

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Depot Business Complex ^{Building} HISTORIC NAME: various</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: 519, 521, and 523 East 12th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Wm. L. DesPortes MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 7975</p> <p>CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31908</p> <p>CURRENT USE: Commercial Building ACREAGE: Less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689330-3593980</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 18/10/13, 18/10/14, 18/10/1</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian-Commercial. One story brick building which contains three separate storefronts.</p> <p>The western most storefront is three bays wide, the center bay being an arched entrance with a 6-light transom. The double-leafed door is flanked by sidelights. To either side of this doorway is an arched sash window 2/1 in configuration.</p> <p>The center storefront consists of a single leafed entrance and a 1/1 sash window. (CONT'D)</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: ORIGINAL USE: "grocery and saloon"</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca.1891 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Apparently, this building was constructed around 1891, as this address (521 12th Street) is listed for the first time in the 1891-92 city directory. From 1891-1894, E. F. Roberts is listed as proprietor of a "grocery and saloon" at 521 12th St. By 1896, U. H. and E. B. Smith are listed at their 519 12th St. drug store, and Roberts is once again listed as proprietor of a saloon. In the 1904 directory, 523 12th St. is listed for the first time; "Depot Saloon" is listed at this address. Also in the 1904 directory is the listing of "A. Giglio and Co. (fruits and confections)" at 519, and "W. T. Milford, barber" at 521.</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: <u>Architecture</u>, <u>Local History</u> LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecture</u>: This functional building is a simple example of the Victorian Commercial style in Columbus. Unlike most business buildings at the turn-of-the-century, this one incorporates three different storefront entrances, the whole of the complex tied together by a common parapet. It was no doubt designed to accommodate several businesses which served railway passengers and crew members. <u>History</u>: This building is in close proximity to the city railroad terminal (on 6th Ave.). Because of this particular location, proprietors of establishments within this building have always catered to needs and desires of those in and around the depot. (CONT'D)</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC b) Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation</p> <p>ADDRESS: b) Janice P. Biggers TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) 404-324-4221 a) P.O. Box 1908, Cols., Ga. 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols., Ga. b) 404-322-0756</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Columbus City Directories (1891-1904).</p>



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DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: North

Columbus, Georgia 31901

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The eastern storefront is the largest, with a central single leafed doorway which is recessed, with glass display windows to either side.

The whole of this building is tied together with a corbelled brick cornice on the parapet which runs the length of the building.

North: Parking Lot and Warehouse

South: 12th Street and Commercial Buildings

East: 6th Avenue and Train Depot

West: Parking Lot

Integrity: Intact

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Thus, through the years, these addresses (519, 521, and 523 12th St.) have traditionally been associated with groceries, saloons, drug stores, barber shops, and poolrooms.

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