IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 1519 3rd Avenue

HISTORIC NAME: 1519 3rd Avenue

STREET ADDRESS: 1519 3rd Avenue

CITY: Columbus

COUNTY: Muscogee

PRESENT OWNER: Roy L. Culliver

MAILING ADDRESS: 3309 Clubview Drive

CITY: Columbus

STATE: Georgia '

ZIP CODE: 31906

CURRENT USE: Apartments

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL

U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688960-3594670

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/12/4

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Eclectic; two stories tall; rectangular with two story bay to north of front facade, hip roof with hip roof dormer centered over front entrance, brick foundation, 3 interior chimneys, one story porch runs across front facade from bay window to south end, house has seven bays on each floor, the central bay is the transom lite entrance, other bays are 1/1 double hung sash windows, porch with square columns and gingerbread brackets support frieze and cornice with dentil moulding, turned baluster banister; interior consists of central hall with irregular floor plan; situated in c. 1898-1910 residential area; landscaped with grass; good condition.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Probably John Bleecker

ORIGINAL USE: Private dwelling

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1908-1910

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: House extended on both floors by one window width to south and one (CONT.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): A one-story frame house is listed at this address on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895. Until 1910, most of the residents listed at this address were, seemingly, not of enough "means" to have built this house. In 1910, John Bleeckeer and his wife, Anna are listed here. Bleecker was general manager of Columbus Railroad Company. The Bleeckers remained at this address until 1914, the year that Robert E. Dismukes and his wife, Leonora are first listed here. Dismukes was president of Home Building and Savings Association. Mr. and Mrs. Dismukes stayed at this address through 1923.

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): (Local History): This house, located in what was once Columbus' elite "High Uptown" neighborhood, is significant as it was the home of John Bleecker who was general manager of Columbus Railroad Company shortly after the turn of the century. Following Bleecker was Robert E. Dismukes, president of Home Building and Savings Association.

(Architecture): This large sprawling house with no distinguishable architectural style, seems to borrow door and porch detailing from the Victorian era with some porch detailing (CONT.)

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b) (404)322-0756 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901 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 (1896-1925).

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ALTERATIONS: window width to north, c. 1920 filling in porch which originally wrapped around to the south of the house.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: from the Classical Revival period. Its architectural significance lies in the fact that it was probably built to impress the owners' neighbors by sheer size rather than style, thus making a social statement on early 20th century Columbusites.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

"Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.", March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. (a copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.)

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Addendum to #387B 1519 3rd Avenue

IV. Significance

Local History: While this house is significant as the home of John Bleecher, general manager of the Columbus Railroad Company, it is most often associated with Robert E. Dismukes, son of Elisha P. Dismukes (MRN #387). Robert was a lawyer in the firm of Dismukes and Worsley, and later, practicing by himself, he served Columbusites from 1902 to 1932. He was co-owner of the R.E. Dismukes Insurance Agency, Vice-President of the Georgia Manufacturing Company, which his father owned, and Director of Columbus Manufacturing, a local cotton mill. He served on the Columbus City Council for 16 years, as well as being a Columbus Commissioner and Chairman of the Muscogee County Democratic Committee. In effect, he was very involved in local politics and business, carrying on the family tradition. While his home is perhaps not of the most important architectural style in Columbus, as has been suggested, it is certainly significant as the home of this very important Columbusite.

V. Sources

Columbus on the Chattahoochee, by Etta Blanchard Worsley, published by Columbus Office Supply Co., 1951.