

Investigation Summary Report

The Old Rice Theatre Crowley, LA



HISTORY

The Theatre was constructed in the mid to late 1940's. The building was later sold to the City of Crowley in 1986. This was when the Rice City Civic Center Project was undertaken by a group of concerned citizens and the City of Crowley Administration.

The Rice City Civic Center Restoration Committee, Friends of Theatre, the City of Crowley, along with concerned citizens, businesses, industries, and organizations in the city of Crowley have donated thousands of dollars for restoration purposes, and this is still happening today. Today the Historic Rice Theatre plays host to numerous civic and community events. The stage now comes alive with a wide range of local, area and national musical and theatrical performances.

INVESTIGATION

During the evening there were several unexplained noises such as "whispering" on the stage, a few knocks from the stage and balcony, the piano in the entry played what sounded like one key. The stage door did not have a door knob and light from the back stage would shine though. At one point in the evening the light was completely covered for approximately 2-3 seconds. The door in control center of the balcony was shut before the investigators left for the night. The caretaker came in that morning and reported the door being wide open. There were several interesting audio clips that were obtained (see site).