

NHPRC Webinar Series



**#1 - An Introduction to the
National Register of Historic Places
& Historic Property Research**

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- The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), support a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States.
- As part of this grant, Atlanta History Center will host and record five webinars over 2024-2025 that focus on how to use a variety of resources relevant to researching historic properties:
 - An Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places and Historic Property Research (March 2024)
 - Finding Photos of Historic Neighborhoods & Properties (June 2024)
 - Documenting Changes to Buildings Over Time
 - Tracking Ownership & Sale of Property
 - Roadblocks of Property & Neighborhood Research



Speaker Introduction



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What is the National Register of Historic Places?



NPS Form 10-900 OMB No. 1024-0018
 United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Collier Heights Historic District
 other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Bounded approximately by Hamilton E. Holmes Drive (formerly Hightower Road) on the east, Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway (formerly Bankhead Highway) on the north, Interstate 285 on the west, and Interstate 20 on the south.

city, town Atlanta () vicinity of
 county Fulton code GA 121
 state Georgia code GA zip code 30318

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property:
(X) private	() building(s)
(X) public-local	(X) district
() public-state	() site
() public-federal	() structure
	() object

Number of Resources within Property:	Contributing	Noncontributing
buildings	1,753	69
sites	3	1
structures	1	0
objects	0	0
total	1,757	70

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0
 Name of previous listing: N/A
 Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Collier Heights Historic District, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 1



The National Register is

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The National Register of Historic Places, established in 1966, is the nation's official list of buildings, districts, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. The National Park Service in the Department of the Interior administers the program.



The National Historic Preservation Act authorizes State Historic Preservation Offices to nominate properties, and to carry out other preservation activities. In Georgia, this is accomplished within the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division.



National Register Criteria

Significance

A: Association with events/activities/patterns

B: Association with important persons

C: Distinctive physical characteristics

- Design
- Construction
- Form

D: Potential to yield important information

Additional information on the Criteria can be viewed here:
https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15_web508.pdf in a booklet from the Department of the Interior.

Areas of Significance

National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state, or the nation.

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Archaeology: Prehistoric, Historic Aboriginal, Historic Non-Aboriginal
- Commerce
- Communications
- Community planning and development
- Conservation
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Entertainment/recreation
- Ethnic heritage: Alaska Native, Asian..., Black, European..., Hispanic..., Native American...
- Exploration/settlement
- Health/medicine
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape architecture
- Law
- Literature
- Maritime history
- Military
- Performing arts
- Philosophy
- Politics/government
- Religion
- Science
- Social history: Disability, Labor, LGBTQ ,Traditional Cultural, Women's, & Civil Rights Histories
- Transportation
- Other

Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance.

Integrity is evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period of significance.

Seven
Aspects
of
Integrity

Location

Design

Setting

Materials

Workmanship

Feeling

Association

The National Register is not...



The National Register is not regulatory

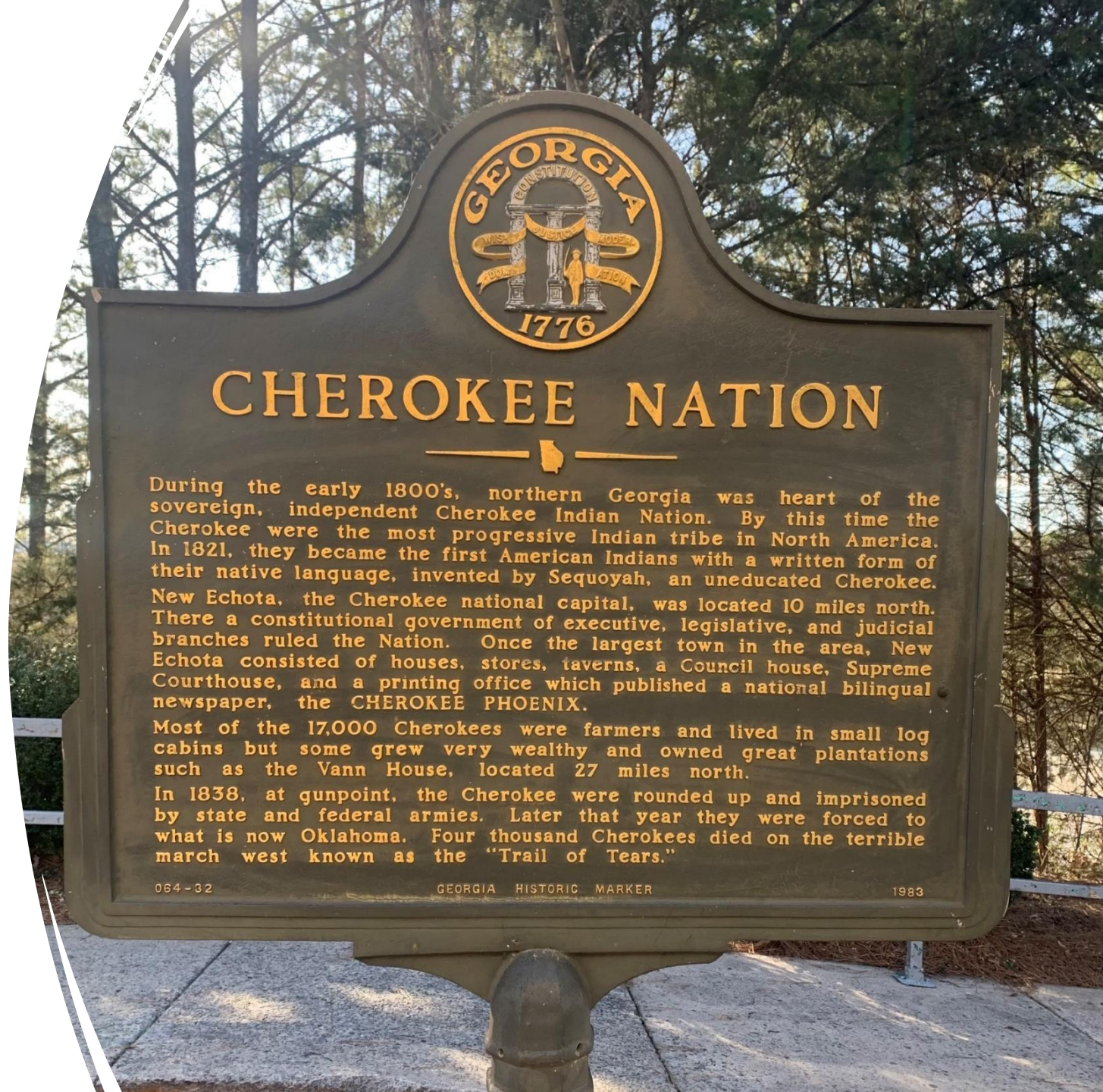


The National Register is not ...

Georgia Historical Society marker program

The Georgia Historical Society erects new historical markers each year, working in partnership with community organizations, municipalities, and businesses.

<https://www.georgiahistory.com/learn-and-explore/historical-markers/applying-for-a-new-historical-marker/>



The National Register is not ...

Local Historic Designation

- Certified Local Governments
- Historic Preservation Ordinances
- Historic Overlay Zoning
- Regulations

- Individual Properties
- Commercial Districts
- Neighborhoods
- Sites

To learn more about integrating historic preservation into local planning: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/6692>

To learn more about the Atlanta Urban Design Commission:

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/public-meetings-boards-and-commissions>



The National Register is not...

AUDC Local Listings



CITY OF ATLANTA, GA

Search the City of Atlanta

ATL311
NON-EMERGENCY CITY SERVICES

GOVERNMENT RESIDENTS VISITORS BUSINESS I WANT TO..

- [Andrew-Dunn House](#)
- [Ponce de Leon Apartments](#)
- [Roosevelt High School \(Girls' High\)](#)
- [Spotswood Hall](#)
- [M. Rich and Brothers and Company Building](#)

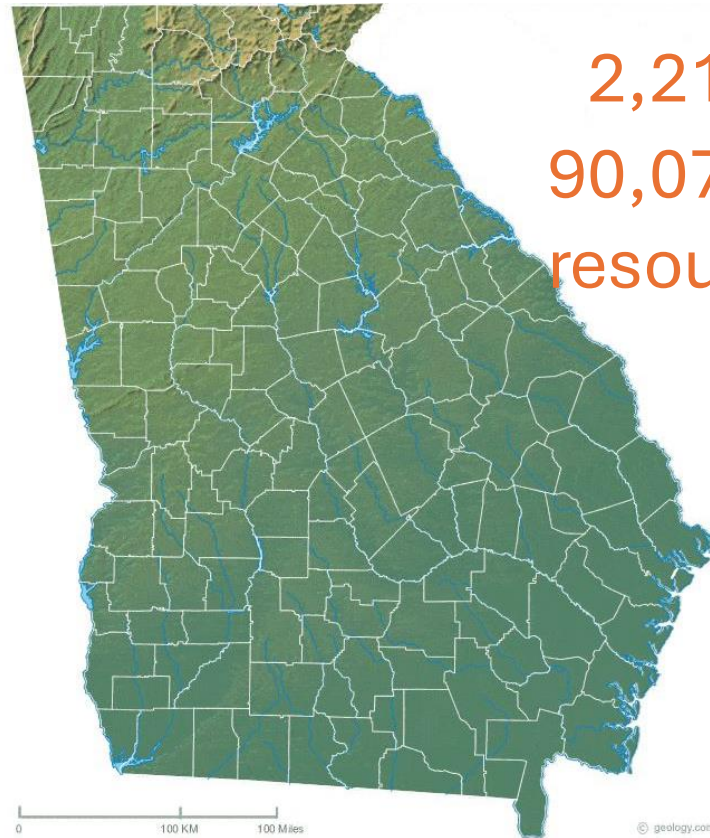
HISTORIC BUILDINGS OR SITES

- [The Atlanta Stockade](#)
- [Feebeck Hall](#)
- [The Imperial Hotel](#)
- [The Castle \(Fort Peace\)](#)
- [Hirsch Hall](#)
- [Steiner Clinic](#)
- [Randolph-Lucas House](#)
- [Carnegie Building](#)

LANDMARK DISTRICTS

- [Cabbagetown - Designated: June 19, 1989](#)
- [Druid Hills - Designated: June 19, 1989, expanded: January 25, 2001 and December 13, 2017](#)

National Register Nominations in Georgia



2,217 listings
90,070 contributing
resources

Our mission: To help build
strong, vibrant communities.



Expectations & Process

- Contact the Historic Preservation Division
(Our office may already have information on file.)
- Gather all known materials related to the property
- Familiarize with *Documenting a Property in Georgia* and other research guides
- Prepare Preliminary Determination Application form and receive feedback
- Next steps...



Preliminary Determination Application

Explore the *National Register Nomination Process in Georgia* on this web page and download the Preliminary Determination Application appropriate for your project:

- Individual
- District
- Cemetery

[available online](#)

Brian P. Kemp
Governor



Christopher Nunn
Commissioner

Preliminary Eligibility Application – Individual Resources
National Register of Historic Places
August 2023

(please type or print)

Property Information:

Name (current or common): _____
Other Name(s) (historic or other): _____
Address (current): Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Acreage: Current: _____ Historic: _____
Property Use (ex: residence, school, farm, retail, warehouse, church, mill, battlefield):
Current: _____ Historic: _____
Property type:
 Building or buildings Structure Site Object
Date of Construction: _____
Architect/Builder (if applicable/known): _____

Significance: Check the box(es) by the criterion under which you believe this property is eligible. Refer to the National Park Service's National Register Bulletin 15: *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation* – pages 11-24 (https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15_web508.pdf). You will elaborate on this selection in your "Brief History" below.

- Criterion A (event)
- Criterion B (person)
- Criterion C (design/construction (architecture))
- Criterion D (information potential and/or archeology)

Sponsor:

Name(s): _____
Address: Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____


Property Owner(s) (if different than sponsor):

Name(s): _____
Owner Consent: Yes No ___ (owner consent is required for National Register listing)
Address: Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Form Prepared By (if different than either of the above):

Name(s): _____
Company/Organization: _____
Address: Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____



All
nominations
are grounded
in research

What is already known about a property?

- Is it reliable?
- Is it current?
- Is it pertinent?



<https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/learning-research/search-the-collections/>



Buildings & Grounds

Kenan Research Center

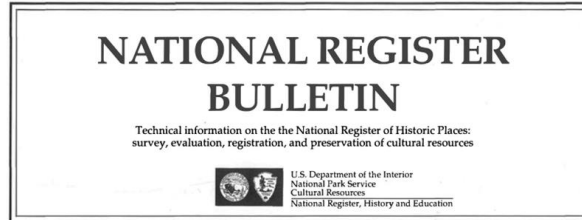
Kenan Research Center preserves extensive primary source holdings for the study of Atlanta.



Story

Black Genealogy: Researching Family History at Kenan Research Center

Uncover your family's roots at Atlanta History Center's Kenan Research Center! From personal records to online catalogs, we provide resources for researching African American ancestry. Book an appointment and dive into your history today!



Researching a Historic Property



<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB39-Complete.pdf>

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/6876>



Documenting a Property in Georgia

Historic Preservation Division
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
February 2023

Residential Neighborhood:

Candler Park Historic District,
DeKalb County

Listed: 1983

Boundary Increase: 2005

Areas of Significance:

Architecture

Community Planning &

Development

Landscape Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance: 1870-1955



Commercial District:

Lithonia Historic District
DeKalb County

Listed: 2016

Areas of Significance:

Architecture

Ethnic Heritage: Black

Ethnic Heritage: European

Industry

Period of Significance: 1845-1966



Multi-Family Residential:

Capitol View Apartments

Fulton County

Listed: 2023

Areas of Significance:

Architecture

Community Planning & Development

Period of Significance: 1947



Institutional Building:

Zion Baptist Church
Cobb County

Listed: 1990

Areas of Significance:
Architecture
Ethnic Heritage: Black

Period of Significance: 1888-1940

Other types of institutional buildings include:
courthouses, schools, post offices, libraries,
masonic lodges, hospitals



PROFILE PROPERTY: 523-549 Stewart Avenue



Nominations are viewable online via the National Park Service website

Listed: 2023

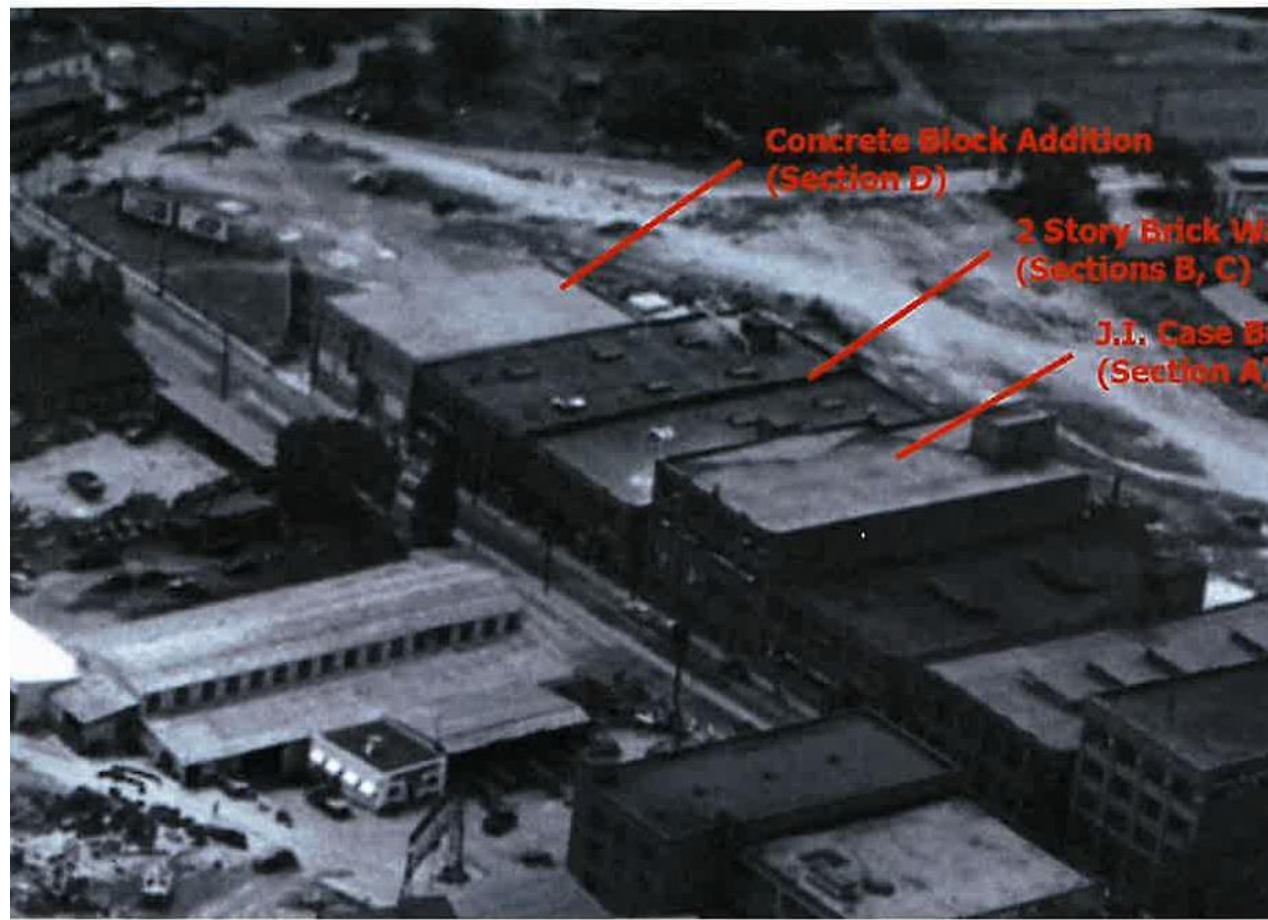
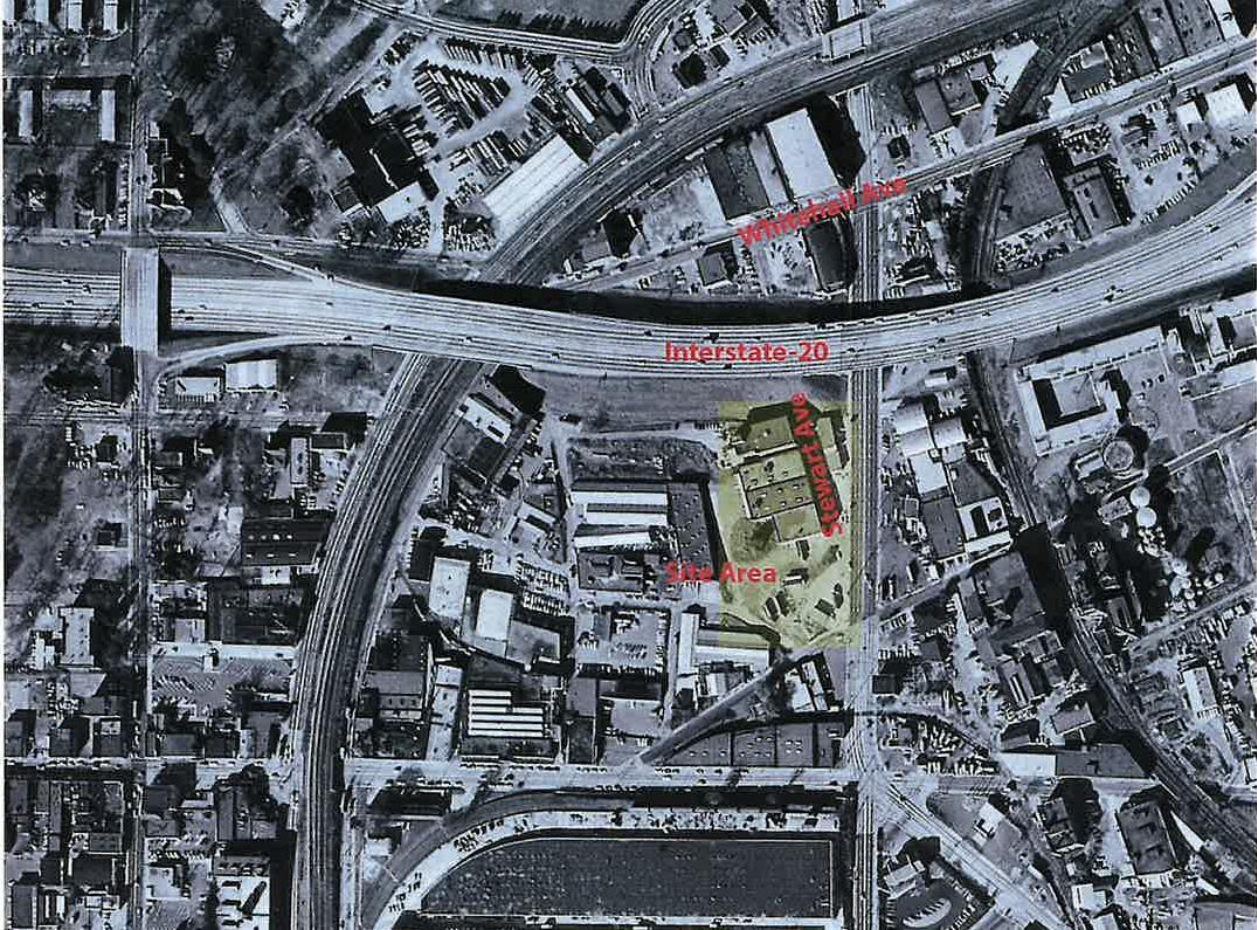
Areas of Significance:

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance: 1920-1973

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/database-research.htm>



Overview



Historical Context



Nothing exists in a vacuum.

Everything we do is surrounded by people, places, and events.

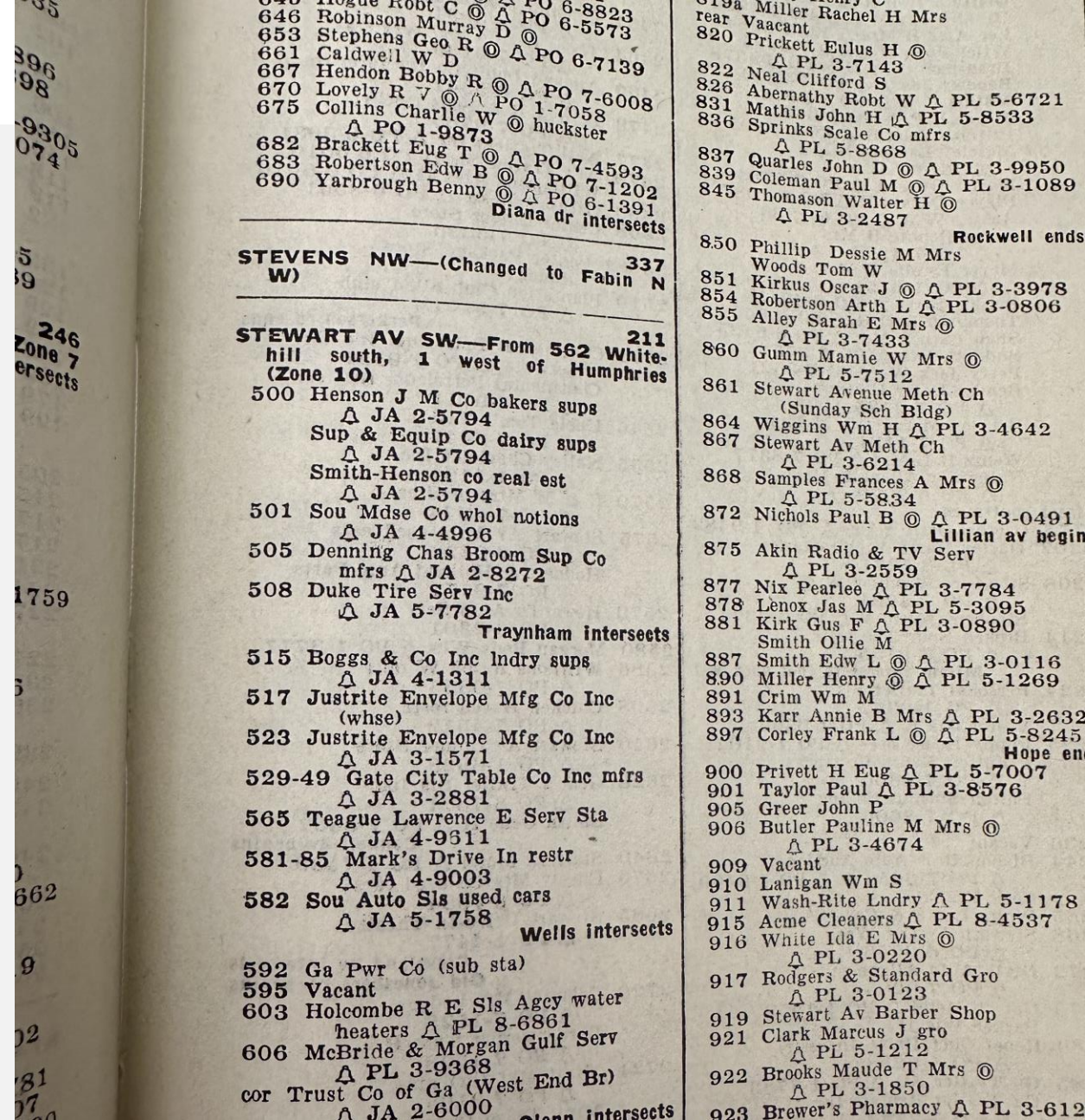
To fully understand something, you need to identify the things that surround it - the context.

In order to provide historical context sometime comparative analysis is helpful and necessary.

City Directories

Who? What? When? Where? Why?

- Largest Atlanta street renumbering in 1927
- Documents street name changes and number changes
- Alphabetical listing by resident or business name
- Indicates vacant buildings or office spaces
- Alphabetical list of streets, street numbers, & cross streets
- Alphabetical classified advertisements in many directories



APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT.

Atlanta, Ga. Jan 12th 1906

To the Inspector of Buildings:

Sir: we hereby make application for permit to build a frame house for office, studio, and warehouses and if same is granted we agree to conform to all City Ordinances regulating same and in accordance with plans submitted

Ward 2nd
Location next to corner of Wells St. & Stewart Ave. on west
Owners Atlanta Portrait Co
Architect ourselves
Builder A. W. Clunkert, Day Brook
No. of Buildings one
Dimensions of Ground Plan 60 x 100
No. of Stories and Height of same The front 20x40 - 2 stories, about 26ft high. The rear 80x40 - one story high
Material in Walls and Thickness of same 2x4 studding and weath boarding
Material in roof Storm sheathing and Asphalt roofing
Material in cornice _____
If girder or sills are used to carry floor, state size Sills, ~~4x10~~ 6x10 & 6x12
Give distance between supports of girders 8' 7 1/4"
State longest span of floor joist 18ft
Give size of floor joist, each floor 8x12

State what projections, if any, over sidewalk none
State for what purpose to be used office, salesroom, studio, & warehouse
No. of Fire Escapes _____
Estimated Cost, \$ 1500⁰⁰

Approved and granted
JAN 12 1906 100
Name Atlanta Park Co
Address 57 S. Forsyth
Inspector of Buildings

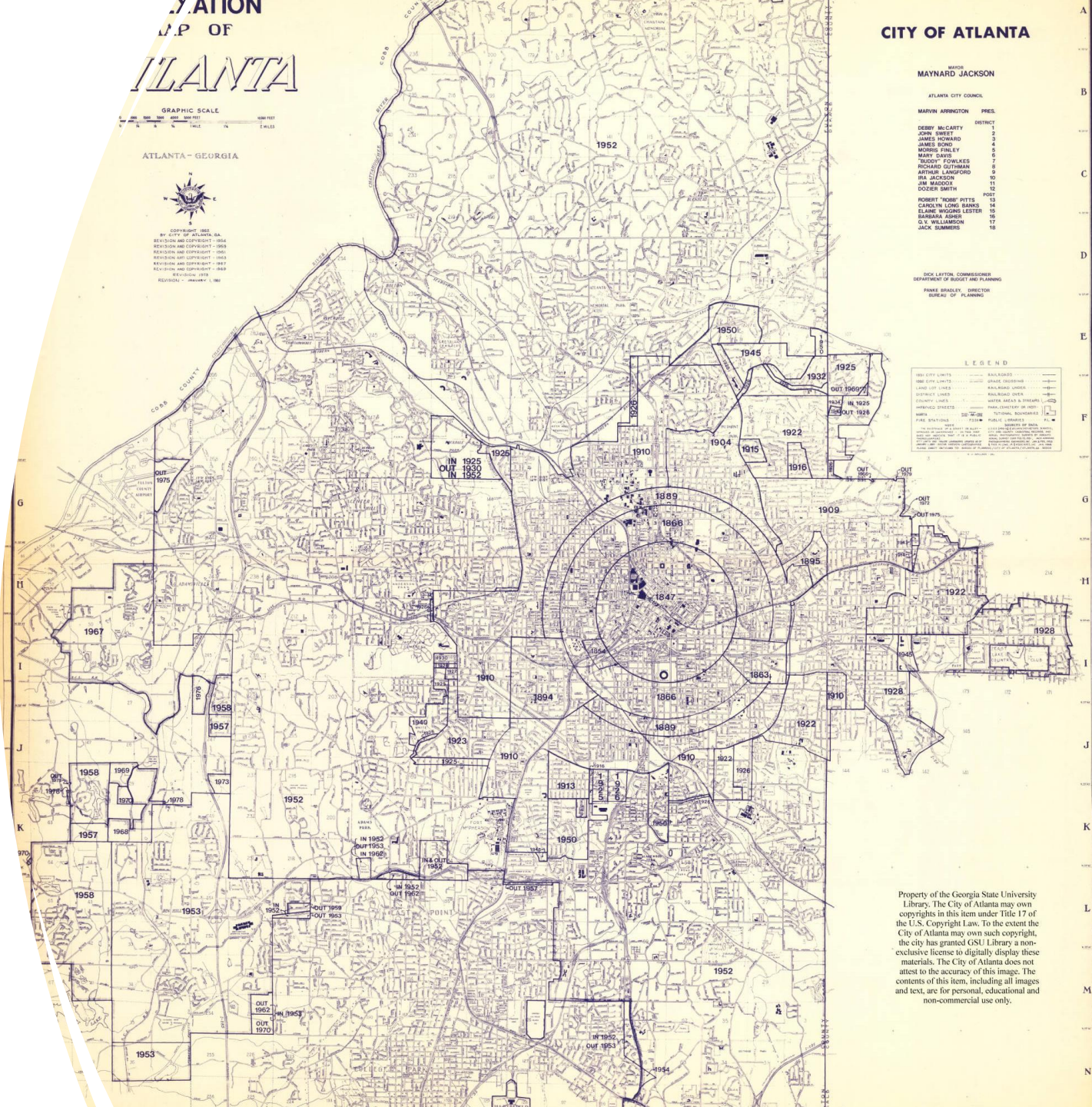
Building Permits

When was the building constructed?
Did an architect design the building?

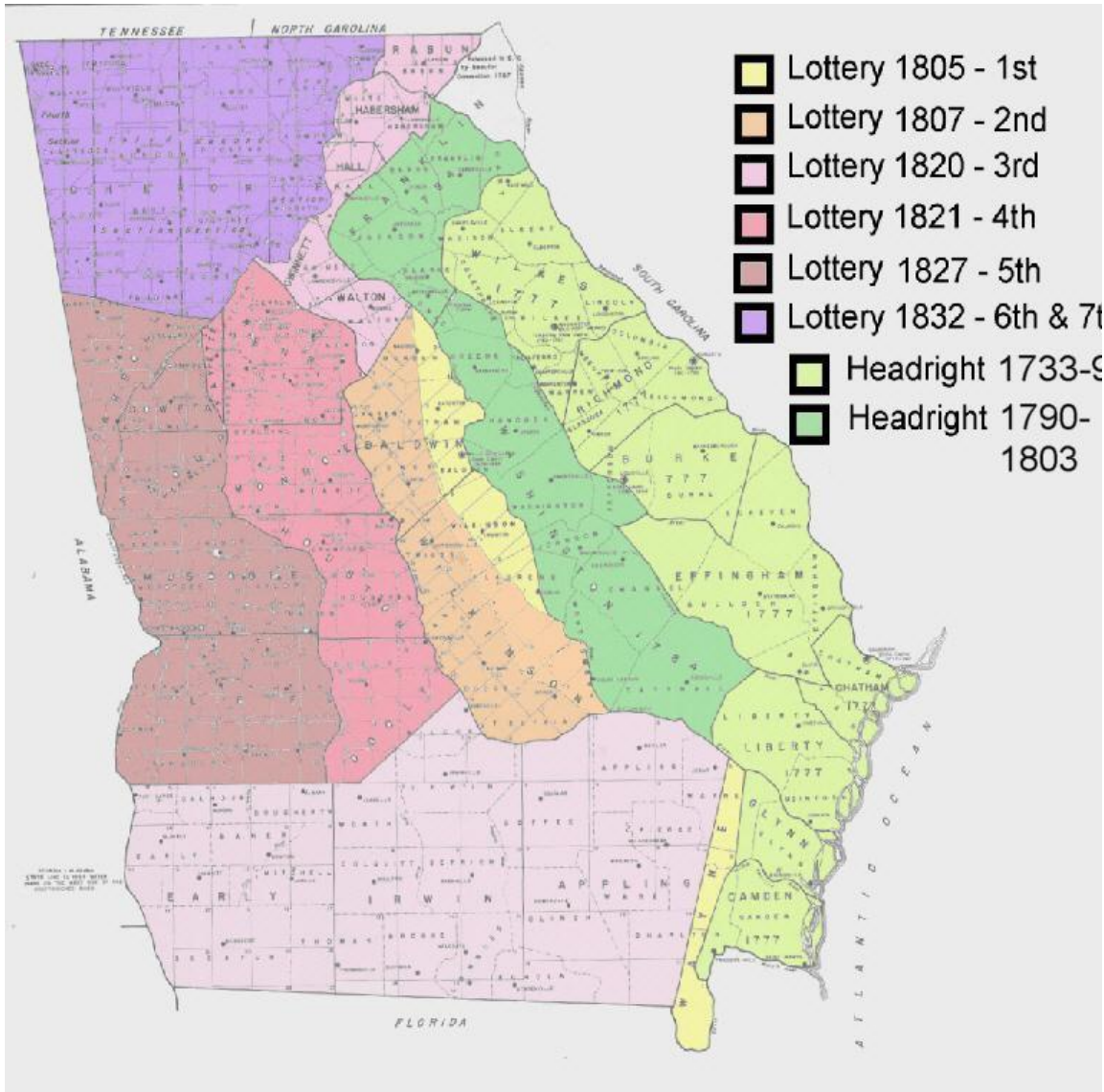
- City of Atlanta Building Permits
 - Arranged alphabetically by street name of original address
 - 1897-1983
 - May list an architect and builder
- Fulton County Permits
 - Arranged by date of issue
 - 1938-1987

Annexation Map of Atlanta

- [atlpm0389](#), Planning Atlanta City Planning Maps Collection, Georgia State University Library.



District & Land Lot



- Land lotteries divided land ceded and seized from First Peoples, and gave it to predominantly White people through a lottery system
- These districts and land lots are still how land is tracked and managed to this day.

Tax Assessor's Website

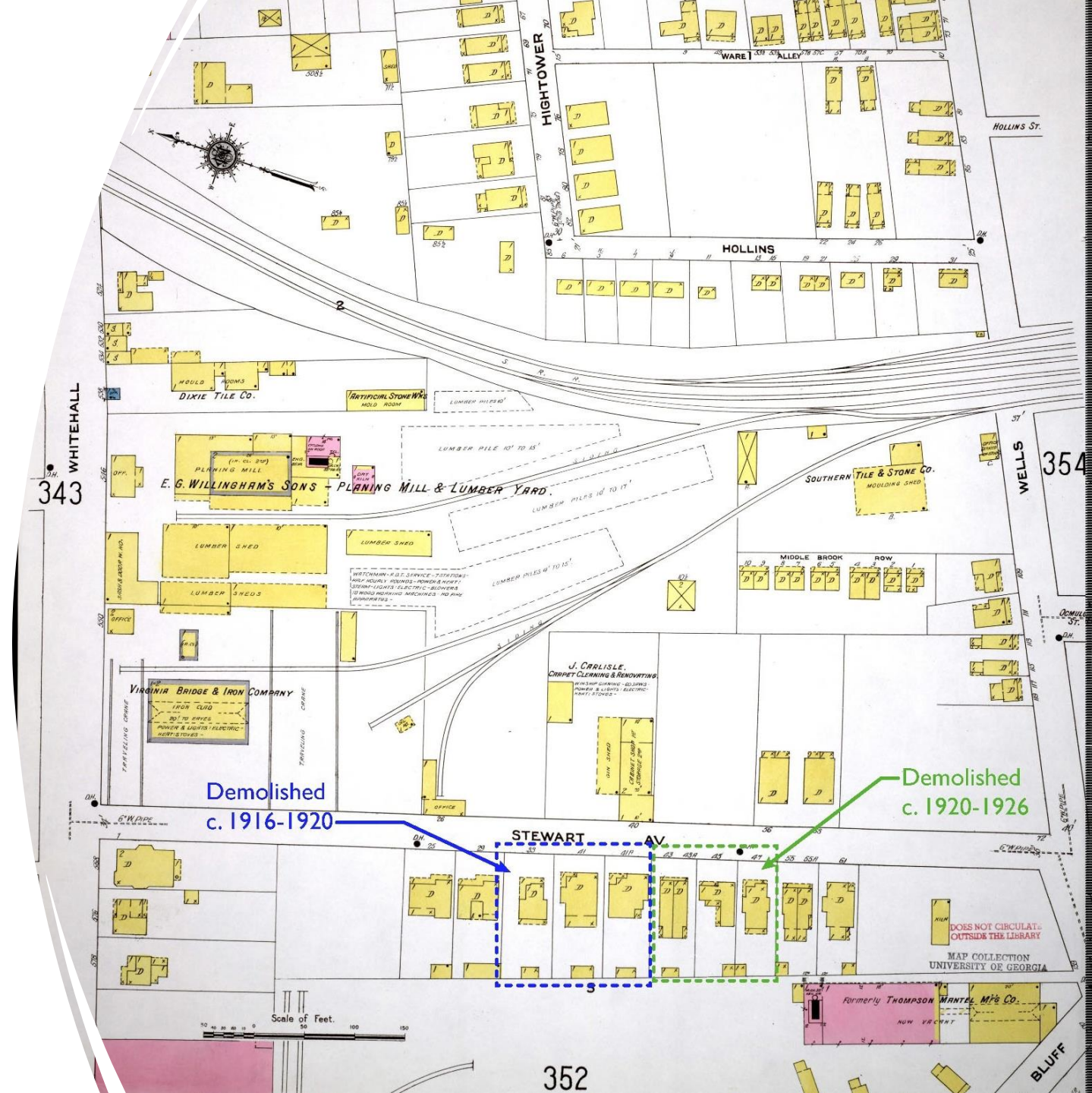
- Fulton County
 - Parcel ID
 - 14 010800090706
 - 14 – District | 0108 – Land Lot | 0009 – Square | 0706 – Parcel
- DeKalb County
 - Parcel ID
 - 15 247 06 014
 - 15 – District | 247 – Land Lot | 06 – Square | 014 – Parcel

The screenshot shows the qPublic website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with options like 'Map', 'Search', 'Results', 'Report', 'Sales Search', 'Sales List', 'Sales Results', 'Field Definitions', 'Pictometry Imagery', and 'More'. A search bar is visible on the right. The main area displays an aerial map with a yellow outline around a specific parcel. A popup window for parcel ID 14 010800090706 is open, showing a photo of the property and details: ABRAMS LOFTS LLC, 565 NORTHSIDE DR NW, 3.30 Acres, Value \$2,019,900. Below the map, a table provides detailed information about the parcel and its sales history.

Parcel ID	14	Physical Address	565 NORTHSIDE DR NW	Last 2 Sales Date	Price	Reason	Qual
010800090706	H3	DR NW	6/21/2021	\$8850	Sale To/From Government	U	
Code	05TT	Owner	ABRAMS LOFTS LLC				
Taxing District	931 PONCE DE LEON AVE		1/16/2020	0	Sale <= 1000	U	
Acres	3.3	ATLANTA, GA 30306					
		Assessed Value	\$2,019,900				

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

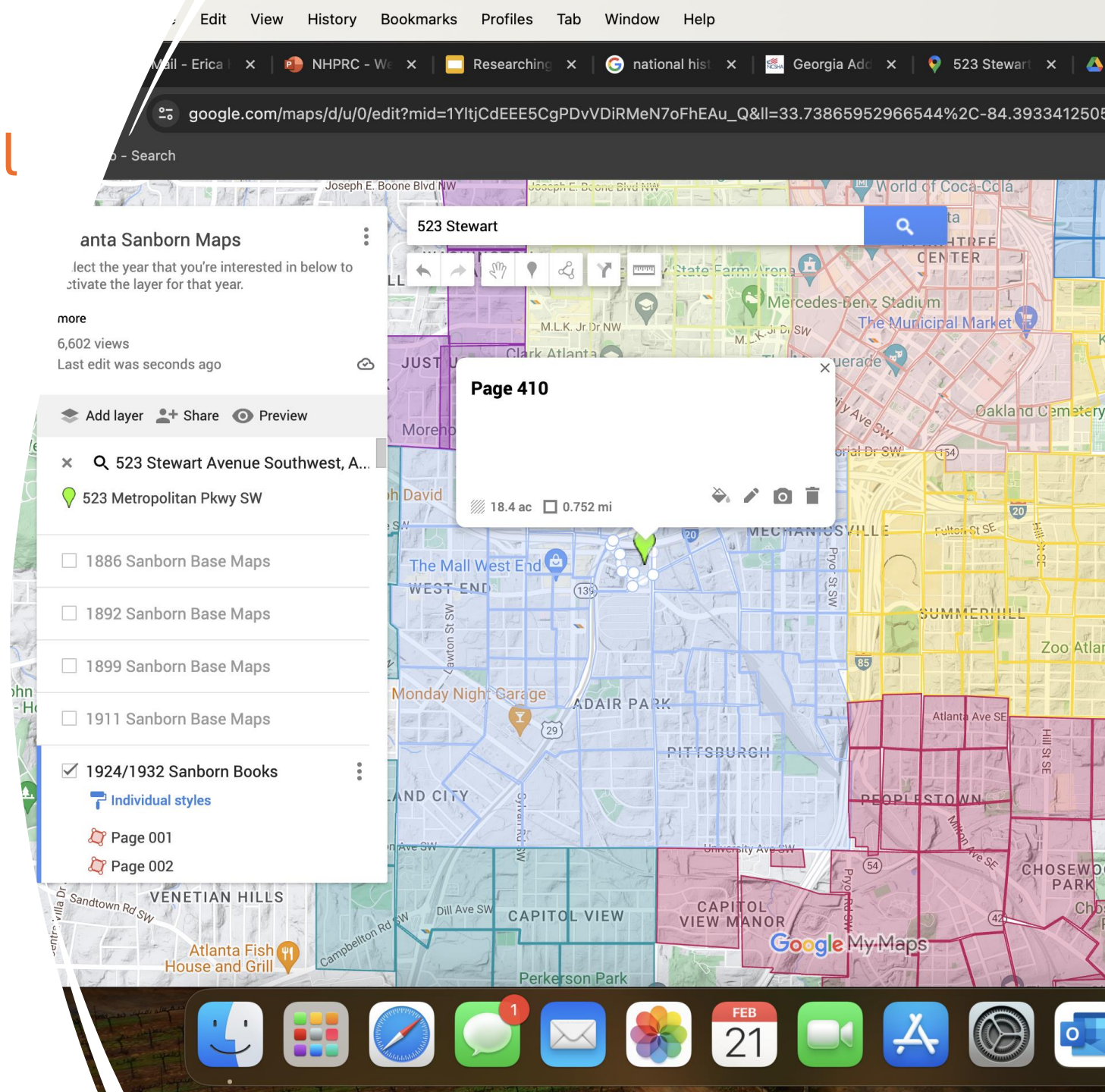
- For Atlanta run 1886-1963
- Base maps years
 - 1886
 - 1892
 - 1899
 - 1911 (4 volumes)
 - 1924/1932 (10 volumes)

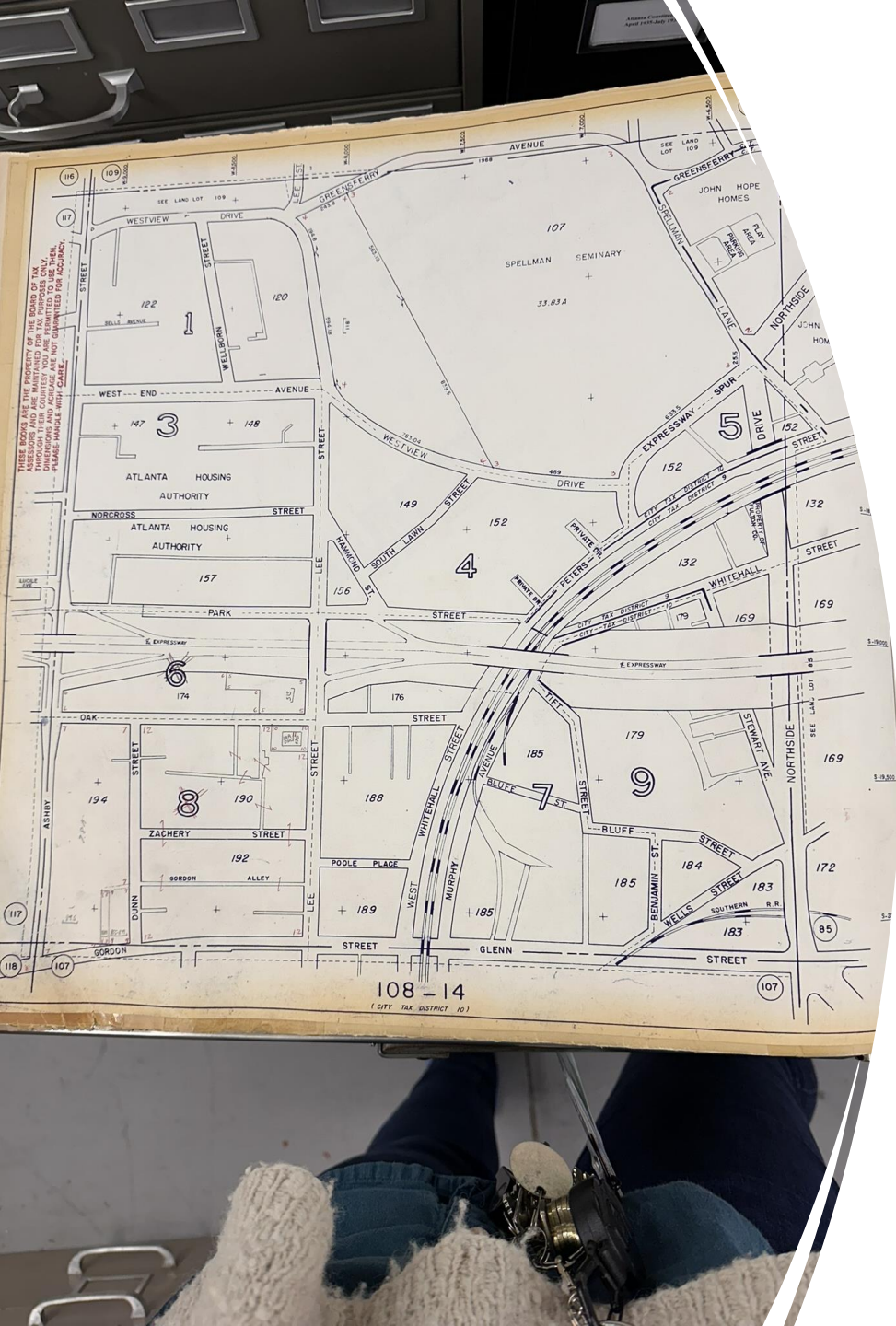


Atlanta Sanborn Search Tool

[Atlanta Sanborn Search Tool](#)
(Google Map, works best on desktop)

1911 and earlier links directly to the digitized copies available via Library of Congress





County Tax Plats

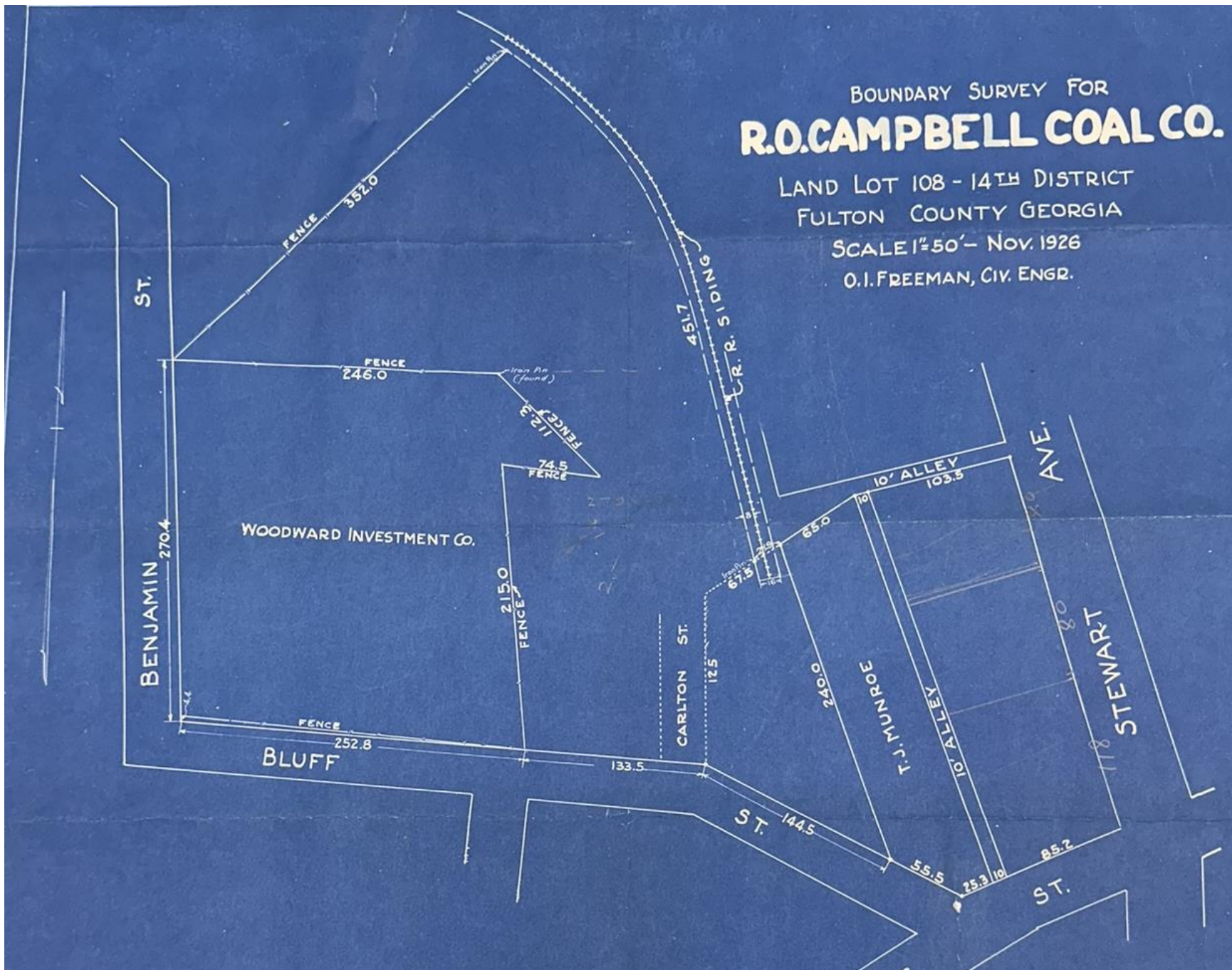
- AHC is the repository for the Fulton County Tax plat maps, and we are over halfway through the digitization of these, so they are [available online](#).
- Fulton, DeKalb, and Cobb Deed Record Rooms also have additional maps and drawings of areas and buildings that are held alongside the deed records.
- These are sometimes call cadastral maps. Cadastral maps are the basis for Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and serve as fundamental resources in land valuation, taxation, lawsuits, and boundary disputes.

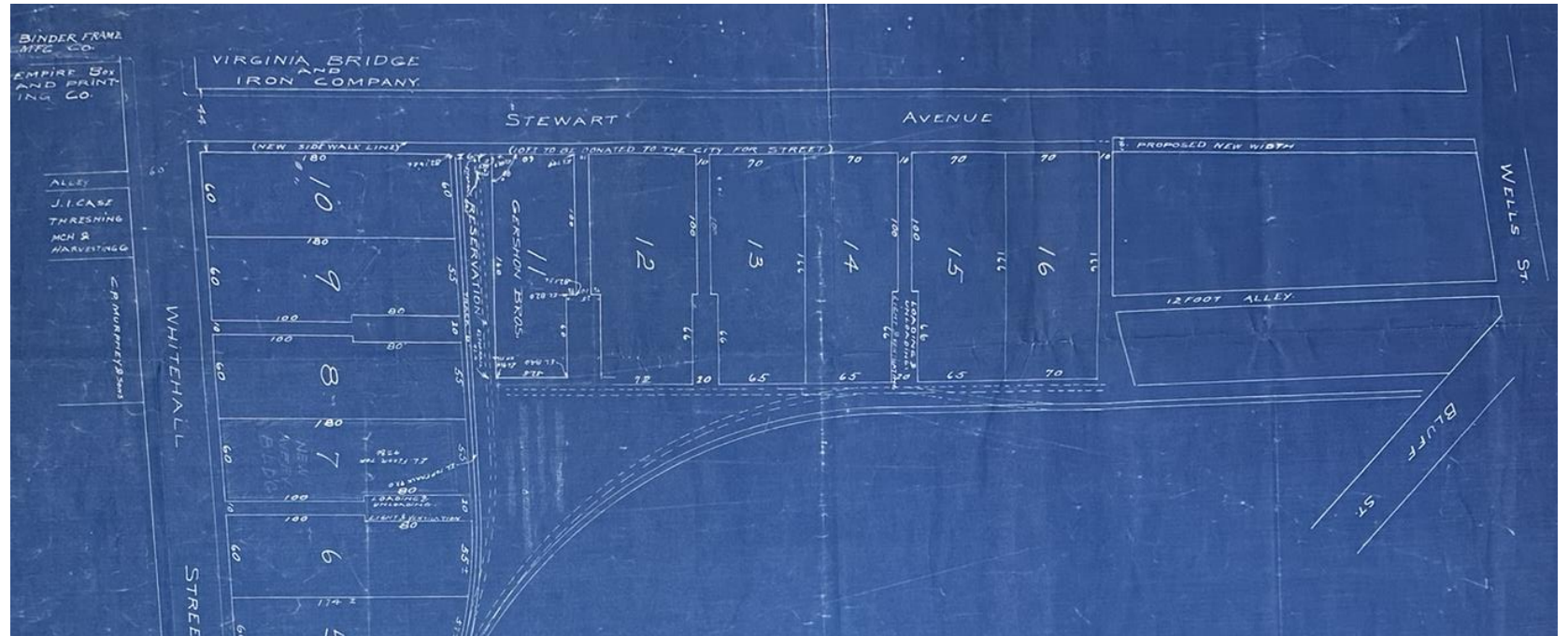
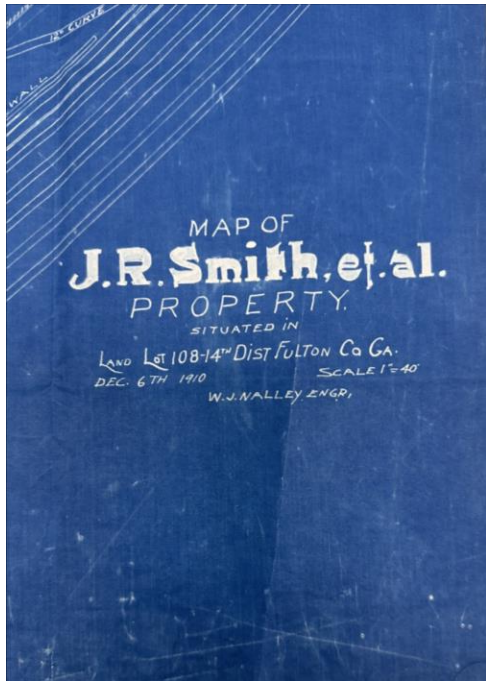
BOUNDARY SURVEY FOR
R.O. CAMPBELL COAL CO.

LAND LOT 108 - 14TH DISTRICT
FULTON COUNTY GEORGIA

SCALE 1"=50' - NOV. 1926

O.I. FREEMAN, CIV. ENGR.



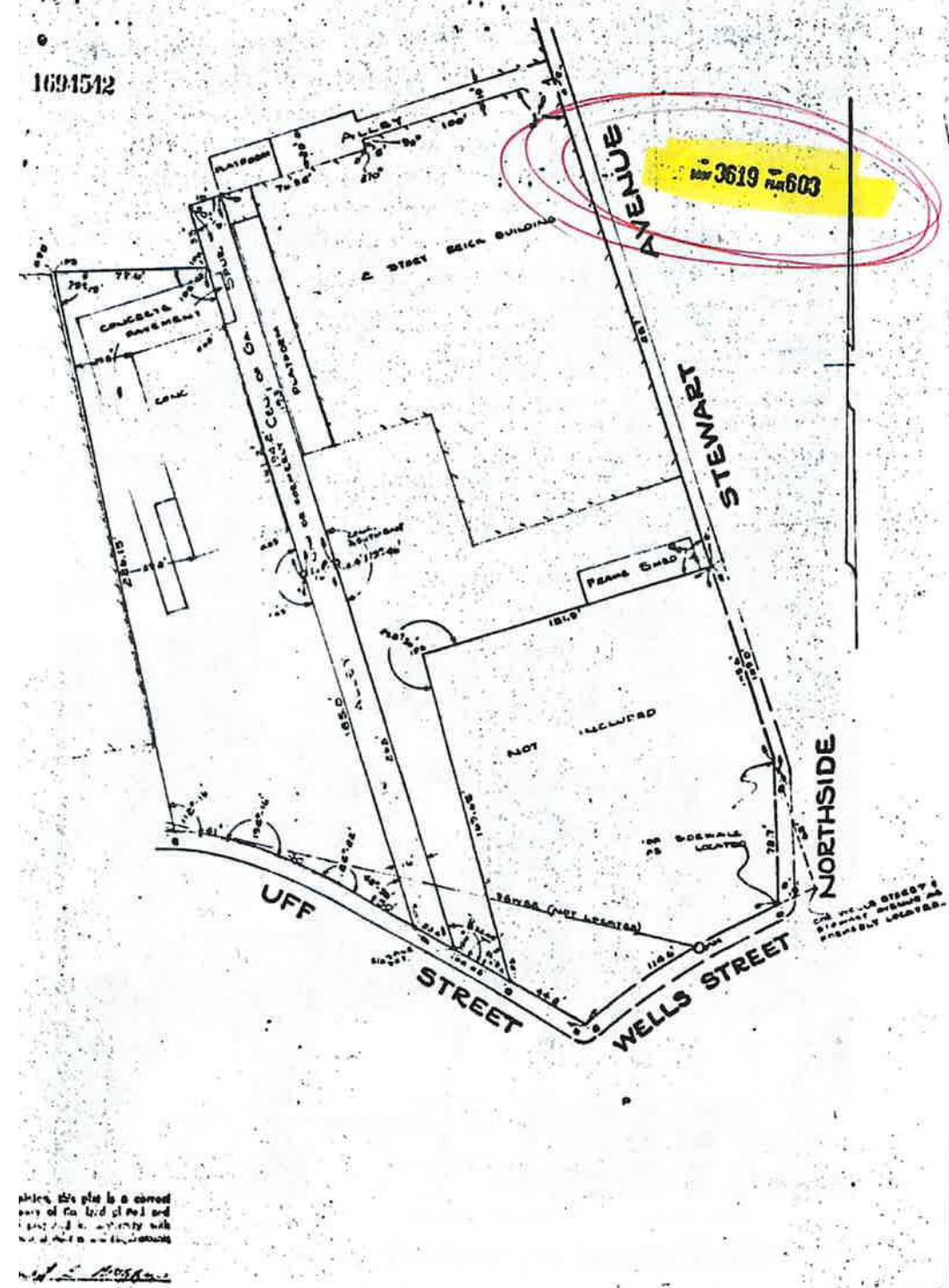


Are plats (and other documents) infallible?

Resource – How has this building looked over time?

Local Repositories

- [Atlanta History Center](#)
- [Georgia State University](#)
- [Atlanta University Center Robert W Woodruff Library & Archives](#)
- [Georgia Archives](#)
- [Georgia Tech Archives](#)
- [Emory University Archives](#)



Resource – What has happened here?

- Newspapers
 - *Atlanta Constitution* (morning); *Atlanta Journal* (evening)
- Genealogical research
 - Ancestry/ Family Search
- Archival research
 - Business Records
 - Family Papers
 - Research Notes
 - Atlases

WAREHOUSE

523 STEWART AVE. — Adjacent to I-20 just off Northside Drive. 40,000 sq. ft. high load capacity of floors. 10,000 lb. capacity elevator, ideal for dead storage use or machine shop operation. For sale or lease. Call H. M. HAMILTON, JR , 261-2233.



Staff Photo—Frank Beatty
FIREMEN BATTLE FACTORY FLAMES AND SMOKE
\$100,000 Blaze Sweeps Through 4th Floor of Atlanta Plant

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New Resources via NHPRC Grant

- Through this grant Atlanta History Center will process the following collections
 - Atlanta Real Estate Board appraisals
 - Atlanta Urban Design Commission records
 - Atlanta Urban Design Commission visual arts materials
 - Atlanta Department of City Planning records
- The processing of these collections began in January 2024, and are slated for completion by December 2025. The material will be searchable on Atlanta History Center's search portal.

Why pursue a National Register nomination?

- Historic Preservation
- High Standard of Documentation
- Recognition
- Archival Record
- Consideration in planning Federal and Federally assisted projects
- Federal tax benefit opportunities
- State tax benefit opportunities
- Grant opportunities



Thank you!



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Resource List



Feedback Form