

COTTON GIN
Sumter Crossroads
State Highway 3/U.S. Highway 19 at Croxton Cross Road
Sumter
Sumter County
Georgia

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- Location: State Highway 3/U.S. Highway 19 at Croxton Cross Road
Sumter, Sumter County, Georgia
USGS. 7.5 minute Smithville West, Georgia quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
16.759399.3538283
- Significance: The Cotton Gin is part of the rural crossroads community of Sumter in Sumter County. The community contains five commercial buildings including two stores (HABS GA-2384 & HABS GA-2385), a filling station (HABS GA-2386), a cotton gin, and a seed house (HABS GA-12) that will be moved or demolished in 2007. The commercial buildings are arranged along the east side of U.S. Highway 19 and to the west of Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks surrounded by agricultural fields in southern Sumter County. The Cotton Gin is a significant example of a cotton gin that served the farms in this area of Sumter County.
- Description: The Cotton Gin is frame construction clad in sheet metal which is common to the building type. This is a later version of the structure because sheet metal requires a mill to manufacture and a railroad to move. The gin building is one story high in the front and two stories high in the rear with a wagon entry or drive through on the western elevation. Both the one story and two story areas are topped with a metal gabled roof. The building rests on brick piers. Remnants of a painted sign can be seen on the south elevation. This sign reads, "Cash Do Not Ask For Credit." The building has several window and door openings on each elevation.
- History: Buildings can be located on a 1910 map and are identified as "Webb Brothers" a commercial enterprise run by the Webb family which included the gin and stores. The exact date of construction is unknown.
- Sources: Information was obtained through an interview of the current owner of the property, Charlene Railey Hall.

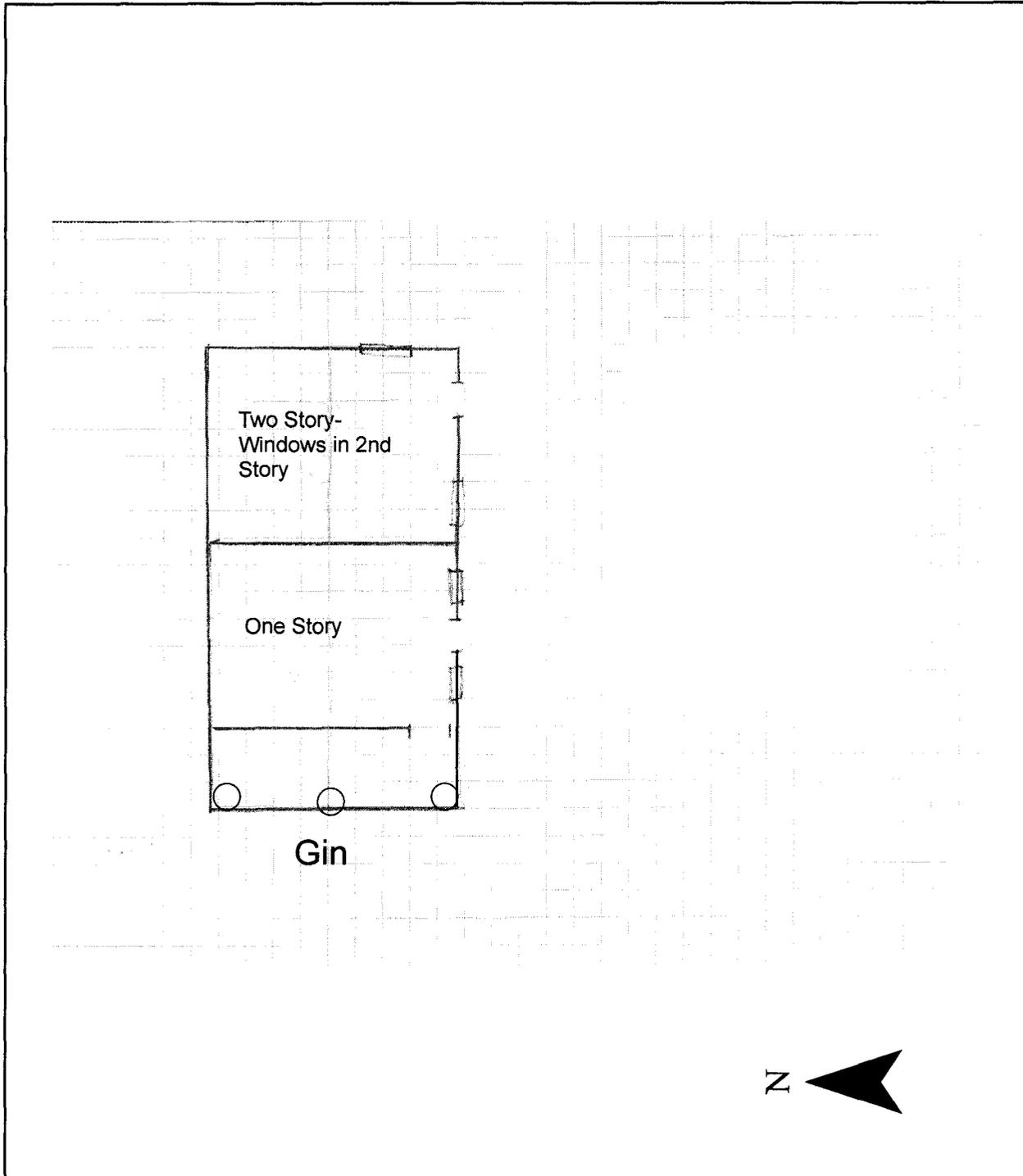
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**Floor Plan
Cotton Gin
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