When Dr. Nathaniel Peter Moss bought this structure at 561 Jefferson St. in 1906, it was one of three adjacent buildings along Jefferson occupied by businesses he owned. This building housed a drug store, the next was a dress shop and the third was Moss Hardware.

For many years, dances were held upstairs in this building.

Moss, husband of the former Annie Parkerson, practiced medicine for many years before moving to Roanoke, Va., where he died.

He was president of First National Bank of Lafayette at one time and N.P. Moss School is named after him.

His son, Col. James A. Moss, organized the American Flag Association and wrote several drill manuals for the U.S. Army. Several descendants of Dr. N.P. Moss live in Lafayette.

According to "The Attakapas Country," the location of the Moss building was significant prior to 1906. It was the home of the first parish judge, the place where the police jury held its first meeting and, finally, the location of what was probably the first school in Vermilionville.