

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

No. 406

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| I. IDENTIFICATION | PROPERTY NAME: The Ernest Woodruff House | HISTORIC NAME: Same |
| | STREET ADDRESS: 1414 2nd Avenue | CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee |
| | PRESENT OWNER: Historic Columbus Foundation | MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5312 |
| | CITY: Columbus | STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31906 |
| | CURRENT USE: Rental Property | ACREAGE: Less than one acre |
| | U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL | U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688875-3594440 |
| | V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/13/10 | |
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| II. DESCRIPTION | <p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Greek Revival cottage. 1 story raised foundation. Low pitched hip roof with 2 interior chimneys, porch is full width of house and covered with flat roof supported by Corinthian Columns and full entablature. Balustrade is series of turned pillars with classic coping; weatherboard siding; symmetrical front facade with trabeated door and 2 large windows in architrave trim on either side of door. Variation of center hall plan w/ later rear addition. Generally flat site with several large deciduous trees. House is generally in good repair.</p> |
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| III. HISTORY | ORIGINAL OWNER: Probably Ernest Woodruff | ORIGINAL USE: Private dwelling |
| | ARCHITECT/BUILDER: | HISTORIC ACREAGE: |
| | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1888-1889 | DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: |
| | <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This house was apparently built around 1888 or 1889. A drawn-to-scale sketch appears on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 or 1895. Ernest and Emily Winship Woodruff were living here when their first child, Robert Winship Woodruff, was born in December of 1889. Ernest Woodruff is listed at this address in the city directory of 1891-1892, although George Waldo Woodruff, Ernest's father, was here by 1894, along with Henry Lindsay Woodruff, Ernest's brother. George W. Woodruff is listed here again in the 1896 directory and apparently remained at this address as late as 1906.</p> | |

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| IV. SIGNIFICANCE | N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History | LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local |
| | <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Local History</u>: This house, located in what was once Columbus' elite "High Uptown" neighborhood, is significant as it was the home of various members of the Woodruff Family of Columbus and Atlanta. Ernest Woodruff, who apparently first resided here, was associated with Columbus' Empire Mills (which was owned and operated by the Woodruff Family) when he lived in this house. He later moved to Atlanta and became president of the Atlanta Railway and Power Co., and a director of the Coca-Cola Co. His son, Robert Winship Woodruff, who was born in this house, is known as one of the nation's major philanthropists and has been called "the mastermind which made Coca-Cola known round the globe."</p> | |

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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 (1891-1906) | | |
| | <p>"Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.," March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., N.Y., N.Y. (a copy of which is located in the</p> | |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History: He is a director and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Coca-Cola Company. George Waldo Woodruff, a native of Connecticut and founder of the Woodruff Family of Atlanta and Columbus, also lived here. He was superintendent of Empire Mills.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).

"Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.," Sept. 1895, Sanborn-Perris Map Co., N.Y., N.Y. (a copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.)

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