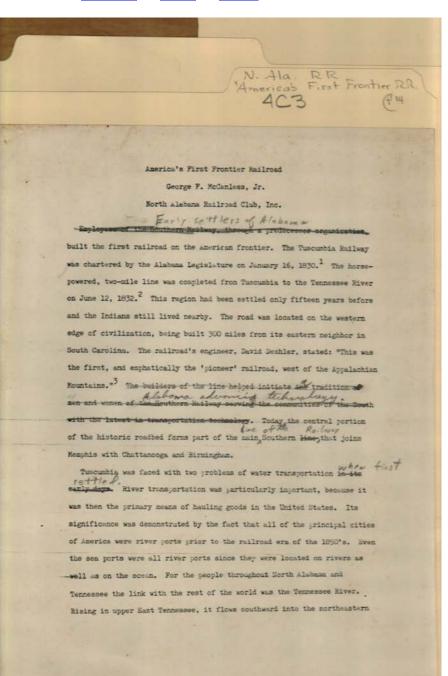
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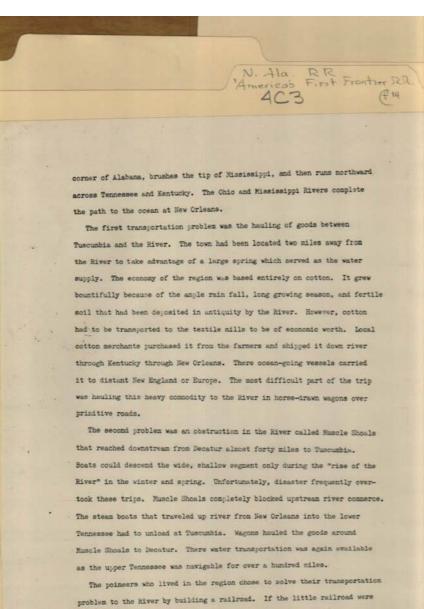
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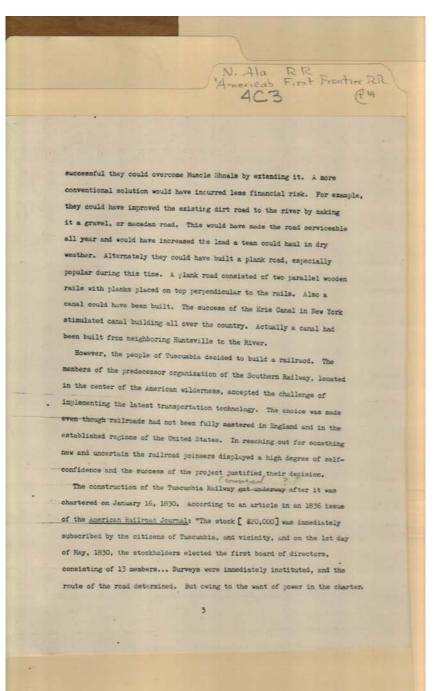
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North Alabama Railroad Club, Inc. Tuscumbia Railway America's First Frontier Railroad

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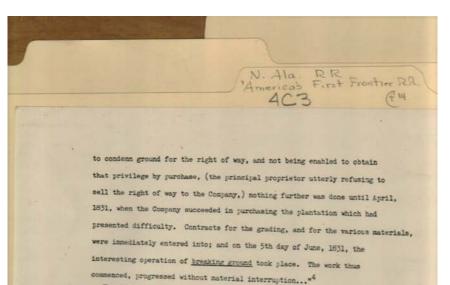
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The track was typical of those built elsewhere at the time. The engineer stated that: "The maximum inclination in the grade is 20 feet per mile. The construction is of cedar sleepers laid transversely of the road, 5 feet from centre to centre. Oak string pieces, 5 by 7 inches; capped with an iron rail, 2 inches by 1/2 an inch; width of track, 4 feet 9 1/4 inches, between the inner edges of the iron rails. [1 inch in excess of today's standard gage] One truss bridge 274 feet long, 86 feet high, (over a ravine.) and several enbankments of 15 feet in height, had to be built. This cost of the road is something under \$5,000 per mile.⁴⁵

The depot at the river was uniquely a product of the pioneer railroad builders; "In regard to the plan and location of the warehouse, it will probably suffice to say, that it is located upon an elevated point of land near the junction of Spring Greek with the Tennessee river. The building is 75 feet, in a parallel direction with the river, extending back 60 feet, three stories high, the first of atrong rubble masonry, the other two of brick work. The upper floor - being the one on a level with the Railroad is elevated above high water mark 62.37 feet, and above the lowest water mark 85.75. The front next the river is set back 105 feet, horizontal

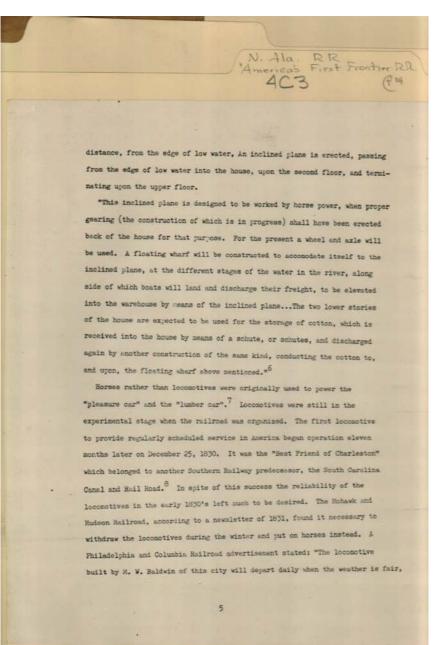
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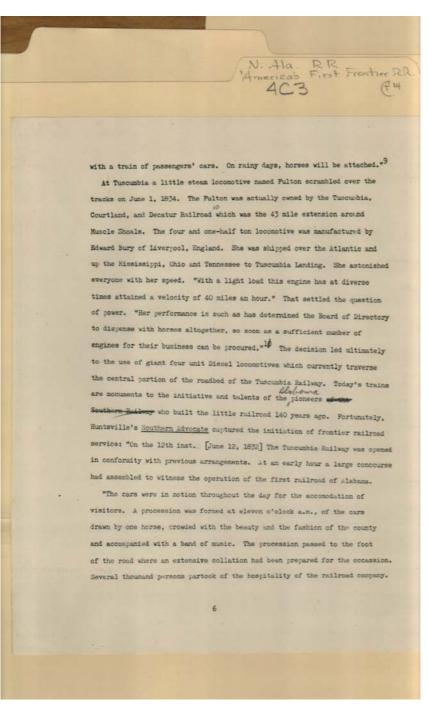
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Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur Railroad

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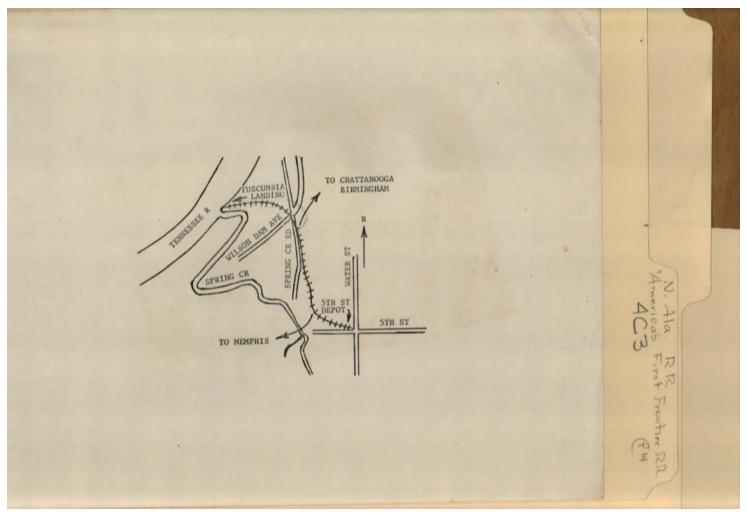
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