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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Griffin Medical College property includes two structures located on East Broadway Street in one of the oldest sections facing the railroad tracks which run through the center of the city. The major structure in this group is the Middle Georgia Medical College Building, /a two-story structure of brick faced with stucco. The central body of the structure, which is the oldest and dates from the early 1850's, was built on a two-room, side hall plan. Two rooms on each floor and in the daylight basement are served by fireplaces in a central chimney. / The basement, now used only for storage, once served as dining room and kitchen and has a dirt floor. A western wing, added later, has a central hall plan with end chimneys, one of which is attached to the west wall of the original portion. To the rear along Fifth Street are two later additions. The first, which was the dining hall of the Medical School, probably dates from 1860.

/A colossal, Tuscan, square-columned portico extends along both the East Broadway and Fifth Street facades / and before the addition of the Victorian wing, was continued along the western facade. The remnants of a stairway and the piers can still be seen inside a storage room on the western side of the building. The massive brick and stucco piers support a plain architrave with a dentil cornice which is returned around the rear of the central portion. Balustrades and porches connect the piers at both stories. Rectangular Z fanlights and side lights enclosed in pilasters frame the doorways in each street facade. Sash windows in a six-over-six pattern suggest the relatively late date of this generally Greek Revival part of the building.

Z The Victorian wing, which faces East Broadway, carries out the original $\overline{}$ theme through two-story porches that are functionally connected to the original section. The pattern of vertical supports also reflects the original O style, but the details are mid-19th century brackets on slender posts. Centraldoorways at each level are framed by rectangular side and fan lights and brick pilaster strips. Their treatment also echoes the details of the original section.

The dining hall wing, whose foundation and floor level is lower than the original portion of the building, is entered through a doorway framed by rectangular fan and side lights. Its form thus echoes the older doorways but the simple flat moldings and low profile triangular lintel reflect its later date.

Interior details of the central portion of the building include high mantels with sharply projecting shelves over wide, flat architrave members on They are thus simplified adaptations of Greek low pilaster-like forms. Revival forms, if not classically proportioned compositions. Mantels in the western wing are the smaller scale less geometric forms of the later period.

Adjacent to the Medical College Building is a smaller one-story hippedroof structure whose details suggest the possibility that it was built first This house was built on a four-room central hall plan of the dog-trot pattern. Panelled double doors framed by rectangular fan and side lights close off either end of the wide hall. A later wing has been added on the eastern The house is entered through a porch which runs across side in the rear. the front in a manner typical of such houses of the period in Georgia, and is elaborated by flat cut-work balustrades and brackets. Nine-over-nine light windows care framed like the doors by moldings with square-block

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The Griffin Medical College Building is the only one of four pre-Civil War college buildings still standing in Griffin. This school, incorporated as the Middle Georgia Medical College in 1859, was granting degrees in the pre-War period along with the Griffin Synodical Female College, the Griffin Female College and Marshall College for Boys and Young Men. last three were established in the early 1850's. Of these only the Marshall College and the Griffin Female College were revived briefly after the War. The buildings which housed three of these schools have either burned or been torn down in the intervening years, leaving the Medical Building as the only extant example. / After incorporation as Middle Georgia Medical College, the school was housed in a structure built originally as a simplified Greek Revival house that was enlarged c. 1860 to meet the needs of the school. The adjacent house on East Broadway Street was the residence of the school's founder, Dr. E. F. Knott and was also joined to the school building property for a period in the late 19th century under the ownership of Lucius Goddard. The Griffin Historical and Preservation Society is planning to combine the properties once more as a headquarters for the society. Together the structures provide examples of the architecture of Griffin's earliest period of development.

The Middle Georgia Medical College was incorporated by the Georgia Legislature in 1859 with power to grant degrees and licenses to students of medicine and surgery. Eight physicians were listed as faculty and the Board of Trustees included prominent Griffin citizens, among them attorney Leonard T. Doyal. The college had been founded as Dr. E.F. Knott's Primary Medical School on November 1, 1858, in a brick building in Griffin, but was apparently moved into the house on East Broadway in 1859. Additions to the house, including a remodeling in 1860, indicate that the school was, before the War, successful. However, a lien for \$313.06 for carpentry work consisting of tables, benches and remodeling which was attached to the property in July of 1861 and Knott's subsequent loss of the building at sheriff's sale in 1866 record the Civil War's effect on this early Georgia medical school. By 1862, the smaller house, along with a smaller piece of land located in back of the school which was used for stables, was sold to a separate owner. It was described in the deed records as an office or lab in a small building west of the house formerly known as Knott's Primary School of Medicine. In 1873, Lucius Goddard bought the Medical School building for a hotel. It was known first as the Goddard House and by 1906 when he sold it, as the Southern Hotel. Subsequently, the building was

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7. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

corners. Pilaster-like strips accent the corners of the body of the building while a sharply projecting cornice above an architrave runs around the front and sides. Mantels inside are framed by fluted pilasters under projecting shelves and panelled architraves.

Although both buildings have been subsequently altered by later wings, insertion of extra doors and partitions, they are substantially and characteristically mid-19th century buildings in which pre-Civil War architectural forms are preserved.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

remodeled into apartments, although the basic structure and architectural details are substantially unchanged. The Goddard family, by 1893, also owned the house next door, but sold it in 1904 to the present owner's family.

The Griffin Historical and Preservation Society is planning to restore both of these buildings which represent in their architectural form and location the earliest development of the city. Since Griffin was founded in 1840 as a railroad center by Colonel Lewis Lawrence Griffin and became the Spalding County seat, it is appropriate that these buildings which face the busy railroad yards and old county courthouse be preserved as a center for the study of the city's history and a home for its historical society. The combination of a Greek Revival building with mid-Victorian additions and a typical early 1850's house with its mixture of classical detail and early Victorian cutwork creates an effective streetscape of the pre-Civil War era in which the town of Griffin began its history.



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