Old Crowley Railroad Depot
First Building In Register

CROWLEY -- The Colorado Southern Railroad depot became the first building in Crowley to be placed on the National Register of Historic places recently.

Notification that the old depot, renovated for Louisiana Church Interiors as a retail showroom, was listed in the register March 26, came from Bernard Carrier, state historic preservation officer.

Renovation of the building which was constructed in 1907 took about a year, said Stan Gall, founder of Louisiana Church Interiors.

The depot was originally constructed for the Colorado Southern New Orleans and Pacific Railroad, but before it was officially opened, it switched ownership to the Frisco Railroad.

In 1915, it was incorporated into the Gulf Coast Line and later it belonged to the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Located on First Street, the building has not been used as a railroad depot since the early 1930s, but the local American Legion post occupied it from 1934 to 1945.

The cupola, or top part of the tower, was demolished during a hurricane, but it has been redesigned and will be added to the renovated building in the future, Joe Gall, president of the company, said.

Renovations on the interior included pouring a new concrete floor, replastering walls and restoring door and window frames to their original condition.

Much of the decorative painting on the building's exterior resembles original colors that highlighted the archways of the "mission style" construction.

RESTORED DEPOT -- The "mission style" building that once served as the Colorado Southern Railroad depot in Crowley recently was included in the National Register of Historic Places. Now used as a showroom for a church interiors company, the building is the first Crowley landmark to receive such a recognition. The rear of the 1907 building, decorated with stained glass windows, is shown in the photo.