

Despite some unfortunate modifications at the ground level, the building is still very intact, although paint obscures some of its details. The first floor is now used for retail sales, the second floor (now vacant) has six rooms, four with fireplaces, and the third floor five rooms including an assembly room (also vacant).

Historical Summary:

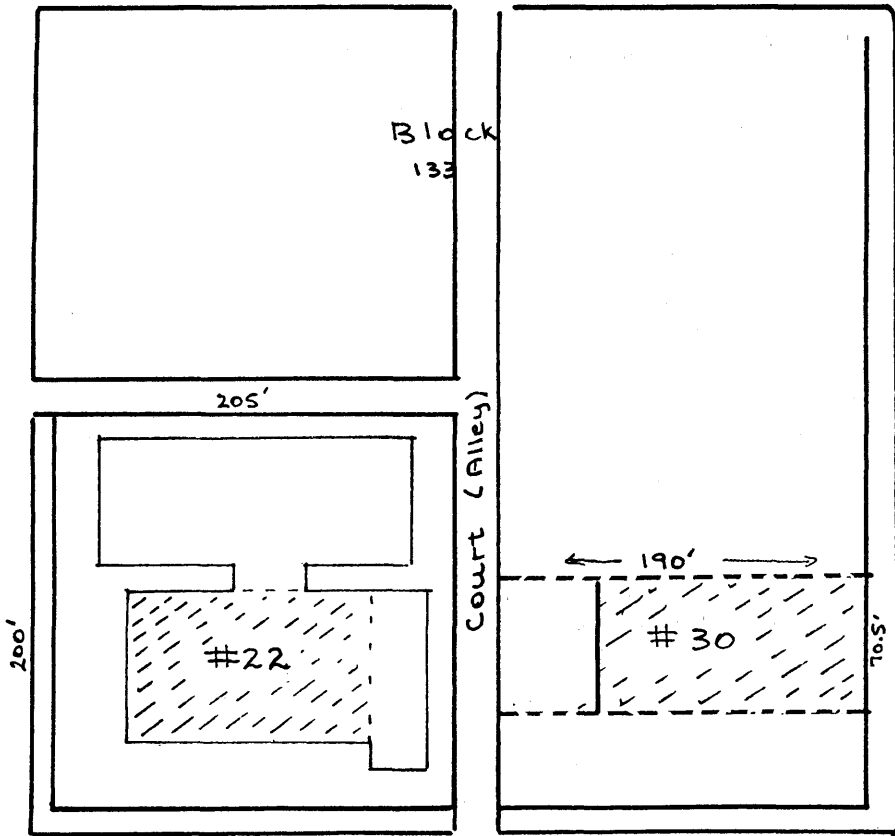
The group that organized the Security Bank in 1890 and constructed the building also formed the Southwestern Land Company. They were J. J. Willett, Craig Cofield and M. F. McCarty. They purchased the lot from H. E. Mann for \$9,000 in the boom period when costs were high, but soon the depression hit; the bank failed to flourish, and the building was quickly vacant.

Lloyd's Drugstore opened on the first floor in 1896 and remained in operation until the 1940s. Since then a variety of businesses have come and gone. The present owners of "The Army Mule" sell sporting and military supplies. The second-floor office space was used by various professionals until 1979. J. J. Willett, one of the bank's founders, a prominent Anniston lawyer and judge, and well-known Democratic orator, had his law offices there from 1908 until his death in 1955 at the age of 93. Willett's safe is still in his office. The last occupant was attorney Charles Thomason. The third floor was used variously as a rooming house and meeting place.

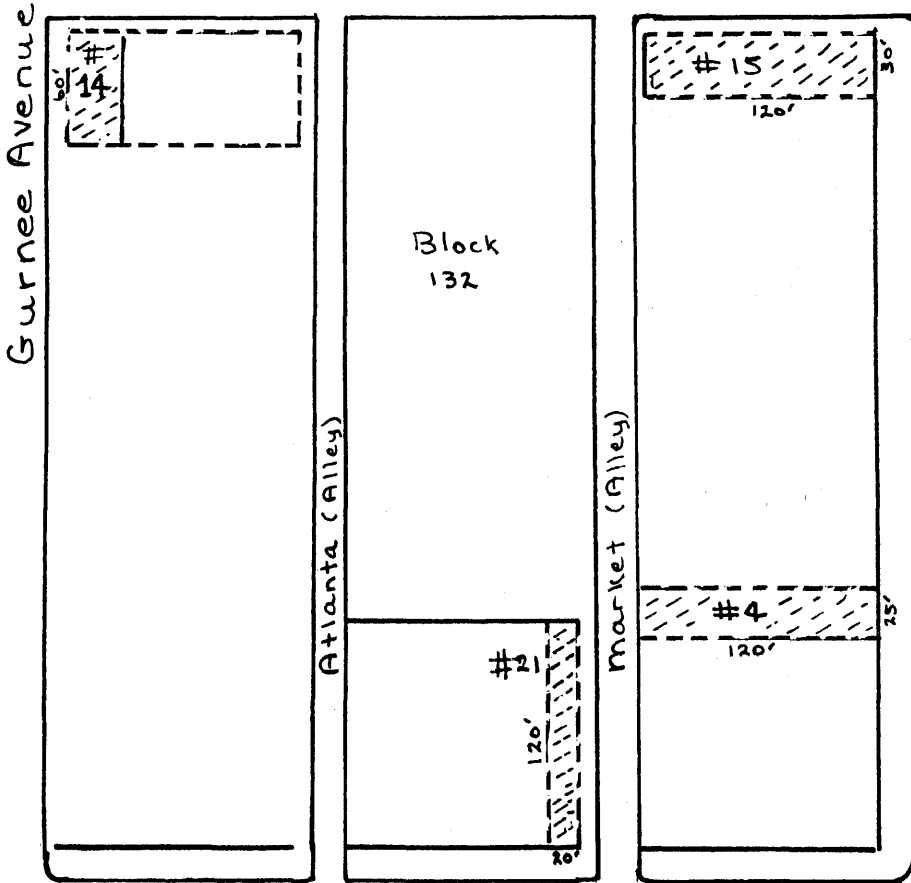
12th Street

Rough Sketch Map
Down Town Area,
Anniston, Alabama

- #4 Wikle Drug Store
- #11 Old Bank of Anniston
- #14 Nonnenmacher Bakery
- #15 Security Bank
- #21 Peerless Saloon
- #22 Calhoun County Court House
- #23 Cater-Rhodes Furniture
- #30 Kress Building

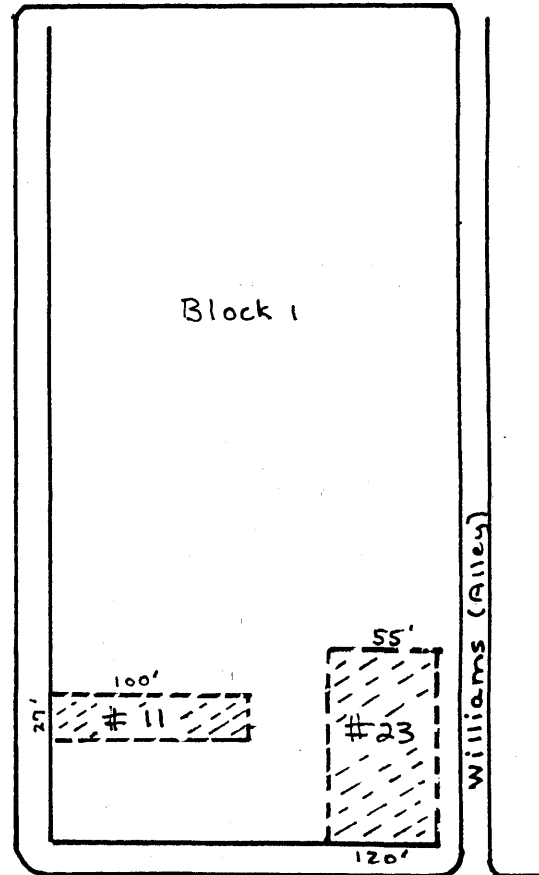


11th Street



10th Street

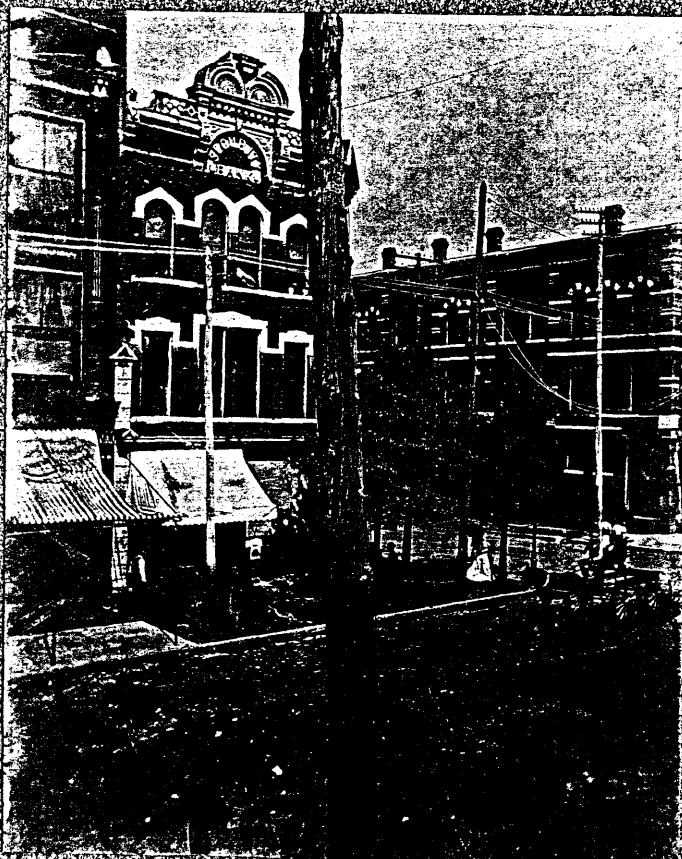
Noble Street



Security National Bank Building
about 1895

from the Nonnenmacher
Scrapbook

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County



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Bank vor unserem Geschäft.*