

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 372

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 303 11th Street HISTORIC NAME: 303 11th Street  
 STREET ADDRESS: 303 11th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee  
 PRESENT OWNER: William Cook, Stephen W., John F. & Francis B. Schley III MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1906  
 CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31902  
 CURRENT USE: Private dwelling ACREAGE: Less than one acre  
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689000-3593760  
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/20/1

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Classic Revival--one story with Roman Classicism 4 Tuscan columned portico with pediment roof of possible later addition. One story frame, weatherboard siding with high pitched asphalt shingle roof. Side Portico of later addition to match front portico. Both porches have vertical square balusters with simple top and bottom rail. Two pedimented dormers on front are of late addition. Windows are symmetrical on front facade and are 9/9 double hung sash. Entry is transomed single door with full height side lights. Either side of sidelights is horizontal flush siding the width of the portico. Proportions of central hall plan are extended horizontally. Neighborhood (CONT.)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: ORIGINAL USE: Private dwelling  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1845-1850 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 2 story addition at rear houses apartment addition, c. 1920.  
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This house is apparently the one represented at this address in the drawn-to-scale sketch on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895. Miss Mary Johnson is listed at this address from 1891 - 1918. She is listed as a schoolteacher. By 1923, William H. Tucker, associate editor of The Enquirer-Sun (now called The Columbus Enquirer, one of two daily newspapers in Columbus) was living here with his wife, Frances. Also here was the Tuckers' son, William Clifford ("Cliff"), who was city editor of The Enquirer Sun.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local  
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): (Local History): This house is significant as it was the home of Miss Mary Johnson, a schoolteacher, who lived here from the early 1890's until 1918. The house is also significant as it was the home of the William Henry Tucker Family in 1923. Tucker joined "The Enquirer" in 1900 and was editor of the newspaper until his death in 1927. His son "Cliff" has been called "one of Georgia's most respected newsmen" and was also editor of "The Enquirer". Although this house was probably built in the 1840's or early 1850's, its above named inhabitants were most likely representative of the "white collar" individuals who first lived here. (CONT.)

V. SOURCES

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 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.  
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Columbus City Directories (1891-1923).

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ROLL NO. <sup>9</sup> FRAME NO. <sup>10</sup> NEGATIVES FILED: Historic Columbus Foundation  
700 Broadway  
DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: North Columbus, Georgia 31901

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: is transitional to offices and institutional buildings. Lot is flat with large ornamental shrubs at front and large Crepe Myrtle along 3rd Avenue. House and additions are well maintained.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: Significant for its Roman classical verticalism rarely found in Columbus, this building displays handsome woodwork around the trabeated central entrance.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

"Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.", March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. (a copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).

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