

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hall's Florist
 HISTORIC NAME: Gann's Pharmacy
 STREET ADDRESS: 1611 2nd Avenue
 CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee
 PRESENT OWNER: James E. Turner
 MAILING ADDRESS: 1611 2nd Avenue
 CITY: Columbus
 STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901
 CURRENT USE: Florist
 ACREAGE: Less than one acre
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL
 U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688830-3594850
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 5/8/4

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian Classical-Commercial, 2 story laid in common bond.
 1st floor is 4 bays wide and is divided by cast iron Tuscan columns. The Southern most entrance is a stairway to the 2nd floor. The remaining three bays have a centrally located double leafed door, flanked by large glass display windows. The first floor has not been altered. (CONT.)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Taylor Gann ORIGINAL USE: Pharmacy
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1900 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): On the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895, a one-story, frame drugstore is listed at this address. Apparently, Taylor Gann (the druggist who is listed at this address in city directories as early as 1884) demolished the frame building and erected the present two-story, brick structure around 1900. "Gann's Pharmacy" as this building was known, remained in operation here as late as 1931. In the early 1900's this building served not only as a drugstore, but also as offices for various local physicians. In addition, from around 1902 until 1906, the second floor served as housing for an entire family--the William D. Spences. Spence was a chemist (CONT.)

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Archaeology, LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local Architecture
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): (History): This building is significant as it was constructed as a turn-of-the-century drugstore. The locally owned and operated "Gann's Pharmacy" remained here (on this site) for nearly half a century. In addition to housing a pharmacy, this building's second floor served as living quarters for an entire family in the early 1900's.
 (Archaeology): This building is significant for archaeological reasons, as "digs" around and beneath it could lead to findings which might offer a better understanding of (CONT.)

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 (1884-1931)
 Advertisement painted on north side of building's exterior
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: 2nd floor distinguished from first by corbelled brick which is laid to resemble an entablature whose cornice forms the sill of the 1/2 second story windows. The 1/1 sash windows have arched radiating voussoir lintels which extend out about three inches beyond the actual window frames.

The parapet employs corbelled brick to create a frieze and a cornice with modillions.

North: Parking Lot
South: Empty Lot
East: 2nd Avenue and Sign Shop
West: Empty Lot
Integrity: Intact

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: for Columbus' Eagle and Phenix Mills. On the north side of this brick building's exterior are the remains of an advertisement, originally painted there to identify the business--"Gann's Pharmacy".

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: medicine and medical procedures used from the 1880's to the 1930's

(Architecture): This building is the only remaining Victorian-Commercial building which has the street level entrance intact. Based on this, it is an example of the type of entrance used in the late Victorian period and serves as a model for future restoration projects. This is the only remaining commercial building in the High uptown area.

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SOURCES: Sanborn (Insurance) Maps, 1889 and 1895 (copies of which are in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).