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The old meat market, the oldest unit of the French Market Complex, was originally an open arcaded, one story market structure, with heavy plastered brick masonry walls, arches and interior col-The exterior side walls were composed of a series of nearly umns. semicircular arches, uniform in size and shape, supported on rectangular brick piers with simple moulded capitals. The two end walls each consisted of a wide elliptical center arch flanked by smaller arches similar to those of the side wall arches. These triple arched end walls were surmounted by low-pitched plastered brick pediments forming the gable ends of the tile roof. At the eaves line was a simple moulded cornice that also ran across the gable end. At every fifth bay in its length, the building was divided by an arched cross wall similar to the end walls. Square columns in line with the piers of the exterior arches supported the roof structure of heavy S timber trusses, purlins and rafters. Although the basic structure m has remained virtually intact since it was built, the building has been m remodelled at various times to meet the changing needs of the market. The old low pitched roof was replaced with a more steeply pitched hipped slate roof eliminating the gable ends or pediments. The open arches z have been closed in with wood and glass or masonry. In the 1930's / 5 an extensive renovation was effected through a Works Progress Ad-ministration project. The entire interior was remodelled, a new roof of flat tiles replaced the old slate roof. A row of columns similar ᅒ to those of the vegetable market was added along the Decatur street **C** facade and a flat roofed appendage was added to the Dumaine street C end of the structure. The building has remained practically unchanged since that time except for some interior alterations.

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The old Halle des Boucheries was designed in 1813 by Jacques Tanesse, then city surveyor, and constructed by the prominent local architectbuilders, Claude Gurlie and Joseph Guillot, for the City of New Orleans. The original contract drawings are still extant in the private collection of Richard Koch, architect. The building occupies the site of another market built in 1808 by the architect Arsene Laccariere Latour and destroyed by a hurricane in 1811. This river front area has been the traditional market place of New Orleans almost since the beginnings of the city. Except for the few years of the 1808 market, the present structure is the only perminent building ever to occupy this important site diagonally across the street from the old <u>Place d'Armes</u>, now Jackson Square. Through the years it has attracted the attention of artists, writers and visitors to the city such as Benjamin Latrobe, Charles Alexander Lesueur, Lafeadio Hearn and countless others.



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