

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: The Harrison-Gibson House      HISTORIC NAME: The Harrison-Gibson House  
 STREET ADDRESS: 309 11th Street      CITY: Columbus      COUNTY: Muscogee  
 PRESENT OWNER: Francis B. Schley, III  
                      et al      MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1906  
 CITY: Columbus      STATE: Georgia      ZIP CODE: 31902  
 CURRENT USE: Law office/Apartments      ACREAGE: Less than one acre  
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL      U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689030-3593760  
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 18/13/17

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian Gothic; two stories tall, ell plan, hip and gable roof, one interior chimney, one story porch runs length of front facade; weatherboard frame construction, brick foundation, asphalt shingle roof; front facade detail consists of ell projecting to south, front entrance has transom, porch has round columns on brick piers, columns support a complete entablature, eaves have bracketing, gable end has diamond shaped attic vent and vergeboard; interior has a side hall plan with three rooms up and three down; situated in a downtown residential area c. 1890-1930; landscaping consists of azaleas and monkey grass planted close to the house; fair condition.

III. HISTORY

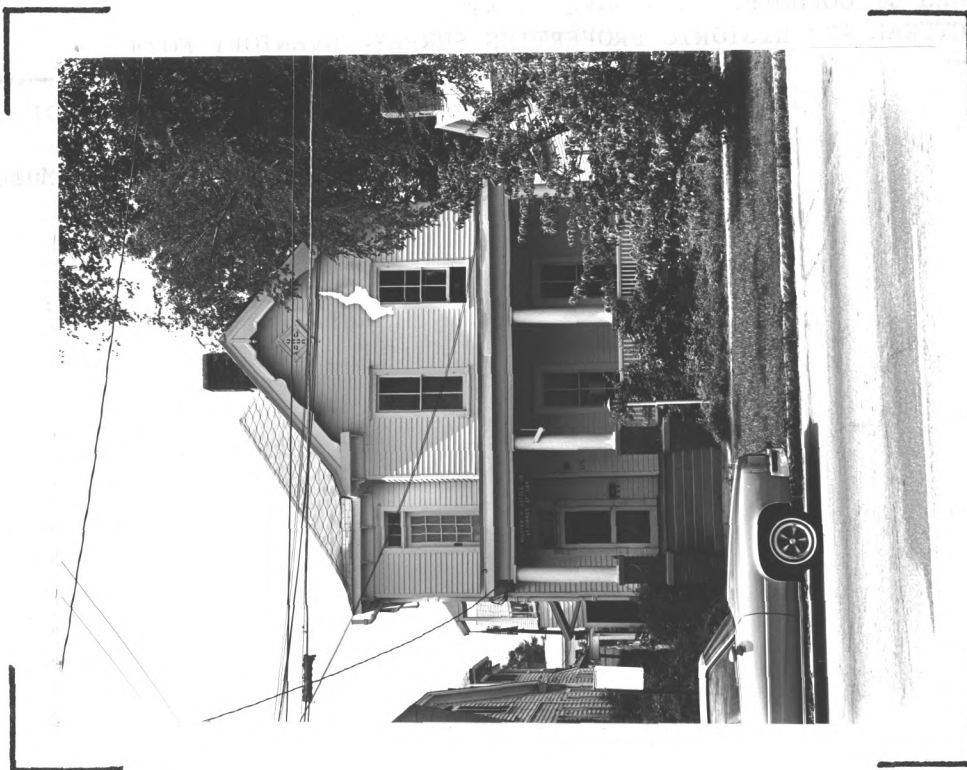
ORIGINAL OWNER: probably Joseph Harrison      ORIGINAL USE: private dwelling  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER:      HISTORIC ACREAGE:  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1896      DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:  
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Apparently, this house was built ca. 1896, as Joseph Harrison, a salesman of boots and shoes, is first listed here. By 1900, Carleton B. Gibson, superintendent of Columbus' public schools, is listed at this address with his wife, Mattie.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Local History      LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local  
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecture: This house is a good example of the architectural turning point in late 1890's architecture in Columbus; its porch represents the neo-classical style, while the remainder is a very conservative interpretation of the Victorian Gothic period. Local History: This house is significant as it was the home of Joseph Harrison, a salesman of shoes and boots, from 1896-1900. Also, this was the home of Carleton B. Gibson, who was superintendent of Columbus' public schools and who was largely responsible for the founding of Columbus' Industrial High School (in 1906) -- the first of its kind in the United States. The purpose of the Industrial School (CONT'D)

V. SOURCES

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 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 (1896-1900).  
 Worsley, Etta Blanchard. Columbus on the Chattahoochee. Columbus, Georgia: Columbus Office Supply Co., 1951, page 342.



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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: was to provide the children whose parents worked in nearby cottonmills with an academic trade school of high school ranking. (See National Register Nomination for Secondary Industrial School, entered on the register April 19, 1980.)

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