIANA

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Located in the

## *Kansas City Southern Railway Station*

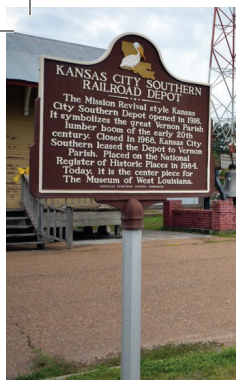
placed on the National Register  
of Historic Places.



**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.