NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) JUL 18 1969 1. NAME COMMON the Joseph House NATIONAL REGIST AND/OR HISTORIC: 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE Columbus Muscogee CODE Georgia 10 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY OWNERSHIP S (Check One) Z Public Public Acquisition: District Building X Occupied Private In Process X Unoccupied Site Structure Being Considered Both Object PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government Transportation X Commercial Industrial α Prívate Residence Other (Specify) Educational Military Religious Museum Scientific Entertainment OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNERS NAME Gertrude Joseph Wood STREET AND NUMBER: Broadway ш STATE: CITY OR TOWN: Columbus Georgia 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Muscogee County Court House Deed Book 736 Page 297 Court House Square Columbus Georgia APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3/5 acre REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic Columbus Building Inventory

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Architectural Data

Although the Deed Book does not mention buildings on this lot until 1861, the style of the Joseph House is characteristic of the period of the 1840's and perhaps even earlier. This house is an early example of attaching Gothic wood trim to a Greek Revival building. The house is large with ten rooms and a central hallway; however, it remains in the "cottage" category rather than that of the great house. There are five large rooms and one smaller room at the left of the hallway and four on the right. Each room contains three very large windows, and the floors are six inch oak planks which run parallel to the street and are continous throughout the house. The ceilings throughout the house are fifteen feet high. There is a long ell at the left rear of the building which houses an old-fashioned kitchen.

A wide veranda runs the length of the west side of the building and around a portion of the North and South sides. There are ten, slender, wooden columns which support the roof over the veranda. Each of these has ornamental wooden brackets. The exterior West wall has been plastered, probably to emphasize the large front door which is flanked and crested by small windows. the rest of the house has clapboard siding. It is primarily a wood structure which rests on a brick foundation.

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Historical Data

According to the Deed Book the property at \$28 Broadway seems to have changed hands many times during its early years. It was first purchased in 1842 by William B. Langdon for the sum of \$250 . Mr. Langdon was the son-in-law of Mrs. Dicey Peters the second owneroccupant of the Walker-Peters-Langdon House. In September of that same year Langdon sold the Joseph House to Joseph L. Morton for \$1,500, who in turn sold it to Lewis W. Wells for \$2216 in June, 1844. next owner was Henry H. Epping who acquired the property in 1851, for \$3500. Miss Leo Epping married the second George Parker Swift. In 1852 Mr. Epping sold the property to John McGough for \$3500; Isaac Joseph purchased it from Mr. McGough in 1861 for \$5,000. It is at this point in the deed that buildings are first mentioned in connection with the property; however, the house seems to date from an earlier The house was probably built by William Langdon in 1842. This house is one of the oldest in the Historic District and has been in the Joseph family for over one hundred years. fern vines which shade the veranda were brought up the river from Apalachicola, Florida, on one of the steamboats of the line of which Mr. Joseph was President. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph were one of the first couples to be married in the old Episcopal Church on First Avenue.

Mr. Joseph added a batchelor quarters at the rear of the house for his sons. Soon after the Civil War Mr. Joseph purchased the rose garden behind the Joseph House which still flourishes today. Mrs. Gertrude Joseph Wood is the current owner-occupant of the house.

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