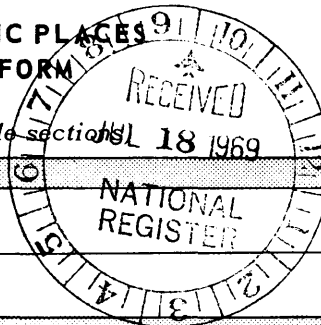


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Georgia</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Muscogee</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>69-07-10-0002</b>	DATE <b>7/29/69</b>



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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Walker-Peters-Langdon House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**716 Broadway**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Columbus**

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10** COUNTY: **Muscogee** CODE: **215**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural  Commercial  Educational  Entertainment  Government  Industrial  Military  Museum  Park  Private Residence  Religious  Scientific  Transportation  Other (Specify)  Headquarters of Historic Columbus Foundation Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**Historic Columbus Foundation, Incorporated**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**716 Broadway**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbus** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Muscogee County Court House Deed Book- H 1 Page 39**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Square**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbus** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1/2 acre**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic Columbus Building Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **June 1, 1967** Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Columbus Museum, Building Inspector's Office, Columbus and Muscogee County Planning Commission Office, Historic Columbus Foundation Headquarters**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Columbus** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architectural Data

The builder of the Walker-Peters-Langdon House established the perfect symmetry of the Federal Period. The house was built in regional "cottage" style patterned after the larger, more formal houses. The house rests solidly on a brick foundation and is balanced by brick chimneys at either end. The beautifully grained walnut front door, 3'2" x 7'2", is in the pattern of the "Cross and Open Bible". There is a small front porch with wooden railings and no roof. The clapboard siding has been attached with wooden pegs.

As is typical of Columbus cottages, the original house was built on a rectangular floorplan and consisted of a central hall flanked by one room on either side and a shed room at the left rear. There is also a full kitchen in the basement which has been recently restored by the Historic Columbus Foundation. The two side rooms measure 17' x 17', and the hallway 17' x 3'9"; the ceilings throughout are a relatively low 8'6". The floors, lovely 6" pine planks, run parallel to the street; the supporting floor beams are 4" x 4". There is a brick fireplace in each of the front rooms which bear similar wooden mantles. Measuring across the top of the mantle, they are 5' in length, and from the floor, they are 4'5" high; the width of the openings are 3'3½", and the depth of each is 2'4".

There are four windows in each room, two on the street (west) side and one on either side of the fireplaces (north wall). Many of the window panes contain the original handblown glass. The windows are 5'5½" in height and 2'3½" in width. The moldings around the windows and doors leading into the hallway are 5" wide rather than the standard 6"; the doors are 3' x 7'. The wainscots in the two side rooms measure 2'4½" from window sill to baseboard.

In approximately 1836 the Peters added a room behind each of the front rooms. Behind the left front room there is a smaller room, 9' x 12', which was originally a shed room. There is a beam in the ceiling which marks the original outside wall of the room; the area of the room from the beam to outside wall is 3'7" x 13'. The room at the right rear is 9'6" x 12'. Each of these rooms has a window in the east wall, 2'2" x 4'6"; the left rear room also has a window in the north wall of the same dimensions. There is an outside door in each of these rear rooms.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

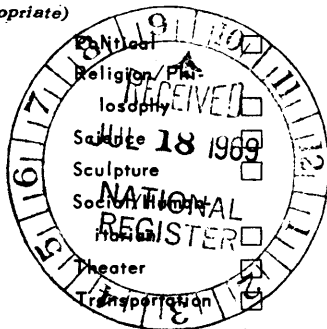
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1828**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                |              |                                     |                              |                                     |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal     | Education    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other (Specify)              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Historic       | Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <u>This house is in</u>      |                                     |
| Agriculture    | Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <u>our Historic District</u> |                                     |
| Art            | Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <u>and is to be included</u> |                                     |
| Commerce       | Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>in an urban renewal</u>   |                                     |
| Communications | Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <u>area.</u>                 |                                     |
| Conservation   | Military     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____                        |                                     |
|                | Music        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____                        |                                     |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Historic Data

The Walker-Peters-Langdon House is reported to be the oldest house in Columbus. It was built in 1828 and was in the Langdon family for about 118 years until it was purchased by Clason Kyle in 1967. The half-acre lot on which this house stands was purchased on July 17, 1828, by Virgil H. Walker. The original home and grave sites of this same Walker family have been found in neighboring Harris County some fifteen or twenty miles from Columbus. The Walkers are reputed to have been very wealthy and highly respected landowners in the early years of the state and to have owned over 1,000 slaves. Considering the fact that twenty miles was an all day journey in those days, it seems probable that Virgil Walker built the cottage on Broad Street as a town house for himself and his family. There are definite architectural similarities in the two buildings, both of which are basically in the Federal Style.

In 1836, Mr. Walker sold the town house to Mrs. Dicey Peters, wife of Nat Peters. The Peters family, consisting of one son and several daughters, had lived about seven miles outside of the city at the present site of the Columbus Water Works. Mr. Peters, fearing an Indian attack on the north side of town, moved his family to the safety of town. At her death in 1849, Mrs. Peters willed the house to her daughter, Francis, who was married to William Bronson Langdon of Connecticut.

The house now belongs to the Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. and serves as the Foundation's Headquarters. The cottage has been restored and furnished and is open to the public as a House Museum Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Worsley, Etta Blanchard, Columbus on the Chattahoochee

Deed Book H 1, Page 39 obtainable from Joseph Mahan, curator Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Janice P. Biggers, Executive Vice-President, Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.** DATE: **June 1, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**716 Broadway (P.O. Box 5312)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbus** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewett  
 Title State Liaison Officer  
 Date July 11, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JUL 29 1969

ATTEST:  
William J. Schutts  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date JUL 29 1969

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