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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gould-Weed House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENTUSE
DISTRICT	PUBLIC		AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	<u>X</u> private	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	X_YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Owners [see attached list]

STREET & NUMBER

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
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STREET & NUMBER

1977 DEPOSITORY FOR Greene Street

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

	Historic	Structures	Field	Survey:	Richmond	County,	Georgia
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SURVEY RECORDS	Historic	Preservation	Section,	Ga.	Dept.	of	Natural	Resources
CITY, TOWN							STATE	

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

X_excellent	
GOOD	
FAIR	

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gould-Weed House is a large, two-story frame dwelling with raised basement and low attic stories. The rectangular block of the building, covered by a hipped roof with cave brackets, is topped by an octagonal cupola. The eaves of the cupola are also supported by brackets. Stairs, which curve slightly outward at their base, lead to a portico of paired Corinthian columns complete with entablature and dentil molding, and a balustrade at the parapet level. The central entrance door is framed by rectangular side and transom lights enclosed in simple flat wooden moldings. A tall rectangular window with narrow side lights under a triangular pediment reflects this treatment in the second story. Regularly-spaced, tall, six-over-nine light windows and six-over-six light windows above are framed in flat moldings and capped with entablatures. Wooden shutters for these and for the low, horizontal openings of the attic story complete the window detailing. Windows in the north and east facade are framed in a similar fashion to those of the west front. Reflecting the front entrance doorway, the doorways of the rear facade on the east are framed by rectangular side and transom lights in wooden moldings supporting entablature-like features. Wide porches with their slender posts tied together by delicate wooden cut-work extend across this facade at the first- and second-story levels. Brick piers define this space at the basement level. Along the south facade, which faces Walton Way, the windows are given special emphasis. Two sets of openings are grouped in threes. Those of the basement and first stories project from the wall surface. The tall first-story arched windows are elaborately framed by Corinthian pilasters and entablature. A balustrade defines a narrow balcony space above these units in front of the tall, triple rectangular openings framed in moldings and entablatures of the second story.

Inside, the original four-room, central-hall plan serves as the basic layout for the new condominiums which have been created there. Some interior details, such as two remaining white-marble mantels and plaster ceiling medallions have been restored. Other features still intact include paneling under window sills; fireplaces in most rooms, some with marble arches; straight-run stairs with turned rails; four panel doors, some arched at the top; and original pine flooring.

On the southeast corner of the property stands a one-story, octagonally-shaped, piano gatehouse. The eaves have turned moldings and the roof is capped by a spire. A brick wall also encloses the property. Both appear to be contemporary with the main house.

This nomination includes only the Gould-Weed House and the gatehouse at the southeast corner of the nominated property. The several brick condominum units which have been built behind the Gould-Weede House are not included in this nomination.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
X 1800-1899	XCOMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION		
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SPECIFIC DATES 1861 BUILDER/ARCHITECT						

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gould-Weed House is an important historical and architectural landmark in the history of Augusta. Its associations with Artemus Gould, the Reverend Edmund Weede, and Broad Oaks School connect it integrally with the economic and social evolution of Augusta in the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Its fine Italianate styling breaks with the Greek Revival traditions of the South and reveals a keen awareness of contemporary domestic architectural ideas. In addition, the house and property established the geographical center point in the incorporation of Summerville in 1861.

The Gould-Weed House is Italianate in style. Italianate architecture is unusual in Georgia, where the traditions of the Plantation Plain and the Greek Revival dominated the first half of the nineteenth century, and where the Civil War further stifled architectural developments at mid-century. The presence of the Gould-Weed House in Augusta must be regarded as a rare example of contemporary, mid-nineteenth-century architecture in Georgia. Furthermore, the Gould-Weed House is a fine example of the Italianate style of domestic architecture. Its plan is square, its massing is cubical, with sheer walls, deep overhanging eaves, and a hipped roof surmounted by an octagonal cupola. Other details appropriate to the Italianate style include the entry portico, the paired bay windows with round heads, the modillion-like brackets and evebrow windows under the eaves, and the classically-derived window lin-Interior detailing, including the stairways, fireplaces and mantels, tels. and moldings are also characteristically Italianate. The two-story rear porch is a typically Southern adaptation of the style to the climate.

The Gould-Weed House was built in 1860-61 by William H. Goodrich for Artemus Gould. Mr. Gould, born in Phillipston, Massachusetts, in 1796, moved to Augusta in the late 1830s. His financial interests and activities during the next three decades helped shape an important transitional period in Augusta's economic development. By 1840, he was a major stockholder in the Bank of Augusta. During this first decade of Gould's career in Augusta, he was co-owner of a prosperous wholesale grocery establishment. By the 1850s, he was an early investor in textile manufacturing in Augusta. The period after the incorporation of the Augusta Canal Company in 1845 until the Civil War is important in marking an early attempt by Augustans to develop local

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textile factories. In 1859, Artemus Gould was one of the original investors in the Augusta Factory, a company formed with money and equipment of the Augusta Manufacturing Company and the appropriation of a charter originally given to the McBean Company. This unique combination of money and laissez faire corporate charter enabled the Augusta Factory to prosper during the war and Reconstruction periods.

Gould's further involvement in Augusta's economic development is marked by his interests in several of the city's banks. He was president of the City Bank of Augusta in 1861 and an incorporator of the People's Savings Bank in 1862. He was also a director of the Planter's and Merchant Bank.

Artemus Gould's involvement in Augusta's social development includes his lengthy concern with the Augusta Orphan Asylum. From its incorporation in 1852, until his death in 1870, Gould managed the Asylum's finances. In addition, in 1868, he gave a large sum of money for the construction of the Church of the Good Shepherd, which still stands near the Gould-Weed House on Walton Way.

Thus, the Gould-Weed House is an excellent example of the taste of a wealthy Augusta capitalist at the onset of the Civil War. The area in which the house is located has been associated with wealthy Augustans since the mideighteenth century. Commonly known as "The Hill," the area occupies the sand hills which rise immediately to the west of the downtown district. It was early used as a summer retreat by those who could afford to leave their permanent homes in the lowland near the Savannah River. The location was felt to provide protection from the various fevers which ravaged the area during the hot summer months. The construction of the Gould-Weede House marks the beginning of permanent settlement of the area by Augustans.

In 1871, after Gould's death, the house was occupied by the Reverend Edmund Weede, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The Reverend Weede later became Bishop of Florida. From the 1920s until the 1940s, the house served as the Broad Oaks School, run by two English women for the children of the area's winter residents. After a period of serving as a boardinghouse, the Gould-Weed House underwent restoration in the late 1960s. During the restoration, the house was divided into three condominiums. This arrangement has not significantly altered the integrity of the original plan or exterior detailing. The house appears today substantially the same as it did during the 1860s. It serves as a vitally important historic and architectural landmark for this area.

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10. Verbal Boundary Description

of the Gould's Corner parking lot; then south-southwest approximately 180 feet, more or less along the east-southeastern edge of the parking lot; then east-southeast approximately 20 feet and south-southwest approximately 28.5 feet, to include the octagonal gatehouse within the boundaries; then west-northwest approximately 220 feet along Walton Way to the point of origin. [See attached sketch map.]

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