

ATLANTIC COASTLINE RAILROAD FREIGHT WAREHOUSE
1 Ninth Street
Augusta
Richmond County
Georgia

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
Georgia		Richmond	Augusta
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) (Sanborn Map) Atlantic Coastline Railroad freight depot			HABS NO. GA-2377
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Not Applicable			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1 Ninth Street, Augusta, Georgia			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1915 (Sanborn Map)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not available	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See item number one on attachment			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early Twentieth Century Commercial			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See item number two on attachment			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See item number three on attachment			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See item number four on attachment			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See item number five on attachment			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES See item number six on attachment			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition/vacant			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This documentation is done in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement to fulfill Section 106 requirements for UDAG B-87-AA-130095			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Sanborn Insurance Maps; Tax Records; Drie's 1872 Birdseye View of Augusta; Superior Court Records; Field Observation			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Greg Thomas, Administrator, Augusta Community Development Dept.			DATE 9/8/89

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1. SIGNIFICANCE

The Atlantic Coastline Railroad Freight Warehouse is located at One Ninth Street which is at the northwest corner of Ninth and Tatnall Streets in Augusta, Georgia. The building was constructed around 1915 and it is typical of rail freight facilities of that period. The long narrow structure has a loading dock and several freight doors down either side and an office area at one end.

This simply styled warehouse and freight office structure has deteriorated but remains basically unchanged since it was built among the cotton and agricultural supplies businesses that once dominated the Reynolds Street, or "Cotton Row" area. It is likely that the building originally served primarily as a transshipment facility for the sorting and routing of goods in transit rather than for any type of long-term storage. The long loading dock and numerous freight doors on either side as well as the limited floor area suggest that the interior served mainly a staging area where freight was perhaps moved from rail cars to wagons for local delivery and vice versa. Such a facility may have been supported by the large number of wholesale grocers, agricultural supplies dealers, and other merchants in downtown Augusta. Markings on the freight doors such as "Augusta Arsenal ordnance" indicate that some of the loading areas had primary if not exclusive uses. The building's subsequent use after the Second World War as a storage warehouse no longer connected with the railroad probably reflects the growing dominance of the trucking industry in this type of transportation service and the diminished importance of agriculture, especially cotton, in the local economy.

2. MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

Brick walls, brick foundation with wooden piers under the loading dock; wooden loading dock and structural members; metal roof.

3. SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE

The building shape is long and rectangular measuring about 400' x 60'. The two-story office area on the east end of the building is about 60' square whereas the single-story freight handling area is about 340' long and 60' wide.

4. EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

The building is a rather plain industrial building. It features a three-tiered parapet wall above the freight office, which has stone lintels and sills around its several windows. The heavy wooden freight doors which have boards turned in a herring bone pattern and the metal roof comprising multiple plates are the most striking features of the warehouse area.

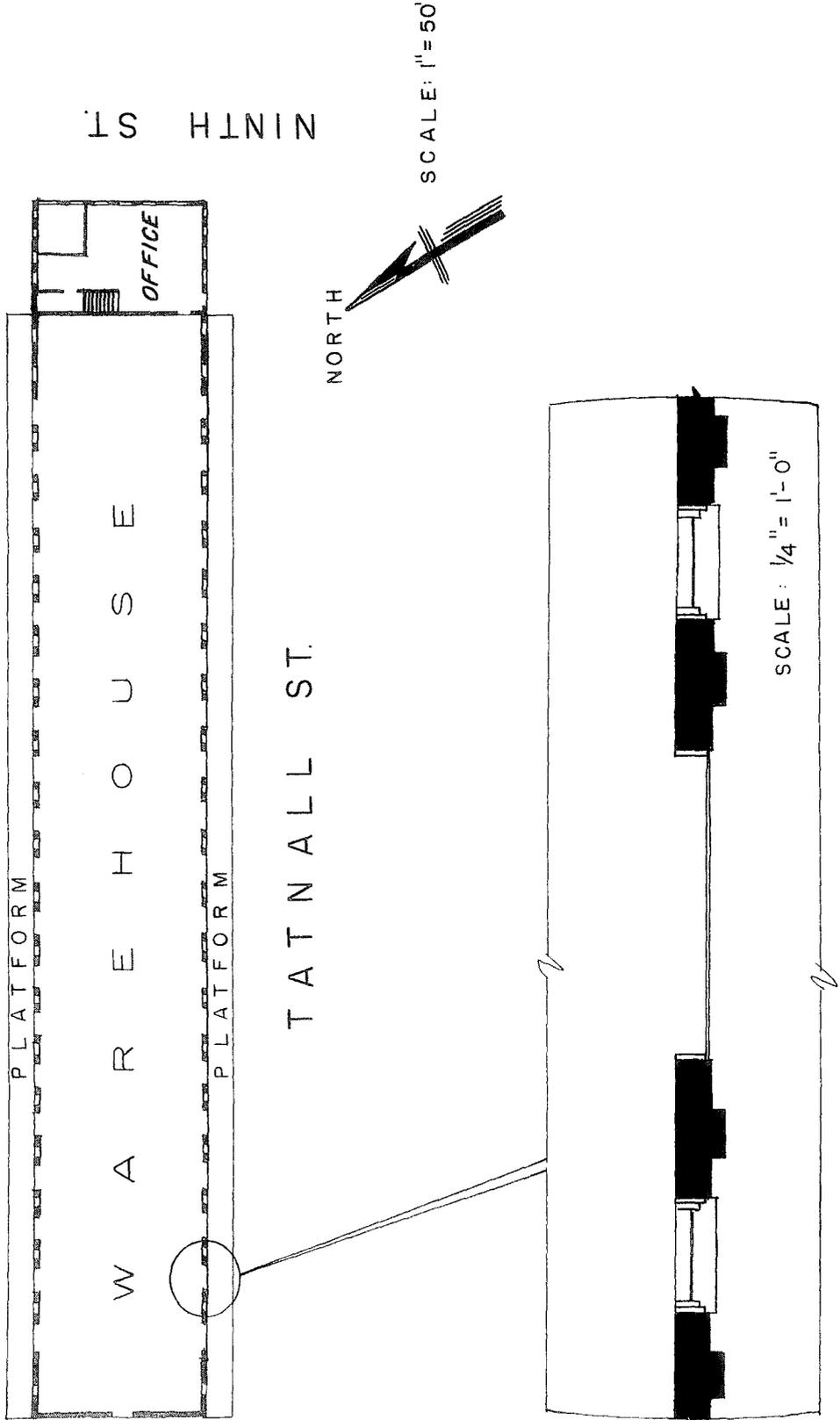
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5. INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

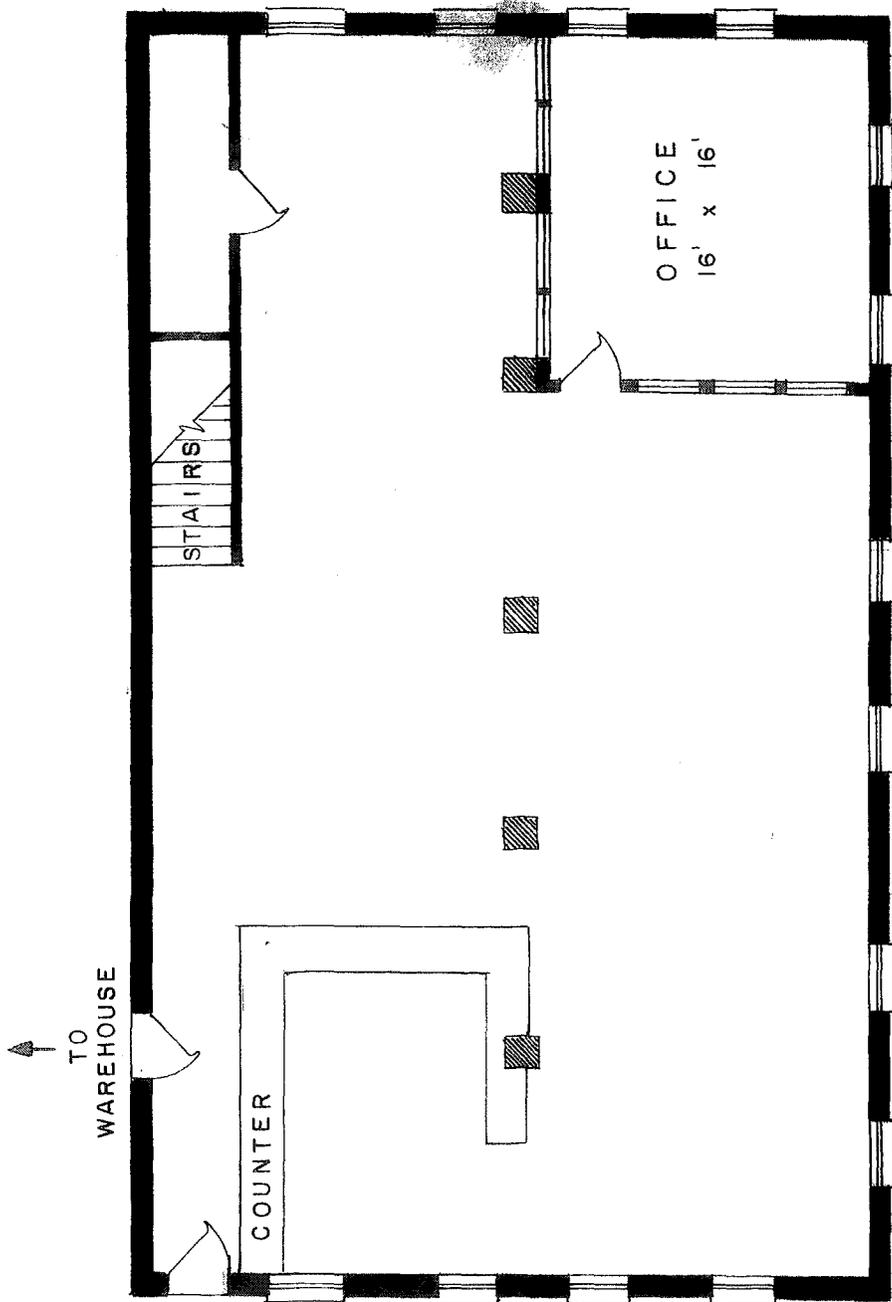
The warehouse portion of the building comprises mainly open floor area for the proper staging of out-going loads and the handling of incoming freight. Again the large freight doors, approximately 20 on each side of the building are the dominant features of the warehouse. Another interesting feature is what appears to have been a break area for workers, which contains a bench and a heating stove. The downstairs office area seems to have been arranged more for clerical use and direct supervision of the activities on the warehouse floor from what appears to have been an open reception area and a clerical/supervisory office with windows opening onto the warehouse floor. The upstairs contains what appears to have been managerial office space as well as what seems to have been a records retention room with shelves and bins marked by year and month.

6. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

There have been no major alterations or additions to this building.



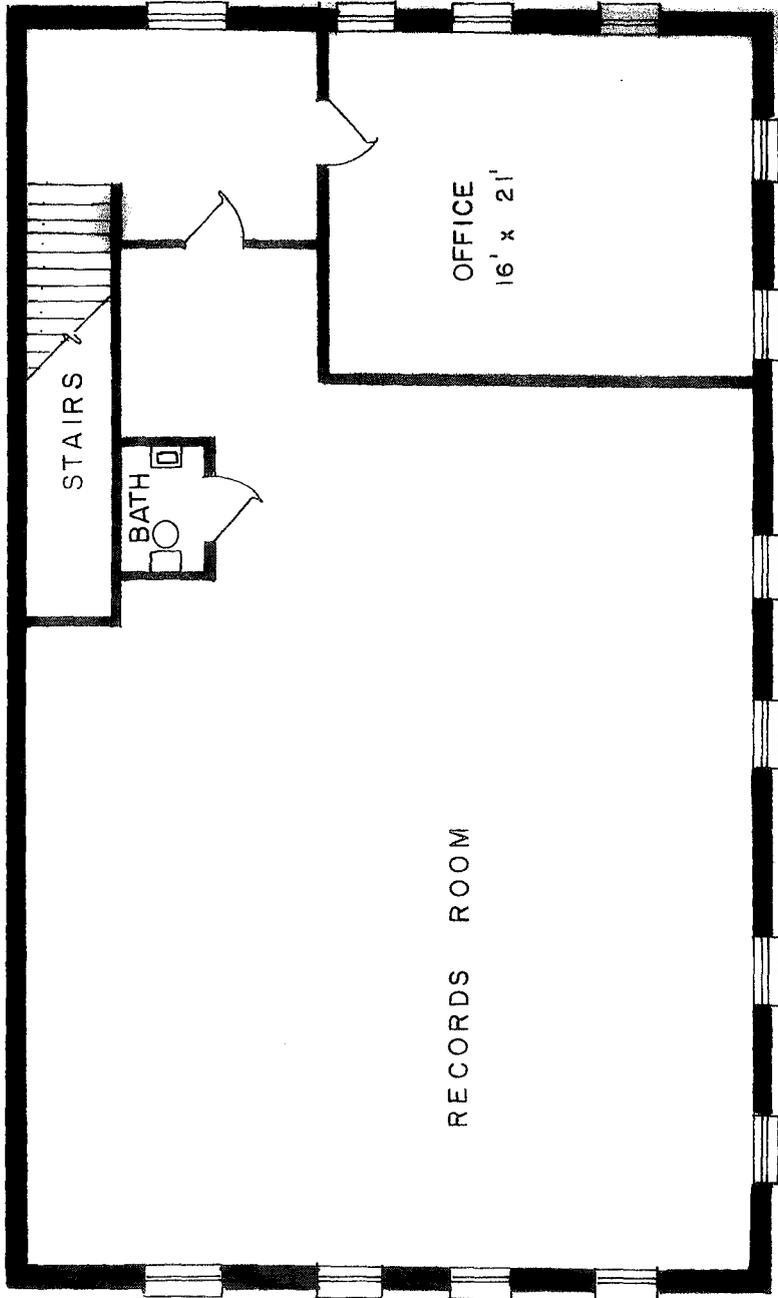
ATLANTIC COASTLINE RAILROAD FREIGHT DEPOT
WAREHOUSE



TATNALL ST.

NINTH ST.

ATLANTIC COASTLINE RAILROAD FREIGHT DEPOT
FIRST FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



TATNALL ST.

NINTH ST.

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN** SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"