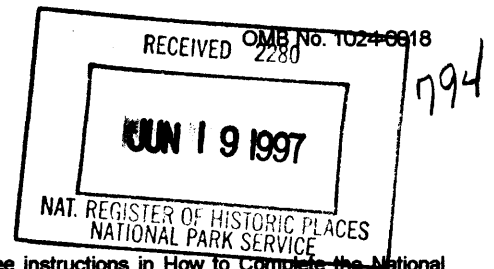


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House

other names/site number Exchange Packing House; Adams Packing Co. Cold Storage Facility/ 8PO5363

2. Location

street & number 214 Orange Street N/A not for publication

city or town Auburndale N/A vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Polk code 105 zip code 33823

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
George W. Perry 6/12/97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register See continuation sheet
 determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 7/17/97

AUBURNDALE PACKING HOUSE

POLK, FLORIDA

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- buildings, district, site, structure, object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Table with 3 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, and Resource Type (buildings, sites, structures, objects, total). Values: 1, 0, 0, 0, 1.

Name of related multiple property listings (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: processing

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: storage, COMMERCE/TRADE: business, RECREATION and CULTURE: sports facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Mission/ Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE, walls BRICK, WOOD, roof METAL: tin, other STUCCO

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1922 - 1946

Significant Dates

1922

c.1929

1938- c.1940

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of Repository

#

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POLK, FLORIDA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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3															
	Zone		Easting						Northing						
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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city or town Auburndale state Florida zip code 33823

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SUMMARY

The Auburndale Citrus Association Packing House is a large masonry and steel frame building located one block southwest of the downtown area of Auburndale. While no longer serving as a citrus packing plant, the building retains its historic interior spaces and exterior appearance to a high degree. The largest remaining historic building in the city, the packing plant serves as a distinctive landmark in the midst of the commercial and residential development that surrounds it.

SETTING

The City of Auburndale is situated in an attractive setting of scenic lakes, low-rolling hills, and lush semi-tropical vegetation. The sixth largest city in Polk County with a population of about 9,000, Auburndale lies forty miles west of Tampa and fifty miles southwest of Orlando. A recent survey of historic properties document 353 buildings in the city that were at least fifty years old and retained some of their original appearance. Most are located in an area that was subdivided in 1884 as the Town of Auburndale. The plan, which featured a large rectangular park and a combination of curved, diagonal, and rectangular grid streets, is largely intact today. The city's historic commercial core is centered around the rectangular park. Most of the commercial buildings front on East Park, East Lake, and Bartow avenues. Residential areas surround the commercial center on all sides.

The Auburndale Citrus Association Packing House is located at 214 Orange Street, one block southwest of the commercial center (see Site Map, photo 1). The lot on which the packing house sits consists of an entire city block bounded by the tracks of the CSX Railroad on the northwest, Howard Avenue on the northeast, Orange Avenue on the southeast, and Bridgers Avenue on the southwest. The railroad dictated the location and orientation of the plant, which was placed with its broadest sides paralleling the track to allow for the placement of more loading bays. Still maintaining its industrial appearance, the land within the boundaries of the packing house property is flat and devoid of vegetation.

ORIGINAL AND PRESENT APPEARANCE

Original Appearance

In its original form, the Auburndale Citrus Association Packing House was about one third the size of the existing building (see map showing the development of the property during the historic period). It was rectangular in shape and had a gable roof with a gable monitor extension. Curvilinear parapets with decorative urn finials were placed at the gable ends and six large rectangular windows pierced the facade. The foundation consisted of a poured concrete slab and the walls were constructed using hollow clay tile. A steel truss roof was supported by brick pillars, which served to divide the loading bays of the north side of the building. Each bay contained a loading bay and four rectangular windows. The bay doors were raised and lowered by a weighted sash system. A wooden shed roof platform extended from the loading bays to a railroad siding that connected with the main track of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The machinery contained in the plant included conveyors, washers, dryers, and waxers used for processing the fruit. Several ancillary buildings and structures, including a one-story refrigerated storage house, a wood frame shed, and a water tower, surrounded the main plant.

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Historic Additions

The packing plant was expanded considerably about 1929. The rear parapet end of the main building was removed and a wood and steel frame addition was constructed in its place. A gable roof office building, located off the northwest corner of the original building, and a large steel frame addition were added at about the same time and more than doubled the size of the plant to about 38,000 square feet. Several small wood frame storage sheds and a garage were also added to the grounds during the period, but they have since been removed. Between 1938 and c. 1940, additions were made to the southern portion of the building. This gave the building a two-story, front-facing gable unit and side shed southeast corner flat roof and rear arched roof extensions. The gable and flat roof extensions have wood frame walls clad with drop siding. Nearly all of the original exterior and interior features of the southern half of the building are intact.

Present Exterior Appearance

Facade (east) elevation

The original unit of the Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House features an arched roof with a curvilinear parapet end. The parapet has masonry coping and decorative urn finials adorn the corners and two vertical brick columns that rise from the center of the facade (photo 2). The columns divide the facade into three bays, each containing two rectangular windows. A shed roof addition extends from the northeast corner of the facade. A large loading bay door is located at the junction of the 1940s addition and the original portion of the building (photo 3). The office unit of the building juts to the north of the 1940s addition (photo 4). The two story unit has a parapetted gable roof. Sets of paired and triple double-hung sash windows pierce the second story. A single entrance with a decorative brick surround is centered on the ground floor of the facade. A one-story, flat roof extension projects from the southeast corner of the facade.

South side

A one-story shed roof unit is located between the 1940s addition, the office unit, and the one-story flat roof extension (photo 5). It is clad with drop siding exterior wall fabric and has three hinged loading doors with their original hardware (photo 6). The south side of the 1940s addition is divided into thirteen bays by steel I-beam roof supports (photo 7). The beams have poured concrete bases. Each of the thirteen bays contains two fixed rectangular windows near the roof line and at least one loading bay door.

Rear (west) elevation

The rear elevation consists of the arched ends of the two largest units of the building (photo 8). Both have corrugated metal exterior wall fabric and a large loading platform.

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North side

The north side is divided into nine bays--six original and three on the rear wood frame addition (photo 9). The bays of the original unit are defined by vertical brick columns that form the main structural support for the roof. The walls between the columns are also constructed of brick and are covered with stucco. Each bay contains five rectangular openings, including four windows and a loading bay. All of those openings have been enclosed with concrete block. The bays of the rear wood frame addition are created by steel I-beam roof supports (photo 10). The exterior walls of the addition are clad with drop siding.

Interior

First floor office area

The primary entrance to the building leads to a large open room that presently serves as a combination office and reception area (photo 11). The original unfinished hollow tile walls of the unit are visible along the north wall and the south wall is covered with drop siding. Three loading bay doors lead to a storage and office area to the south (photo 12). A stairway located in the northeast corner of the main room leads to the second story.

Second floor office area

The second floor contains four offices, two bathrooms, a hallway and a safe. All of the rooms retain their original configuration, oak floors, and most of their pine woodwork (photos 13 and 14). A safe with concrete walls and a heavy steel door is located in the southwest office (photo 15).

Main packing areas

The two main packing areas are large open rooms with exposed ceiling trusses and unfinished walls (photo 16). The southernmost room is partially filled with modern aluminum storage units (photos 17 and 18). The interior space of the original unit houses a roller hockey rink enclosed with temporary plywood checking boards (photo 19). The original loading bay doors and steel windows are still visible from the interior (photo 20).

Alterations

Beside the additions constructed during the historic period noted above, the most significant alterations to the historic appearance of the building are the removal of all of the citrus packing machinery and the enclosure of the window and loading bays on the north side.

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SUMMARY

The Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C at the local level. Under criterion A, the packing house possesses significance for its association with the development of the citrus industry in Auburndale. Under criterion C, the building has significance as a rare surviving example of a historic citrus packing house and as the only remaining historic industrial building in Auburndale.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Development of Auburndale

Situated in an attractive area of pristine lakes and low rolling hills, Auburndale received its first permanent settlement in the early 1880s. In 1883 the Jacksonville, Tampa, and Key West Railroad, which was later absorbed by the Atlantic Coastline Railway, completed a narrow gauge line between Kissimmee and Tampa. That same year a post office was established at Sanitaria, a small settlement on the west bank of Lake Mariana founded by a group of Chicago natives who came to Florida seeking a healthy climate. Unfortunately, the residents of Sanitaria were unable to convince the J.T.&K.W. to buy land there for the construction of a depot. Instead, the railroad erected the station one mile to the west on a site donated by a group of property owners around Lake Ariana. In 1884 the Town of Auburndale was surveyed and platted with a central park containing the depot as its centerpiece.

The initial industry was vegetable farming, but extensive stands of tall pine trees soon attracted lumber companies to the area. By 1887 Auburndale contained several homes, three general stores, a real estate office, a drugstore, and a hotel. At the turn-of-the-century the population of the town and its surrounding area numbered 775. A commercial district consisting of one- and two-story wood frame buildings grew along Main and Park streets. Citrus production replaced lumbering and vegetable farming as the leading industry in the area in the 1910s.

Auburndale experienced its most intense period of development during the Great Florida Land Boom years of the 1920s. The population of the town, which totaled 715 at the beginning of the decade, ballooned to about 2,500 by the height of the Land Boom in 1925. The commercial district, which had completely burned in 1913, was filled with modern fireproof masonry buildings. New subdivisions on the outskirts of town were platted and annexed at a rapid pace. Between 1924 and 1926 over half a million dollars was expended on infrastructure improvements, resulting in a complete network of paved roads and expanded electrical, water, sewer, and drainage services.

Several factors, including the collapse of the land boom in 1926, a Mediterranean fruit fly infestation of the area's citrus groves in 1928, and the onslaught of the Great Depression after the stock market crash in 1929, combined to bring development in the city to a halt by the end of the 1920s. Because much of the area's economy was based on citrus production, the fruit fly infestation was particularly devastating. Despite strict eradication measures adopted by the city to combat the insect, much of the local crop was ruined. Many growers, both large and small, abandoned their properties, leaving taxes unpaid and forcing the city to initiate foreclosure proceedings.

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The city recovered from the worst effects of the Depression during the second half of the 1930s. Federally-sponsored construction projects, including the extension of U.S. Highway 92 through the community in 1937, the erection of a school gymnasium, and installation of an overflow pipe between lakes Stella and Ariana, provided many local residents with jobs. The first half of the 1940s brought further recovery as jobs related to the war effort during World War II provided near full employment. The market for the area's citrus products was immeasurably strengthened by the development of frozen juice concentrate.

Development of the Citrus Industry In Polk County

Although wild orange trees were reportedly growing in Polk County as early as the 1830s, commercial fruit production did not occur until the 1870s. The establishment of railroad service to Polk County in the 1880s sparked the first major development of the orange industry there. Thousands of groves were laid out in the county during the period between 1880 and 1895. Citrus production combined with a burgeoning phosphate mining industry to spark the first of the county's major land booms.

The rapid growth of the industry was curtailed by a pair of devastating freezes during the winter of 1894-1895. The freezes effectively ended the citrus production in the northernmost sections of Florida. Nearly all of the existing citrus trees in Polk County were destroyed and many local growers abandoned their groves. Those who stayed were forced to plant other crops to sustain them until their replanted groves could begin to produce.

By 1909 the industry had fully recovered from the freezes and again was producing bumper crops. Now faced with the problem of overproduction and declining prices, growers throughout the state began to express a desire to form a cooperative that would regulate the industry. In February a committee of forty-six growers from throughout the state visited California to study the successful business methods employed by west coast producers. The committee reported its findings at the Florida Citrus Convention, an annual meeting of state citrus growers, held in Tampa on June 1. The result was a vote by convention members to form the Florida Citrus Exchange (FCE).

The FCE was a dominant force in controlling the direction of the state's citrus industry throughout the remainder of the historic period. Its primary roles were to market Florida citrus products throughout the United States, disseminate information on improved agricultural practices, and develop efficient methods for harvesting, processing and shipping fruit. The initial administration of the FCE was dominated by Polk County growers, with Dr. F.W. Inman of Winter Haven serving as president, J.W. Sample of Bartow as vice president, and R.H. Peacock of Winter Haven as secretary.

Membership in the FCE grew rapidly as growers grasped the potential benefits of belonging to the cooperative. Under the direction of J.A. Reid, a Californian who had been "borrowed" by the FCE to help in its formation, a number of local citrus associations were organized as sub-exchanges. By the end of 1909 about twenty sub-exchanges, including four in Polk County, had been established throughout the state. During its first year of operation the FCE was responsible for harvesting, processing, and shipping over one million boxes of fruit.

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Auburndale Citrus Growers Association and Packing House

Among the first to join the FCE was the Auburndale Citrus Growers Association (ACGA), which was incorporated on August 13, 1909. Led by prominent local growers A.H. Hines, Dr. L.A. Simmons, and W.A. Sands, the ACGA was formed as a non-profit cooperative. According to its articles of incorporation, the mission of the ACGA was to "bring about and carry into effect, a system of mutual cooperation between the citrus and other produce growers of the State of Florida, in the picking, packing, handling, shipping, and marketing, of all citrus fruit and other produce owned and controlled by this and kindred Associations in the State of Florida... And that all citrus fruit, and other produce placed in the hands of this Association, shall be marketed exclusively through (the) Florida Citrus Exchange." The responsibilities of the ACGA were to buy, sell, or lease property for the purpose of establishing packing houses; purchase equipment and materials for outfitting the packing houses; act as agent for its member growers in selling fruit; sell to growers fertilizers and pesticides; and ship products to market. Membership in the cooperative was open to any fruit grower in the area surrounding Auburndale who was not already a member of another association or whose lands were closer to the headquarters of another association. Members were required to process their entire crop through the association, although they were allowed to opt out of the organization for one year with no penalty. A penalty of fifty cents per box of fruit was charged to those who sold their fruit independently without the approval of the ACGA's board of directors.

The ACGA purchased its first piece of property in Auburndale in April 1910. The parcel consisted of 1 ½ lots fronting on the south side of the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, one block northeast of where the present building is located. A small wood frame packing house was constructed there and served the needs of the association for the next decade. In addition to the ACGA packing house, several independent concerns constructed facilities in the immediate area during the 1910s. The largest was that of Leon Kirkland who built a 100 X 200 feet wood frame building northwest of the ACGA packing house. Chase & Company, one of Florida's largest privately-owned citrus companies, erected a smaller facility southwest of Kirkland's packing house.

In 1920 the ACGA apparently began making plans to expand its existing facility. Through several transactions it acquired most of the remaining property in the block on which the packing house was located. It is unclear, however, whether any additional construction occurred. In July 1922 the ACGA purchased almost the entire block adjacent to the original packing house lot on the southwest from prominent local businessman A.E. Dickey and began construction of a new packing house. By 1924, the original packing house had been removed and the city's new water works constructed in its place.

The ACGA's new packing house was completed during the fall of 1922. It was constructed of brick and measured 60 x 120 feet. Following popular architectural trends of the day, the building featured Mission style elements, most notably in its two curvilinear parapet gable ends. A railroad spur was constructed off the ACL main line to access the loading platform on the north side of the building. Between 1924 and 1928 the building was expanded by a large wood addition that was used for refrigerated storage.

The ACGA continued to operate the packing house throughout the 1920s and 1930s. It was the largest employer within the town limits of Auburndale. During the years of the Great Depression, the packing house was one of only a few places where

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locals could find work. One former employee said of working there during the Depression, "I worked there seven days a week. It was kind of like home; a nice place to work where people got along good. I got 22 cents an hour, that's two dimes and two pennies, and we were lucky to get a job, some kids even dropped out of school to supplement their family income."

About 1929 the size of the building was more than doubled with the erection of a hollow tile and stucco office and a wood and steel frame addition. An addition was also constructed on the rear of the original building to increase the number of loading bays along the railroad siding. Modern machinery included washers, dryers, waxers, and conveyor belts were added to make it more efficient.

Despite its attempts to modernize, the ACGA had by the late 1930s run into financial difficulties caused largely by competition from larger and more efficient packing houses. About 1940 the ACGA abandoned the facility. In 1942 the packing house was acquired by Adams Packing Association, Inc., which had been the ACGA's chief competitor since the late 1920s. The company was started by Dr. C.W. Adams, a native of Detroit and owner of one of the largest dental practices in the United States. Adams established a winter residence near Lake Alfred in 1911 and became one of the most successful citrus growers in Polk County. In 1926 he established a large packing house on U.S. Highway 92, immediately south of the Auburndale city limits. That plant, which is now part of a sprawling complex known as Florida Global Citrus World, grew rapidly during the years of the United States' involvement in World War II, supplying citrus products, especially frozen concentrate, to troops overseas. The company removed all of the machinery from the former ACGA packing house and used it as a coloring room to ripen fruit and a storage facility. It was vacated in the early 1950s.

In 1993 the deteriorated building was purchased by A&S Real Estate & Development Company. The new owners, Ruth Silvidi and Jim Allen, began stabilization and restoration of the building for its conversion into a real estate office and rental storage facility. The original portion of the building is presently used as a rink for roller hockey.

Conclusions

Criterion A

The ACGA Packing House is significant under Criterion A at the local level in the area of agriculture for its association with the development of the local citrus industry. Citrus production was the most important industry in Auburndale during the historic period. It attracted many of the city's early residents who came from northern states to establish winter residences or settle permanently in Auburndale. The development of packing houses in and around the town during the 1910s and 1920s made it an important processing plant for fruit grown in surrounding groves. A total of six large packing houses were documented to have been operating in Auburndale during the historic period. Of that number, only two -- the ACGA Packing House and a portion of the former Adams Packing House on U.S. Highway 92 -- remain. The ACGA plant was among the largest employers in Auburndale during the period between 1922 and 1940 and was especially important during the Great Depression when many locals found work there.

The packing house has additional significance under Criterion A for its association with the Auburndale Citrus Growers

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Association. The ACGA was one of the original member associations of the Florida Citrus Exchange, which played an important role in improving the quality, harvesting, shipping and marketing of the state's citrus products during the first half of the twentieth century.

Criterion C

The packing house has additional local significance under Criterion C as a rare surviving example of a citrus packing facility. Only a few historic packing houses remain in Polk County, which at one point during the 1920s led the state in citrus processing and shipping. In addition to the above mentioned Adams Packing House, historic packing houses have been identified in Lake Alfred, Haines City, and Avon Park. With the exception of the Lake Alfred Packing House, which also was constructed as a sub-exchange to the Florida Citrus Exchange, the ACGA Packing House is the most intact of the remaining facilities.

The large building is also the largest historic building in Auburndale and serves as a prominent city landmark. Located immediately adjacent to the downtown area, it is the only surviving historic industrial building within the city limits. The proximity of such a large industrial complex so close to the commercial and residential heart of the city is an unusual remnant of a period when zoning and city planning had yet to become institutionalized.

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Boundary Description

Lot 2, less the NE 15 feet, and all of Lots 3 through 7, inclusive, Block B2, of the Town of Auburndale, Florida, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 26, of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, LESS AND EXCEPT right-of-way for Railroad.

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to encompass the entire property purchased by the Auburndale Citrus Growers Association in 1922. The size of the property has not been altered since that time.

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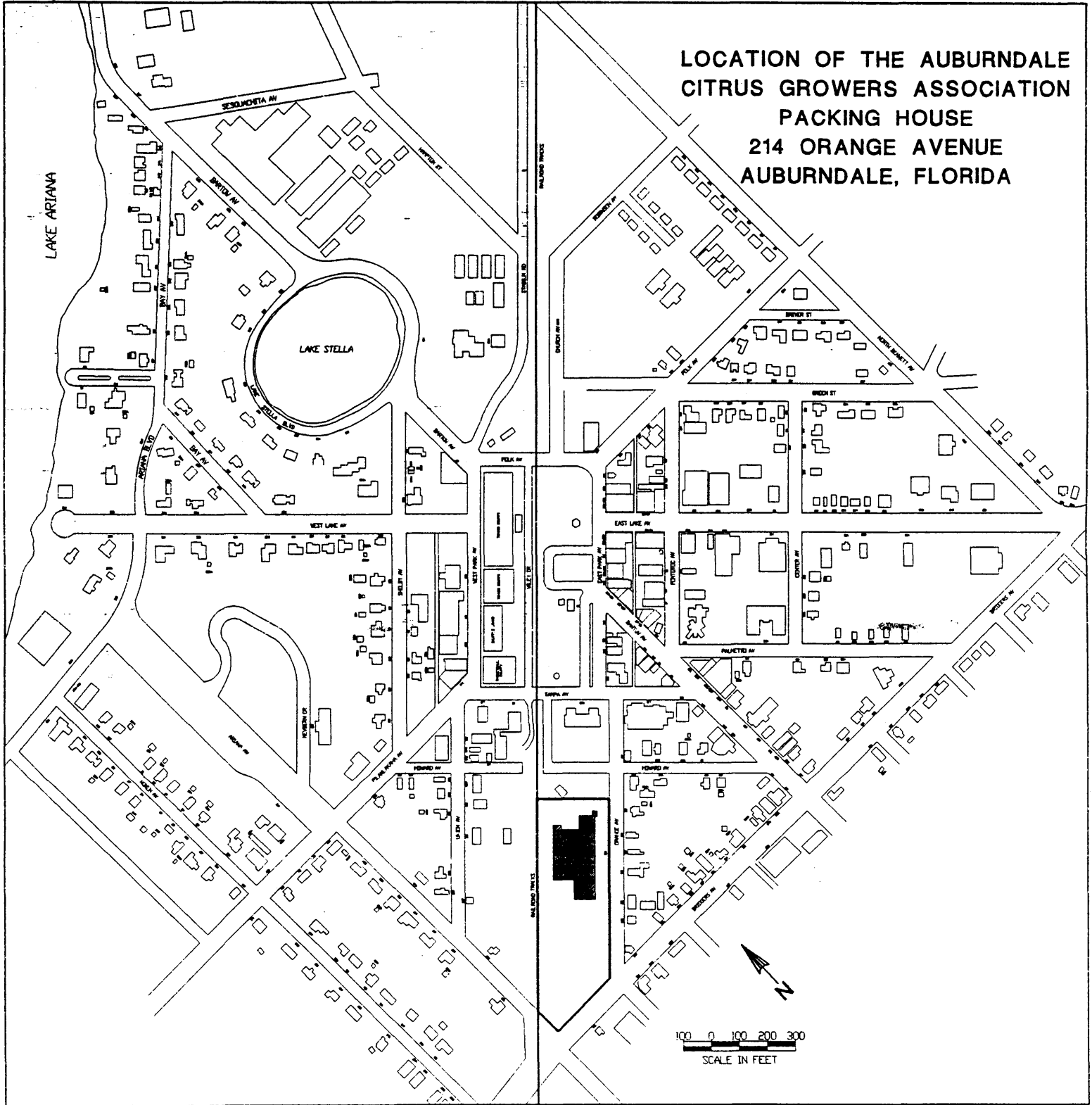
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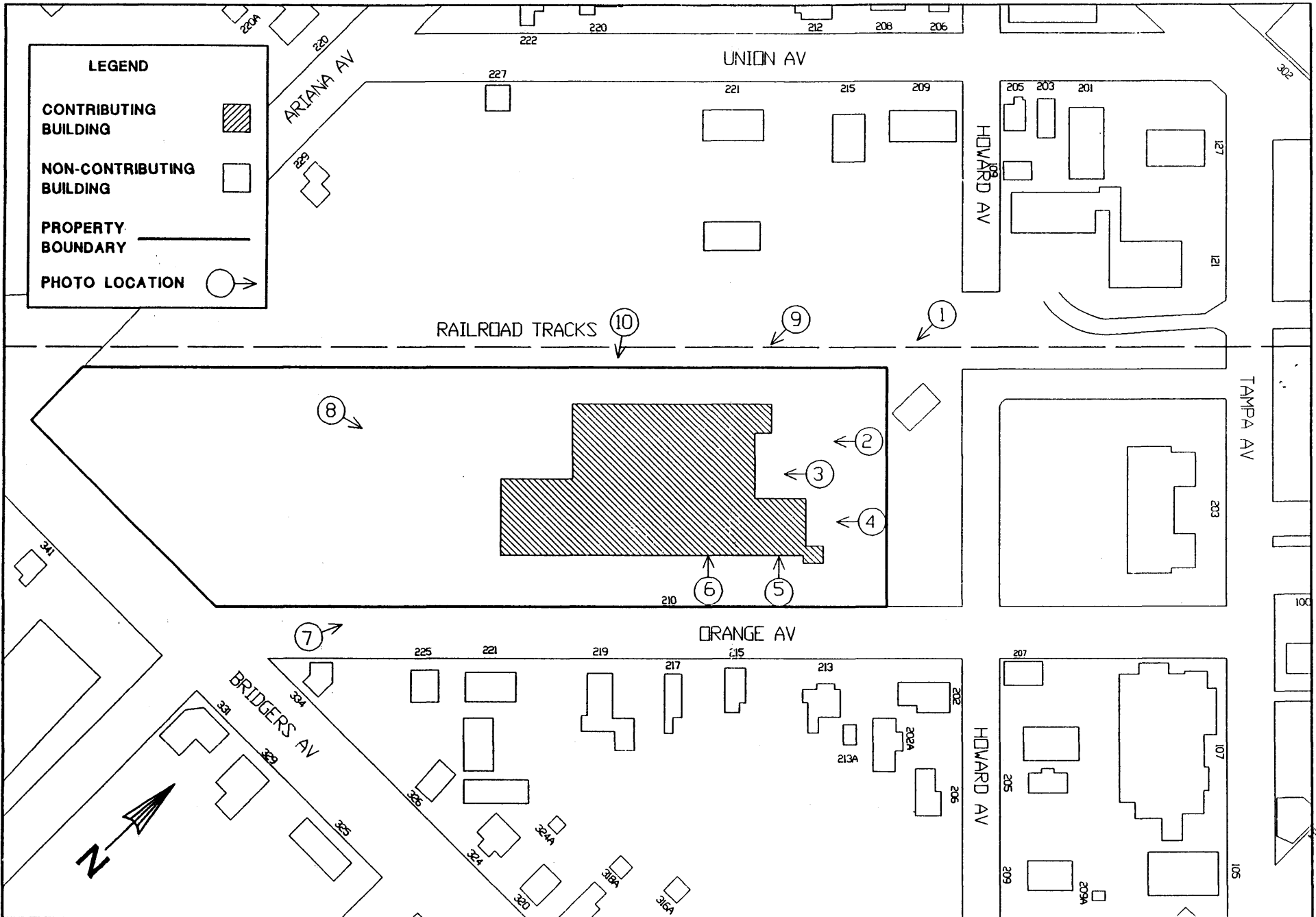
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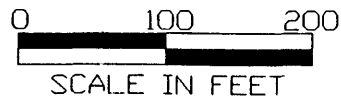
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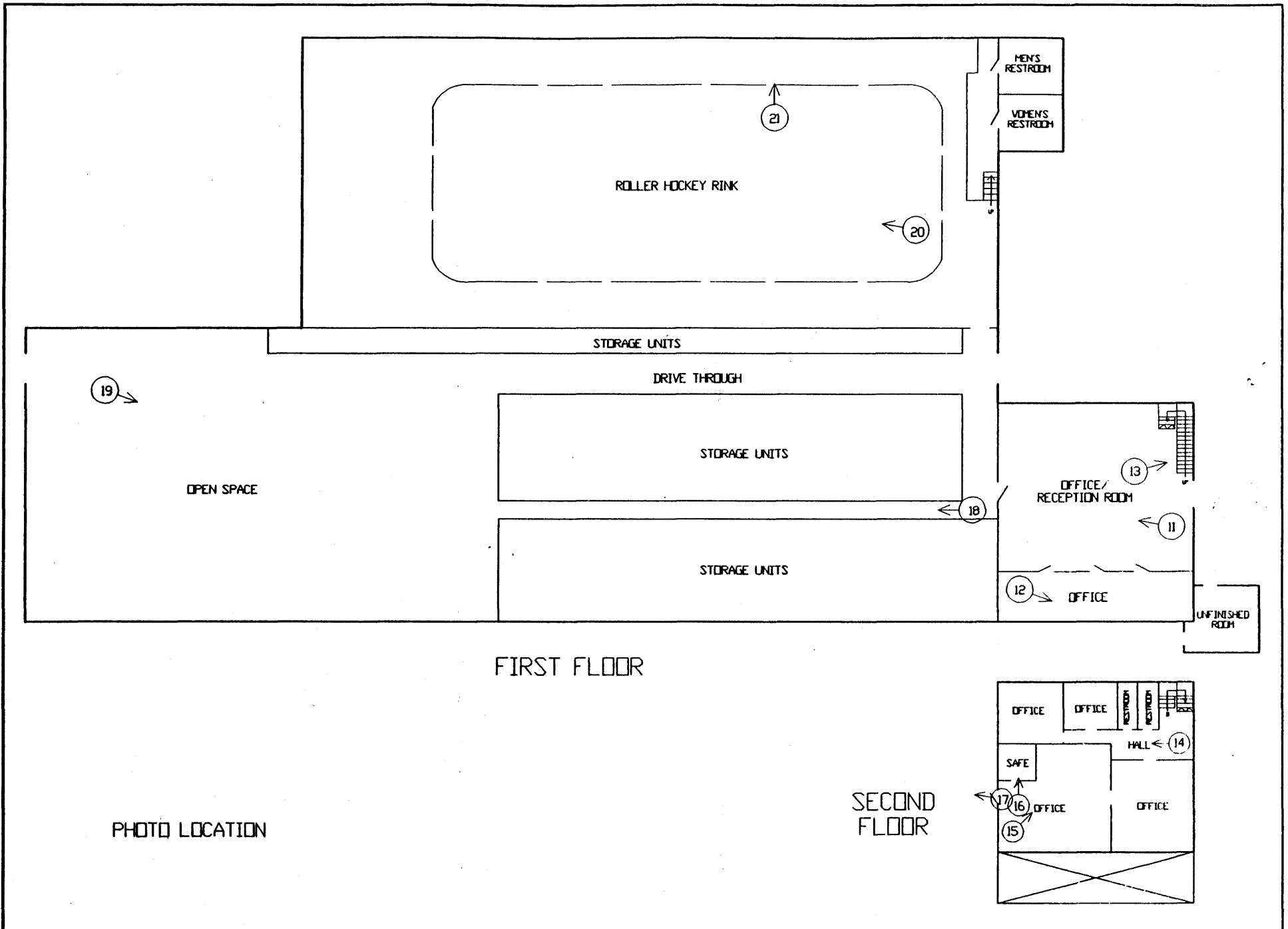




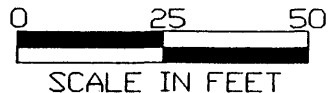
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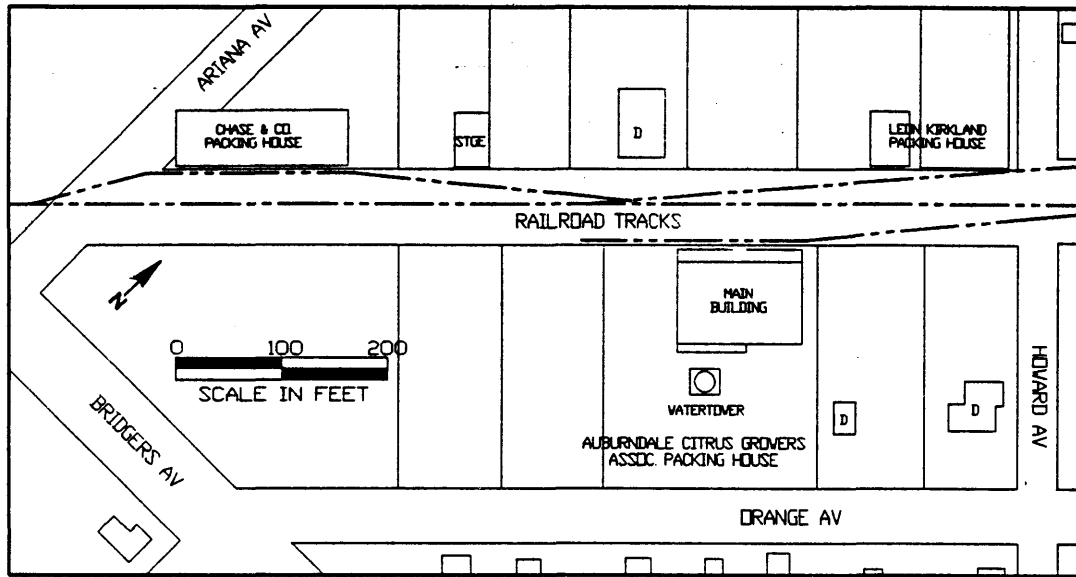


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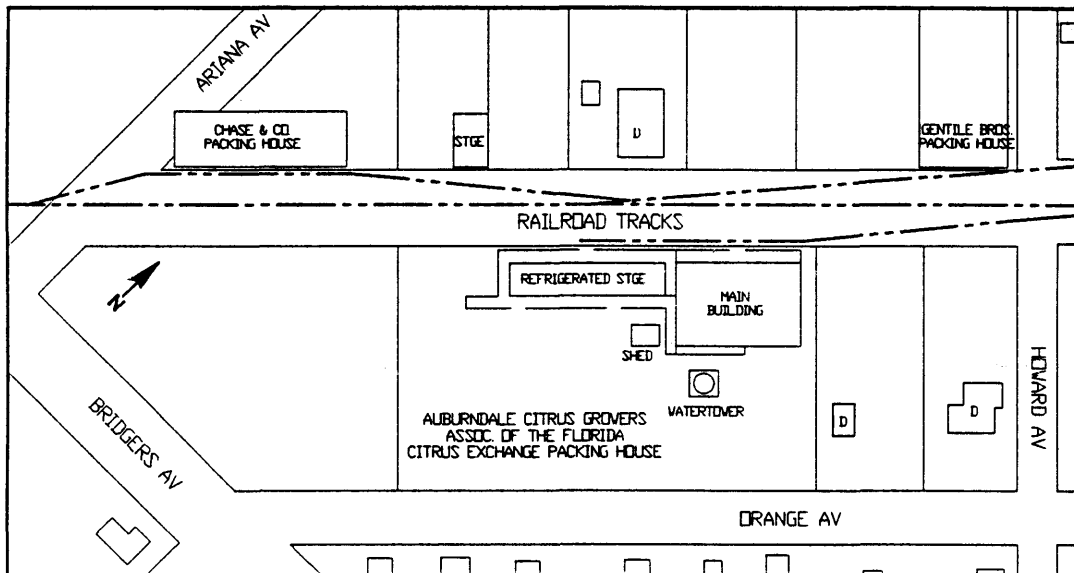


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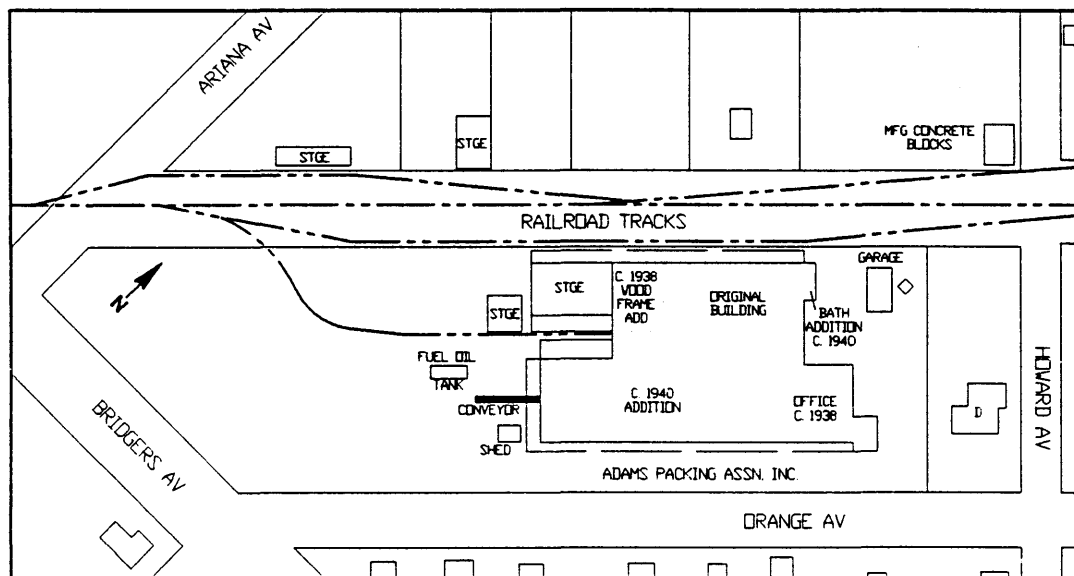
HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUBURNDALE CITRUS GROWERS ASSOCIATION PACKING HOUSE



1924



1928



1949

SOURCE: SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP OF AUBURNDALE. 1924. 1928. 1949 (UPDATE).