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MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF ANNISTON

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name:	Kress Building	Owner:	Samuel C. Downing
Common name:	Kress Building		P. O. Box 1842
			Anniston, Alabama 36202
Address:	1106 Noble Street		and Charles & Margaret Tucker
Acreage:	less than one acre		1106 Noble Street Anniston, Alabama 36201
		UTM:	16/608480/3724710

Verbal Boundary: Anniston City Land Company Map, Block 133, Lot 8 and the south 6 inches of Lot 7, measuring 70.5 feet on Noble and running back of equal width 190 feet.

Architectural Design: Art-Deco

Date of Construction: Building - c. 1917; renovated with new facade - c. 1930

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture:

The Kress Building is significant architecturally as an excellent, intact local example of the Art Deco style, expressed in the highly stylized ornamentation, particularly the fleur-de-lis capitals, and the polychromatic geometric band above the second floor windows. This Art Deco facade was the only one of its kind in Anniston, though it was typical of the Kress chain of stores at that time.

Description:

The two-story-plus-mezzanine brick commercial building is located on the west side of Noble Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets in the central business district. The distinguishing feature of the structure is the Art Deco glazed-tile facade which dates from about 1930. Each of the six bays consists of a pair of double-hung windows, two-over-two sashing on the mezzanine level and four-over-four at the second stage. Between each pair of windows is a raised pilaster embellished at the top with a stylized terra cotta fleur-de-lis motif. Above the mezzanine windows a red band runs across the facade with the applied lettering in brass, "S. H. Kress & Co. 5-10-15 Cent Store," and a polychromatic geometric terra cotta design is found above the second-stage windows. Large raised letters spell "Kress" centered in the simple, straight-lined parapet.

The only recent major interior alteration took place in the late 1950s when a new stairway to the basement was built and the lower floor opened for commercial use.

Historical Summary:

Constructed around 1917 the Kress building received a new Art Deco facade around 1930. The Kress store occupied the building until 1980 when it closed. Since that time other retail stores, including a furniture store and more recently a department store, have used the building.

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