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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

**\*\* HISTORIC** Capital City Club  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 7 Harris Street, N.W.

CITY, TOWN	Atlanta	___ VICINITY OF	___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
STATE	Georgia	CODE 13	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th - Andrew Young
		COUNTY	CODE
		Fulton	121

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Social

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Capital City Club

STREET & NUMBER 7 Harris Street, N.W.

CITY, TOWN	Atlanta	___ VICINITY OF	STATE
			Georgia

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fulton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 260 Pryor Street, S.W.

CITY, TOWN	Atlanta	STATE
		Georgia

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites and Districts, Atlanta Urban Design Commission

DATE 1973  
\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Atlanta Urban Design Commission, City Hall

CITY, TOWN	Atlanta	STATE
		Georgia

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Capital City Club is a four-story buff brick structure located on Harris Street at Peachtree Street adjacent to Peachtree Center. Rectangular in form, the building is of the Georgian Revival style and is immediately identifiable because of its pleasant contrast in scale with the newer high-rise structures that surround it.

This low-profile building has a front facade facing Harris Street which is basically a rectangular block faced in buff brick. Its focus is on a one-story high, three-part, projecting porch topped with a balustrade which runs the full width of this side of the building. The two end bays of the porch project out farther than the center bay which lends emphasis to the entrance. The windows on the lower floor are set under arches with accented end-stones and keystones. All other windows in the building are rectilinear in form, approaching a square in shape as one ascends towards the attic-story of the facade.

Above each projecting end porch is a large glazed opening flanked by thin pilasters which gives access to the porch roof. Above these openings is a small balcony resting on brackets which lends emphasis to a heavily framed window on the third floor of the building. Each of these windows are flanked by decorative stone cartouches. Above the third floor level a string course can be found which defines the attic-level of the building. The windows have a square form at this point and are set under a well-proportioned cornice topped with acroterions. In more recent years another floor has been added above this cornice line producing a second attic (of different color brick) level and a second, less elaborate cornice line.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Don Barber and P. Thornton Marye

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

While the Capital City Club is significant because it is among the oldest social organizations in the south, it is also significant architecturally for its contribution to the urban environment. As an excellent contrast to Peachtree Center, this building maintains a dialogue between the numerous newer and the singularly older architectural forms. Its low profile and the visual relief provided by its graceful GeorgianRevival form contributes greatly to its urban setting .

"A social organization to promote the pleasure, kind feeling and general culture of its members" the Atlanta Capital City Club was chartered by the Fulton Superior Court on May 21, 1883. The club, founded by sixty-two social and business leaders of Atlanta on April 16, 1883, elected as its first president Harry C. Stockdell. Originally housed in the second John H. James mansion (built c. 1870; demolished 1913) at the northwest corner of Peachtree and Ellis Streets, the Capital City Club retained Don Barber of New York City and Philip Thornton Marye, in 1910, to execute the design of the present building in which the club is housed. The downtown club building was "opened with an informal reception on Saturday afternoon, December 17, 1911, during the administration of club president John W. Grant." Through the years the Capital City Club became one of the traditional centers of Atlanta's social activity and became a popular gathering place for the city's leading business and professional men. Here visiting notables --- including three presidents of the United States --- have been entertained in an atmosphere of southern hospitality.

Significant as the home of a prominent social organization and as a badly needed visual element in the urban environment, the Capital City Club is one of a very select number of buildings dating from the turn of the century that has avoided the ravages of escalating land values and demolition. It provides visual relief to the surrounding high-rise world which is both refreshing and stimulating.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

*See map dated 5-17-77 for UTM*

UTM REFERENCES

7 4 1 9 5 0		3 8 0	
A   1   6	7   4   2   6   0   0	3   7   3   8	4   2   0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C			

B		
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded by the lot line on the North, Peachtree Street on the East, Harris Street on the South and the lot line on the west.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE H. Lee Dunagan, Consultant to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission Advisory Committee on Historic Sites, Structures and Districts

ORGANIZATION

DATE

March 6, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Room 104, City Hall

TELEPHONE

(404) 656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*  
DAVID M. SHERMAN

DATE

11-12-76

TITLE

Chief, Historic Preservation Section

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9-15-77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

9-8-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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1. South Facade
2. South Facade detail