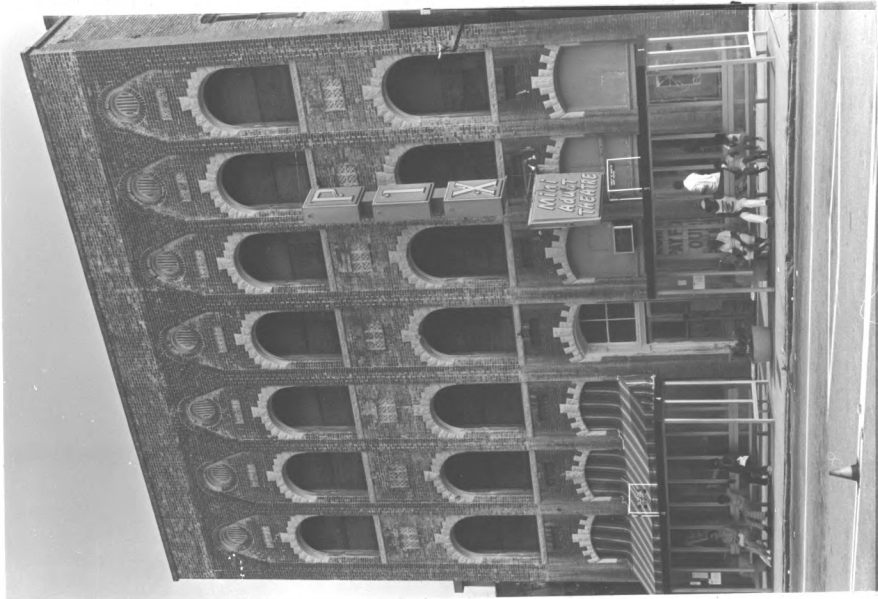


I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: The Woodruff-Brown Building HISTORIC NAME: The Fontaine Building STREET ADDRESS: 13 West 11th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee PRESENT OWNER: Charles E. and Charles A. Gower MAILING ADDRESS: 2301 Woodcrest Dr. 801 Overlook Dr. CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31906 CURRENT USE: commercial ACREAGE: Less than one acre U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688520-3593720 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/18/17
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Eclectic - Commercial, 3 story brick laid in common bond. 1st floor has thin mortar joints; 2nd and 3rd floors have wide mortar joints. 1st floor is seven bays wide, central entrance, double leafed door with four light segmented arched transom. The flanking windows are the same arched form as the main entrance. Each lintel is a radiating voussoir of rusticated sandstone with a keystone of the same. 2nd and 3rd floor each have seven round arched window openings with rusticated stone lintels. The windows have been boarded up from the inside. Between each floor and under each window on the 2nd and 3rd floor, and above the third floor windows, are terra cotta decorative tiles (CONT'D)
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Probably members of Columbus' Fontaine Family ORIGINAL USE: commercial ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1894-1895 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This building is listed on the Sanborn Map of 1895, as a three-story brick structure with "wholesale boots and shoes on the 1st floor; dentist and club on the 2nd; and rooms on the 3rd." On this map, the drawn-to-scale sketch is labeled "The Fontaine Building." In the 1900 city directory, "The Andrews Co., wholesale shoes and boots," is listed at 13-15 W 11th St. By 1904, "Britt-Carson Shoe Co." was here. C.T. Osburn, dentist, is listed at this address in city directories of 1894 and 1896-1897. In 1916, "The Capacola Co., manufacturers of Capacola Syrup and Capacola Extract," is listed at 13-15 W 11th St. Also listed is the Harmony Club, a private club made up of (CONT)
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Local History LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecture</u> : The only one of its type in Columbus, this building employes Sullivanesque techniques in its slender pilasters which accentuate the height of the building. It is a very rare combination of building types, with segmented and round arches, terra cotta tiles, circular vents, and rounded pilasters. <u>History</u> : This building is significant as it was apparently built to house a wholesale boot and shoe business, offices of a local dentist, a private club, and rooms for rent. It also housed offices of a local cola company, a second-hand furniture establishment, offices of cotton brokers, and offices of an insurance and real estate business. It was, (CONT'D)
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation ADDRESS: b) Janice P. Biggers TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 a) P.O. Box 1908, Cols., Ga. 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols., Ga. 31901 b) (404)322-0756 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 (1894-1931). "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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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The whole of the facade is 3 bays high and 7 bays wide. Each horizontal bay is divided by a pilaster that runs up three stories and curves around a circular metal vent. The parapet of the building has no detail work, but is capped with a double row of bricks which projects over the facade about 2 inches. It appears that some changes have been made to the parapet, the building probably had a heavy cornice there originally.
North: Commercial Building and 11th Street
South, East, and West: Commercial Buildings
Integrity: Intact

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: Jewish membership, which was at 13 1/2 W 11th Street before the arrival of "Capacola." By 1923, "Thweatt's Second-Hand Furniture" was at 13-15, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks was at 13 1/2. By 1931, "Fenner and Beane, cotton brokers," were at 13 W 11th Street, although, around 1931, George C. Woodruff's real estate company moved into the building, and, later, the building became known as the "Woodruff-Brown Bldg." -- named for the real estate and insurance concern.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: when it was built, one of the leading downtown business buildings.

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