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Around the	base are projecting butresses, fo	rming cells between the	em, and are
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outsides are paneled and richly ornamented. It must be understood that the tank encircles the great chimney shaft. The chimney top is laid up in orna-

mental brick-work, and is surmounted with a heavy cast-iron cap. This (continued)

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chimney draws to smoke from all the blacksmith, coppersmith and boiler room shop fires, as well as from the boiler of the stationery engine. The water pumped into the tank goes to supply the tenders. Every stall in the engine-house has a pipe and valve for filling the tenders. Extending beyond the stationery engine house is a brick shed for storing lumber. This is 83 feet long and reaches to the carpenter's shop beyond. From the front of this shed, a roof is carried out on brick solumns for a large Daniel's planing machine, for dressing sills and caps for cars and other similar work. When it is remembered that all the buildings described are new, and of fine architecture and arrangement, well lighted, well ventilated, and very well arranged, the roofs of iron when it is considered a complete and symmetrical whole, we doubt candidly if any other station [complex] can be found in this country which can equal this. There have already been expended on the entire station over \$300,000. This with the land and machinery, will carry the entire cost above \$500,000, but even this large sum has been expended with strict exonomy. Beautiful: and complete as is their great station, there is not one feature in the whole which could be properly pronounced extravagant."

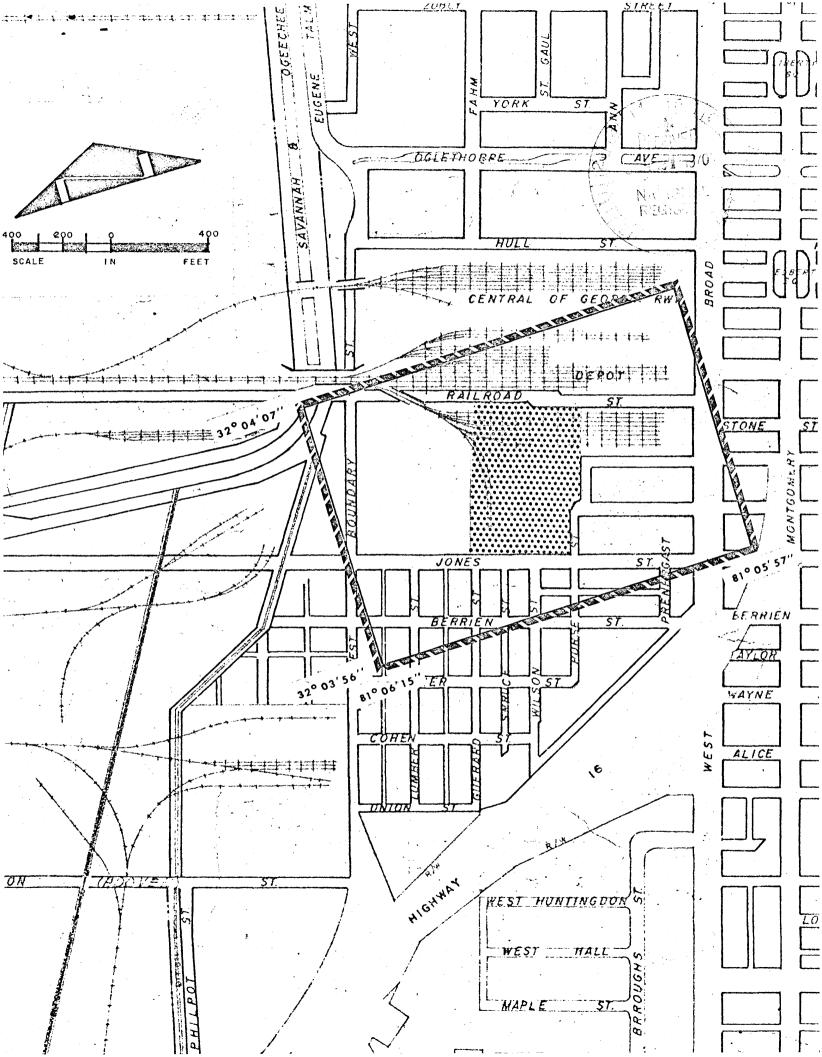
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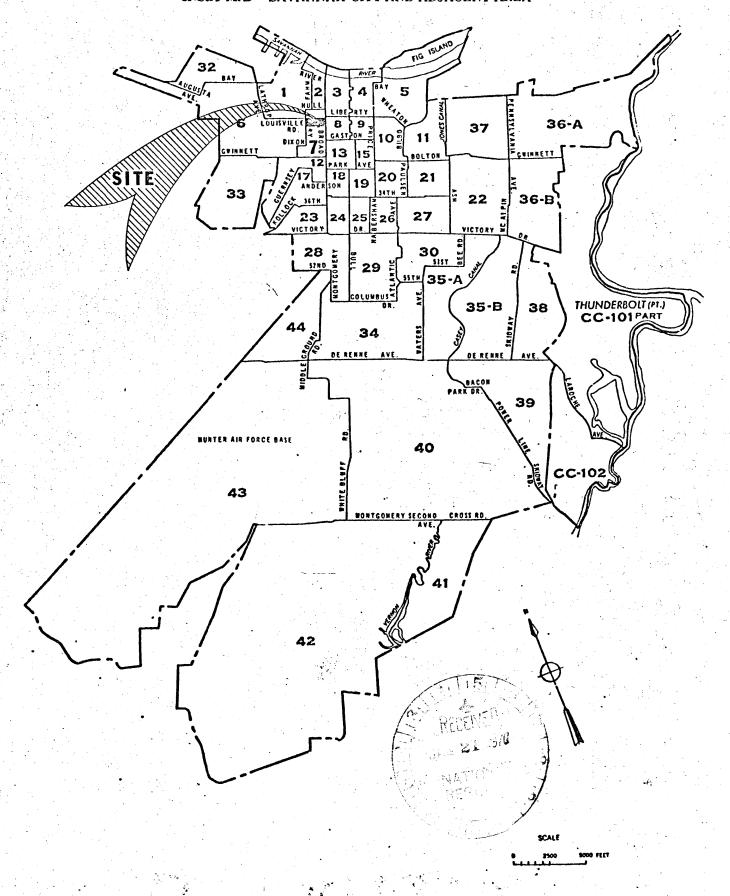
As survivors from the early years of the railroad era, these buildings have acquired a historic interest that supplements their architectural significance, which (as examples of mid-nineteenth century industrial design) is high. Their designer, William Morrill Wadley, had a notable career as a mechanic, architect, and railroad president. Born in the township of Brentwood, New Hampshire, in 1813, he was trained as a blacksmith and at the age of 20 came to Savannah, where he obtained employment at Fort Pulaski, then being built on Cockspur Island at the mouth of the Savannah River. Several wooden doors, bound together by iron bands, are identified as Wadley's work. After six years at the Fort, he became associated with the Central of Georgia Railroad, and in 1840 obtained contracts to build bridges for the roadbed and to keep the line in time over the next few years designing and supervising the erection of the complex at Savannah. The materials used were of local manufacture. The brick came from the kilns of the Hermitage Plantation, on the Savannah River four miles above the city. The cast iron band near the base of the smokestack was made at the foundry of William and David Rose (whose firm name is tamped on it), which became nationally known during the Civil War for the iron clads it built for the Confederate Government.

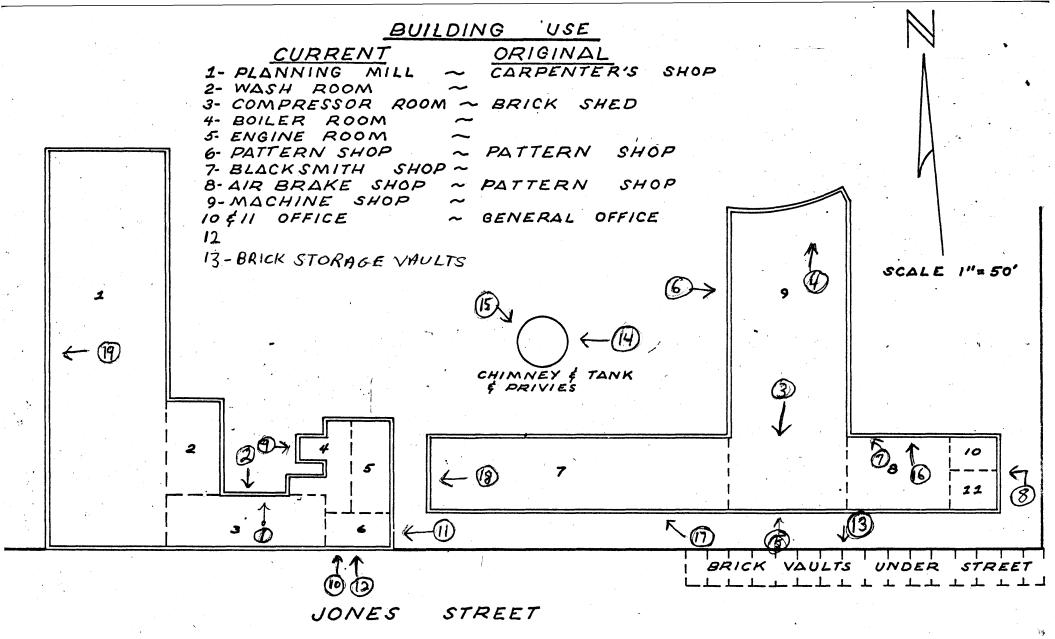
For the significance of the Central of Georgia Railroad in nineteenth century railroad history, see Ulrich Bonnell Phillips, A History of Transporation in the Eastern Cotton Belt to 1860 (New York; Columbia University Press, 1908, 254-290). A detailed study, in which Wadley's contributions as mechanic and railroad president are assessed, is Jefferson Max Dixon, The Central Railroad of Georgia, 1833-1892, an unpublished doctoral dissertation submitted to the Department of History of the Graduate School of Education, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, August, 1953. For a succinct sketch of William Morrill Wadley see National Cyclopedia of American A photograph of the smokestack appears in Historic Savannah, in Biography. which the complex is rated as Notable.

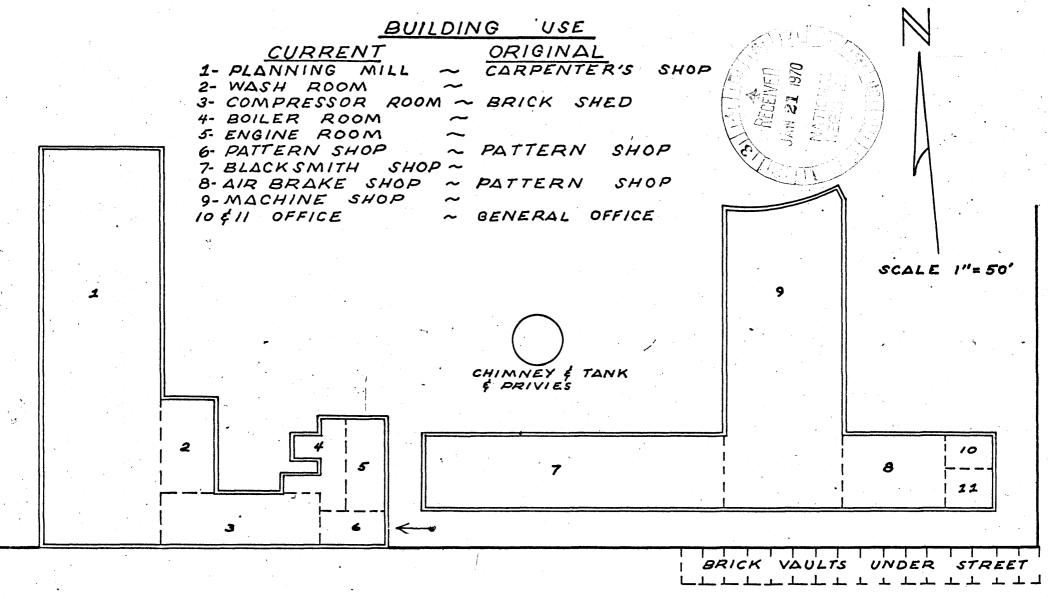
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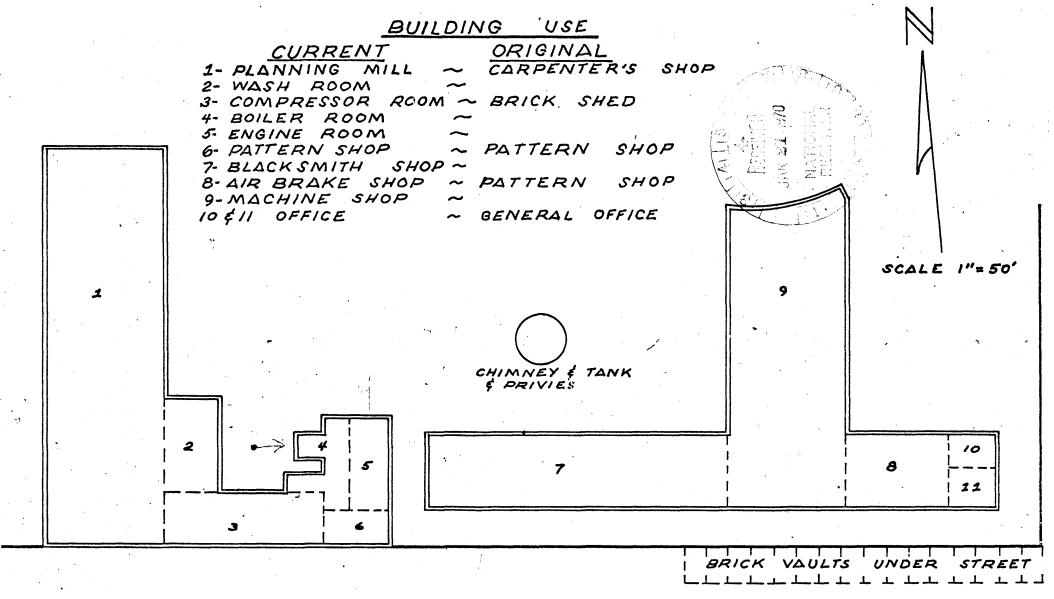
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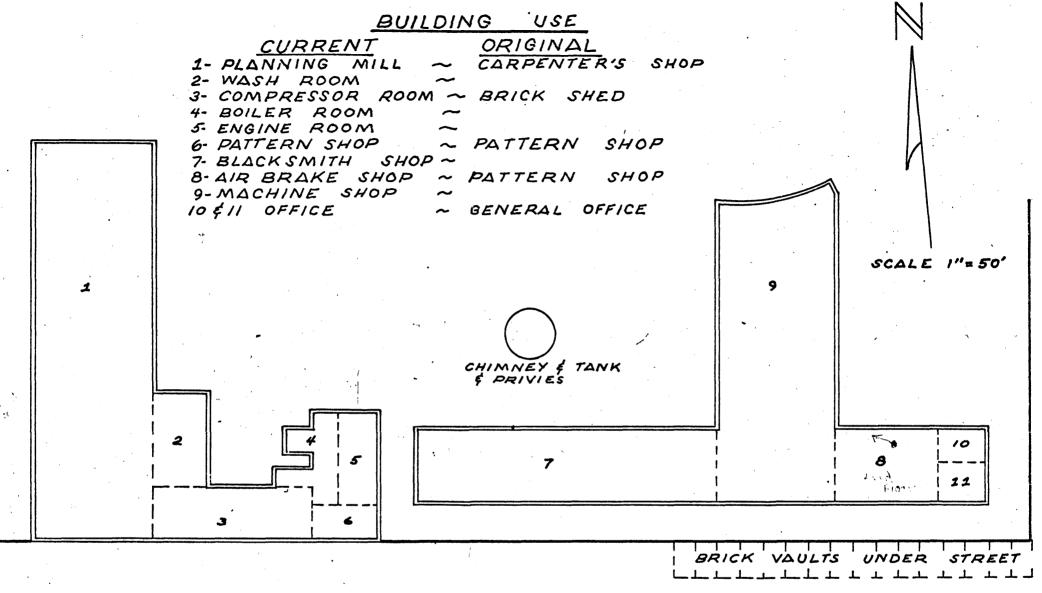




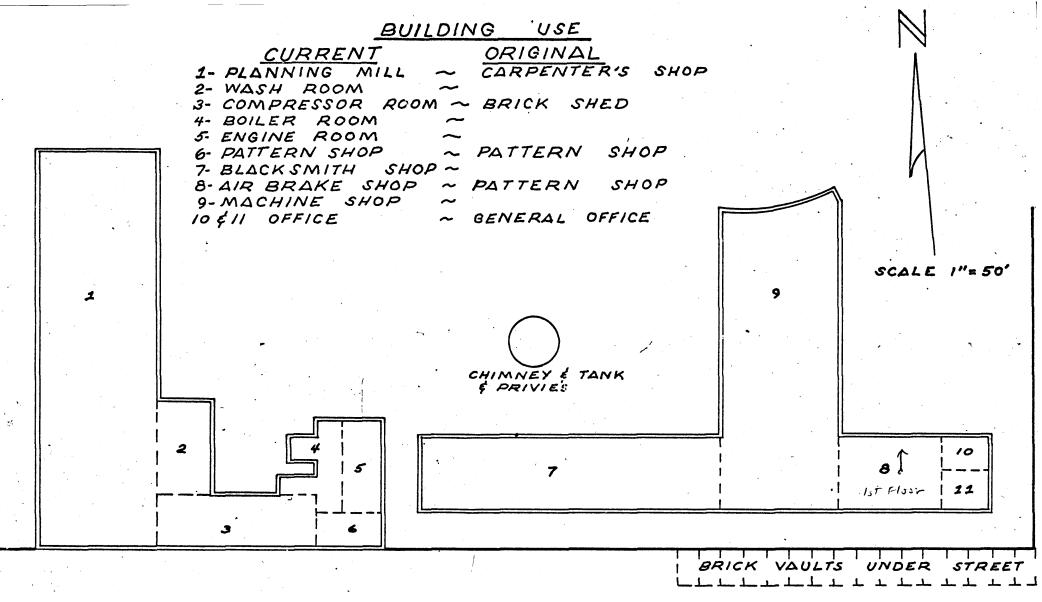
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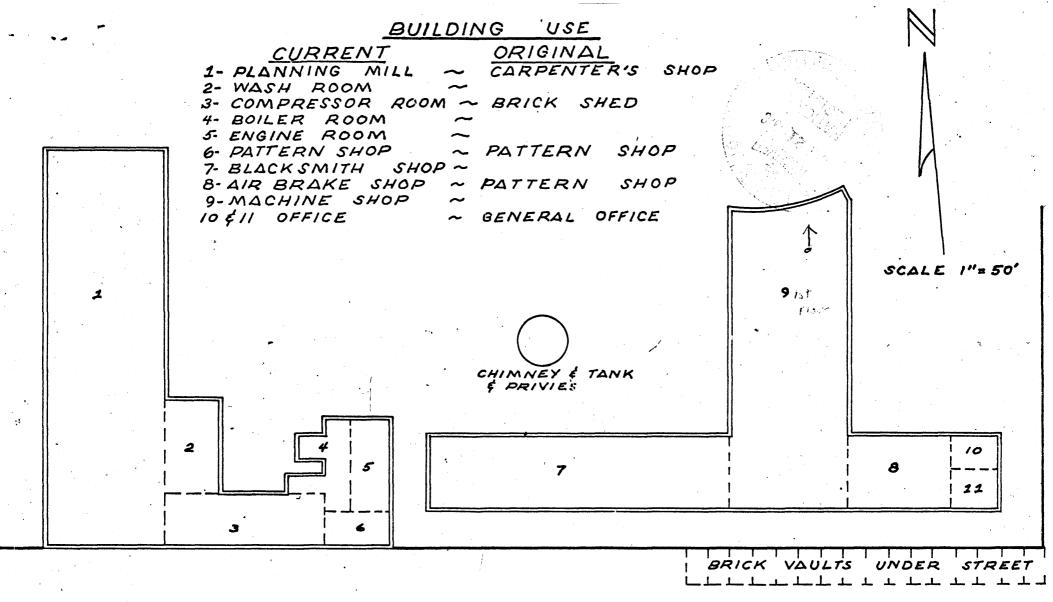
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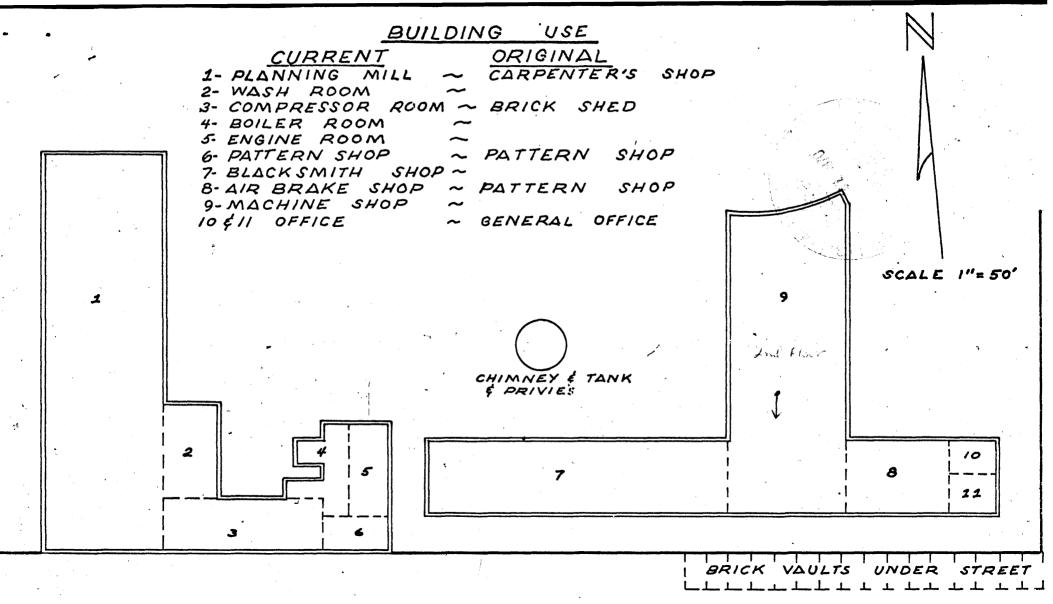
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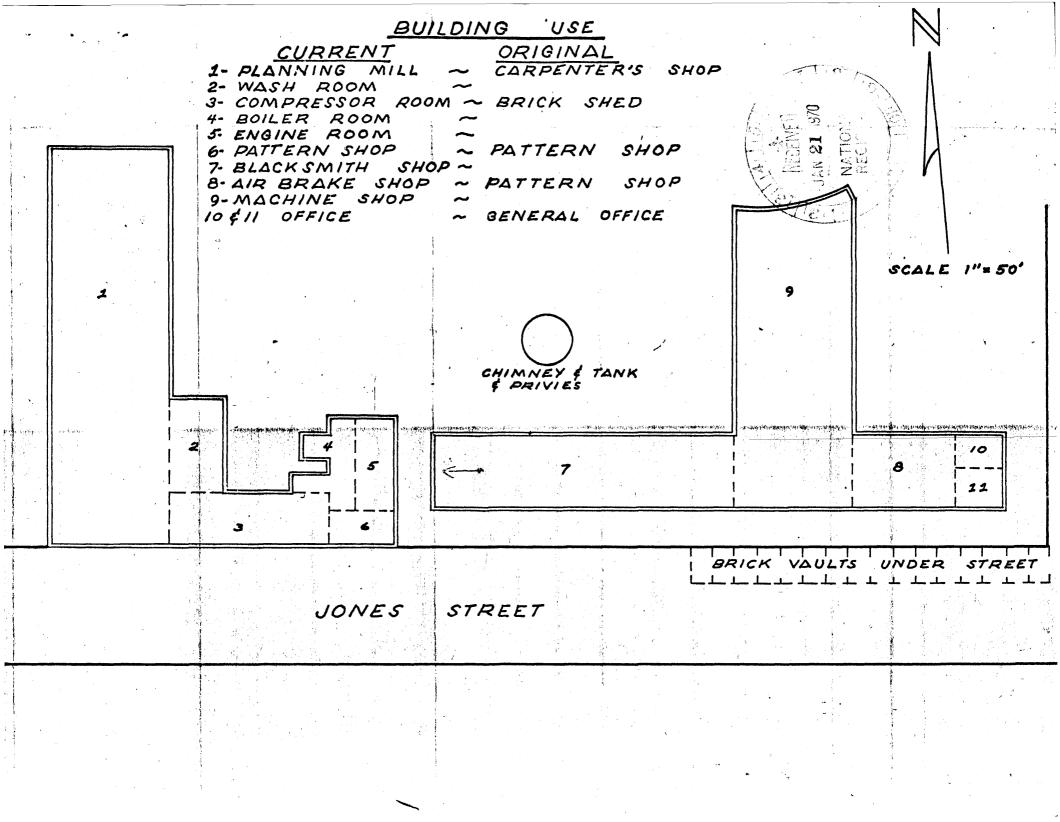
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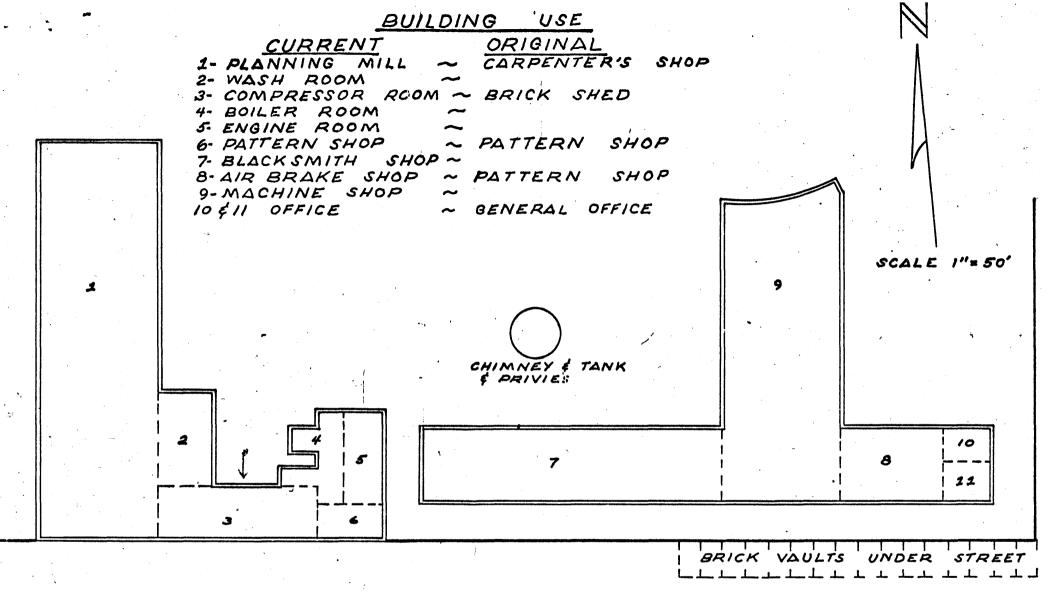


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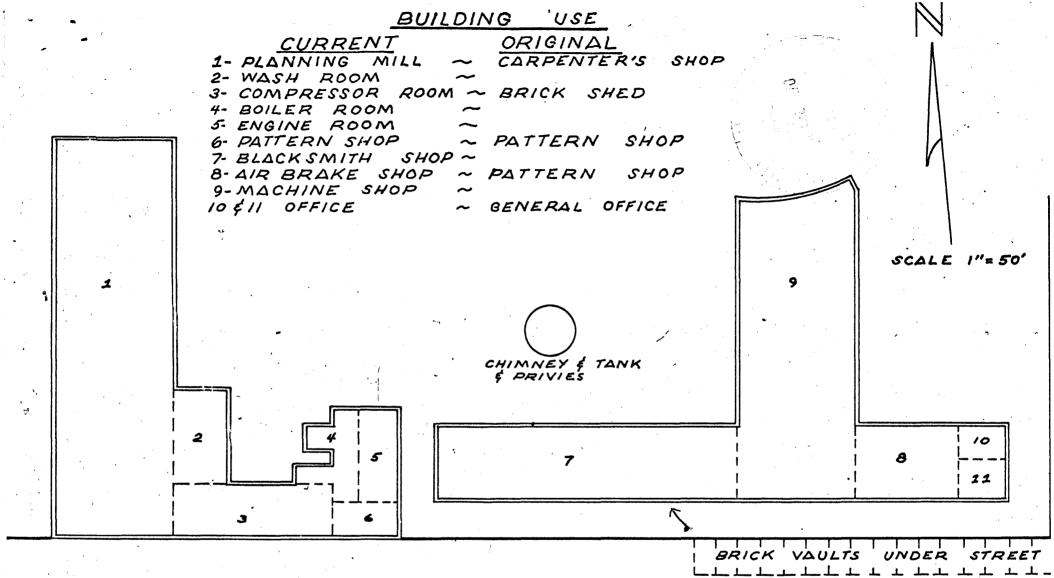


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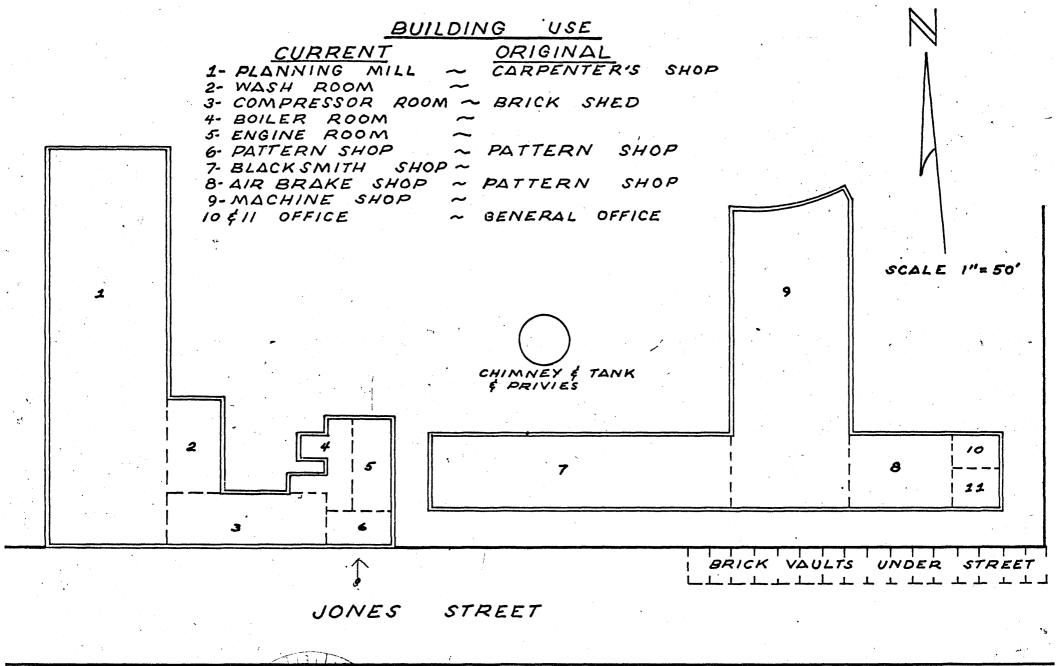


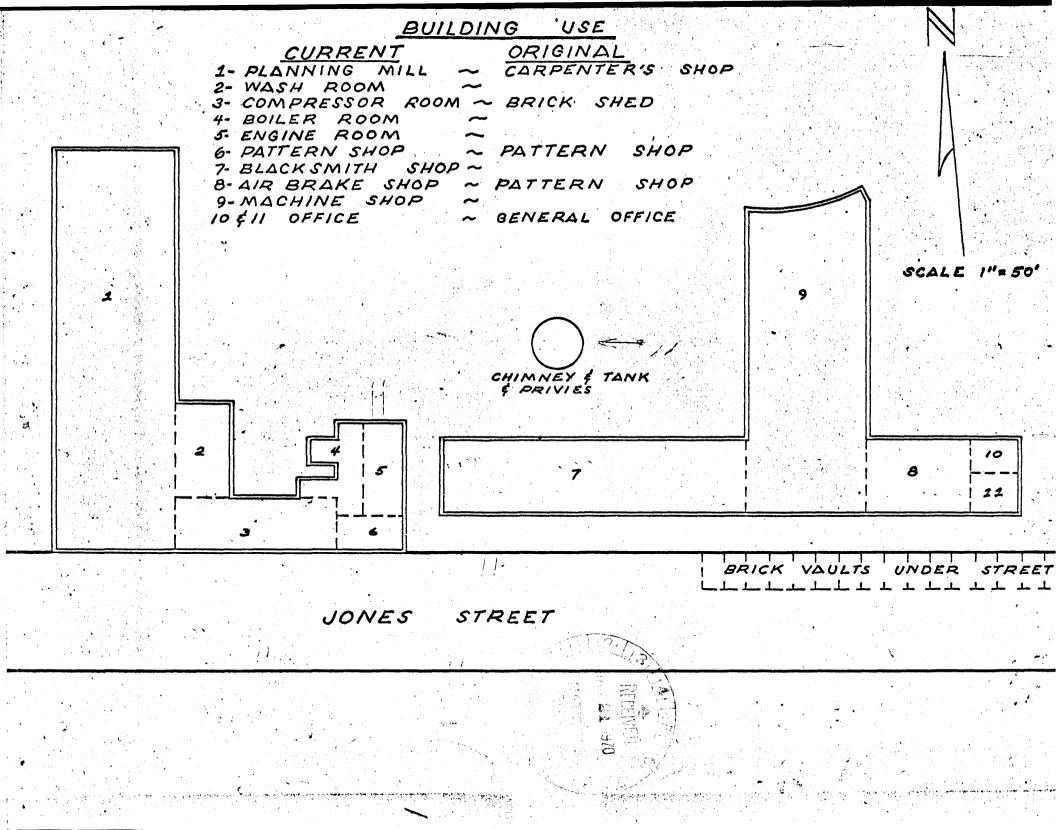


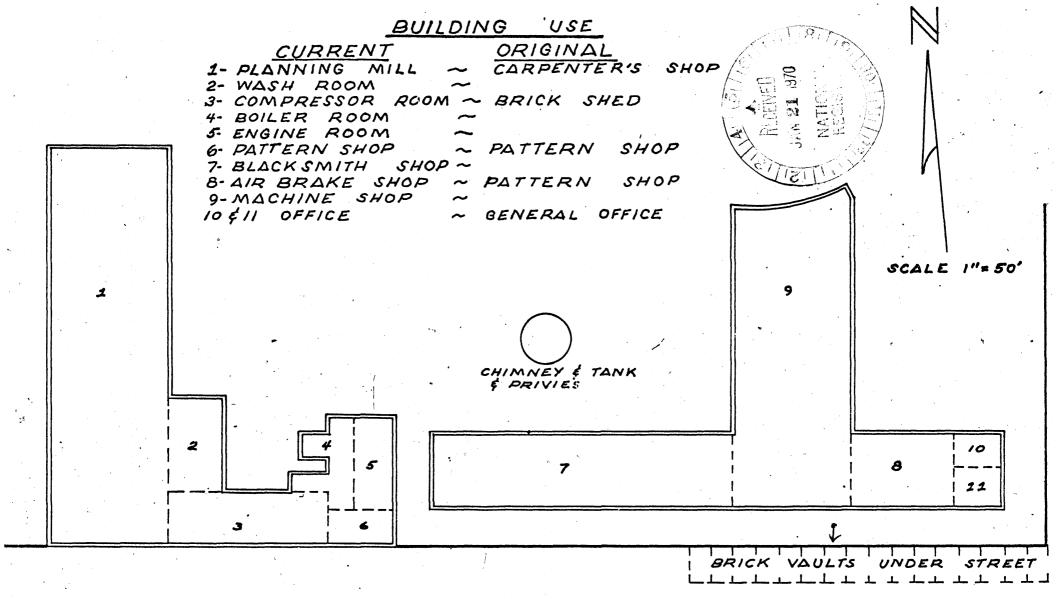
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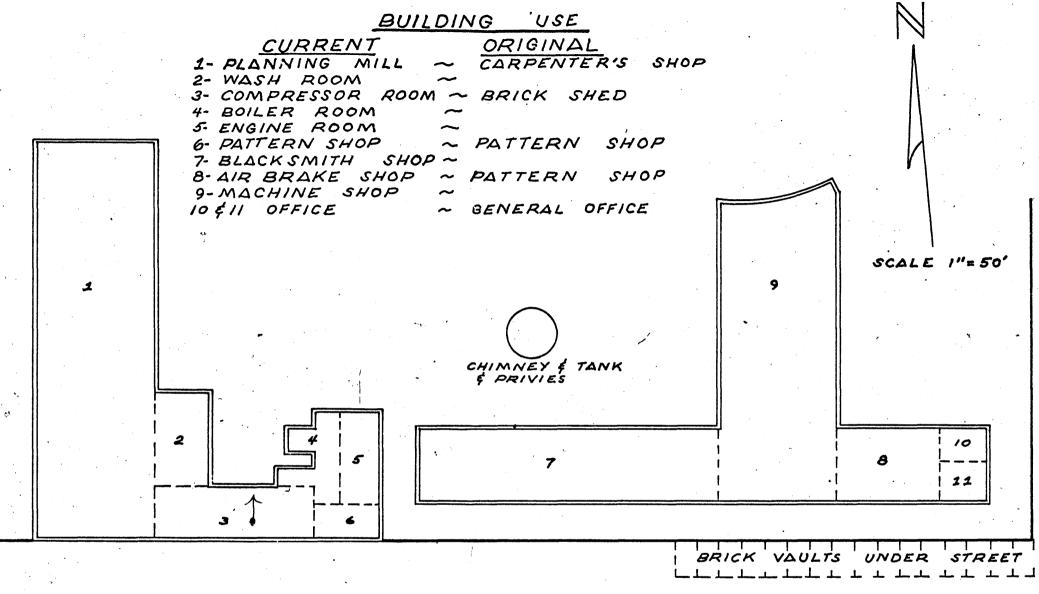
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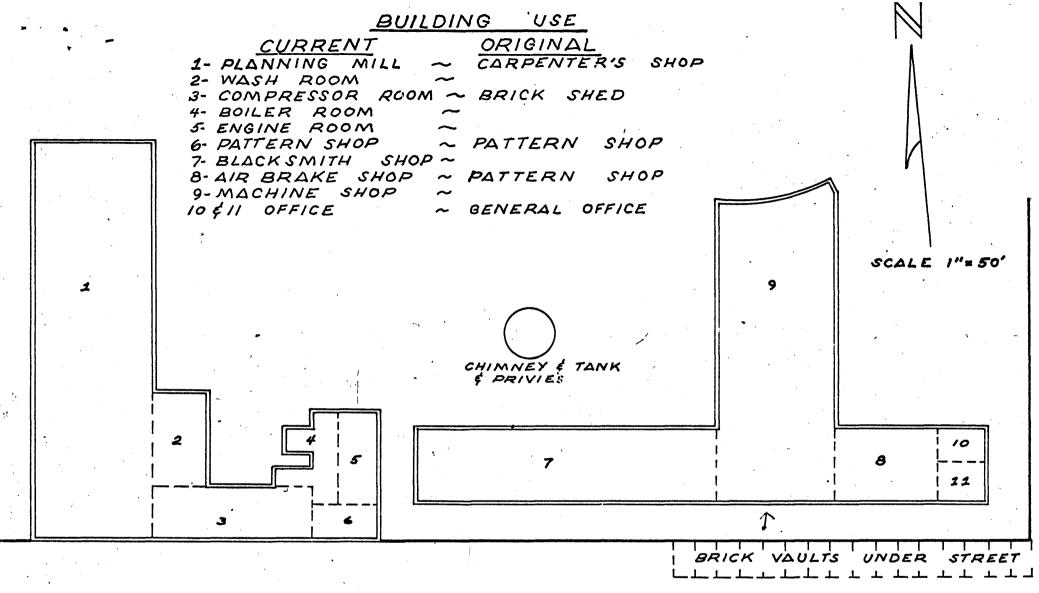




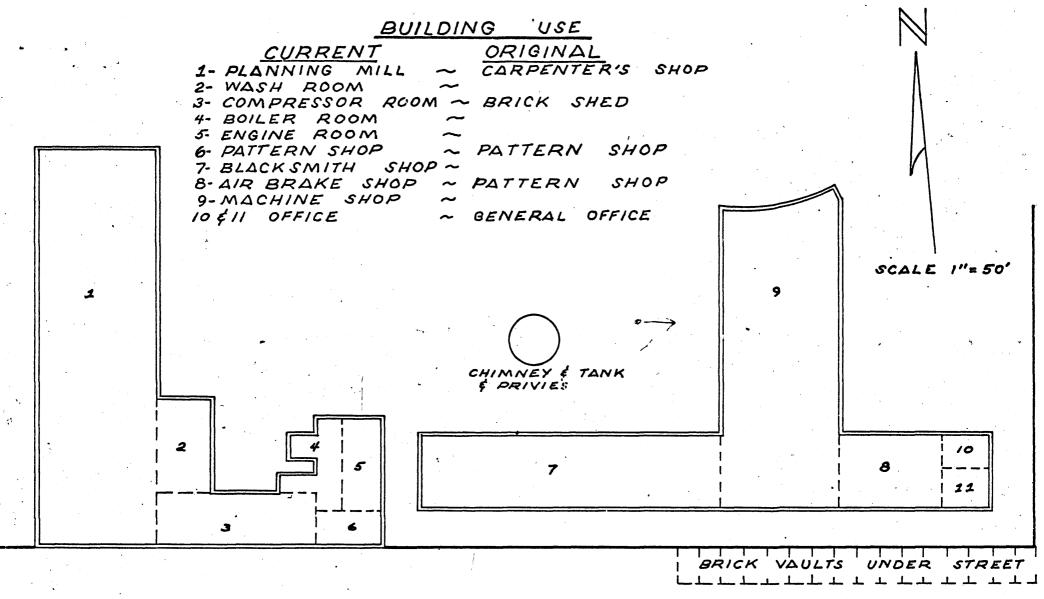
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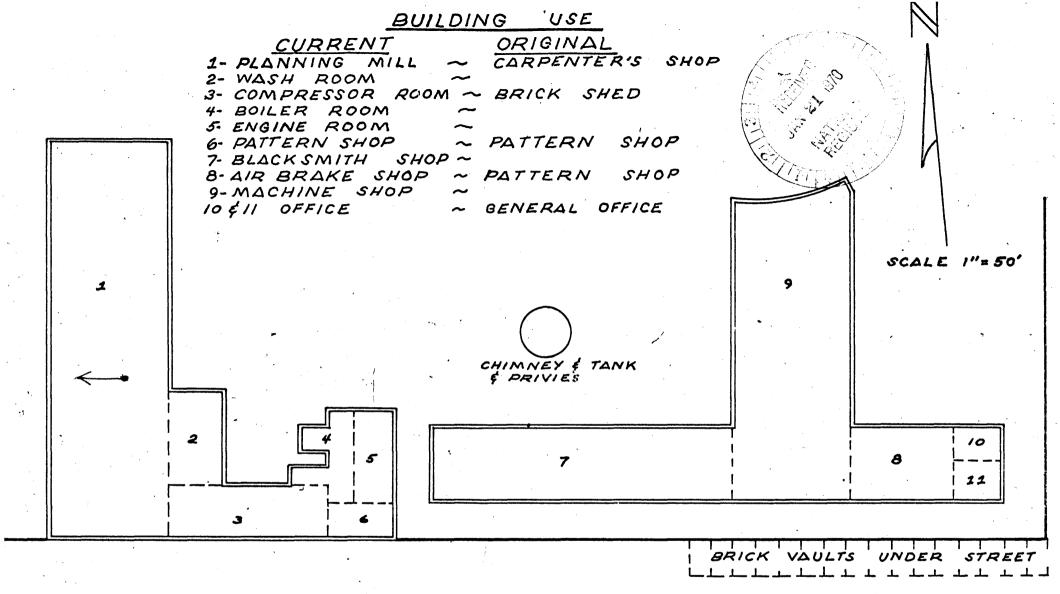
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AMENDMENT TO THE CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY SHOP PROPERTY SAVANNAH, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

After the 1975 HAER survey of the Central of Georgia Railway Shop Property, it was brought to our attention that the present National Register boundaries for this site were insufficient to cover the railway complex. The new boundaries are shown on the enclosed map and are verbally described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of West Boundary Street and Jones Street, continue eastward on Jones Street for approximately 800 feet to a small, curving street leading northward to the second unnamed street on the right that leads eastward to West Broad Street; from here continue northward on Broad to Hull Street; then west along Hull Street past the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal to include the north bridge across the canal; continue south to the Louisville Road; then east along the Louisville Road to West Boundary Street; then south along West Boundary Street to beginning point.

The complete area includes a number of structures not mentioned in the original nomination. They are: the New Storehouse (1929), the Boiler Room, Pattern Room, Lumber Storage Room, Carpentry Shop, Coach Shop, Paint Shop, the Up Freight Warehouse, the Down or Produce Freight Warehouse, the Gray Building, the Red Building, Cotton Gates, Tender Frame House, and the north and south bridges across the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal. The Passenger House and Train Shed, located in the area, have been named a National Historic Landmark. Most of these are described below with summaries of the information found in the HAER 1975 report.

Red Building, 233 W. Broad Street

Constructed just east of the Down Freight House, the Red Building (1887) was built to permit a more general office building space. The architects, Fay and Eichberg, designed a Queen Anne structure, the first story being of granite ashlar and the second and third of a deep red pressed brick, ornamented with terra cotta decoration and colored glass panels. This building is now vacant.

Down Freight Warehouse (or Produce Freight Warehouse)

Completed in 1859, the Down Freight House was built to provide adequate space to handle the increased freight of the Railway. Its deminsions were "600' x 36"."

Tender Frame Building

Forming an "L" on the eastern side of the Machine Shop, in line with the blacksmith shop is the original tender frame shop, store room and office. This was completed c.1855, at the same time as the Machine shop and blacksmith shop. in 1899

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a second story was added to this building and used as a laboratory. The Tender Frame room later became the tool house and airbrake construction room. This building was not harmed in the collapse of the Machine shop.

Engine/Boiler/Pattern Room

Completed in 1854, this Romanesque Revival structure was built "with crenelated parapet and arcaded corbel table." Originally there were two separate rooms for the Engine (40' \times 20') and Boiler (40' \times 13'). Presently the partition has been removed, forming a single space. The room that runs the entire width of the building on the south side was originally used as a pattern room and was approximately 35' \times 20'. A 1907 wood frame shed was attached to the northwest corner of the building to store wood shavings blown from the Planing Mill, later to be burned in the boiler room.

Passenger House

Located north of Louisville Road (across from the original passenger depot) is the Passenger House, which was built under the direction of Mr. A. Schwaab, engineer." It was begun in 1860, but left unfinished until 1876. Presently the Passenger House serves as a Visitor Center and headquarters for the Savannah Chamber of Commerce.

Gray Building, 227 W. Broad Street

Finished in 1856, the Gray Building was the first permanent transportation and general office building for the Central Railroad and Banking Company. Attributed to Schwaab, the building "front is large and handsomely finished on the Roman Doric style of Architecture." It is three stories, with numerous spacious halls and offices that "are a marvel of solidity and beauty." (1859 account) Although the Gray Building has undergone renovations numerous times, its basic configuration has not been changed.

Up Freight Warehouse

As one of the first structures completed in the 1852 plan for the new Central Depot, the Northern or "Up Freight" Warehouse was "built of brick in the most substantial manner, and $800' \times 63'$ in size." This building is still in use as a warehouse.

Cotton Yard Gates

As early as 1854 brick walls were conceived to surround the depot yard, but were given a low priority. As a result, in 1856, only a wall and gateway were completed. These were in the Romanesque style with crenellated towers which housed the gatekeepers

Lumber Storage Shed

Essentially one large room with large arched windows, the Lumber Storage Shed was

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probably built c.1855. For a shed the brickwork is quite ornamental, though not as elaborate as the Engine/Boiler House. In the twentieth century, it was used as a Power/Dynamo Room.

Carpentry Shop

The original carpentry shop, including the Paint Shop, Coach and Cabinet Shop, Printing Shop Upholstery Shop and a number of small sheds, was destroyed by fire in 1923. Replacemnt began immediately incorporating what remained of the old Planing Mill; the rebuilt structure made use of those original trusses that were not burned. (A new storehouse was erected in 1925; the coach shop in 1929 and the paint shop in 1924.)

Bridges

Located to the west of the shop complex, north of the Louisville Road are two masonry Romanesque Revival, multiple arch, 60' span bridges which cross the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal. Built c.1855, probably under the direction of Augustus Schwaab, these bridges are said to have been used by Charles Peterson as the basis for his design of the bridges on the Memorial Parkway at the Colonial National Historic Parkway in Yorktown, Va.

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- 1. Red Building, looking west.
- 2. Red Building, looking east.
- 3. Gray Building, looking southwest.
- 4. Northern most bridge, looking southwest.
- 5. Southern most bridge, looking northeast.
- 6. Cotton Yard Gates, looking west.
- 7. Down Freight Warehouse, looking northeast.
- 8. Up Freight Warehouse, looking southwest.
- 9. New Store House, looking south.
- 10. New Store House, looking west.
- 11. Interior, New Store House, looking northeast.
- 12. Carpentry Shop, looking northeast.
- 13. Carpentry Shop interior, looking northwest.
- 14. Coach Shop, looking southwest.
- 15. Interior of Coach Shop, looking northeast.
- 16. Paint Shop, looking northeast.
- 17. Interior of Paint Shop, looking northeast.
- 18. Lumber Storage Room, looking northeast.
- 19. Interior, Electrical Shop, looking east.

