

Slave Market
Louisville, Jefferson County, Georgia

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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SLAVE MARKET
Louisville, Jefferson County
Georgia

Owner: Town of Louisville.

Date of Erection: 1758.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Fair,

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text; see also the following references:

Knight, L.L., Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, vol. 1, chapt. xxiii.

Additional Data: See following pages.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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SLAVE MARKET, Louisville, Jefferson County,
Georgia.

Open Pavilion, hewn timbers, pitched roof,
belfry.

This structure, the property of the town of
Louisville, Georgia, is situated in the Public Square.
Built of frame, unpainted, it is in a good state of
preservation and shows little evidence of repairs having
been made to the original timbers. A tablet on the
building bears the following inscription:-

"This old Market Building was erected in
1758 at what was then the junction of the Georgetown
and Savannah trails. Here there was an Indian Trading
Post, and this cross roads was a meeting place of Slave
Traders going from the "Up-country" to the rice fields
further south. Many slaves were sold here. Later it
became the official place for Sheriff's sales, as well
as a community market house, and remained so until re-
cently".

" This old bell was cast in France for a convent
in New Orleans, in 1772 by Francois Gourbillon. The ship
bringing it over was captured by pirates, and the loot,
including this bell, disposed of in the vicinity of Sav-

annah. The bell was later brought to this market and was rung to assemble the settlers when the Indians were uprising. It was also rung in celebration of the Independence of the Thirteen Colonies!"

"Both the Market House and the Bell antedate the founding of the City of Louisville. Louisville was founded and made the Capital of the State in 1796!"


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