



Office building prior to any preparation for the move


DeVillier House Movers

In December 2005 DeVillier House Movers of Eunice, Louisiana received a contract to move a historical office building in downtown Lafayette, LA approximately three blocks to make room for the construction of a new Hilton Gardens property. The building was wood frame with brick veneer measuring 40' wide x 62' long x 24' tall and had to be moved on a weekend to avoid disrupting local traffic.

Two weeks prior to the move date the brick veneer was removed and plywood siding with wind-wrap was installed. A week later DeVillier personnel placed five 8" x 8" x 70 lbs/ft boxed H beams. The next day 16 crib jacks were installed and the building was elevated using a Modern Hydraulic 12-jack

Unified Jacking Machine. Coordination with Lafayette traffic officials and representatives from telephone, cable and power utilities allowed the move to occur the next day.

After installing 12" x 12" x 120 lbs/ft mains the company used two pan dollies constructed by Quality Fabrication and a drop-header from Davie Shoring, Inc. pulled by a 94 Mack truck, assisted with a 92 Mack winch truck to move the structure.

The owner of the building received his wish of wanting to minimize office down time. The entire project was accomplished in one week. 



Moving the building off site