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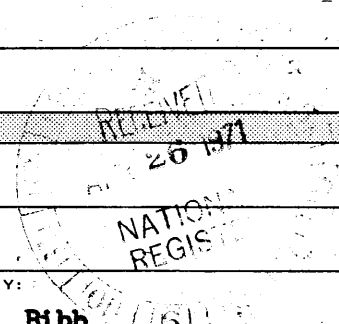
Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: GEORGIA	
COUNTY: BIBB	
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ENTRY NUMBER 11613.0020	DATE 6/5/71



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stratford Academy

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Sowles-Bond-Coleman-Cabaniss-O'Neal Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
988 Bond Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13** COUNTY: **Bibb** *CODE: **021**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Macon Independent School Association

STREET AND NUMBER:
988 Bond Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bibb County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approximately 4 acres**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **1. The Historic Architecture of Macon, Georgia by Carl Feiss & Russell Wright 1970 Local**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Middle Georgia Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

STATE: **GEORGIA**

COUNTY: **BIBB**

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- *2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society 1970 Local
- 3. HABS No. Ga. 1124 11 Maco 15 1936 Federal
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Code 08

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

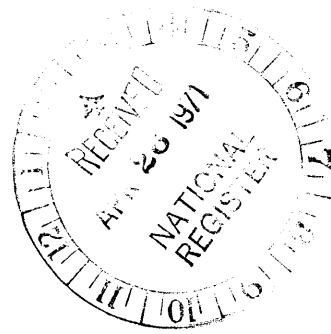
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cowles-Bond-O'Neal House, 138 Bond Street, built about 1836, is a two-story structure of pale brown stucco with green shutters and a small, circular iron balcony. The architecture shows a blending of Greek and Roman motifs, typical of the Classical Revival style, in the eighteen Doric columns which adorn the front and side of the portico. The entrance door, of heavily carved black walnut, is framed by a fanlight and deeply recessed sidelights.

Surrounded on three sides by a colonnade of Roman Doric columns, the house has a free-hanging, winding staircase reaching to the glass-covered cupola. A ballroom once extended the entire width of the house. One-story, high ceiling wings were added in the eighteen fifties during the ownership of Joseph Bond, and front door and entrance were remodeled.

The mansion has been rearranged for school uses. The marble mantels and other fragile appurtenances have been removed from their original locations and are on storage for later re-installation.

*modification cornice
balustrade
balustraded low steep hip roof*



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian. 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1836

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | HABS |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | RECEIVED |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | APR 26 1971 |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | NATIONAL REGISTER |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This mansion-house has ever been Macon's masterpiece architecturally.

Jerry Cowles erected this Classical Revival Mansion in 1836 on the crest of the hill overlooking the valley of the Ocmulgee River, the Ocmulgee Old Fields of the Creek Indians (Ocmulgee National Monument), and the hills beyond. It was built by Elam Alexander for young Mr. Cowles who had come down from New York to try his fortune in Macon.

Surrounded on three sides by a colonnade of Roman Doric columns, the house has a free-hanging, winding staircase reaching to the glass-covered cupola. A ballroom once extended the entire width of the house. One-story, high ceiling wings were added in the 1850's during the ownership of Joseph Bond, and the front door and entrance were remodeled.

It was Cowles who, in the original list of subscribers to Wesleyan (originally Georgia Female College), made the largest contribution of any man in Georgia. He was one of the college's earliest trustees, and it was due to his efforts that "Encampment Hill" was secured from the city as the site for the college.

Cowles contributed in many ways to the early development of Macon. He was prominent in banking and railroad circles and was called the "irrepressible Railroadman of the Age".

The home on the hill became the home of the Joseph Bond family when the Cowles family moved back to New York in 1847. It was said of Bond; "He was the largest cotton grower and most successful planter in the State...he was a useful, liberal and enterprising citizen of Macon."

S.T. Coleman bought the house in 1879, shortly before the Macon newspaper included him in their list of self-made "merchant princes." Throughout the 1880's Coleman was engaged in efforts to build railroads in the State. He was a leader in establishing a public library in 1874, a vice-president of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce in 1883, and a director of the Macon newspaper in 1887.

The ballroom of the Coleman home was the scene of exclusive Germans during the years following the close of the War, including a ball for Winnie Davis in 1887 when she and her parents, ex-President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis and Mrs. Davis, were guests of the Coleman's neighbors, Captain and Mrs. J. Marshall Johnston.

The next family to occupy this house was that of J.W. Cabaniss, prominent in banking, business, and educational activities for many years.

In 1905 the house on the hill was acquired by the late B.P. O'Neal and was known as "Overlook." In recent years it has functioned as Stratford Academy, a private school, which is preserving it as a masterpiece in architecture and history.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE							
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NE	32°	50'	33"	83°	38'	04"						
SE	32°	50'	30"	83°	38'	06"						
SW	32°	50'	33"	83°	38'	11"						

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. John J. McKay, Jr., President

ORGANIZATION: **Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **March, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Juwitt

Title State Liaison Officer

Date April 19, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 21 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William M. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date **MAY 20 1971**

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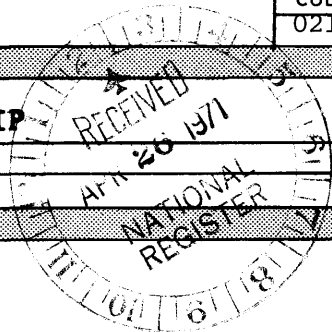
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

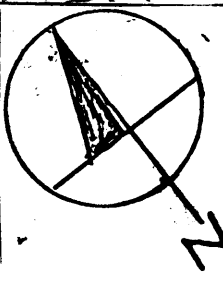
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STATE: Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Bibb	CODE 021
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Macon, Georgia Architectural Inventory by Carl Feiss, FAIA, AIP and Russell Wright, AIP			
SCALE: 1" = 200'			
DATE: September, 1970			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





WALNUT STREET

32° 50' 40"

STREET

BOND

STRATFORD
32° 50' 40"
83° 38' 25"

STREET

STREET

AVENUE

MADISON

JEFFERSON TERRACE

GEORGIA

COLLEGE

AVENUE

MAGNOLIA

38° 38' 20"

38° 38' 20"