

Hires General Store
South Quadrant U.S. Highway 341/Carter Avenue
Odum
Wayne County
Georgia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Hires General Store (Commercial)

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Location:

The Hires General Store is located in the southern quadrant U.S. Highway 341/Carter Avenue, Odum, Wayne County, Georgia. It fronts U.S. 341

Significance:

The Hires General Store is historically significant as a c. 1906-08 commercial brick structure located within the town of Odum. It contributes to an understanding of the commercial development of this early twentieth century railroad town.

Description:

This two story brick store measures 28 feet wide by 90 feet deep. It displays a double modern door with transom light flanked by two 3 over 1 windows. In 1987, permastone was affixed to the front facade of the first story and a metal canopy was added. The northern (side) elevation displays four small segmental arch windows with metal bars along the first story and six segmental arch windows with 2 over 2 panes along the second story. The interior of the first floor exhibits one open main room with a tongue and groove ceiling, wood plank walls, and linoleum flooring. Two smaller rooms are located in the rear. The interior of the second floor exhibits one open room a tongue and groove ceiling, walls covered in tongue and groove and plaster, and wood plank floors.

History:

The Hires General Store was opened c. 1908 by S.J. Hires, the current owner's, Eugene H. Hires, father. The building was constructed c. 1906-08. The Hires operated the store until 1991, when the business closed. Leonard Carter reportedly constructed the building.

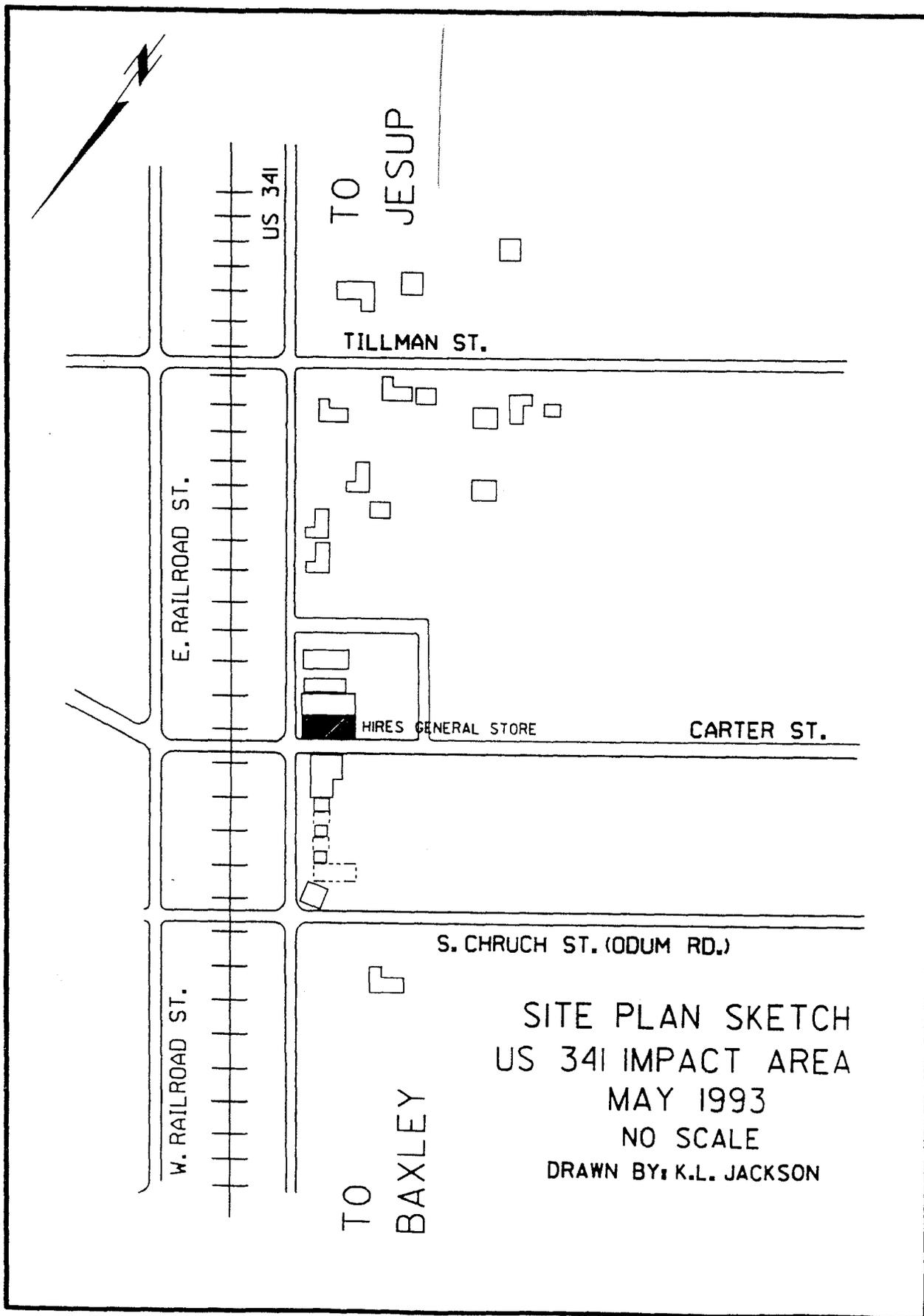
Sources:

Interview with E.H. Hires, conducted by Gail A. D'Avino, May 12, 1993, Odum, Georgia.

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

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SITE PLAN SKETCH
US 341 IMPACT AREA
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