IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: The William H. Denson House HISTORIC NAME: The William H. Denson House

STREET ADDRESS: 930 5th Avenue

CITY: Columbus

COUNTY: Muscogee

PRESENT OWNER: E. B. Coffee

MAILING ADDRESS: 930 5th Avenue

CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia

ZIP CODE: 31901

CURRENT USE: Private Dwelling

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL

U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689270-3593460

**V.B.D.** OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 19/13/14

HISTORY

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Eastlake; one story, ell plan, truncated hip roof with gable over ell, two interior chimneys have been removed, front porch runs from projecting ell to the end of the house; weatherboard frame construction, brick foundation, asphalt shingle roof; front facade consists of five bays, two on ell and three on main facade, gable end roof has boxed cornice returns and diamond vent, porch has turned supports and balusters, spool gingerbread; interior is variation of central hall plan with four rooms; situated in residential area of late Victorian cottages with some commercial intrusions; landscaping consists of grass and shrubbery around the house; good condition.

ORIGINAL OWNER: William H. Denson

ORIGINAL USE: Private Dwelling

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca.1904

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This address is listed for the first time in the city directory of 1904. William H. Denson, an agent for the National Correspondence School(s), Scranton, Pa., is listed here with his wife, Mattie. However, by 1906, Alexander H. Rowe, a grocer, is listed at this address with his wife, Mamie.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Local History: This house is significant as it was apparently built for William H. Denson, an agent for an out-of-state correspondence school. Architecture: This house is significant as one of very few Eastlake cottages in the downtown black area. It and its neighbor are exact copies of one another with the plans reversed.

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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 (1904-1906).

SOURCES



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