



# NHPRC Webinar Series

#3 - Documenting Changes to  
Buildings and Neighborhoods Over  
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- The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), supports a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States.
- As part of this grant, Atlanta History Center will host and record five webinars over 2024-2025 that focus on how to use a variety of resources relevant to researching historic properties:
  - An Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places and Historic Property Research (March 2024)
  - Finding Photos of Historic Neighborhoods & Properties (June 2024)
  - **Documenting Changes to Buildings Over Time (August 2024)**
  - Tracking Ownership & Sale of Property (TBD, early 2025)
  - Roadblocks of Property & Neighborhood Research (TBD, 2025)



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# Speaker Introduction



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# Overview

- **Atlanta History Center**
  - City of Atlanta Department of City Planning records
  - Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) records
  - Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) photos
  - Atlanta Real Estate Board Appraisals
  - Other AHC collections
- Alfred Willis
  - Reconstructing the history of changes to cities, neighborhoods, and structures depends on images of what no longer exists
  - Images may be grouped by their manner of production: drawings, photographs, art prints, published illustrations, etc.
  - Many images are not securely dated
  - Most images have a main subject yet also embody important evidence in their margins or backgrounds
  - Images are often ambiguous, especially when considered outside of a chronological or other context
  - Over-reliance on guesswork, along with wishful thinking, easily interferes with image interpretation
  - The informative value of images increases when they are studied in conjunction with related images and texts





# Atlanta History Center

City of Atlanta  
Department of  
City Planning  
records, MSS  
1268

## What is in this collection?

The collection contains meeting minutes from Atlanta's Department of City Planning, which **oversees Atlanta's housing, buildings, design, and zoning**. It holds meetings where the public can voice their opinions on **Atlanta's development and growth**. Minutes document **city decisions, financial and project planning, ordinance proposals, and finalized legislation as well as public opinion about city development and gentrification**.

[City of Atlanta Department of City Planning records finding aid](#) and [Blog post](#).

## **Series I: Atlanta-Fulton County Joint Planning Board records, 1920-1974**

Department made recommendations to city officials and the mayor on Atlanta's growth and development. Minutes document review of applications and petitions to change zoning ordinances.



# Recommendation Regarding Market General meeting minutes, Series I, Box 1, Folder 1 – City Planning Commission, 1920-1923

There is a need for a properly located and conducted market, and this may prove an essential factor in reducing the cost of living. With the view to submitting to your Commission complete data concerning the type and location, and results that may accrue from such market, we have requested the United States Department, Bureau of Markets, to send, as early as possible, a representative to survey the Atlanta situation and have their promise that this will be done promptly.

## **Series II: Board of Zoning Adjustment records, 1923-1997, undated**

Committee served as an appeals body for zoning regulations that reviewed applications for zoning variances. Types of variances included requests for new building projects or home renovations; special use permits; district rezoning; and lot resizing.

# Appeal of Atlanta Merchandise Mart, Series II, Box 14, Folder 1 – Board of Adjustment, 1958-1959

#V-58-91 - Appeal of Atlanta Merchandise Mart, Inc., Belle-Isle Bldg., for variance to permit 100% penetration of all set-back planes, also to permit a floor area of 1,600,000 square feet instead of the maximum of 753,090 square feet, and also to permit a reduction of truck loading spaces from the required 64 spaces to 14 spaces, on property fronting 198.5 feet on the west side of Peachtree Street, beginning 0 feet south from the corner of Harris Street. Depth (average) 380 feet. Land Lot 78, 14th District, Fulton County, Georgia.



## **Series III: Zoning Review Board records, 1954-1984**

Board Reviewed rezoning petitions and special use permits and discussed city zoning ordinance changes. The minutes cover rezoning petitions, special use permits for additions to building structures, and proposed zoning ordinance changes.

## Special meeting for zoning regulations and district maps, Series III, Box 20, Folder 5 – Zoning Committee of the Board of Alderman, 1954-1955

A special meeting of the Zoning Committee of the Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 2:00 P. M. in the Aldermanic Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed zoning regulations and district maps for the southeast and northeast quadrants of the City of Atlanta.

Mr. Albert B. Williams, 1917 DeFoor Avenue, N. W., stated that he owned a lot with a non-conforming business thereon, at the corner of DeFoor Avenue and Rhomboid Streets; he requested that this property be zoned for business rather than residential as proposed.

## **Series IV: Planning and Development Committee records, 1957-1973**

Committee reviewed and evaluated living conditions in Atlanta neighborhoods such as Butler Street, Atlanta University Center, Washington-Rawson, Georgia State College (later Georgia State University), and McDaniel Street. Meeting discussions covered revised housing codes, highway and street development, development of housing units, and land incorporation.



# Hearing on Butler Street Urban Renewal Area, Series IV, Box 27, Folder 5 – Urban Renewal Committee, 1957-1958

The area to north of Auburn Avenue will be primarily residential but in the form of redevelopment. There will be a school and playground to serve this area.

The south portion is a large residential area which is in good condition. This area will be treated as a Rehabilitation area. Along the southern strip of area there will be industrial planning to protect it from future blight.

A retail shopping center is contemplated to serve the Eastside.

# Atlanta Urban Design Commission records, MSS 1272

## What is in this collection?

The Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) **develops and administer the city's historic preservation and urban design activities**. It designates zoning protection for buildings, sites, and districts based on their historic, architectural, and/or cultural significance.

This collection contains documentation on **neighborhood preservation**, including how and why preservation efforts should be implemented as well as **urban renewal trends**. There are AUDC administrative records, **data collected about historic nominations of properties and neighborhoods**, and records from the Cooperation of Olympic Development in Atlanta (CODA).

[Atlanta Urban Design Commission records finding aid](#)



How can we use this collection to track neighborhood changes?

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The bulk of this collection are **neighborhood architectural surveys that describe neighborhood structures and landscapes.**

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Surveys contain information about buildings such as their **address, owner, neighborhood, condition, history, and local significance.** They were conducted in the **mid 1970s** and cover many neighborhoods.

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There are also Photographic Survey File Forms with **small maps.**

# Old Grady Hospital, Box 15, Folder 2 – Neighborhood Architectural Survey Forms – Downtown, 1975-1979, undated

Number ~~58~~ **NE 58 (B)** County FULTON M

Name of structure OLD GRADY HOSPITAL CPD10

Location 36 BUTLER STREET 14-5-2

Present owner FULTON-DEKAUB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Original owner \_\_\_\_\_ Architect/builder E.G. GARDNER & SONS

**DESCRIPTION**

Style VICTORIAN NEO-ROMANESQUE REVIVAL 1890-1892

Facade Material RED BRICK

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations \_\_\_\_\_

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Notes: THREE-STORY PAVILION W/ 5-STORY TOWER, MAIN FACADE HAS ONE-STORY PORTE COCHERE W/ LARGE ROUND ARCH OPENINGS. TOP OF PORTE COCHERE DOUBLES AS TERRACE FOR 2ND FLOOR OF BLDG. EITHER SIDE OF ENTRANCE PORTE FLANKED BY PAIRED  $\frac{1}{2}$  WINDOWS, REPEATED ON SECOND FLOOR. CENTER WINDOWS ON 2ND FLOOR DIRECTLY ABOVE ENTRY RECESSED W/ BRACKETS ABOVE TO BRING 3RD FLOOR BALCONY (SCREENED IN) FLUSH W/ FACADE. THE 3RD FLOOR HAS A CONTINUOUS ROUND ARCH WINDOWS ON EITHER SIDE OF LARGE CENTRAL BALCONY ARCH. TOWER REPEATS REPETITIVE ARCHES ON 4th (CLOSED) & 5th (OPEN) LEVELS.

**SIGNIFICANCE**  
Architectural (Local, State, National) District: \_\_\_\_\_



# Atlanta Merchandise Mart Photographic Survey File Form, Box 15, Folder 2 – Neighborhood Architectural Survey Forms – Downtown, 1975-1979, undated

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY FILE FORM

NAME OF SITE Atlanta Merchandise Mart SURVEY CODE PREFIX CBD

ADDRESS SW. corner Peachtree & Harris PHOTO NUMBER I 30

LOCATION (describe its context with references) \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (  Commercial ) residential ( ) ind't'l ( ) other  
Same as I 13

CONDITION  
( ) ABANDONED ( ) UNOCCUPIED (  OCCUPIED )

MAP

The map is a hand-drawn diagram of a street intersection. A vertical line is labeled 'Peachtree' at the top. A horizontal line is labeled 'Harris' on the right side. At the intersection, a small rectangle represents a building footprint. To the left of the intersection, there are two circles, each containing an 'X'. A north arrow is drawn in the upper right corner of the map area, pointing upwards and labeled 'NORTH'. The word 'MAP' is written in the top left corner of the map area.

In addition,  
the collection  
contains...

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**Historic nomination forms** that include the nominee's history, correspondence, meeting minutes from the commission, and nomination and acceptance packets.

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**Records from Cooperation of Olympic Development in Atlanta (CODA)** that document plans to revitalize city parks and neighborhoods within the Olympic Ring through Public Spaces and Neighborhood Revitalization programs.

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Annual reports; park master plans; neighborhood design guides; and survey booklets.

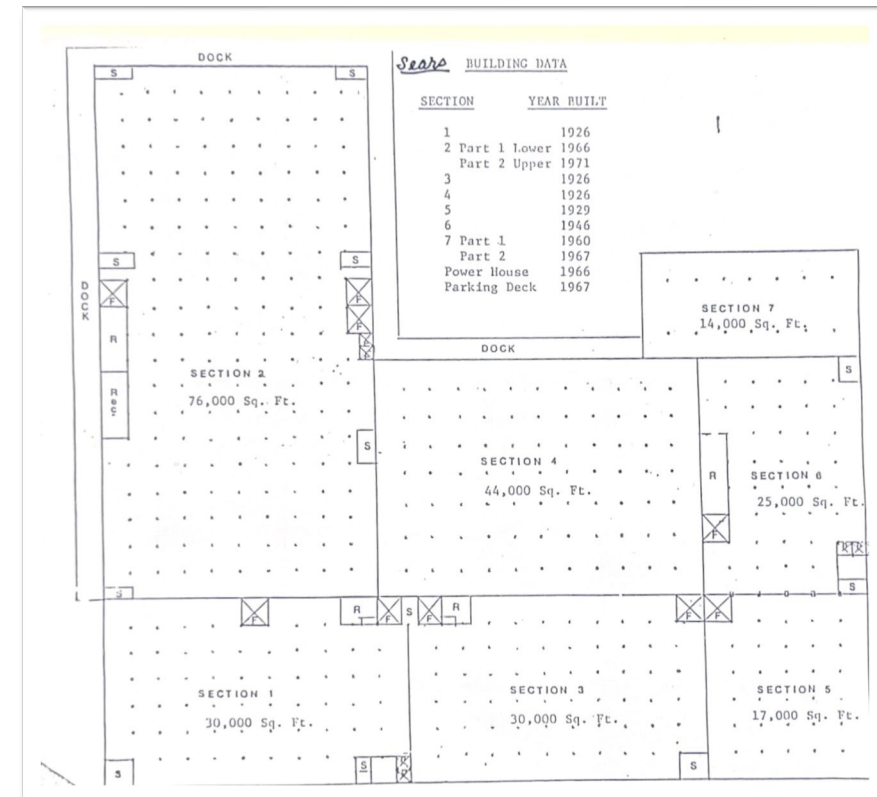
# Historic Interpretation Research Guide for the Auburn Avenue, Dobbs Plaza, Auburn Market Development, Box 11, Folder 8,

## *AUBURN AVENUE: A STREET WHERE DREAMS BECOME A REALITY*

This Historic Interpretation Program is designed to incorporate the rich history of Atlanta's premier street for African-Americans Auburn Avenue with architectural design and renovation to develop a program that accurately reflects the uniqueness of the street, to incorporate the sense of change of the street, to identify individuals, businesses and organizations whose sense of purpose laid the foundation for the street and to recognize the accomplishments of such individuals .

# Historic nomination forms – Sears, Roebuck and Company, Box 13, Folder 7

The Sears & Roebuck building sits atop the famous, revitalizing springs of Ponce de Leon Avenue. The architectural style of the Atlanta plant is characteristic of the design of the other Sears & Roebuck buildings erected before 1932. The Atlanta structure features the prominent tower rising over a rather severe block which became the outstanding feature in the general design of all Sears buildings. While the tower proved an impressive and attractive feature looming above the main entrance, its actual function was that of a water-tank inclosure. The tower also housed the administrative offices of the company.





Atlanta Urban  
Design  
Commission  
photos, VIS  
443

The AUDC photographs cover nearly every neighborhood in Atlanta between **1970 and 1990** for the purpose of evaluating historically significant sites and proposing preservation projects. Images include **residences, churches, cemeteries, businesses, schools, landmark buildings, and public housing**. Many of these sites have been preserved by the AUDC, though some have been replaced by modern development. Site images are often **identified by specific streets or addresses**. These materials highlight the impact of rapid development in residential areas and the resulting efforts to preserve these spaces. **All images are arranged by neighborhood.**

[More information in previous webinar](#)

# Washington Park - 931 MLK Jr Dr store front before (1970s) and after (1995)



VIS 443, Series II, Georgia architectural and historic properties surveys, 1975-1995, undated

# Atlanta Real Estate Board Appraisals

The Atlanta Real Estate Board created over 10,000 appraisals from 1924-1983 that **document the monetary worth of land lots, residences, and businesses in metro Atlanta**. They offer insight into the worth of land in different areas during years of rapid expansion. Appraisals are **identified by address** and include both manuscript and visual material.

Financial assessments usually include **reasoning and research, as well as blueprints, description of the property, and comparable market data**. Those created prior to the 1950s often contain **drawings or plats**, those created during the 1950s sometimes contain a **photograph**, and those created in the 1960s or afterward usually contain a photo.

*Expected completion date: October 2025*

[More information in previous webinar](#)

# Appraisal 474, 86 Edgewood Ave. N.E. Nunally Company property, 1931

474  
August 5, 1931.

The property of the Nunally Candy Company located at #86 to #106 Edgewood Avenue, N. E. and #59 Ivy Street, N. E. consists of four parcels which for the sake of clarity are taken up and valued individually as follows:

Parcel #1. Known as #59 Ivy Street, N. E. being a five story brick building located on a plot of ground 45' x 250'.

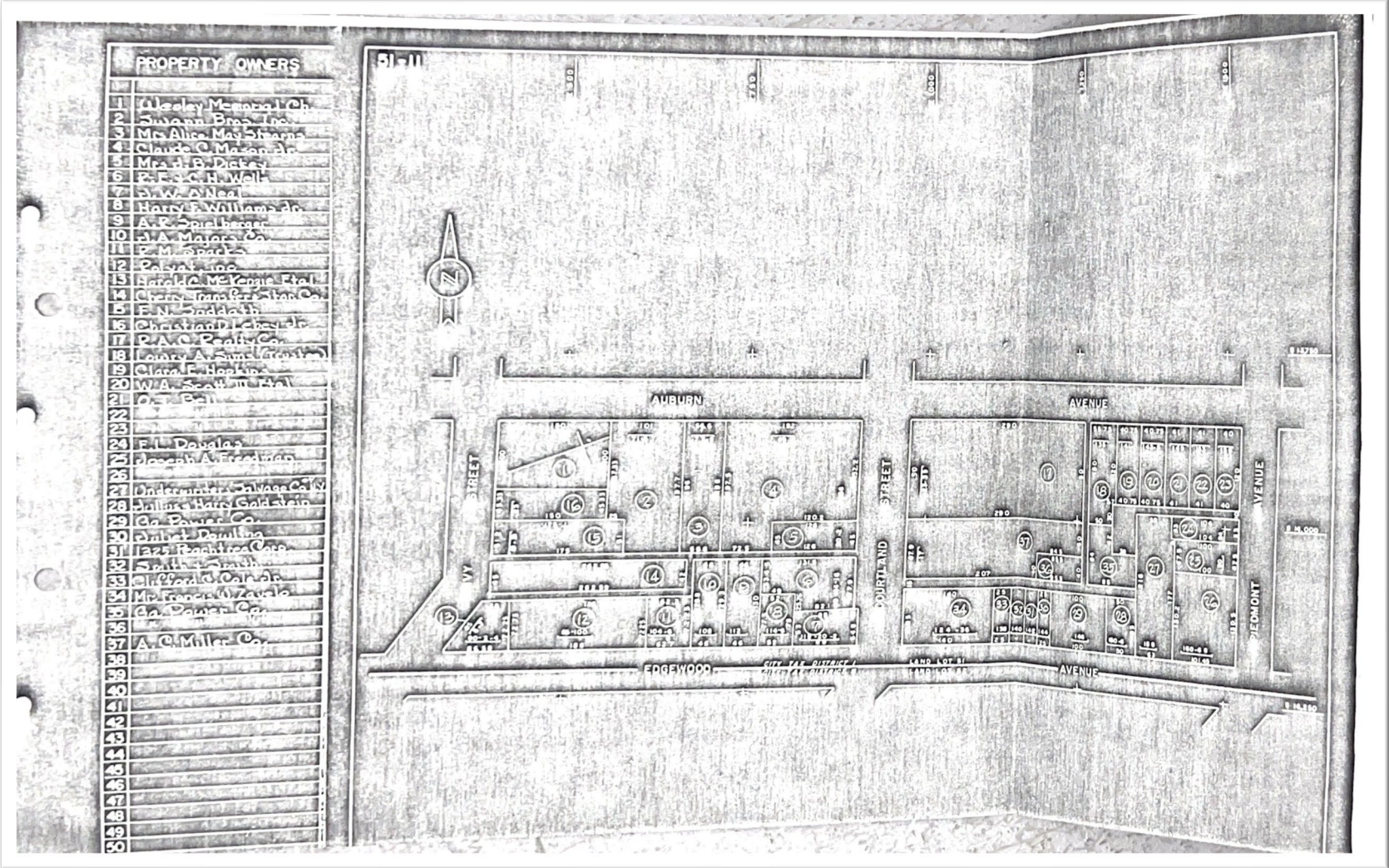
Parcel #2. Known as #86 Edgewood Avenue, N. E. being a three story brick office building on a plot of ground measuring 75' x 72'.

Parcel #3. Known as #102 Edgewood Avenue, N. E. being a three story mill constructed building situated on a plot of ground 111' x 72'.

Parcel #4. Known as #106-A Edgewood Avenue, N. E. being an old one story brick ~~store~~ situated on a parcel of land 22' x 129', all parcels as shown on the attached plat with adjoining alleys.



# Appraisal 9823, 86-100 Edgewood Avenue, 1979



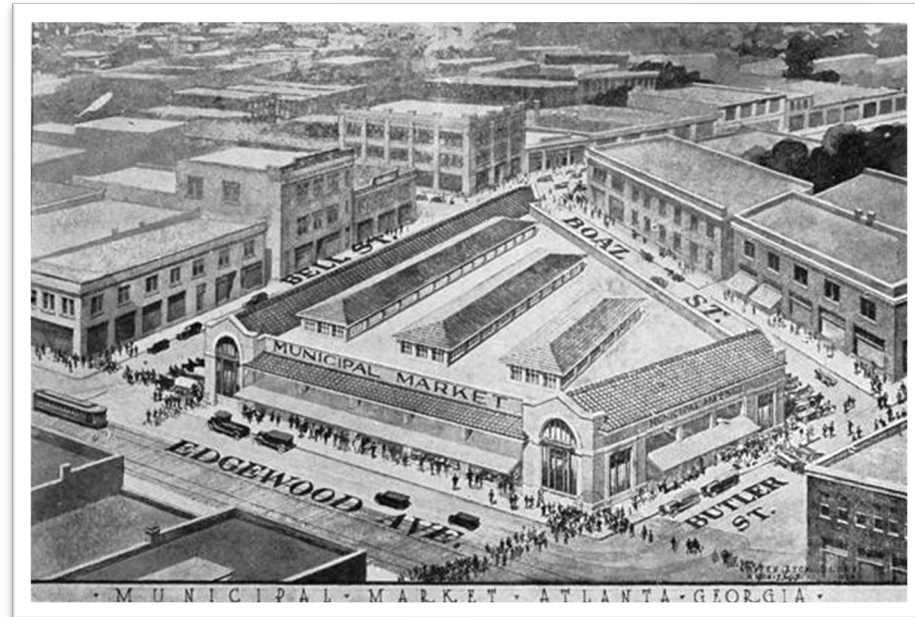
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collections  
include...

- Other VIS collections
- Sanborn Maps
- Atlanta Regional Commission Publications
- Subject Files
- Building permits
- Fulton County Tax Plats and Property ID Cards
- Architectural Drawings
- Maps

[Homes & Neighborhoods Page](#)



# Other VIS Collections



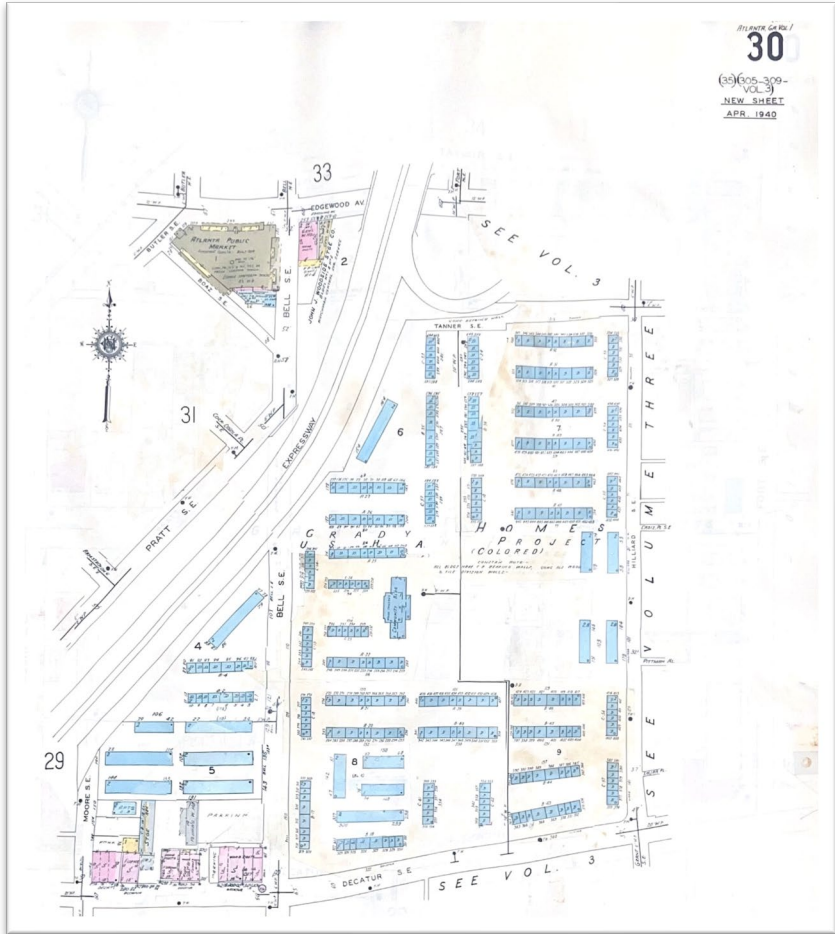
From 1924 - VIS 170.613.001, Atlanta History photograph collection



From 1973 - VIS 443.036.316, Atlanta Urban Design Commission photographs

[Search Our Collections to find more!](#)

# Sanborn maps



[Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Listings](#) | [Google Map Overlay](#)



# Atlanta Regional Commission

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is the regional planning and inter-governmental coordination agency for the 11-county Atlanta region.” [The book collection](#) includes over 1300 publications about city planning, community development, aging services, transportation, housing, environmental resources, and employment.

“Thomasville: A Neighborhood Refinement of the Atlanta Comprehensive Plan,” Various Neighborhood Studies, 1955-1958

S U M M A R Y

Among the recommendations presented in this refinement of the Comprehensive Plan are:

Land Use ---

- \* Thomasville should be developed principally for single-family residence.
- \* Commercial and industrial uses should be concentrated along the major streets bordering the neighborhood.

Thoroughfares ---

- \* McDonough Boulevard should be relocated along the northern edge of the residential area.
- \* A new location should be selected for one segment of the proposed inter-county expressway system.
- \* Constitution Road should be improved.

Community Facilities ---

- \* Thomasville will require a new elementary school and a neighborhood playground within urban renewal relocation project area.
- \* No appropriate site for a new high school could be located in the neighborhood.

# Auburn Avenue (Neighborhood Subject File)

National Register of Historic Places nomination for Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic District Boundary (Auburn Avenue).

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM	
<small>This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.</small>	
<b>1. Name of Property</b>	
historic name	Martin Luther King, Jr., Historic District Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation
other names/site number(N/A)	
<b>2. Location</b>	
street & number	Roughly bounded by Freedom Parkway and John Wesley Dobbs Avenue on the north; Decatur Street on the south; Southern Railroad line on the east; and Interstate 75/85 on the west.

# Municipal Market (Atlanta, Ga.) (Subject File).

*Atlanta Constitution PID 2/26/88*

## Task force suggests city run Municipal Market

Majority of vendors favor change, survey finds

By Lorri Denise Booker and Pat Burson  
Staff Writers

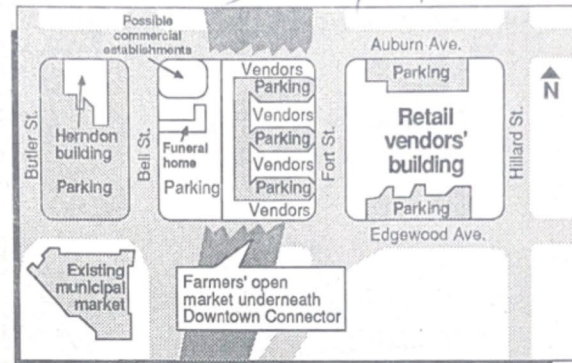
The task force investigating conditions at Atlanta's Municipal Market voted Thursday to recommend that the city take over responsibility for managing the market from its current board of directors.

"This is not a hasty decision," said City Councilman Bill Campbell, chairman of the task force. "It's one that's been reached after a very lengthy process of examination that has shown the present system not to

quire into the existing market on April 1.

The 65-year-old Municipal Market long has aroused concern. The city owns the building, but since 1974 has leased it to the private, non-profit Municipal Market Corp. Tenants have complained that the 30,000-square foot building is infested with flies, roaches and rodents, and that market managers are unresponsive to complaints. Black tenants have charged that market managers discriminate against them.

In September, council President Marvin Arrington appointed three



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year. A temporary manager, Joyce Warner, has been collecting rents and overseeing daily operations at the market for the past year but never had an official title

at the Atlanta Economic Development Committee. The new market will consist of a 45,000-square-foot building that will house retail booths and a 99,000-

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION Thursday, June 6, 1991



From pig's feet to produce, you're likely to find it at the

## MUNICIPAL MARKET



For almost 70 years the Atlanta Municipal Market has offered a little bit of everything, including a flea market on its lower level. The 30,000-square-foot brick building on the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Butler Street houses merchants of produce, meats and shelf goods. Karl Gustafson, market manager, said a major renovation is expected in a year and should be complete within 15 months. Mr. Gustafson said the market has undergone an extensive cleanup and security has been added. The renovations could include adding a deli, bakery and increasing the beef selection. The market is owned by the city and managed by a private nonprofit corporation.

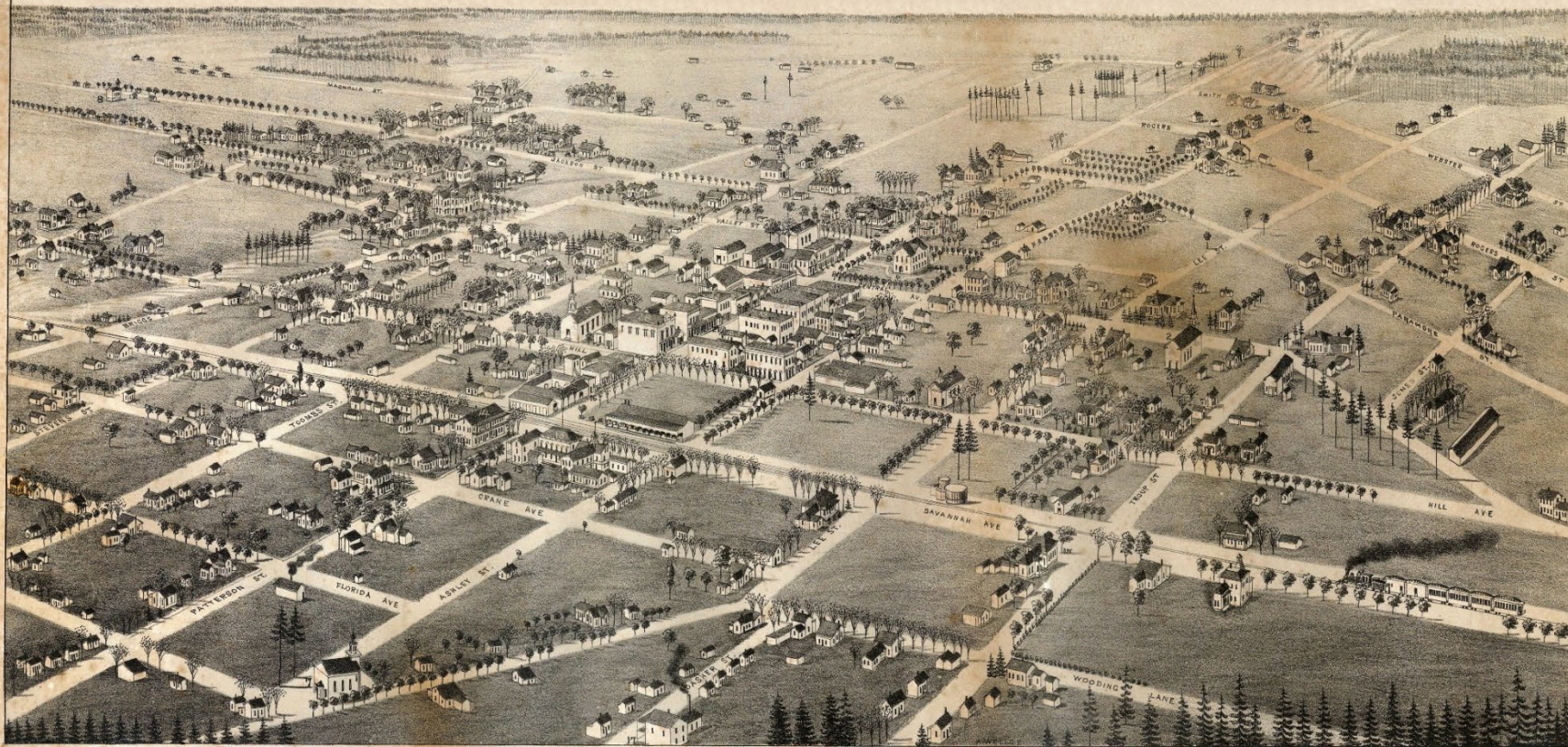




# Dr. Alfred Willis



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PANORAMIC VIEW OF  
**VALDOSTA, GA.**

COUNTY SEAT OF LOWNDES COUNTY.

1885.

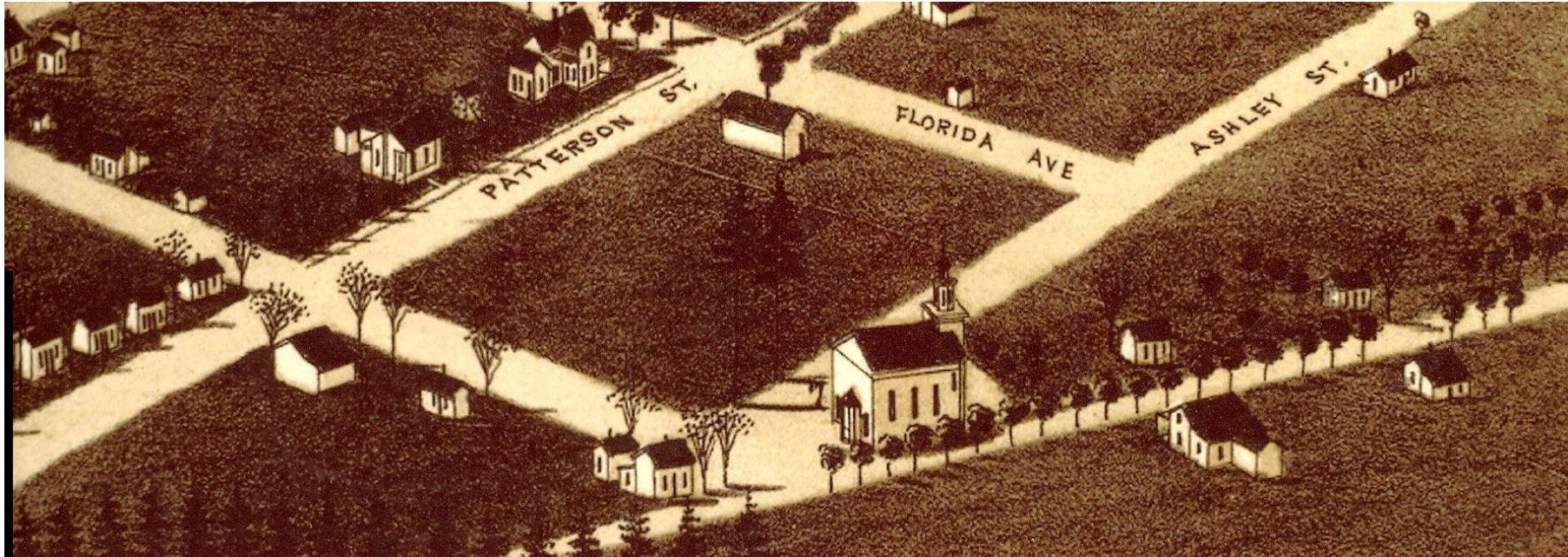
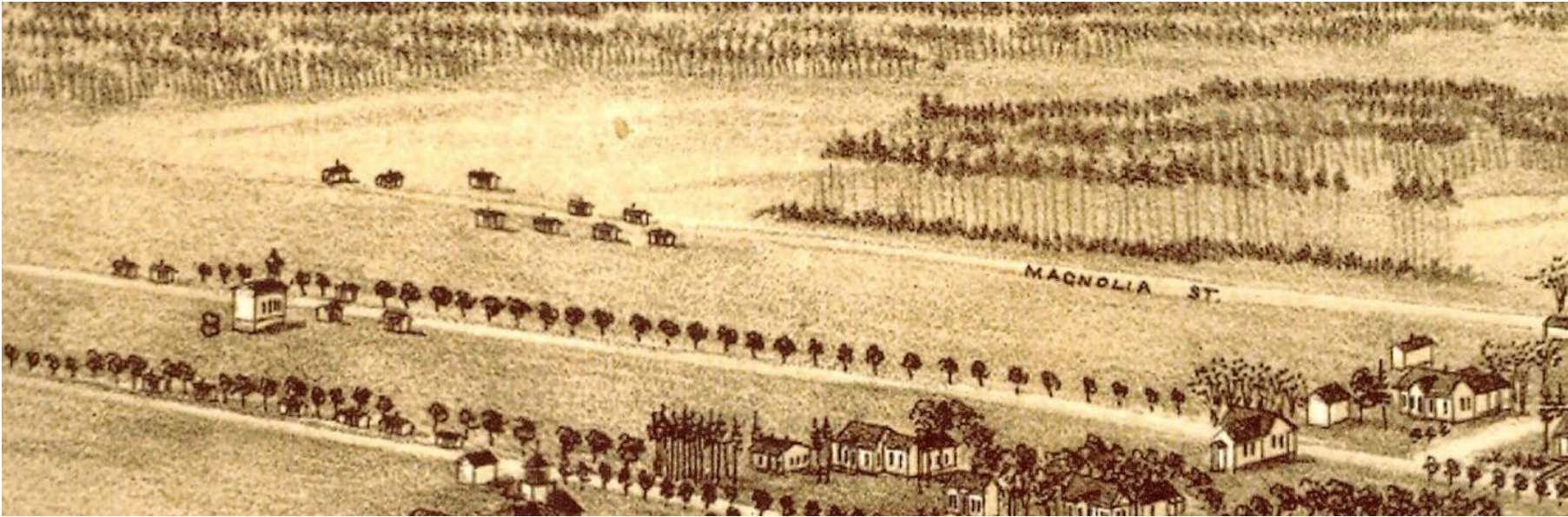
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- 9 County Jail.
- 10 Valdosta Institute.
- 11 Stuart's Hotel, before the Fire.
- 12 Prescott's Hotel.
- 13 European House, W. P. Renfro.
- 14 Bank, E. T. Lane.
- 15 Grist Mill and Cotton Gin, J. A. Dasher, Jr.
- 16 Wilkinson & Ashley, Attorneys.
- 17 N. A. Williams, Dentist.
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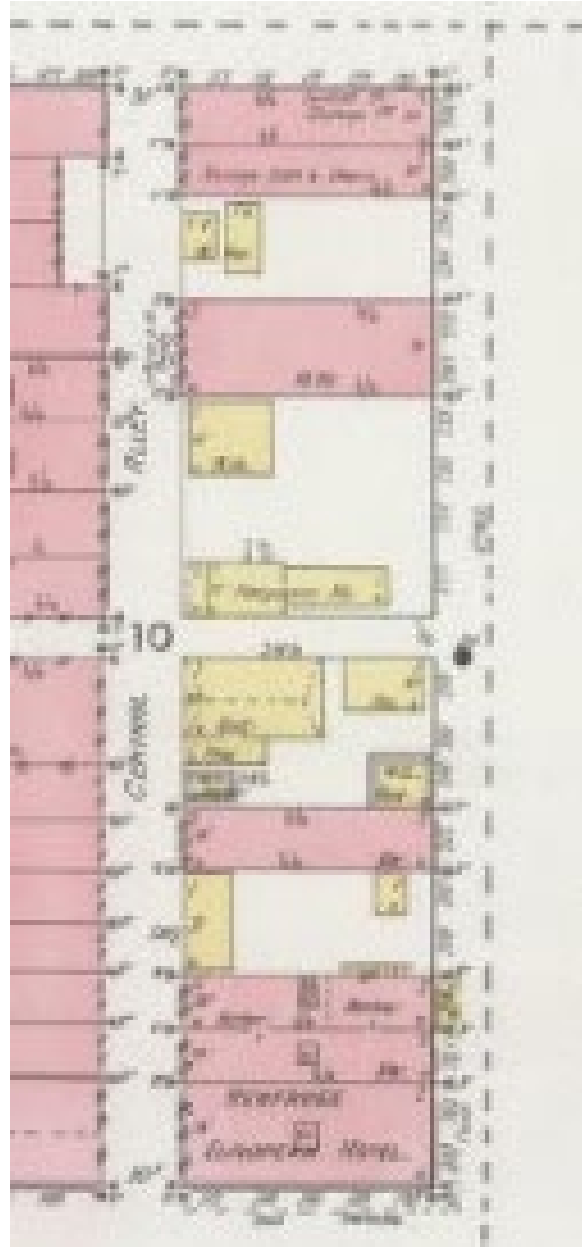
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- 23 C. R. Ashley, Groceries, Crockery, Furnitures, etc.
- 24 J. B. W. Bentley, Jewelry and Musical Instruments.
- 25 H. L. Boone, Hardware and Agricultural Implements.
- 26 M. A. Briggs, Druggist, Bookseller and Stationer.
- 27 J. C. Hunt, Livery, Feed and Sale Stables.
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- 30 J. W. Strickland, Editor Valdosta News.
- 31 T. V. Clem, Valdosta Bar.
- 32 Robert Black, Groceries, Confectionery, etc.
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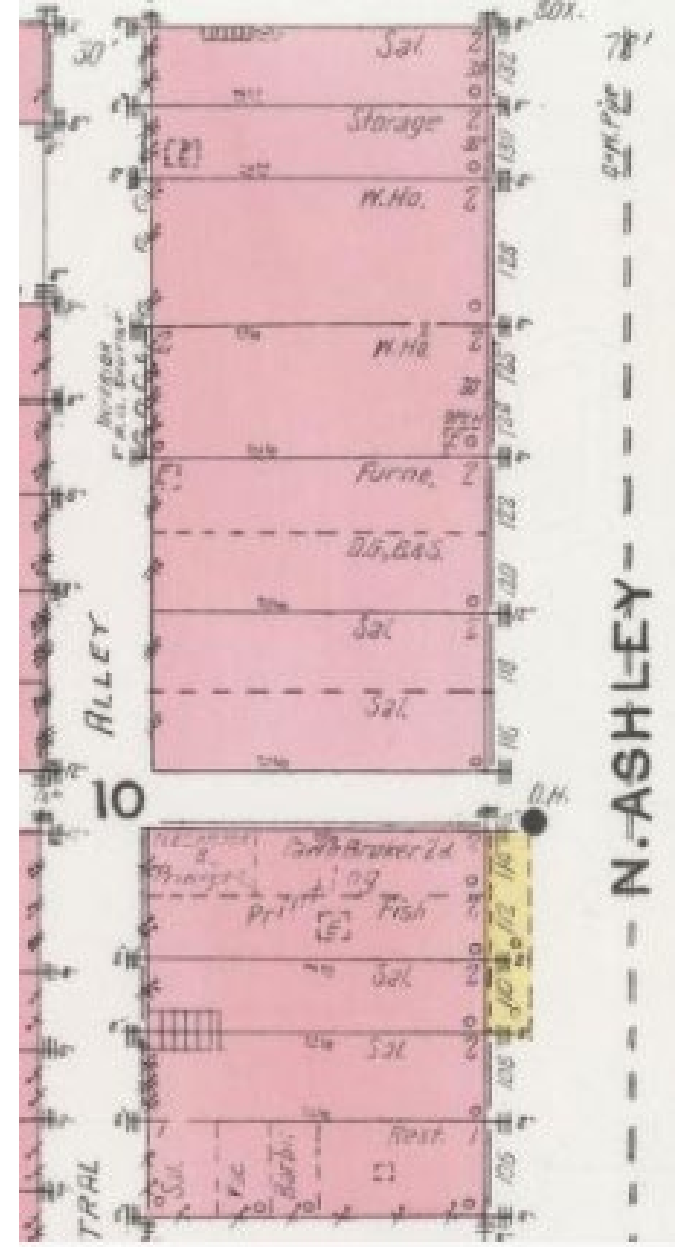






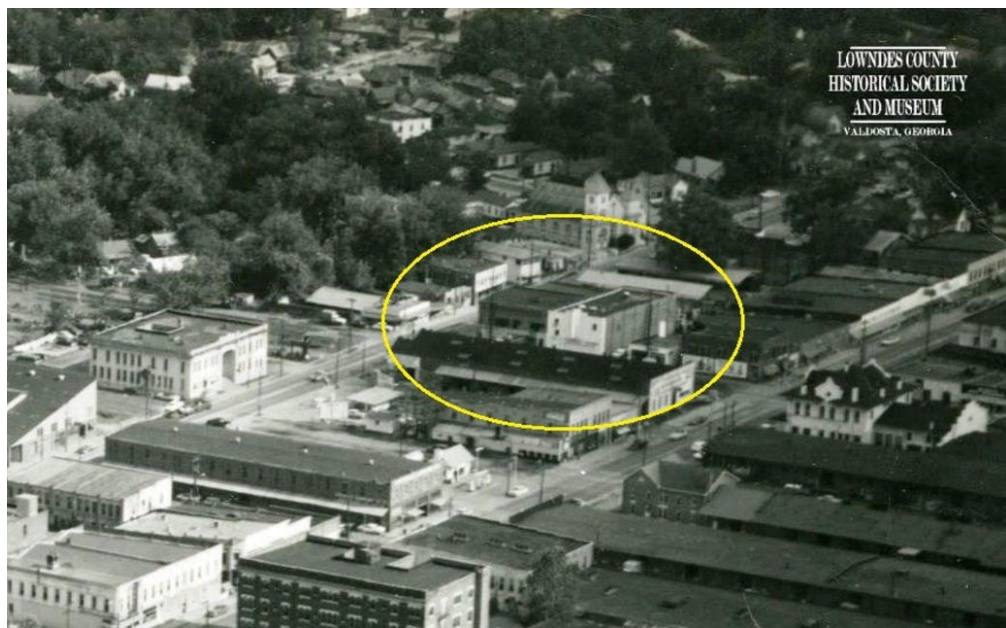
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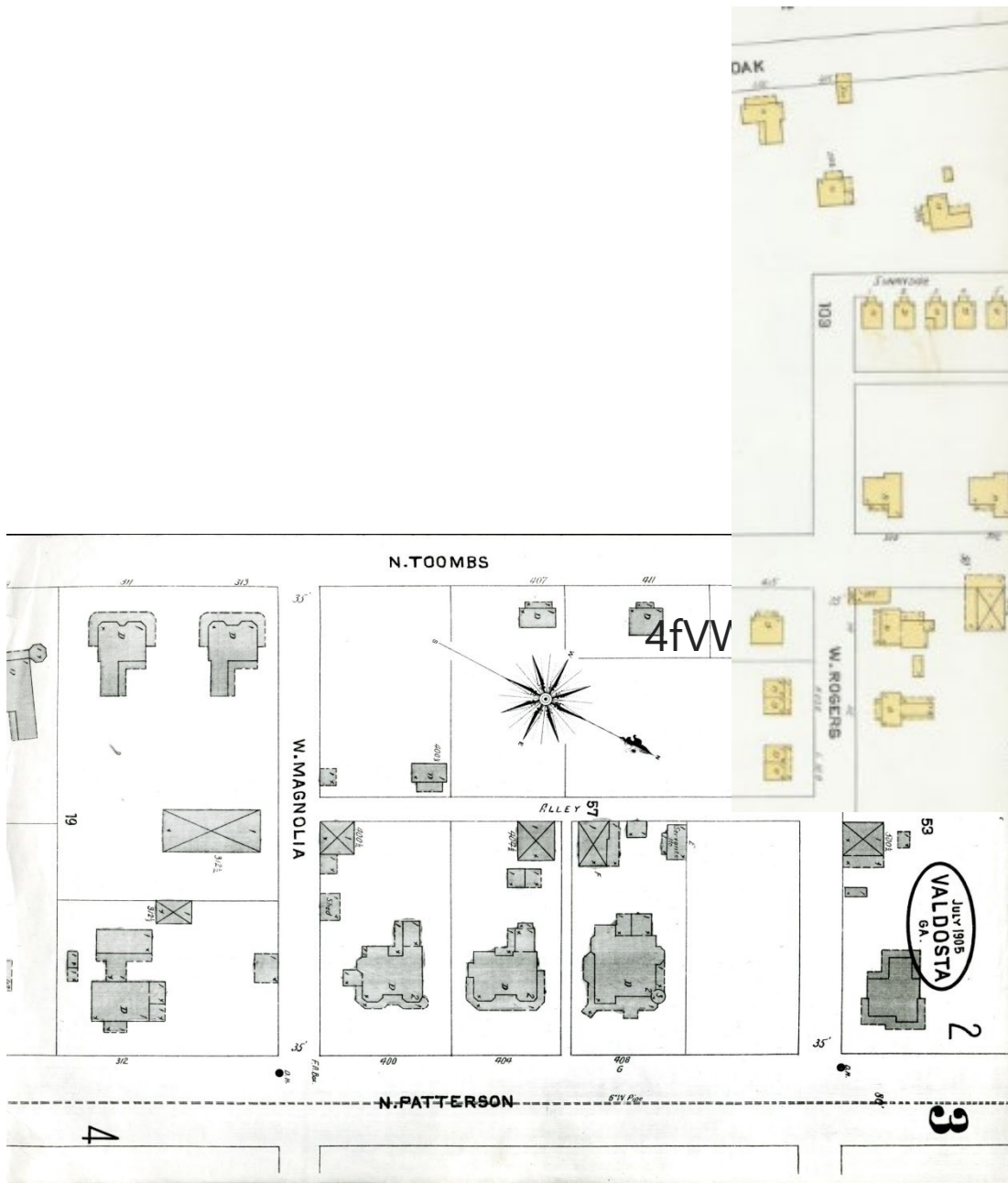


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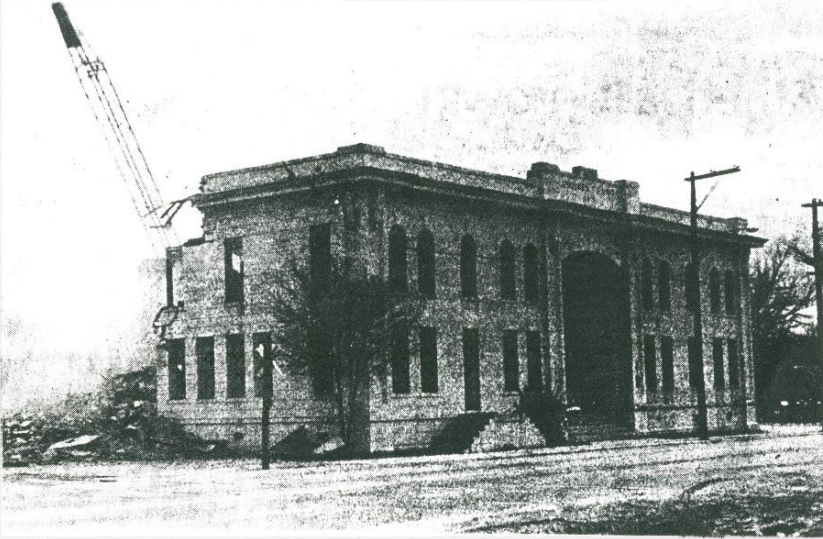






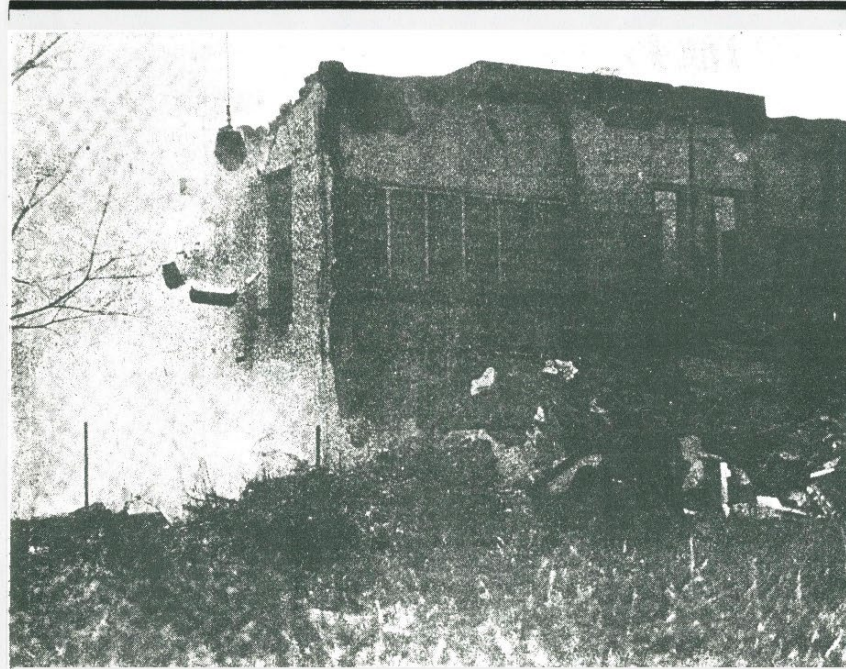
racial cleansing of a commercial neighborhood (from about 1946)





*"Big 12" breakdown*

*"Big 12", named for the year it was built, finally met its fate this week when a wrecking crew with a crane and a three-ton ball, gathered at the site to level the old jail. Lowndes Commissioners were undecided on what to do with the crumbling structure after prisoners were moved to the old county work camp off Madison Highway about a year and a half ago but finally agreed to tear it down before selling the site. "Big 12", however, wasn't all that agreeable to being done away with. When the crew began destruction Tuesday, the steel ball broke and work was stopped until a new one was brought in.*



# THE GOLD LEAF

P.O. BOX 606, HAHIRA, GA.



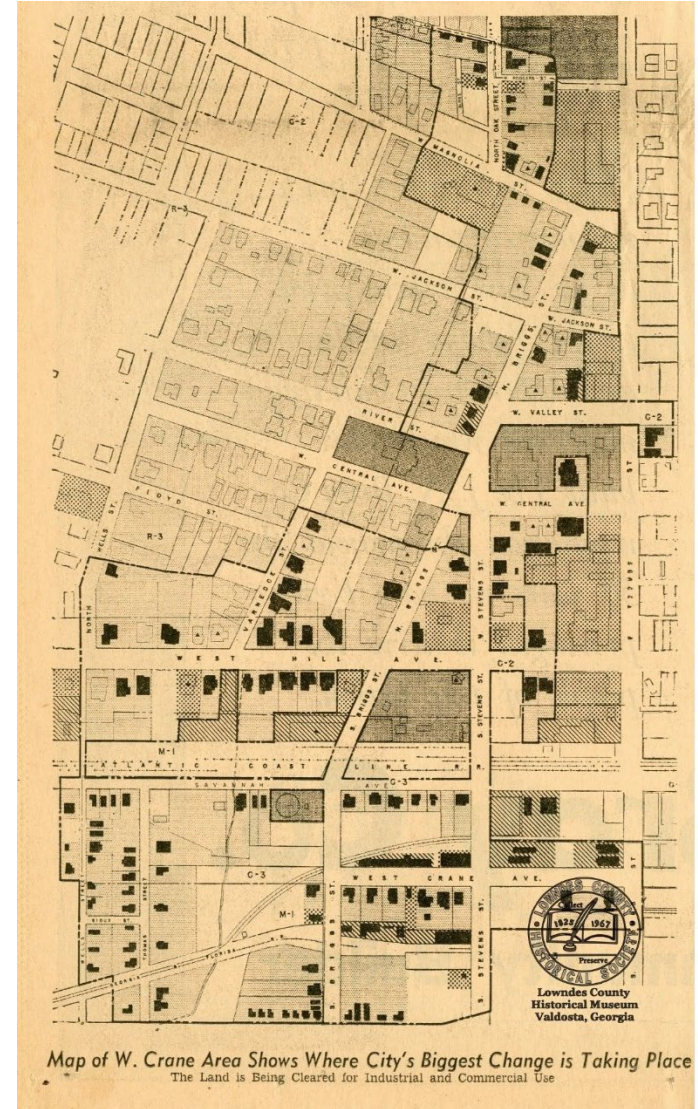
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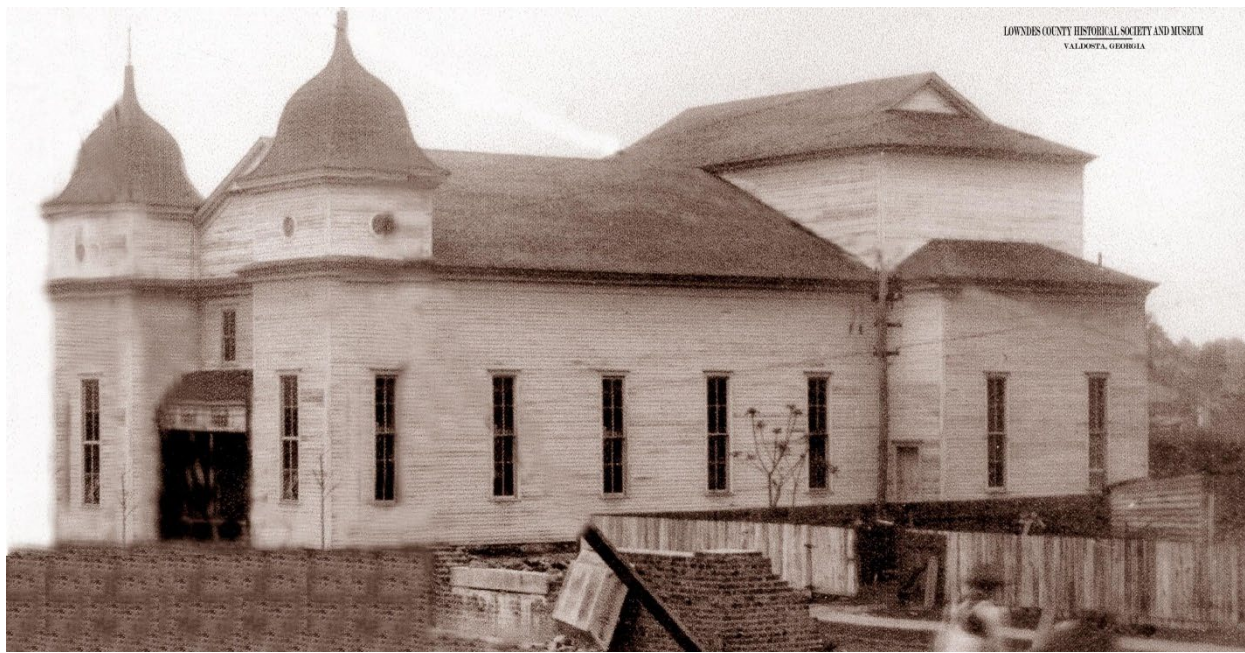
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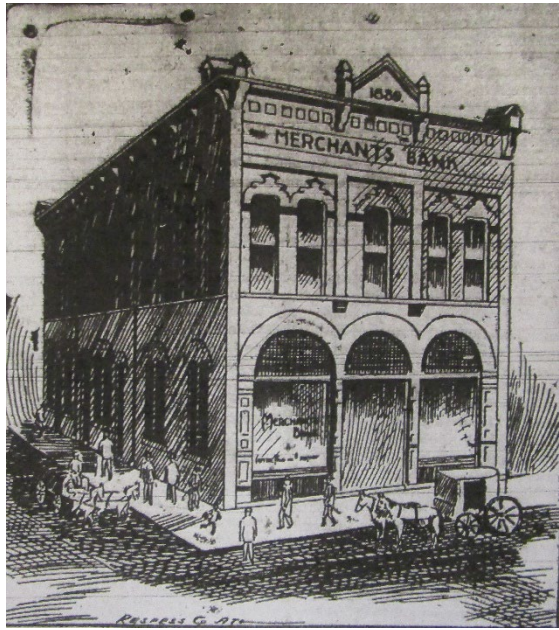
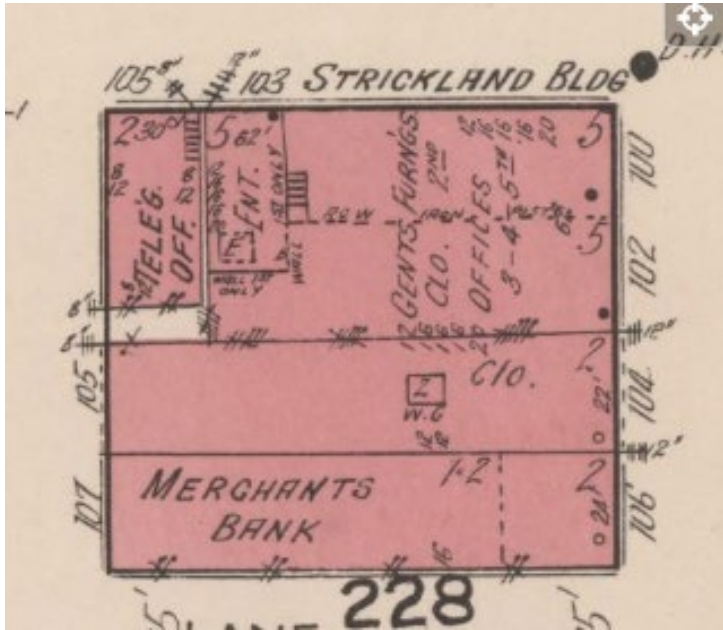
'Urban Renewal' (1959)



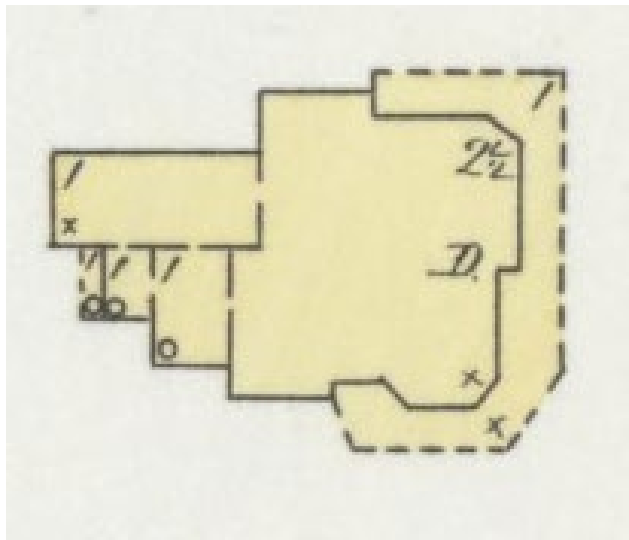
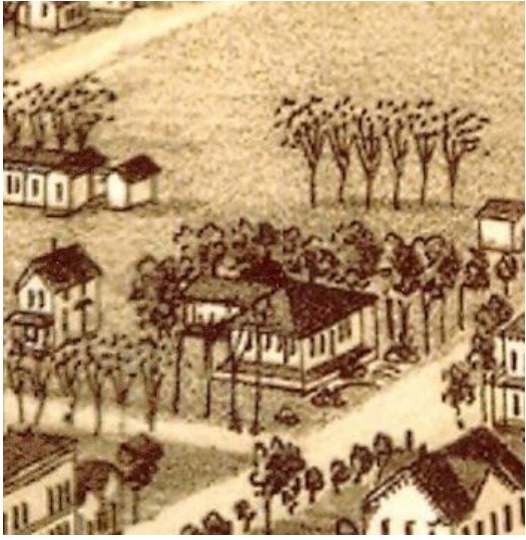


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functional and formal changes to the west side of the 300 block of Patterson Street in downtown Valdosta, 1870s through 1970s



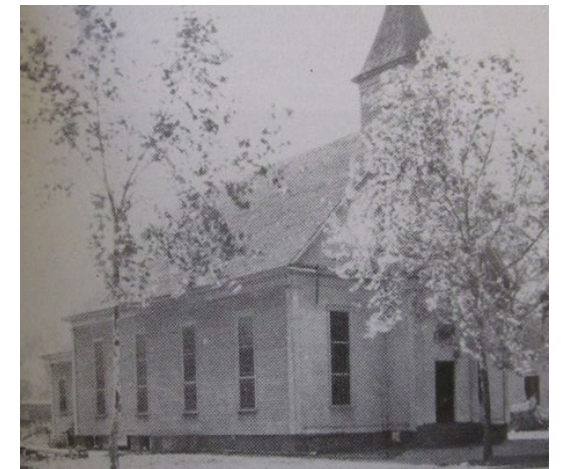
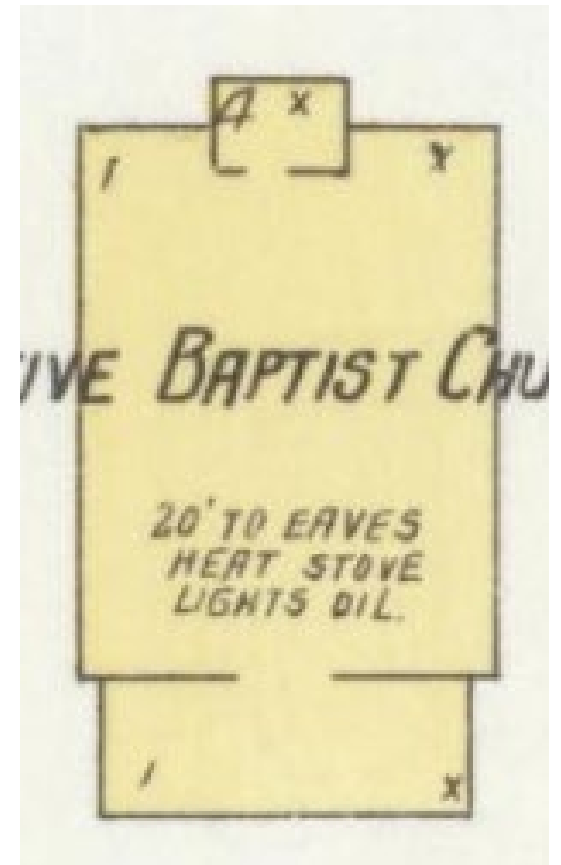


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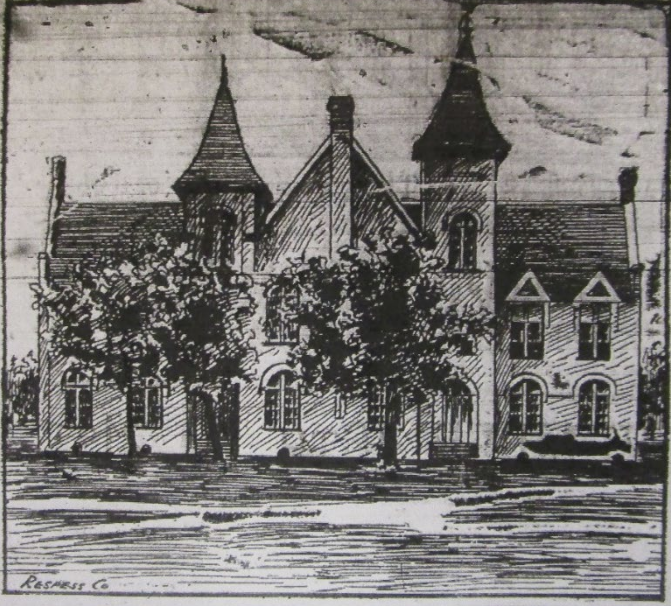
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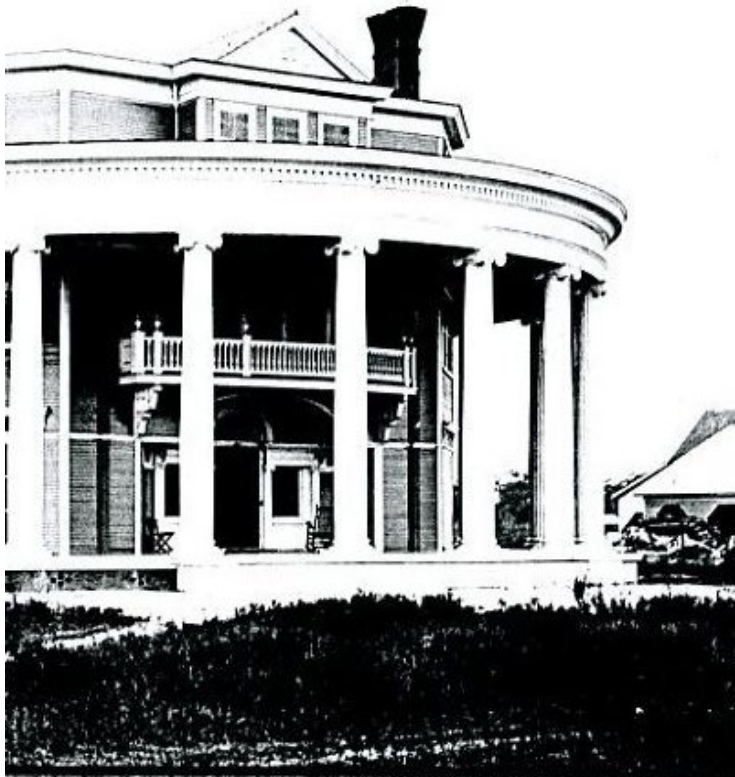
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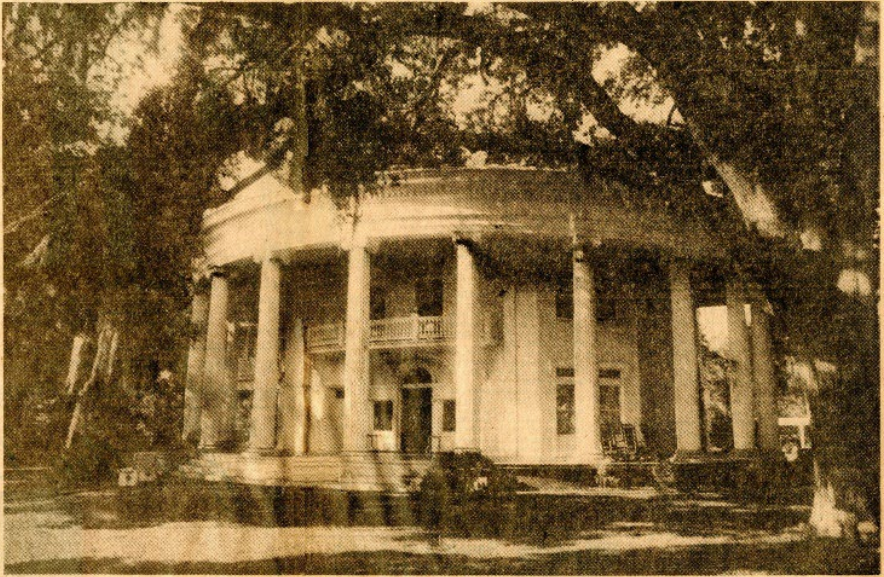




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*The Crescent On Patterson Street Has Been A Landmark Here Since The Early Days Of Valdosta*

## The Crescent: Glimpse Of The Past

*Day Lily Beautifies Crescent's Chapel*

**Story By Jan Telle  
Photos By Joey Ivansco**

It used to sit on what was known as "Milliecaire's Row." Today in its same location it graces Patterson Street with a glimpse of the past.

The Crescent and its surrounding buildings make up the Garden Center. While it may be the big white mansion that draws most of the attention its components don't go unused or unappreciated.

The grounds which stretch out to Gordon Street encompass gardens, an auditorium, chapel and pergola.

Started in 1868, the Crescent was completed in about two years for the William Stanley West family, who was the mansion's only family.

In 1936 the house was converted into apartments and it remained in that use until 1961 when it was to be torn down to

make room for a filling station.

Mrs. T. A. Smith, then president of the Garden Clubs, wanted to preserve the building and to make the area a garden center with test gardens.

In the seven garden clubs in Valdosta took over the structure and it has been in their hands since.

The Center is supported solely by the Amaryllis, Azalea, Camellia, Holly, Jasmine, Magnolia and Town and Country garden clubs.

To do this the clubs hold an annual fall antique show and individual clubs have held flower shows to raise money. Donations in the form of items as well as money from private persons have also helped to preserve the center.

When the garden clubs got the building in 1961 there were

three buildings on the grounds one no longer seen.

There was a carriage house, smoke house and wash house. The first two were so rotted they had to be torn down but the wash house was moved to the end of the garden where it became a tool house.

R. J. Drexel drew up plans for the formal gardens which included a large brick paved court and six beds. In the center of those beds was a plot where each garden club was responsible for weeding and maintaining flowers.

The gardens were intended to be used as test gardens for flowers sent from all over the United States. At one time they were national daylily test gardens.

Today the gardens, known as the American Hemerocallis Display Gardens, are for display only and are outlined by more

(See Crescent page 2-B.)





nature and intention as factors in changes to a landscaped setting



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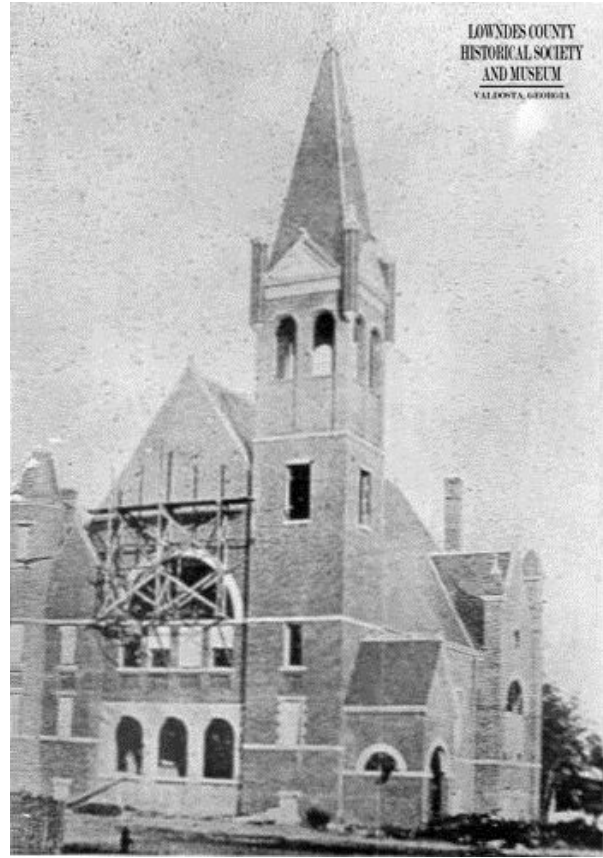
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**New Baptist Church, Valdosta.**

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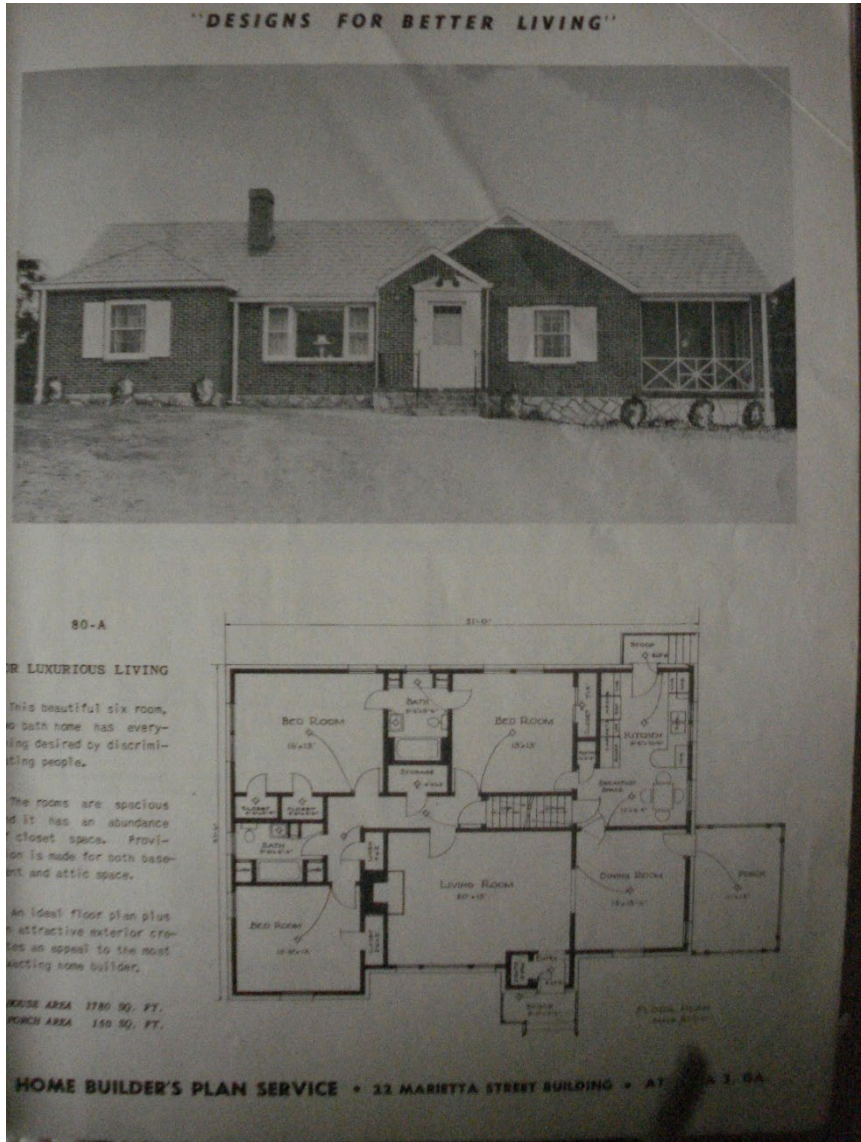
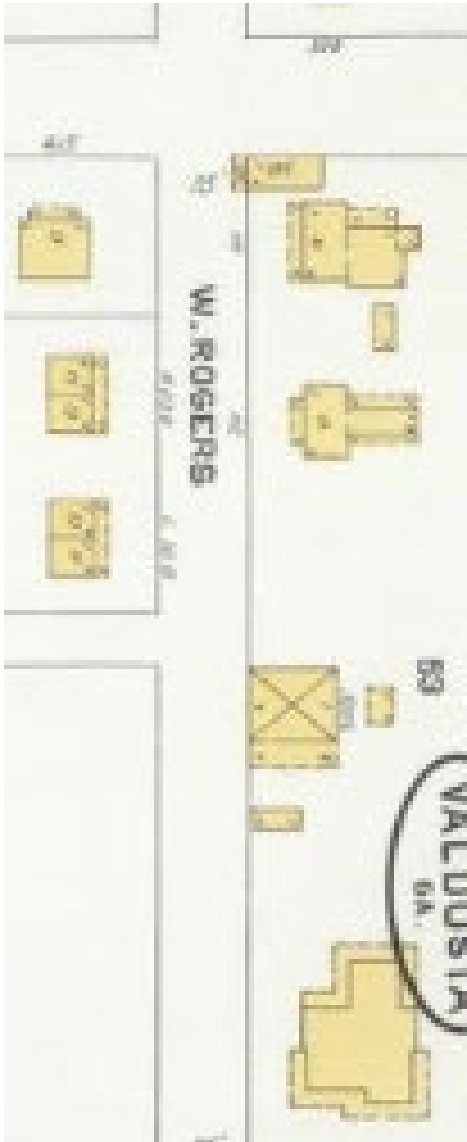


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with new luminaires



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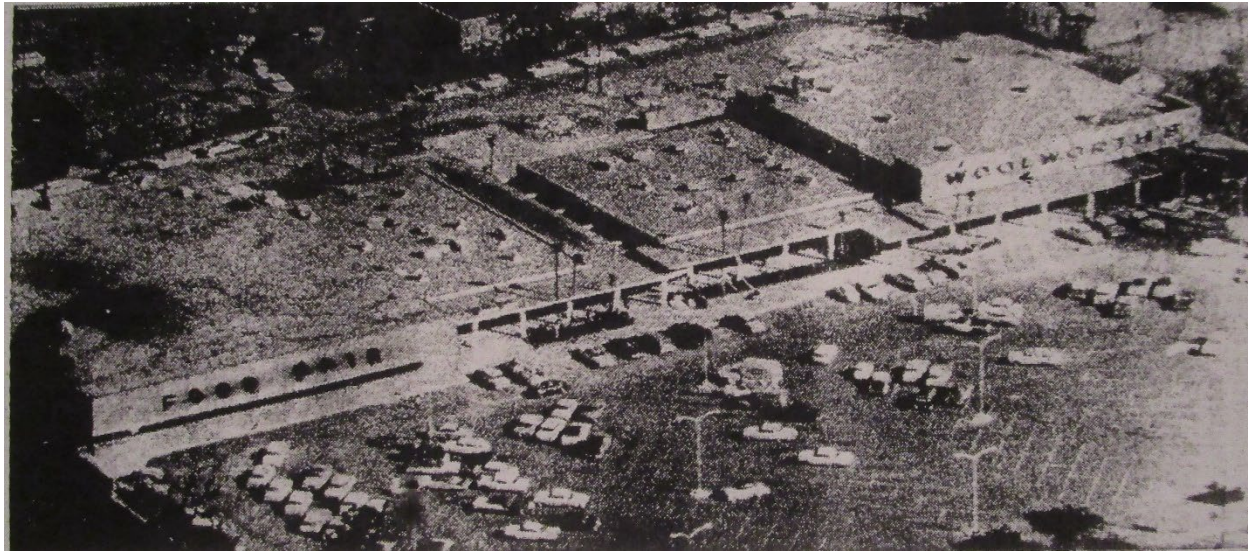
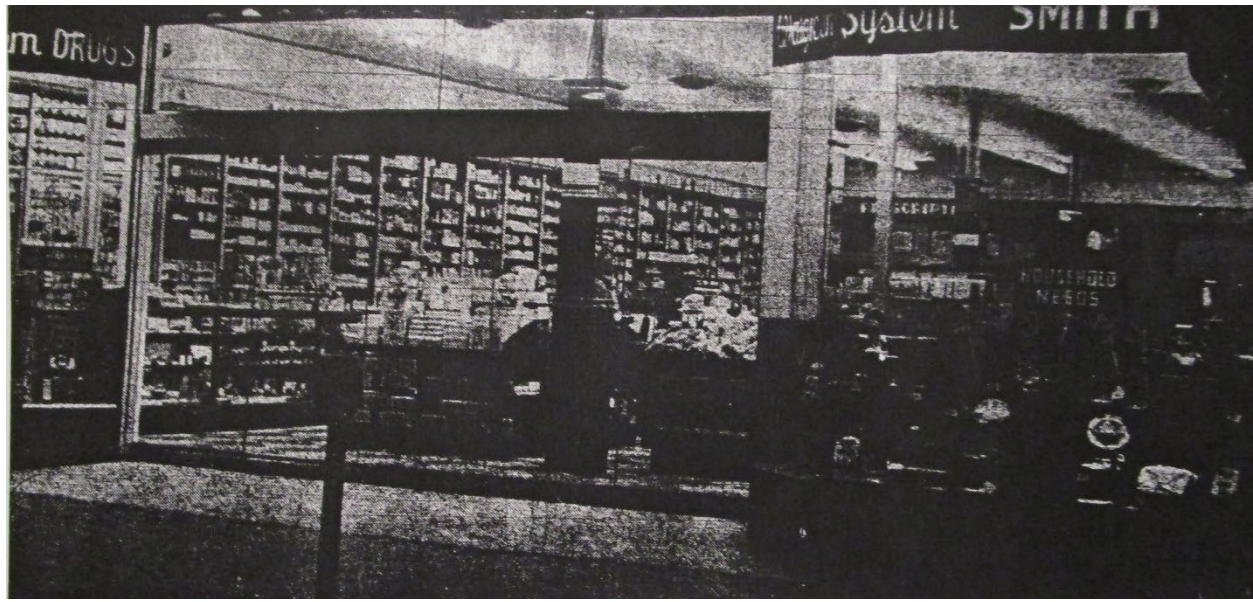
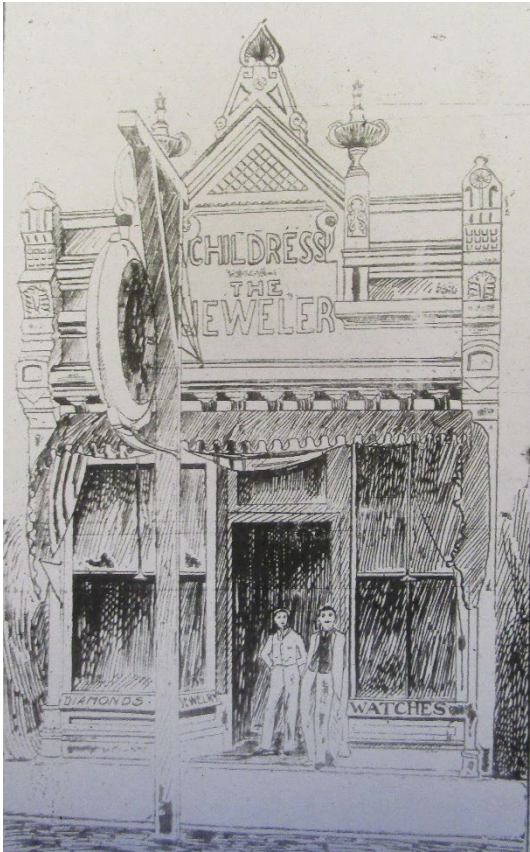




a stock-plan house and its source in a plan catalogue  
*(Designs for Better Living, Atlanta, [1950s])*

manifesting changes made to the original design  
at the time of construction,  
and further changes made  
during subsequent occupancies





usefulness of newspaper illustrations for documenting the ephemerality of commercial architecture



# Thank you!



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