



1211 Bull Street

(PIN: 20044 36002)

Project Description and History

This application is for the demolition of a non-contributing structure located at 1211 Bull Street. The stucco clad building present shows up clearly as non-contributing resource 275 on the [Victorian Historic District Contributing Resources Map](#). The building is also listed as non-contributing in the Savannah Victorian National Register of Historic Places Historic District Boundary Increase map. The period of significance for both the local and National Register districts is 1870 to 1923.



Local Historic District



NR Historic District

1211 Bull Street is indicated by the red circle on both maps.

In 1916, Lot 37 and the eastern part of Lot 35 of the Gallie Ward contained two residential structures fronting Henry Street with automobile garages behind along West Duffy Lane. These structures were demolished sometime after 1919; the City of Savannah Municipal Archives has two permits for Lot 37 on file, one for construction of a two-story house (1909) and one for alteration of that house (1913). There are not any demolition permits for the subject parcel, and this collection is indexed through 1919. A one-story brick gas station with a projecting canopy was constructed sometime between 1919 and 1937, according to city permit records and the Cadastral survey. The Chatham County Tax Assessor notes the construction date as 1934, within the window confirmed by other evidence and outside of the period of significance for the district.

The Cadastral Survey was conducted on February 8, 1937, for this property, and it shows the masonry portion of the building was approximately 24' by 65' with a 25' by 20' canopy over the fuel pumps. The building footprint itself was a small rectangle, while the canopy created character-





defining L-shape. SAGIS indicates the dimensions of the current structure at approximately 47' by 65' in a wider rectangle. There is no evidence of the character-defining canopy.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for 1950, 1953, 1955, and 1966 show the narrower rectangular form with the L of the projecting canopy present through at least 1966. City permit records from 1973 indicate a major renovation to "alter a service station" began that year and were completed in July 1974. This record indicates an exterior finish, likely stucco, was part of the project. The stucco is a significant alteration to the original industrial brick character of the service station. When the National Register district was listed in 1983, the structure still retained an L-shaped footprint as evidenced by that district's contributing resources map.

The Chatham County Tax Assessor data indicates a permit valued at \$210,000 for renovations was approved in 2006 and completed in 2007; this project is what likely gave the building its current footprint and second story, removing any remaining historic features.

On February 27, 2026, Ellen Harris and Kim Campbell of Ethos Preservation conducted a site visit to review the building for possible contributing status. The only potential historic feature found was a single transom window on the interior. Local rumor states the tiles on the exterior are historic tiles from the gas station era; some of these tiles were removed. They are clearly modern, machine-produced tiles. (Physical samples are available for review.)

Upon review, the structure at 1211 Bull Street does not qualify as a contributing building. The gas station on the lot likely dates to 1934, after the end of the period of significance. Even if the 1934 structure fell within the period of significance, all character-defining features of that structure have been lost since the 1980s. There are no historic materials present on the exterior, the footprint has been expanded making its original form invisible, and a second story has been added removing the historic roof structure. Because these alterations all occurred after the end of the period of significance, they exclude the building from the possibility of contributing status.

Since the building does not qualify for contributing status, all standards for demolition have been met.





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Current Photos



SE Oblique



S Elevation



SW Oblique



NW Oblique



N Elevation



East Elevation

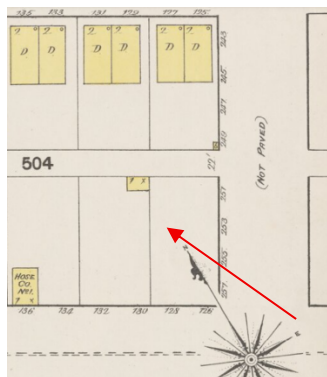
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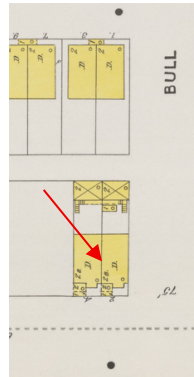
Left: Detail view of tiles rumored to be historic in place on 1211 Bull Street.

Below: Detail of modern tiles and cement used to attach to building after removal. N

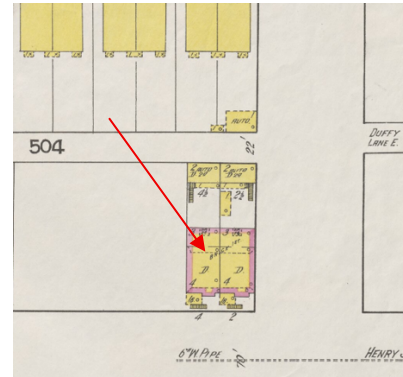




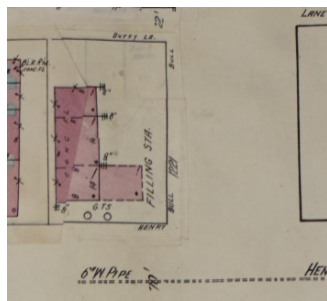
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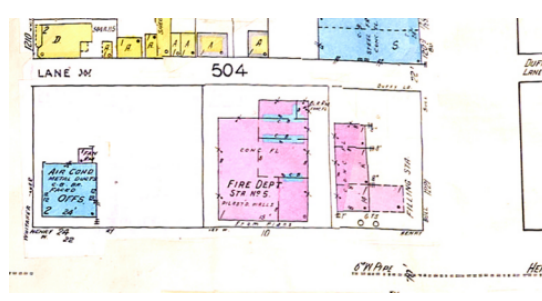
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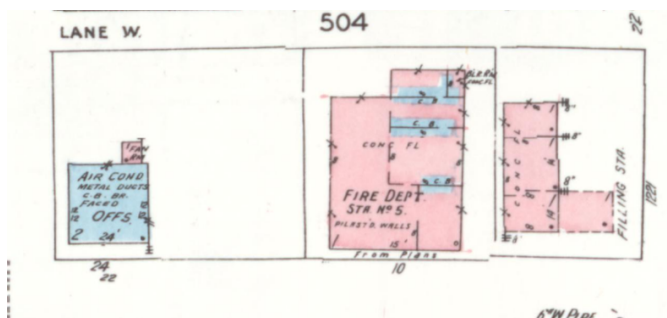
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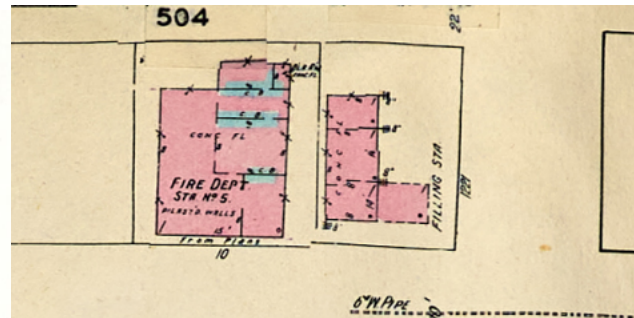
1950 Sanborn



1953 Sanborn

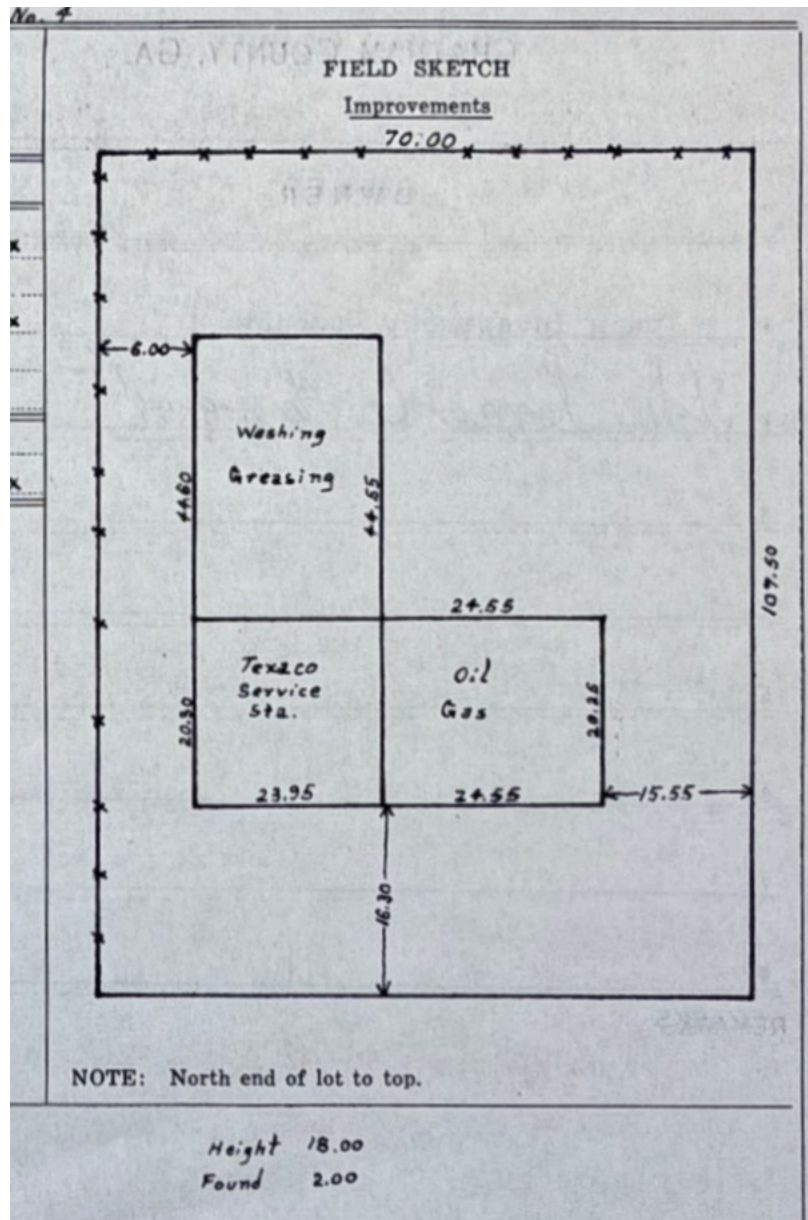


1955 Sanborn



1966 Sanborn





Cadastral Survey Field Sketch - 1937

