



STATE OF ALABAMA

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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY Chilton

PRESENT NAME Southern Railway Depot HISTORIC NAME same

LOCATION (Street and number) Main Street

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Maplesville

PRESENT USE vacant HISTORIC USE depot

OWNERSHIP: Public (x) Private () Public acquisition being considered ()
The RR gave the building to the town - town leases the lot it is on.
OWNER'S NAME Town of Maplesville

MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box
Maplesville, Alabama 36750

CONDITION: Excellent () Good (x) Fair () Ruins ()

INTEGRITY: Original site (x) Moved () When?
From where? Give details in significance

THREATS: No (x) Yes () By what?

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway (x) Completed () Not planned ()
as funds permit

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings (x)
Highway building density () Commercial (x) Industrial ()
Residential (x) Rural ()

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a
Historic District? The Methodist Church is across the street from the depot. It is
well kept. There are 2 ~~other~~ residences which Mr. Pitts suggested should be restored.
All are older than the present depot building.

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (x) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (x) State () National ()
(x) a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain:
The town of Maplesville was located about 3 mi. to the east on the Montgomery-
Tuscaloosa stage road. The railroad was built about 1850 and the town gradually
moved to Maplesville Station - the name the railroad gave to the depot. The first
building ~~was~~ burned by Wilson's Raiders on their way to Selma. The next one
burned in 1911, the the present building was built in 1912.

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Date of Construction 1912 Date of additions no additions
Architect or Builder Southern Railway

Give a complete but concise history of the structure.

The first depot was burned by Wilson's Raiders on the way to Selma. The next one burned in 1911, and this building was built in 1912 by the railroad. We wrote to the Chief Engineer's office in Washington about the original color of the building but he said there were no specifications with the blueprints. He sent us copies of all 3 pages of the blueprints. We are enclosing a copy of the first page which had been reduced.

State sources of information for the above: Southern Railway, Book- Historic Selma, Records in Bibb County Courthouse where old records of this area of Chilton County are stored.

DESCRIPTION

(For bridges, trestles, viaducts, tunnels, canals, railroad lines, or objects see supplement Form I)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and north arrow. Also indicate front of structure.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Number of stories 1 Foundation wood Basement none

WALL MATERIAL: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood
or brick, metal, logs) PLEASE NOTE TYPE OF BRICK BONDING AND LOG NOTCHING.

clapboard and beaded ceiling

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (If known) Wood frame(x) Load-bearing masonry () Iron or steel ()

ROOF TYPE: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Hipped

ROOF COVERING: Wood shingle () Asphalt () Tile (x) Metal () Slate ()

ROOF TRIM: (If any)

CHIMNEYS: (Number, location, and material)

2 brick flues.

PORCHES Front 0 Type _____

Rear There is a wood platform that in along the entire north side and
part of the east side of the building

Side _____ Type _____

DOORS: Describe entrance door. The three public rooms did not have connecting doors so there
are three entrance doors. The waiting room doors ~~are~~ have six raised horizontal
panels with transom. The agents office is a 9-light half glass with raised panels.
Describe other doors. The two doors to the baggage office are like the office door,
and there are three 8'x'8 silding doors to the freight room which have diagonal
beaded ceiling in 6 panels.

WINDOWS: Types and number of each floor

There are eleven (11) 12-light (12 X 19) double hung windows.

INTERIOR: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

The walls in the three public rooms are 15' high and are of beaded ceiling
with exceptional detailed molding at chairrail, around the openings and
about 3' from the ceiling.

The walls in the freight office ~~are~~ have rough 2x5 horizontal boards 5' high
The doors in the freight room slide into protective frames of 2x8 bertical
boards.

The ticket windows are just as they were when used by the agents.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

OTHER: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

We have begun adapting the building for a community center. At Mr. Fitts suggestion we have removed restrooms which had been put in ~~top~~ of the public rooms, and put them in the freight room. We plan to convert the baggage room for a kitchen as the primary use of the freight room will be for the Meals program for the elderly. We are using 3' doors and extending the ramp (which had to be rebuilt) so its elevation would accommodate wheel chairs better.

We plan to use the agents office for a railroad museum, and the other two rooms for public meeting rooms without making any structural alterations which will alter the original architecture.

We have put a ceiling in the freight room leaving the one-piece ^{32'} rough 2x14' ceiling joists exposed. All exposed work done has been with 2x6 shiplap boards from an old building.

Enclosures: copy of page 1 of the original blueprints.

Southern Railway map indicating location of depot in town.

sketch of floor plan with changes in red

2 5x7 black glossy prints of building.

section of Ala. Hwy map showing Maplesville & highways

A MAP WITH THE STRUCTURE MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Must be black and white, glossy finish and either 5 x 7 or 8 x 10.

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Map Reference: Map _____ Site number _____

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

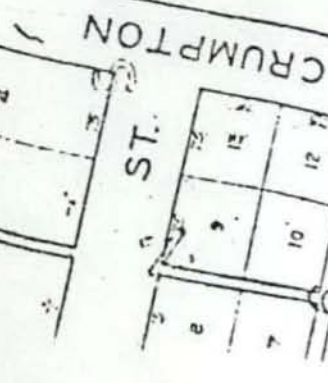
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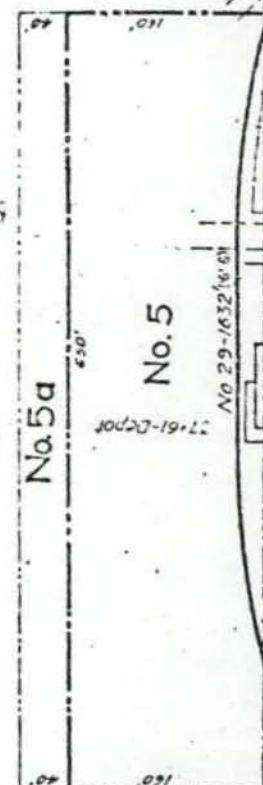
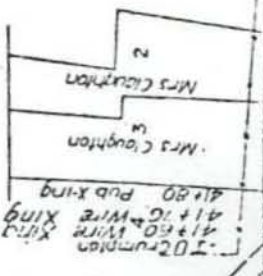
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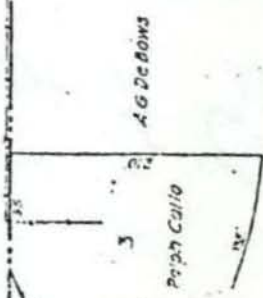


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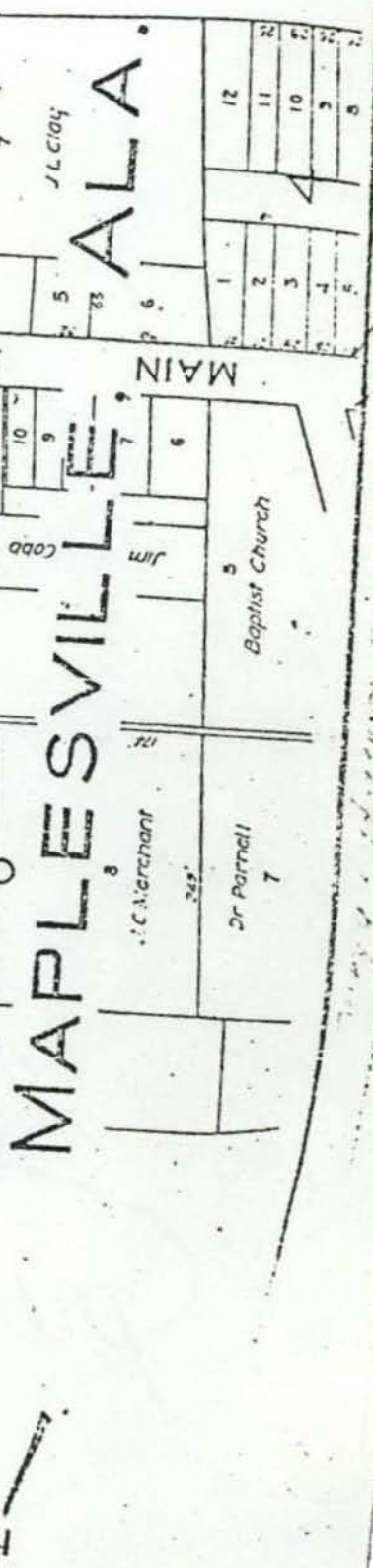
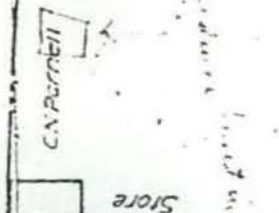
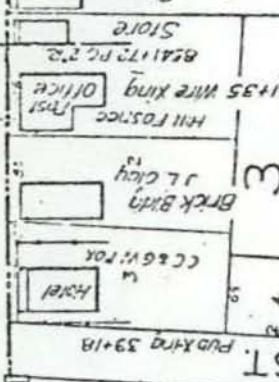
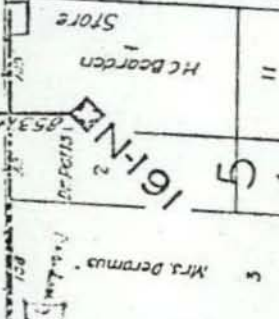
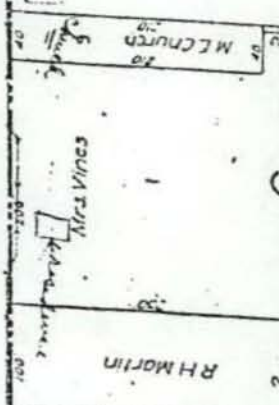


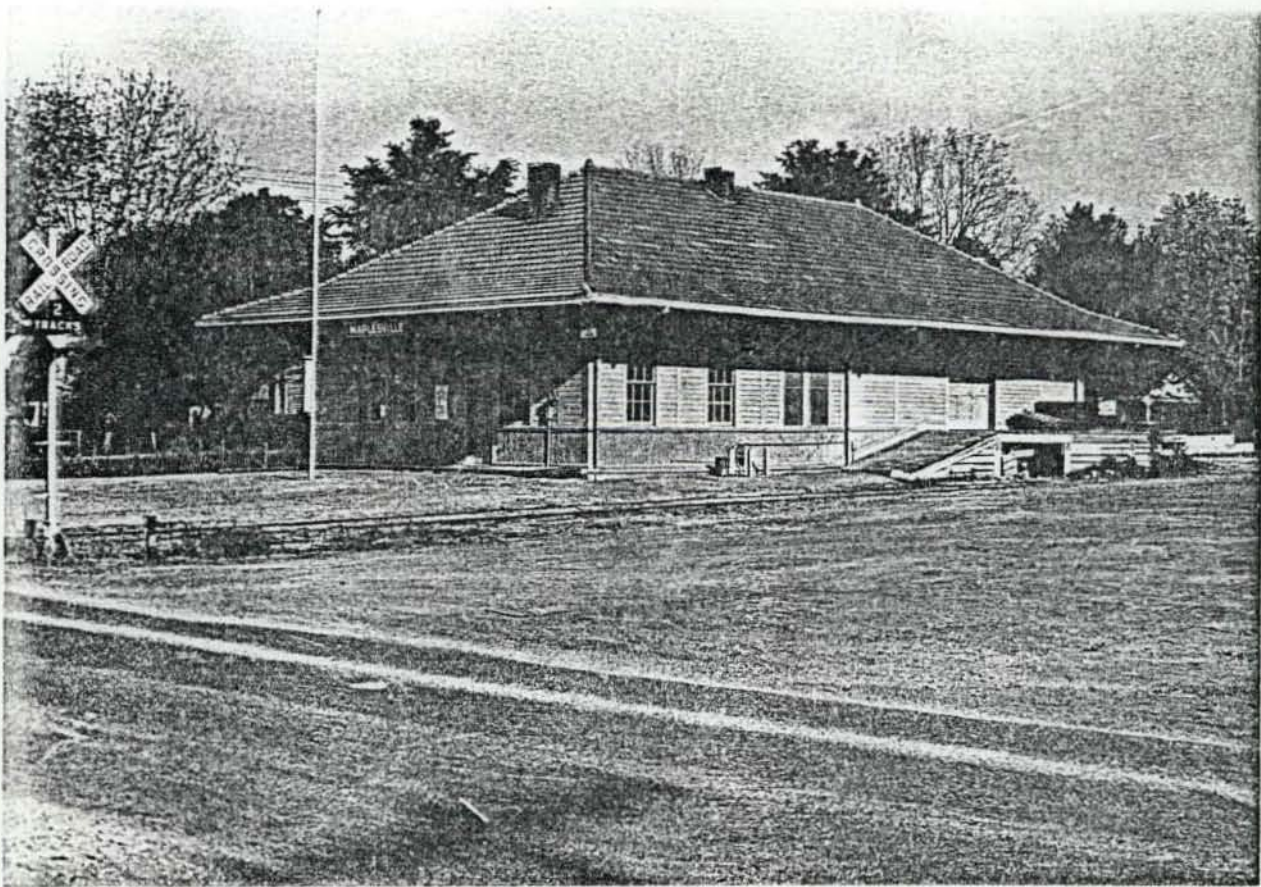
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No. 4



92+14-30' V.C.P.-39
Replaced with 30'+35 Rein
Conc Pipe, 40
A.F.E. 44504-4-11-24
32+166 P.S. (10-6)





MAIN TRACK

fence along tracks extending 20' + north of building & between tracks



noise floor
for platform

10' 3"

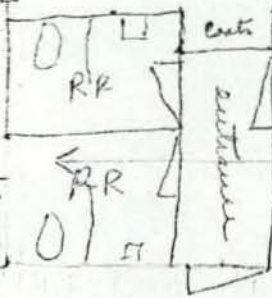
27'

AGTs Office
Museum

Freight
Room

jump for 115'

Pair of tracks along western platform



39'

8' x 8'

3 panigless
with sliding
RAISED Platform

Extended Ramp
Ramp

SIDE TRACK

Mapleville Depot -
to be used as a community center

Shaded areas
indicate floor

1" = 10'

