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3rd Congressional District

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: GEORGIA	
COUNTY: Muscogee	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 1 1972

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Christian Fellowship Association

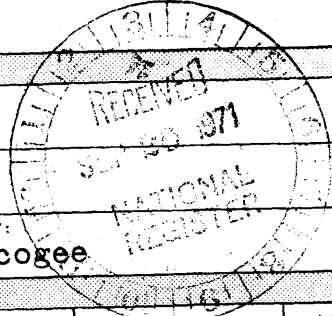
AND/OR HISTORIC:
THE WYNN HOUSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1240 Wynnton Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus,

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input 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: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Christian Fellowship Association

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1240 Wynnton Road

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus, STATE: Georgia 31906 CODE: 13

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deed Books - Muscogee County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus, STATE: Georgia 31901 CODE: 13

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9/10's of an acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Columbus Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 6-1-67 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Columbus Foundation - 716 Broadway, Columbus, Ga.
Building Inspector's Office, City of Columbus, Ga.
Columbus Museum of Arts & Crafts, Columbus, Ga.
Community Development Division, City of Columbus, Ga.

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

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"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed during the late 1830's, the Wynn House features the Greek revival type architecture so popular in the ante-bellum South. The large white house has tall Doric columns on three sides, a widow's walk over the front door, and a cupola. The side porches, or "piazzas" are flat-roofed, and are located on either side of a "pedimented portico."

At the time the estate was sold by its original owner, Col. William L. Wynn, it covered over 100 acres. The house was located at some distance from Wynnton Road, with servants quarters in the rear.

Henry Hurt, the house's second owner, added the marble mantels. When the house passed from the hands of its third owner, Hines Holt, to Tom Cooper (1905) it was moved some 300 feet to its present site at the front of the lot overlooking Wynn's Hill.

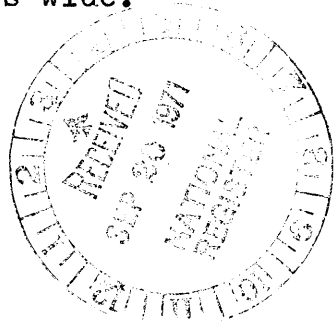
The Wynn House was later bought by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Butler, who completely restored the home.

The Christian Fellowship Association, now headquartered in the historic house, has recently restored the downstairs front rooms which were almost completely destroyed by fire in 1968. Master craftsmen were employed to restore to their original beauty the fine wide plank floors, lovely woodwork of the window casings, plaster moldings including ceiling medallions and door casing capitals.

The pair of crystal and bronze chandeliers, each measuring 42 inches in diameter, were made in Vienna for the C.F.A. The gilded Victorian over-mantel mirror in the music room was the gift of the late Mrs. S. C. Butler. Furnishings are of Victorian, Empire, and traditional 18th Century periods.

The accompanying floor plan was used during the 1969 restoration and illustrates the grandeur of the home.

There are beveled and leaded glass transoms over the main entrance; doors that are 10-1/4 inches in height and 7 feet 2-1/4 inches in width. The side lights are of the same glass, and are 8 inches wide.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

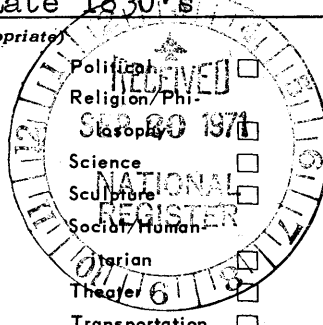
- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Late 1830's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Slavery <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>History</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Architecture</u> |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | War <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |



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

The Wynn House was built by Colonel William L. Wynn, one of Columbus' earliest and most prominent residents. Located in the Wynnton section (named for Colonel Wynn), the large estate was situated east of the original city. Colonel Wynn was active in government, educational, social and religious affairs in Columbus. He served as a representative to the State Legislature in 1832, was a co-founder of the Wynnton Academies, and was a Methodist minister. His home was often the scene of large social gatherings.

The second owner of the estate, Henry Hurt, was a bachelor who never lived there. Tradition has it that he was engaged to be married, but that the marriage never took place.

In 1855, the house and grounds were sold to Colonel Hines Holt for \$14,000. Colonel Holt was a distinguished attorney and statesman. He served as City Attorney in 1843, and as a delegate to the Milledgeville Convention in 1861, where the decision to secede from the Union was made (Colonel Holt voted against secession). He also served as a representative to the Confederate Congress. After the War-Between-the-States, he was elected as a delegate from Columbus to serve Georgia during the Reconstruction Period.

Colonel Holt was well remembered by Columbus citizens for his rousing oratory on the occasion of Henry Clay's visit to Columbus during his presidential campaign. Holt delivered the welcoming address, "a long speech, to which he (Mr. Clay) eloquently replied."

The Holt family retained the home until Tom Cooper bought it early in the 20th Century. During the time Mr. Cooper owned the house, it was moved 300 feet by mulepower. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Butler bought it in the late 1920's, and lived there until the late 1950's when the Christian Fellowship Association purchased it for their headquarters following a short period of ownership by James Waldo Woodruff, Jr.

As the Christian Fellowship Association it serves the community as a non-profit institution offering educational and

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Mrs. J. S. Williams (Granddaughter of S. C. Butlers) Feb. 28, 1971 - both by Mrs. O. L. Betts, III

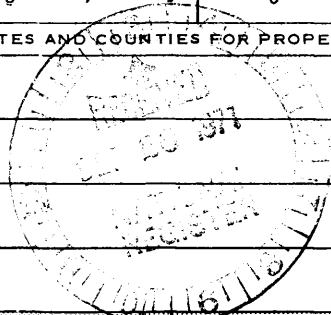
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		32° 27' 57" N	84° 58' 28" W	
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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:
 Mrs. James J. W. Biggers, Jr., Executive Vice President

ORGANIZATION: Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. DATE: 3-23-71

STREET AND NUMBER:
 716 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus, STATE: Georgia 31901 CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 September 13, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 1 1972

ATTEST:
William M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 20 1972

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recreational facilities for all ages.

Deeds Recorded:

From State of Georgia - William L. Wynn, 60 acres Coweta Reserve plus Lots 35, 36, 37 - April, 1833. Public Auction, \$530.

- F 125 Henry Hurt from William L. Wynn, Pt. lot 60CR Pt. lots 35, 36, 37 \$6,500 plus home, 1852.
- H 225 Hines Holt from Henry Hurt, 100 acres, Pt. Lot 60, Pt. lots 35, 36, 37, former home of William L. Wynn, \$14,000. 1855.
- UU 208 J. T. Cooper from Hines Holt's children, 18 acres and home, \$12,000. 1905.
- 112-67 Mary E. Butler from Cooper children, Cooper homeplace, 1932.
- 653-228 James W. Woodruff from Mary E. Butler, 1958.
- 653-233 Christian Fellowship Association from James W. Woodruff, Sr., James W. Woodruff, Jr., J. Barnett Woodruff, Ethel W. Draper, and Emily Woodruff for \$10.00 and exchange of properties. Made and entered into on May 27, 1958; filed May 28, 1958. Recorded May 30, 1958.

As stated above, this house is located in the Wynnton section. As is true of several areas of Columbus, the existing subdivision is named from the original "Great House" in the area. Wynnton is one of Columbus' most prominent sections, and The Wynn House dominates this neighborhood. Though there are several Greek Revival structures in Columbus, this house is of prime importance because of its history as well as its present-day function.

According to a recently passed Columbus zoning ordinance, any house accepted by the National Register will be given a "Landmark Status" locally. This means that all alterations, improvements, partial demolitions, et cetra, will be subject to review by the local Board of Historic and Architectural Review. This is of prime importance to The Wynn House, as it is situated on a United States Highway (U.S. 80), which is zoned for commercial uses.

Every protection must be given this beautifully sited, really distinctive Greek Revival period house.