

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Alabama

COUNTY:  
Marshall

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ENTRY DATE  
FEB 20 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Albertville Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
L & N Railroad Depot

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Albertville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
IV

STATE:  
Alabama

CODE:  
01

COUNTY:  
Marshall

CODE:  
095

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

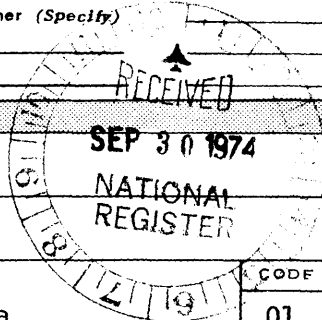
OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Albertville, Department of Urban Renewal

STREET AND NUMBER:  
206 North Emmett Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Albertville

STATE:  
Alabama

CODE:  
01



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Marshall County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Guntersville

STATE:  
Alabama

CODE:  
01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Albertville Depot is a one story board and batten structure which measures 112 feet by 40 feet. The roof is gabled with 8 foot overhangs supported by wooden brackets.

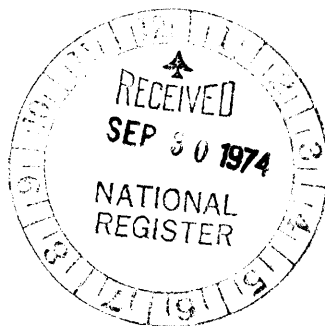
The entrance to the structure is on the north side and it is this portion of the building which made up the offices of the depot. A concrete platform extends across the northern facade of the building and around the sides to a distance of forty feet. At this point on either side of the building wooden steps lead to a loading platform which encircles the remainder of the structure.

There are two single doors on the northern facade. Both are wooden with simple wooden frames and a two lite transom above. Two windows alternate with the doors and these windows are double hung with six lites per sash.

The east elevation, which faces the tracks, has two large seven and one half foot wide doors which open onto the loading platform. Similar doors are located on the western facade.

The northern end of the east elevation has one door with a two lite transom above and three windows, double hung, with 4 lites per sash, while the same section of the west elevation contains one door and four windows. There are no doors or windows on the south elevation.

The interior of the structure is divided into three rooms. The large (80 feet by 40 feet) room on the southern end of the building is the warehouse space and the two small rooms of the northern end measure 40 feet by 16 feet each and were used as office space. The interior has not been altered.



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**5. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Local History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Albertville Depot is one of Marshall County's older transportation landmarks and is the oldest building in a town which was leveled by a tornado in 1908.

The city of Albertville had its beginnings in the 1860's when a post office was established, but the town did not begin to grow until the 1890's, and was not incorporated until February 18, 1891.

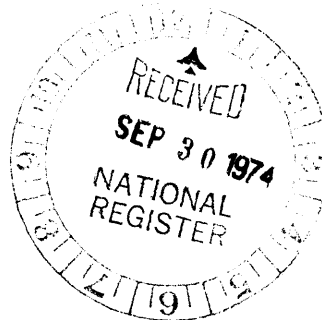
Since the 1850's efforts had been made to connect the navigable waters of the Tennessee and Coosa Rivers by rail. In 1890 the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad undertook the completion of the project and on October 3, 1892 the first official run was made between Guntersville and Gadsden with a stop in Albertville.

The depot was erected in that same year and the town's economy was given a tremendous boost; by 1897 it had two newspapers and at least 33 businesses and professional establishments.

A series of disasters, which included two fires in 1905 and a tornado in 1908, left the depot as the only surviving business structure of the 1890's.

At present the depot is threatened by demolition and local citizens wish to restore the building for use by civic groups.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Duncan, K. M. and Smith, L. S. The History of Marshall County, Alabama. Albertville, Alabama: Thompson Printing Company, 1969.

Owen, Thomas McAdory. History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography. Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1921.

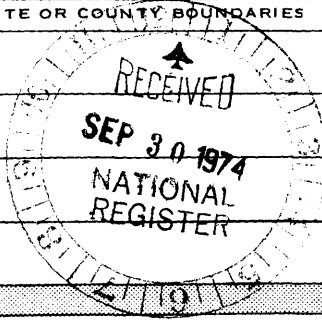
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **W. Warner Floyd**

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **Sept. 25, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **725 Monroe Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: W. B. Howard Jr.

Title: SHPO Ala

Date: Sept. 26, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

W. B. Montrose  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/20/75

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Greenberg  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2/20/75

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7. DESCRIPTION

Alterations to the station, which was built as a freight depot have been minor and include the addition of several coats of paint throughout the years and the instalation of electricity.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

The building has not been used as a depot for several years and until recently the entire structure was occupied by the Albertville Roofing and Supply Company. At present the building is owned by the City of Albertville, Urban Renewal Department, and the office sections are being used for storage.

While the building has no great architectural significance, it is one of the few older structures in the town and located as it is in an area which features corrgated metal warehouses, recent brick stores and parking space, its simple dignity adds a measure of warmth to an otherwise undistinguished section of town.

