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IDENTIFICATION

STREET ADDRESS: Alabama Street

CITY: Cave Spring

PRESENT OWNER: Cave Spring Historical

PROPERTY NAME: Southern Railroad Depot

Society

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 453

CITY: Cave Spring

STATE: Georgia

ZIP CODE: 30124

CURRENT USE: Vacant

ACREAGE: .33

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Cedartown West, Ga.

U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z.16 E652900 N3775140

HISTORIC NAME: Cave Spring Railroad Station

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 821-6-11

DESCRIPTION

HISTORY

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian-eclectic railroad depot; one story high, L-shaped plan, gable roof, with long, low proportions; wood-frame construction, on brick piers, sheathed with weatherboard; wide overhanging eaves with sticklike wooden brackets, decorative shingles in gable, stickwork in gable peak; bay window and loading platform on west side; interior has waiting rooms and ticket offices in north half, baggage and freight-handling area in south half; situated on level ground along east side of railroad tracks south of Alabama Road; surrounded by cleared land and dirt parking lot; fair condition.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Georgia & Alabama Railroad

ORIGINAL USE: Depot

Company

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: late-19th century

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) (OPTIONAL): Southern Railway built this depot in the late-19th century to replace an earlier depot structure. The railroad maintained the depot until recently, when the Cave Spring Historical Society purchased it to renovate as a community center. A new roof has been added to the structure.

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, transportation

· LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, the depot is significant as a representative example of small-town railroad architecture of the late-19th century. Its construction, design, detailing, and setting are characteristic of this type of local resource. This depot also serves as a landmark between the residential neighborhood to the east and the outlying countryside to the west.

In terms of transportation, the depot is significant as the only surviving structure representative of the railroad in the multiple-resource area. In the postbellum period the railroad aided in the growth of the local schools and academies, made Cave Spring accessible as a small resort and health spa, and contributed to the [continued]

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Floyd Co. Ga.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Preliminary survey forms by Diane Dawson, Cave Spring; see bibliography (section 9) for general sources.

SOURCES



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IV. cont.: development of the city.