

AHL-DEAN-HIRES BUILDING (Commercial)  
U. S. Highway 341, 130 Feet Southeast of Carter Avenue  
Odum  
Wayne County  
Georgia

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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#### Location:

The Ahl-Dean-Hires Building is located on the southwest side of U.S. Highway 341, 130 feet southeast of Carter Avenue in the town of Odum, Wayne County, Georgia.

#### Significance:

The Ahl-Dean-Hires Building is historically significant as a c. 1935 commercial 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 molded concrete block one story building has a brick front. It measures approximately 30 feet wide by 60 feet deep. Architectural details include three segmentally arched front bays which have been boarded up, a flat roof with a stepped parapet running the length of both sides a decorative brick corbelling along the top of the front elevation. Access to the interior was not available, therefore a footprint of the building instead of a floor plan is attached.

#### History:

The current owner of this c. 1935 building, Eugene H. Hires, purchased the building from Emitt Teston on August 18, 1961 (Wayne County Deed Book 96, page 381. Teston acquired the building from E.F. Dean on December 19, 1957 (Wayne County Deed Book 85, page 137). Dean lent Bessie Dean Champaign money in 1956 with this building acting as collateral. (Wayne County Deed Book 4V, page 46). There is no record of her satisfying this debt, therefore it appears that Dean acquired title to it in lieu of payment. Bessie Dean purchased the building from J.W. Ahl on February 13, 1952 (Wayne County Deed Book 68, page 421). A deed for Ahl's acquisition could not be located.

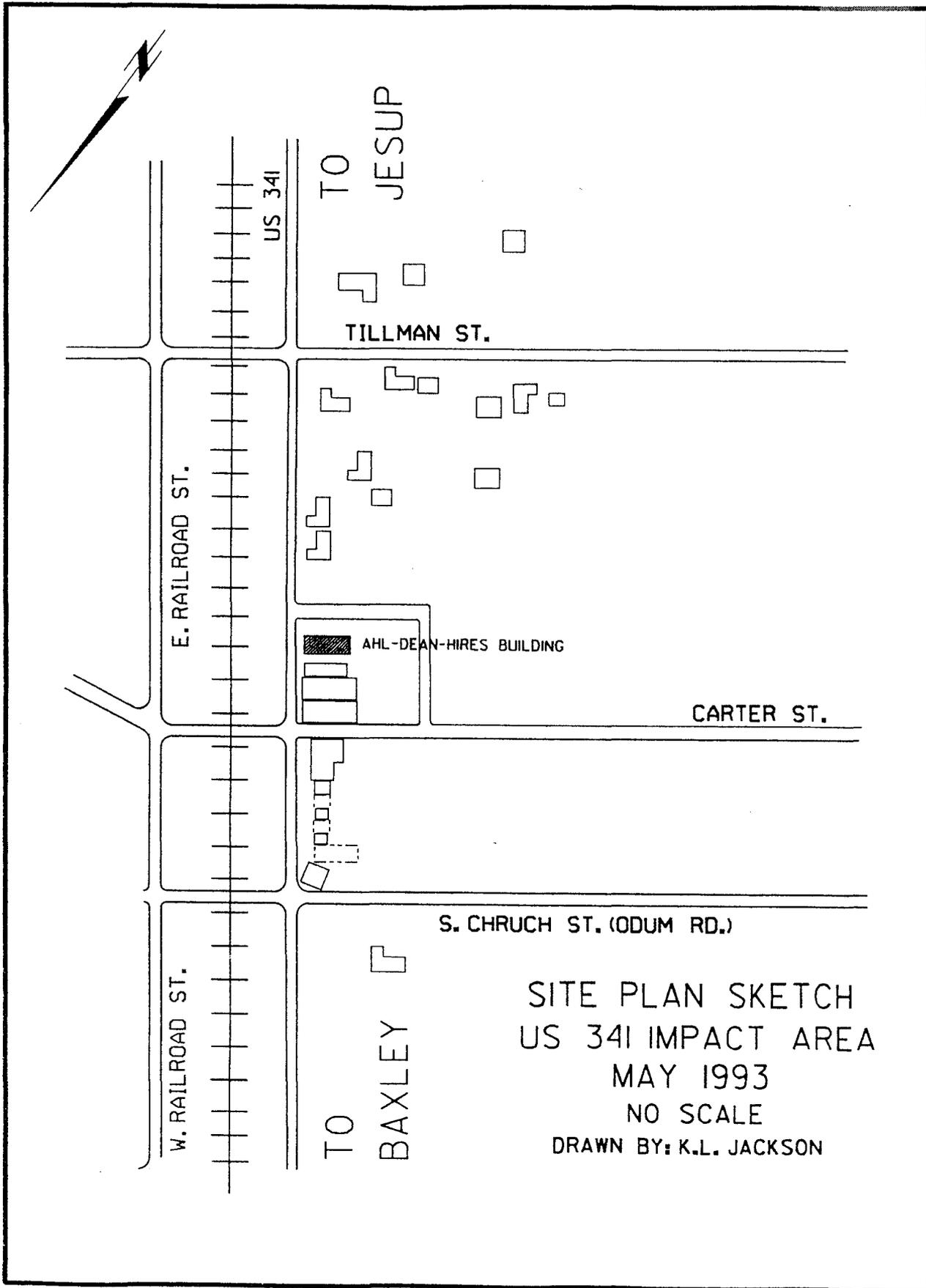
Reportedly, the State Highway Department's laboratory operated out of this building at one time.

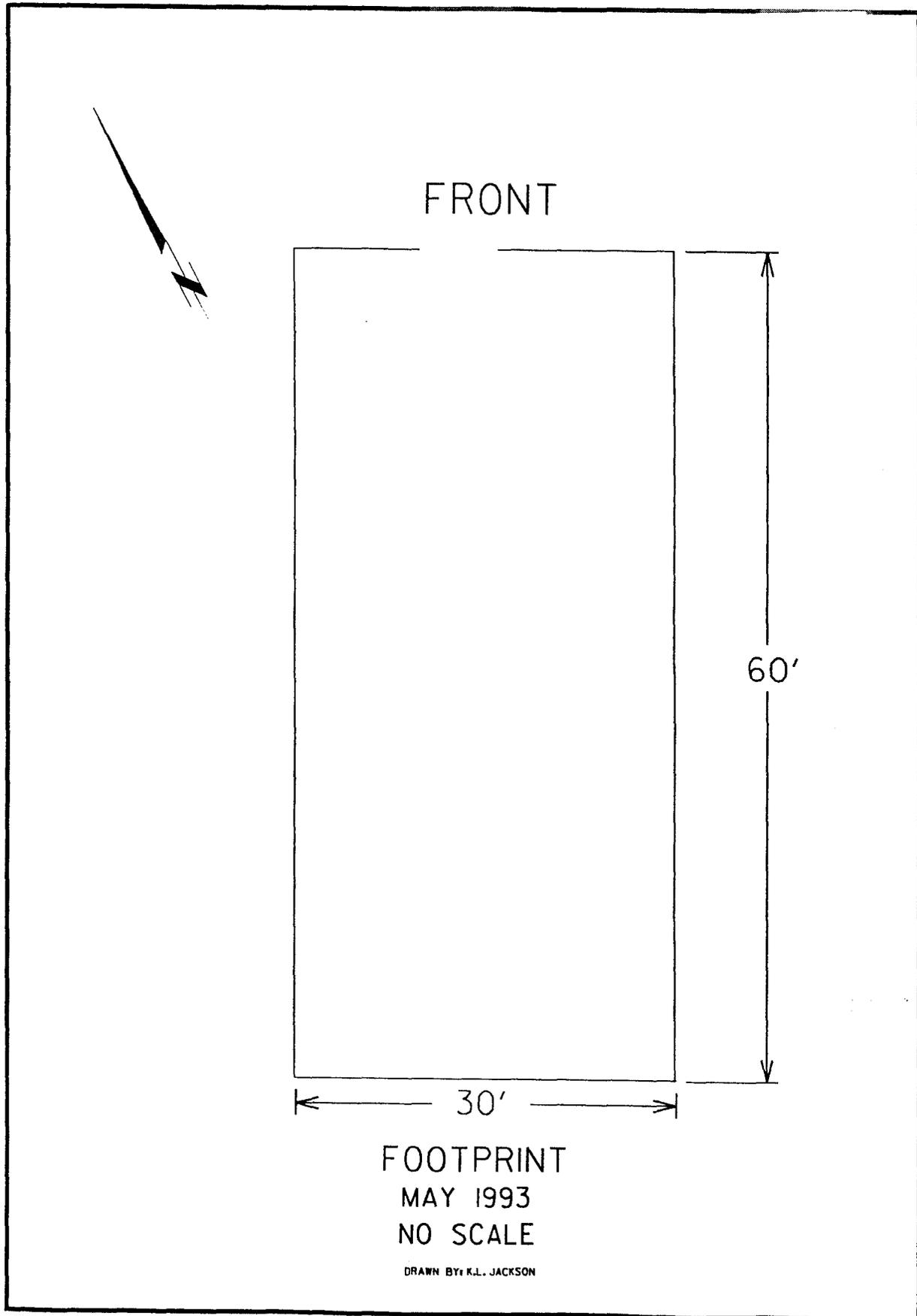
#### Sources:

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

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FRONT

60'

30'

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NO SCALE

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