

## Mouton, Gregory W.



### **Accordion Maker**

Mr. Greg Mouton was born in Crowley, in 1966. His main occupation is building accordions. He learned to build accordions from his uncle, Lawrence "Shine" Mouton, one of Louisiana's best known accordion makers.

Greg began building accordions in late 1990. At that time, his uncle's health was failing and Lawrence Mouton could not stand at the saw very long to work. Greg started building the accordions and his uncle would help. Greg says, "He helps me in some areas and I help him with some things."

Mr. Mouton has a shop, Mouton Accordions, where each individual accordion is hand crafted very little work is done with the saw. Greg and Mr. Mouton use hand tools, various hardwoods, metal, leather, skins, and waxes to construct the accordions.

Greg also repairs fiddles and guitars, and says, "It is mostly cosmetic, using the techniques I use in making accordions."

Mr. Mouton has presented his crafts at the Louisiana Folklife Festival in Monroe, Louisiana, the New Orleans Jazz Festival, and various schools and festivals across the southern part of the state of Louisiana.