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Cover Photo; View of the Cape Fear Community College Business Office on Block 218. Photographed by Tyler Lucas.
Preface

This is the analysis for the Fire Insurance Sanborn Maps for the City of Wilmington, North Carolina. It explains where historical buildings once stood on what are now the grounds of the Cape Fear Community College Downtown Campus. This study also shows what once stood there and the importance of the buildings along with blocks and block addresses. This is used to help explain what the class book can’t. It shows the actual location and the importance of the Downtown Campus area during that time.
Figure 1. (1904) - ACL 247 blocks Worth Ice & Fuel Company along with the Armour Packing company and the Car Department paint shop. Also Cold Storage Buildings.

Figure 2. (1904) - The 246 Block with Round House and the A.C.L Train Shed.
Figure 3. (1904) - The 245-246 Block with the Atlantic Coast Line Car Shops on Nutt and Campbell Streets.

Figure 4. (1904) - Property of the Atlantic Coast Rail Road along with the Wholesale Provisions Building on Campbell Street.
Figure 5. (1904)- Champion Compress and Ware House Company with Boat slips and Sheds for work

Figure 6. (1904)- Atlantic Coast Line RR Freight Ware House and Cotton Shed
Figure 7. (1904) - CC. Covington Company Molasses Ware House beside the Sterling Manufactures and shirt manufactures. Building across from those two are the Beer Bottling Offices and underneath of those are the Salt Molasses and Spirits Ware House. Then the rest of the surrounding buildings are general storage buildings along with the Swift & Co. Beef Houses.

Figure 8. (1904) - The New York & Wilmington Steamship Companies Wharf and the foundations for an “iron clad” building over a wooden frame. Next, is the Worth & worth Cotton and Naval Stores with a General Storage Warehouse.
Figure 9. (1904)- The Northwest Corner of Front and Red Cross Streets is the Atlantic Hotel, it covers the addresses of 416 and 418 front Street

Figure 10. (1904)- The addresses of 104 and 104 and ½ are occupied by the Carriage House next to the Carlton Alley way
Figure 11. (1904) - Next to the Carlton Alley way are the Servants Quarters. The servants are those who have been hired to take care of houses or offices.

Figure 12. (1904) - Next on the corner of North Front Street, occupying the addresses of 400-408, are the buildings for cotton and housing quarters. Each of these houses are 2 stories.
Figure 13. (1904)- The rest of Block 218 is a residential area or basically housing. Each house is either 1 or more stories with the porch being on the first level and living quarters on the second.

Figure 14. (1910)- In Block 262 of Wilmington the addresses from 701-719, and down the 200's is residential. It is divided into two sections by the Brady Alley.
Figure 15. (1910)- At the End of the Block 262 there the Standard Oil Co. Oil tank occupying the northwest corner Brunswick and North Second streets The Hanover Street side is residential.

Figure 16. (1910)- The top half of Block 261 along Hanover Street is residential. However, this one has a more spacious lot, and it is located the center of the parcel.
Figure 17. (1910)- In the bottom half of Block 261, there is a mix of residential housing along with industrial, the Galvin Bros. Machine Shop & Foundry.

Figure 18. (1915)- This map shows the Union Station and associated offices, all concrete reinforced. Details include multiple waiting rooms (separated at the time by Segregation), baggage rooms, and multiple floors.
Figure 19. (1910)- In the 260 block of Wilmington along Hanover Street, Corbett Company, Wholesale Grocers

Figure 20. (2013)- This site was where the Corbett Co. was along with the railroad system and associated buildings.
Figure 21. (1915)- The Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road offices are made of fire proof construction and reinforced concrete. These offices include passage ways that lead to a clock tower in The Union Station.

Figure 22. (1915)- This site includes the Independent Ice Co. The buildings include a cold storage plant and freezing tanks. The cold storage plant is made from fire proof construction and reinforced concrete floors and a curtain wall. The freezing tanks are made from iron clad metal and also have reinforced concrete floors. Next to the freezing tanks is an office building.
Figure 23. (1915)- There are two store houses at this location. One is a brick store and the other is a concrete. The brick store made bricks for supplies, and the concrete building, made from concrete itself, makes concrete.

Figure 24. (1915)- There two buildings on this site. One is a pipe shop, and the other is a store house. There has been no information found on the pipe shop to date.
Figure 25. (1915) - The round house for the Atlantic Coast Railroad Co is located here. The massive round house was a service station for the trains. Train cars would typically need maintenance after 2-3 runs. The round house was constructed from plastered walls and brick.

Figure 26. (1915) - This was the site containing the Southern Express Company buildings. The buildings were mainly used as open space, shops, and offices for the Southern Express Company. Here we also have a lumber shed mainly used for storing wood.
Figure 27. (1950)- At this location, the Ice Company became the Wilmington Cold Storage Co., built with an awning over a concrete platform. The building is five stories and built from fire proof construction.

Figure 28. (1950)- On the corner of Hanover and 3rd streets was the General Storage building, and is since an empty lot.
Figure 29. (1950)- There are a few new buildings at this location. There is a boiler house and a storage building that contains some items of value including an air compressor.

Figure 30. (1950)- In the 509 block of North 3rd street there are now a variety of buildings. The first building is now a feed store as well as a hay feed storage facility. These buildings are constructed from concrete flooring.
Figure 31. (1950)- There is now a full service station in this location which includes a battery charging station and a filling station. These buildings are constructed from concrete floors and tile. Both buildings have skylights.

Figure 32. Block 217. 1898. This map includes the following information for the block: 413-419 N. Front: ACL Freight & General Offices; 2 floors, boiler under street corner at Red Cross & N. Front, Heat: steam, Lights: electric & gas, windows all along back wall, winds down Red Cross one block- 4 floors. 411 N. Front: Victor Hotel, James Madden (proprietor); 2 floors
Figure 33. (1904) Block 217. This map includes the following information for the block. Corner of Front & Red Cross: Atlantic RR offices- run by heat, steam, electric, and gas. Front & Walnut- tailor and grocery on 1st floor, dwelling/housing for grocer on 2nd floor (with brick wall that was plastered over) and basement [Fales Collection 0394: future site of saloon, year unknown] Nutt & Walnut- grocery warehouse; hardware warehouse
Figure 35, Block 217. 1915. This map includes the following information for the block: 409-419 N. Front- Atlantic Coast Line RR Offices- reinforced concrete walls and floors, fireproof except for roof, new extension down Red Cross connecting to building corner at Red Cross & Nutt streets (continued below), and ranges 3-5 floors depending on block/level. 417 ½ Front: part of ACLRR- previously offices. 403 N. Front: storage; wall on 2nd floor between 403-401 boarded up. 401 N. Front: storage. 402 Nutt: storage. 404 Nutt: storage. 406 ½ Nutt: Blacksmith; unchanged from previous map. 408-410 Nutt: Champion Compress & Warehouse Co.; cement floors, electric motor, cotton exp. 416 Nutt: storage. 420 Nutt: storage. 422-424 Nutt: (cont’d ACLRR offices); offices and file rooms- fireproof, built 1913- reinforced concrete frame, floors, and roof, 12” brick curtain walls, open elevator with 5 floors, further down at Nutt St is 6 floors, 72’ across Nutt St.
Additional

**504 N. Front**

1889  Jim King- Boarding House

**215 Red Cross (Block 233)**

1889  Borden, E. – Clerk

1897  Edward Borden, supt transportation ACL

1905  James Madden

**207 Red Cross- Block 233**

1889  Nolan, J.R.-superintendent Sea Coast R. R.

1897  William E Worth (WEW & Co), and vice president Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

and Loan assn  and sec-treas and gen mngr Universal Oil and Fertilizer Co

**219 Red Cross- Block 233**

1889  Raich, W. A.- Auditor

1897  John J Furlong (bds), carp

William McSween (bds), locomotive engineer

Charles D Wooten (Bds), locomotive engineer

1905  Emmett P Crow, clk ACL

George D Crow, chief clk to supt Relief Dept ACL

John E Crow, Wilmington Brokerage Co

William C Crow, C and Taylor

**205 Red Cross-Block 233**

1889  Mrs. M. F. Smith- Unknown occup

1897  James E Smith, contractor
Miss B Louise
John Williams, lab r
James E Smith

1905  George D Crew, clk
      George D Croom, barkpr WH Lamb
      Miss Louise B Smith

119 Red Cross- Block 232

1889  M. P. Taylor- Unknown occup.

1897  George P Taylor, clk
      Matthew P Taylor
      Matthew P Taylor Jr, MPT Jr & Co
      Robin Taylor, clk MP Taylor Jr & Co

114 Red Cross- Block 218

1889  Mrs. E. W. Thompson- unknown occup.

118 Red Cross- Block 218

1889  J. R. Williams- Agent southern express Co.

1897  Otto Banck, manager Robert Portner Brewing Co

209 Red Cross- Block 233

1889  W. E. Worth- ice house

210 Red Cross- Block 219

1889  R. H. Chasten- inspector

1905  Miss Cannie Chasten
      Mary E Chasten, wid John M

113 Red Cross- Block 232

1889  H. M. Emerson- Clerk A. C. L.

217 Red Cross- Block 233
1889  B. R. Moore- Solicitor Criminal Court
1897  John H Sweeney, engineer The Clarendon Water Wks Co
1905  Gilford Barnhill, appr
       Bisco C Bell, saw filer
       Miss Daisy E Bell
       Miss Nona G Bell
       Josie Moore, wid Benjamin

211 Red Cross-Block 233
1897  John H Davis, mstr carbldr ACL
1905  S Donaho, clk ACL
       B Tyrrel Morgan, clk ACL
       Harry Woodruff, condr
       Miss Hattie Woodruff
       Cyrus D Melton, clk Fruit Growers' Express

116 Red Cross- Block 218
1897  George V Harrell, bookkeeper MW Divine & CoBlock
       Miss Annie Hilton

115 Red Cross- Block 232
1897  Edward N Sprunt, cotton
1905  Horace M Emerson, traffic mngr ACL

117 Red Cross- Block 232
1897  Thomas E Sprunt, supt Champion Compress and Warehouse Co
1905  T Edward Sprunt, supt Champion Compress and Warehouse Co
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