

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Central of Georgia Railroad Terminal HISTORIC NAME: same</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: 700 12th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Central of Georgia Railroad MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1417</p> <p>CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31902</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Freight terminal ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689495-3593980</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 18/9/5</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Second Empire. 2 story brick building with symmetrical square block with central pavilion on front facade and projecting end wall tall thin chimney on west facade. Belt course of stone and soldier course brick occurs at window heads of each floor. String course of stone at window sill height and water table height are observed on both floors. Each window has a stone hood moulding with applied swags. The corners of the building and pavilion are highlighted by brick and stone paneled corner pilasters with decorative stone panels. The bold cornice is supported by massive brackets springing from an ogee mould. The mansard roof of tin plate is interrupted on the pavilion roof by an (cont'd)</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: Central of Georgia Railroad ORIGINAL USE: Terminal</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Bruce and Morgan HISTORIC ACREAGE: (see attached material)</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1881 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Third floor of central pavilion remodeled c. 1960.</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): From John Lupold's "Industrial Archeology of Columbus, Georgia: A Tour Guide for the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial Archeology, April 1979." "The original city plan contained a four-block wide commons or "green-space" along the northern eastern and southern boundaries. The state retained control of this land after it sold the lot within the town. During the late 1850's, when the railroads reached Columbus, the commons became the logical place for the tracks and rail yard. The Muscogee Railroad entered from the southwest and terminated in the east common. The Columbus and Western Railroad, coming (cont'd)</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture, LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local Transportation</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Local History</u>: This terminal is significant as it is the oldest one in the city. Built in 1881, it has continued to serve the Central of Georgia Railroad system since its construction. It is a local landmark. <u>Architecture</u>: The basic form of this structure is an excellent example of the Second Empire style, which is infrequent in Columbus. <u>Transportation</u>: Significant as the center of rail transportation in Columbus until the new station was built in the 1890's. Since that time the building has been important in the supervision of incoming and outgoing trains and continues to serve as the terminal for all activity in the railyard.</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation b) Janice P. Biggers</p> <p>ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Colts, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 b) 700 Broadway, Colts, GA 31901 b) (404)322-0756</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: John Lupold (see above mentioned source in Part III).</p>



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: observation tower of later addition. The building is on part of the original east link of the green belt in Columbus' original city plan. The grounds are marginally maintained and the building needs regular maintenance. Surrounded by railroad tracks and warehouses.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: from Opelika, Alabama, entered the city on the north common. Both of these lines became part of the Central of Georgia Railroad system. This company's small 1881 terminal (inside the rail yard, behind the 6th Ave. terminal), with decorative concrete window pediments, originally had a mansard tower which has been converted into a control tower for the yard."

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