

Cosimo Matassa's J&M Recording Studios, operational from 1945 through spring 1956, is rightly recognized as a birthplace of rock 'n' roll through several seminal titles, when the music was still known as rhythm and blues:

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"Good Rocking Tonight"—Roy Brown (De Luxe, 1947)
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In addition, there were many other important hits from J&M:

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"True"—Paul Gayten (De Luxe, 1947)
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[&]quot;The Fat Man"—Fats Domino (Imperial, 1949)

[&]quot;Lawdy Miss Clawdy"—Lloyd Price (Specialty, 1952)

[&]quot;The Things That I Used To Do"—Guitar Slim (Specialty, 1954)

[&]quot;Ain't That A Shame"—Fats Domino (Imperial, 1955)

[&]quot;Tutti Frutti"—Little Richard (Specialty, 1955)

[&]quot;Since I Fell For You"—Annie Laurie (De Luxe, 1947)

[&]quot;3 X 7=21"—Jewel King (Imperial, 1950)

[&]quot;Stack-A-Lee"—Archibald (Imperial, 1950)

[&]quot;Goin' Home"—Fats Domino (Imperial, 1952)

[&]quot;Bells Are Ringing"—Smiley Lewis (Imperial, 1952)

[&]quot;I'm Gone"—Shirley & Lee (Aladdin, 1952)

[&]quot;Please Don't Leave Me"—Fats Domino (Imperial, 1953)

[&]quot;Jock-A-Mo"—Sugar Boy Crawford (Checker, 1953)
"Tipitina"—Professor Longhair (Atlantic, 1953)

[&]quot;See You Later, Alligator"—Bobby Charles (Chess, 1955)