

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Custom Corner Ceramics HISTORIC NAME: Church Furniture Store</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: N. Washington Street CITY: Clarkesville</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Tom Head MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 63</p> <p>CITY: Clarkesville STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30523</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Ceramic Shop ACREAGE: Approximately 0.17 acres</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Clarkesville U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E268430 N3833030</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: CL-15-51</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-story brick commercial building; brick walls laid in running bond, highlighted by projecting brick piers which may contain internal framing; storefronts of simple design with large plate glass windows and transoms framed in wood; other windows have metal, industrial-type sash, with brick sills and flat brick lintels of "soldier" or upright bond; recessed "signboard" with decorative brickwork patterns at front cornice; loft-type interior; on corner, one block from town square, at edge of business district, bordered by non-historic commercial properties to northwest; good condition.</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: Cornelius Church ORIGINAL USE: Furniture Store</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Cornelius Church HISTORIC ACREAGE: Same city lot.</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1927 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Awning-recent</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Cornelius Church built this structure in 1927 as a furniture store. The second floor was used for a funeral home and later rented for the local post office. Furniture store was relocated in building beside this structure in 1951, and funeral home moved to new location on Washington Street in 1950's</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Commerce LEVEL: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, this building is significant as a good local example of the simple, utilitarian, "modern" commercial buildings of the 1920's. Buildings like this are found in almost every Georgia town and reflect an evolutionary modernization of the standard late Victorian commercial building. In its pier and panel wall system and its industrial sash it also reflects some awareness of early 20th century "modern" architecture, even if just its barest functional aspects. It is one of two historic buildings of its type in Clarkesville. In terms of <u>commerce</u>, the building is significant for housing (CONTD)</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: A) Dale Jaeger, Planner ORGANIZATION: A) Georgia Mtns APDC B) Richard Cloues, Architectural Historian B) Historic Preser. Sec, DNR</p> <p>ADDRESS: A) P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, GA GATELEPHONE NUMBER: A) 404/536-3431 B) 270 Washington St. Atlanta B) 404/656-2840</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: NONE</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Mr. Marler Church</p>



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For sketch plan, SEE Inventory Form #12,
Cornelius Church Residence

CONTINUATION

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

the Church Furniture Company, an important local early 20th century retail establishment and a type which is commonly found in historic business districts of small towns. Cornelius Church, owner of the furniture company, also operated a funeral home in this building and for several years leased space to the post office. In terms of local history, the building is significant for its association with Cornelius Church, a local businessman, developer, and builder, whose garage and home are across Green Street.