

WALKER'S SERVICE STATION (Commercial)  
U.S. Highway 341, 175 Feet Southeast of South Church Street  
Odum  
Wayne County  
Georgia

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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#### Location:

Walker's Service Station is located on the southwest side of U.S. Highway 341, 175 feet southeast of South Church Street (Odum Road/County Road 388).

#### Significance:

Walker's Service Station is historically significant as a c. 1930 commercial structure located within the town of Odum. It contributes to an understanding of the commercial development of this early twentieth century railroad town.

#### Description:

The Walker Service Station is constructed of brick which has been stuccoed over. Architectural details include a front gable roof, a tongue and groove ceiling, and wood casement windows. The front canopy displays a tongue and groove ceiling, metal supports and exposed rafters. The side porte-cochere, which has begun to collapse, displays brick construction covered in stucco, exposed rafters, and brick piers with battered Doric columns. A non-historic brick building is located to the east. An interior wall has been removed between the two buildings, resulting in shared interior space.

#### History:

Constructed c. 1930, the Walkers acquired this building on September 4, 1935 when R.M. Walker purchased it from the W.H. Aspinwall estate (Wayne County Deed Book 53, page 200). Aspinwall had purchased the building from the Odum Banking Company on January 27, 1919 (Wayne County Deed Book 40, page 513).

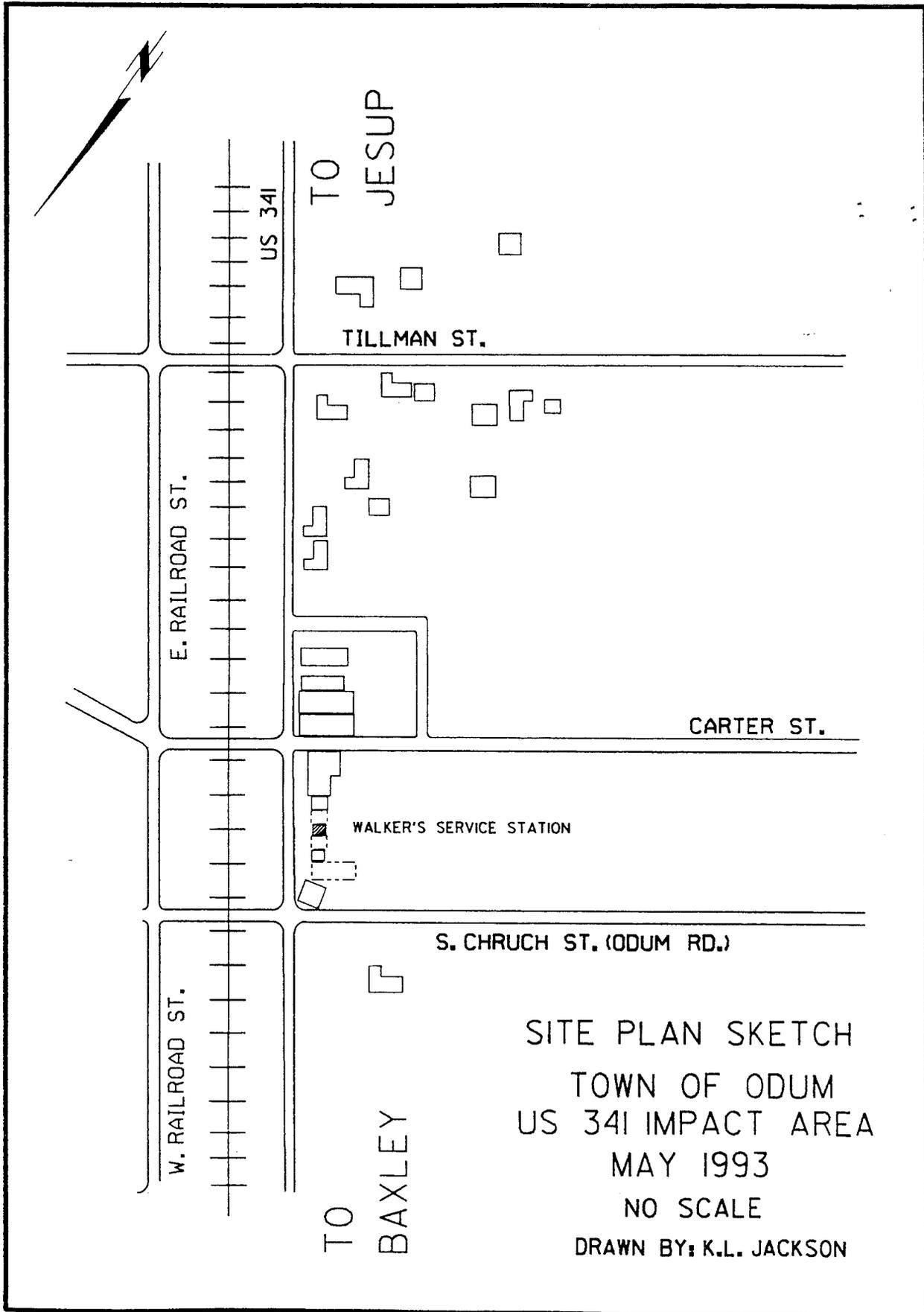
A service station was operated on the site at least as early as the 1960s, according to deed references. The station closed in 1975. At one time, a restaurant was operated out of the same building.

#### Sources:

Wayne County Land and Tax Records, on file in the Wayne County Courthouse, Jesup, Georgia.

#### Historian:

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SITE PLAN SKETCH  
TOWN OF ODUM  
US 341 IMPACT AREA  
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