



Heaviest Building Moved On Rubber-Tired Dollies



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It's not every day you can watch a piece of history being moved. Even better is to be a part of the move. Such was the case recently when Edwards Moving & Rigging, Inc. of Shelbyville, Kentucky added to the lore of a one hundred two years old train station in Hamlet, North Carolina. The move took place in April 2003.

The of Town of Hamlet (TOH) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) began discussing the possibilities ten years earlier when NCDOT approached the TOH about restoring the structure using newly authorized Federal Enhancement Funds and new vitality to a grand ole lady, the State's only Victorian passenger station. Officials envisioned a fully renovated operational structure serving again as a passenger railway station a community center, a museum, meeting space, a gift shop and perhaps some additional office space. A third benefit, hopefully, is the renovation project will be a catalyst for economic redevelopment in downtown Hamlet.

The 442-tons V-shaped building, measuring 26' wide x 98' in

length for one section and 27' wide and 114' in length for a second section, was originally constructed for the Seaboard Airline Railroad (now known as CSX Transportation in 1900 at the junction of two major rail lines connecting Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington, North Carolina and Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia. As was the case in many other towns the railway people and products, spurred economic development, supported small

businesses and, in effect, helped build the community.

An important landmark, the station is listed, along with ...

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