IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 1625 3rd Avenue

HISTORIC NAME: Same

STREET ADDRESS: 1625 3rd Avenue

CITY: Columbus

COUNTY: Muscogee

PRESENT OWNER: Gerson, Inc.

MAILING ADDRESS: 22 E. 13th Street

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: 16-688960-3594915

**V.B.D.** OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/7/10

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Greek Revival cottage; one story brick pier foundation, wood frame with 4" exposed horizontally lapped weatherboarding, parameter style roof which is indigenous to the Columbus, Ga. area, comprised of 4 equal trapezoids sloped to approximately 6/12 pitch forming a small flat area at the apex, front facade is symmetrical about a central trabeated door with simple trim, the windows are wood sash 4/4 with simple drip gap sills, the brick plinth porch is of later addition, 6 porch columns are boxed square of Tuscan style with bracket and arched fretwork applied between each column along front and returns to main body of house, the porch is under the main roof (CONT.)

ORIGINAL OWNER:

ORIGINAL USE: Private dwelling

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1889

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Porch columns reworked and rooms added to rear c. 1930.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This house is apparently the same one represented in the drawn-to-scale sketch on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895. By 1894, Mary, Maud, and O. H. Willis, all workers at local mills, were living here. It is not known who lived here before the Willises.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): (History): This house is significant as, shortly after its construction, an entire family of mill workers resided here. Apparently, the house was built for the "blue collar" working class.

(Architecture): This house is not only significant as an example of the popular Greek. Revival cottage in Columbus, but also because of its roofline. The parameter roof is a feature that was used in many residential structures of Columbus. The design of the high central peak with flat vented apex allows for convection currents to cool house (CONT.)

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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 (1894-1897).

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: structure; however, the structural supports are of later addition, the rear porch also was under the original roof system and has been closed in to form two additional rooms: interior floor plan -- central hall plan with two rooms on either side with later addition to rear; grounds are sparse grass with several small shrubs and two shade trees on city right of way in front of house.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: during hot and humid long summers experienced in region.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

"Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.", March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. (a copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).

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