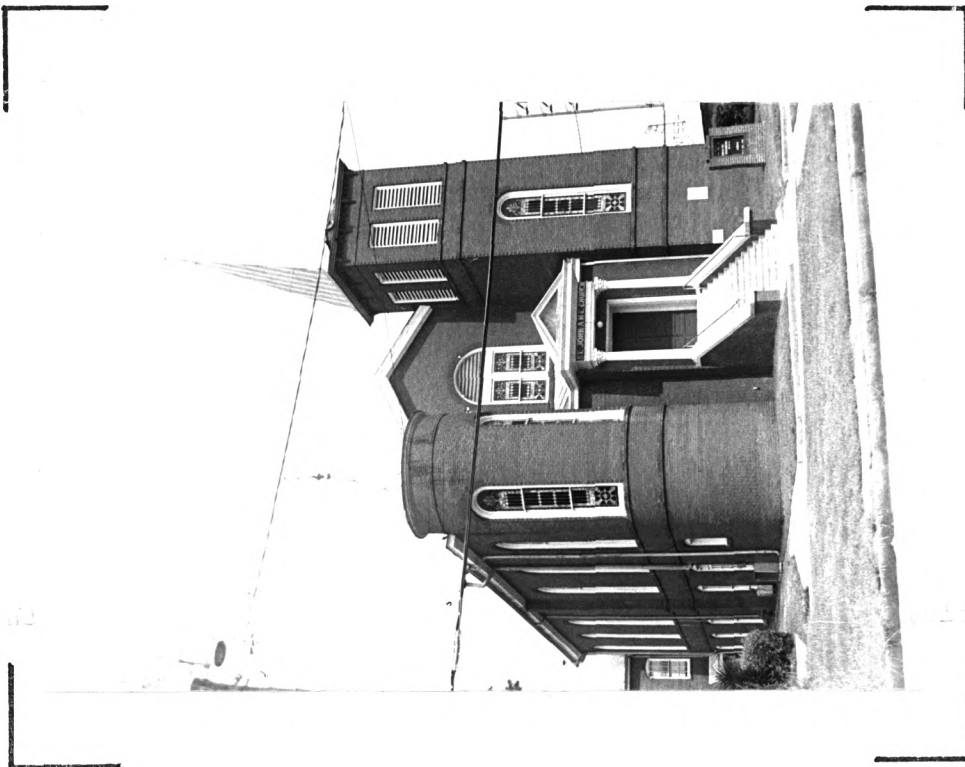


I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: St. John A.M.E. Church HISTORIC NAME: In 1870, the congregation used the name, "St. John Chapel"</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: 1516 5th Avenue CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: St. John A.M.E Church MAILING ADDRESS: 1516 5th Avenue ATTN: Minister</p> <p>CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Church ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689250-3594650</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 17/16/3</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian; one story tall on raised basement with one story round tower to north and two story square tower to south, rectangular floor plan, gable roof, one story classical revival front porch with pediment over projecting front entrance; stretcher bond brick construction, seamed metal roof; details consist of two string courses which visually divides the basement from the main floor, rounded arch window openings have tri-partite stained glass windows, front facade has three bays, the outer bays consist of the round tower with conical roof and the two story square tower with pyramidal roof and corbelling under the eaves, central bay has double leafed doors above which is a two part round arch stained glass window; property surrounded by (Cont'd)</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: congregation ORIGINAL USE: church</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1870; basement erected 1890. DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1908 addition of stained glass windows, bathrooms, kitchen, and (Cont'd)</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This sanctuary was built in 1870 and named, "St. John Chapel." This congregation, which later changed the church's name to "St. John A.M.E.," was an outgrowth of the mother church, "St. James A.M.E."</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecture</u>: This church is significant as a simple form of Victorian Gothic Church building as interpreted by the black community. The confusing <u>cornerstone which claims the building was built in 1870 with the basement erected in 1890, suggests that this church was originally wooden and in 1890 it was raised , a basement added and it was bricked in. Evidence suggests it was re-bricked in 1908 at a second renovation. Its round tower and conical roof are one of a kind in Columbus.</u> <u>Religion</u>: St John A.M.E. Church is significant for religious reasons, as its mother church, St. James A.M.E. is the second oldest church of the denomination in Georgia (St. Phillips in Savannah being the oldest). Thus, St. John A.M.E. is the second oldest A.M.E. congregation</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC (Cont'd) b) Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation</p> <p>ADDRESS: b) Janice P. Biggers TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 a) P.O. Box 1908, Cols., Ga. 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols., Ga. b) (404)322-0756</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Unpublished "History of St. John A.M.E.," submitted by pastor, (a copy of this history is now in the files of Historic Columbus Foundation).</p> <p>Cornerstone.</p>



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: c. 1900 shotgun homes with car alignment service to the South; landscaping consists of a grass lawn; good condition.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: in Columbus.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: see National Register nomination for St. James A.M.E. Church, Columbus, Georgia.

DATES OF ALTERATIONS: "choir stand"; post-1908 general renovation.

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