

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

NO. 412 a

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 1617 3rd Avenue HISTORIC NAME: 1617 3rd Avenue
 STREET ADDRESS: 1617 3rd Avenue CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee
 PRESENT OWNER: Gerson, Inc. MAILING ADDRESS: 22 E. 13th St.
 CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901
 CURRENT USE: Residential Rental Property ACREAGE: Less than one acre
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688960-3594890
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/7/10

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian Shotgun Cottage; one story tall, rectangular plan, hipped roof; central chimney, porch runs length of front facade; weather-board frame construction, brick pier foundation, roll tar paper roof; front facade details consist of three bays, the northernmost is the transom lite, single leafed main entrance, the other two are 4/4 double hung sash windows, porch has chamfered columns with gingerbread brackets; interior has approximately 3 rooms; situated in high uptown area surrounded by homes of similar type; landscaping consists of swept dirt yard and flowering perennials; fair condition.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: ORIGINAL USE: Private Dwelling
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1889 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This dwelling, apparently the same one represented on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895, was probably built in the late 1880's. By 1896, David F. Rogers, who worked for Central of Georgia Railroad, lived at 1617 3rd Ave. From 1898-99, Marion Mote, a moulder for Goldens' Foundry and Machine Works, lived here with his wife, Rebecca. By 1900, another railroad worker, Joseph Pruett, was here with his wife, Effie.

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 inhabited by various common laborers shortly after its construction. The house was apparently built for individuals who worked in and around local railroads, foundries, and the like. Architecture: This house is significant as it represents housing tastes popular among the lower to middle income black workers in Columbus. Conservative and economical to build, the builder added a bit of gingerbread to make it adapt to popular styles.

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 (1896-1900).
 "Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.," March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., N.Y., N.Y. (a copy of which is located (CONT)



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Columbus, Georgia 31901

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION: 1) in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).

2) "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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