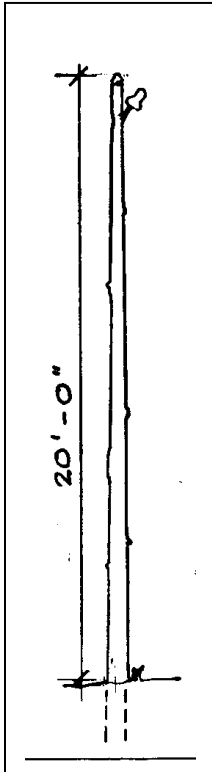


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### TELEGRAPH



- The **Augusta, Atlanta & Nashville Telegraph Company** operated along the W. & A. R. R. Telegraph poles were 24 feet long, with 4 feet in the ground; they were 4 inches in diameter @ the smaller end (*Report of Chief Eng., W. & A., Oct. 11, 1850*).<sup>1</sup>
- For a photograph of pole (ca. 1864), see George N. Barnard, *Photographic Views of Sherman's Campaign* (New York, New York: Dover Publications, 1977), p. 28.
- The office of the telegraph company was located on Alabama Street in Atlanta. By 1864 they were posting notices of telegraphs which could not be delivered for want of a proper address.<sup>2</sup>
- See Gordon Odegard, "Railroad line poles," *Model Railroader* 48 (October, 1981): 92-93.

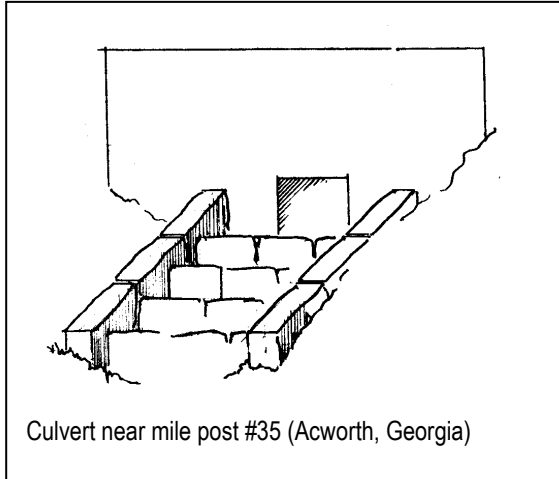


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<sup>1</sup> James Houstoun Johnston, *The Western and Atlantic Railroad of the State of Georgia* (Atlanta, Georgia: Georgia Public Service Commission, 1932), pp. 203-4.

<sup>2</sup> A. A. Hoehling, *Last Train from Atlanta* (New York, New York: Bonanza Books, 1958), p. 35.

## CULVERTS



## MILE POSTS



**Figure 1—ZERO MILE POST OF THE W&A RAILROAD<sup>3</sup>**

Western & Atlantic mile posts were “a square stone post about one foot in diameter and three foot high bearing the inscription ‘W.&A.R.R. #00’” at Atlanta to #138 at Chattanooga. Each mile a new post was set (#11 still stands in Vinings).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *The Atlanta Journal* (Monday, January 28, 1963), p. 12.

<sup>4</sup> Franklin M. Garret, *Yesterday's Atlanta* (Miami, Florida: E. A. Seemann, 1974), p. 12.