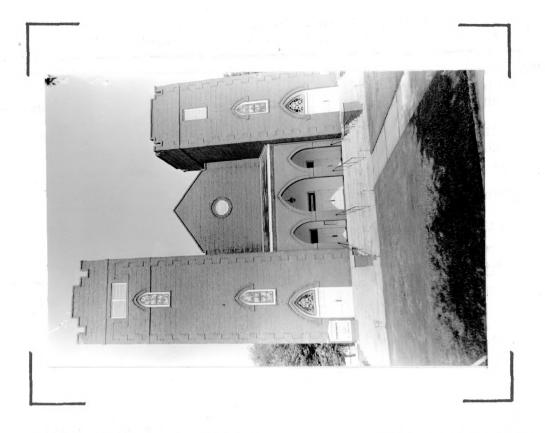
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	GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERT		
	PROPERTY NAME: First African Baptist	HISTORIC NAME: First African Baptist Church	
IDENTIFICATION	Church STREET ADDRESS: 901 5th Avenue	CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee	
	PRESENT OWNER: First African Baptist Church, ATTN: Minister	MAILING ADDRESS: 901 5th Avenue	
	CITY: Columbus	STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901	
	CURRENT USE: Church	ACREAGE: Less than one acre	
н.	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL	U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689240-3593340	
	V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 19/13/18	•	
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Gothic Revival; two stories, rectangular plan with apse to rear, gable roof, porch on facade between towers; brick laid in common bond with balloon frame, asphalt shingle roof; front facade details include two square towers, the northernmost is three stories tall and the southernmost is four stories tall, openings are pointed arches, towers have rectangular louvered vents for ventilation and gable end has round vent, corners are corbelled brick to simulate quions, towers have crenelated parapets, front porch section has three recessed entrances; interior has central and side aisles which lead from narthex to apse; situated among residential Victorian and Greek Revival residences (cont'd) ORIGINAL OWNER: congregation ORIGINAL USE: same as today		
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	
III. HISTORY	1840's as an outgrowth of Columbus' First sanctuary in 1915 at a cost of \$75,000.00,	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:c. 1950 classroom wing added to north of church building. ENT): This congregation was organized in the early Baptist Church. The worshippers built the present after occupying three previous sanctuaries. The African Baptist Church," when established in the	
	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Ar	chitecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local	
CE	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL A	ND HISTORICAL): Architecture: This church is an	

IV.SIGNIFICAN(example of a very simple form of Gothic architecture. The only ornamentation on the church is the pointed arch windows with stained glass, and the quions which are a part of the brickwork. This building suggests the trends in architecture within the black community in the early 20th century. Religion: The First African Baptist Church has been an established congregation for 140 years, an offspring of the local Baptist church; it is the oldest black congregation in Columbus.

OURCES	FORM PREPARED BY:a) Nancy Alexander Roger HarrisORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC b) Historic Columbus Foundationb) Janice P. Biggers ADDRESS:b) Historic Columbus FoundationADDRESS:a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER:a) (404)324-4221 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901b) (404)322-0756REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:Historic Structures Field Survey:County, Georgia.1976 state survey,Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.
ν. S	SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Barbara Bogart and Margaret Laney Whitehead. <u>City of Progress</u> : <u>A History of Columbus, Georgia</u> . Columbus, Georgia:
	Columbus Office Supply Company, 1979, pp. 70-72.



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USE SPACE BELOW FOR CONTINUATION FROM FRONT, SKETCH PLANS OR MAPS, ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ETC. <u>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION</u>: and c. 1900 commercial buildings; landscaping consists of grass, to the north is a small formal garden centered around a cast iron crane fountain, good condition.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Cornerstone

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