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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Bibb
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ENTRY DATE NOV 26 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Guy White Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Macon Library *Use this name*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
652-62 Mulberry Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
8th - Williamson S. Stuckey

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Bibb CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

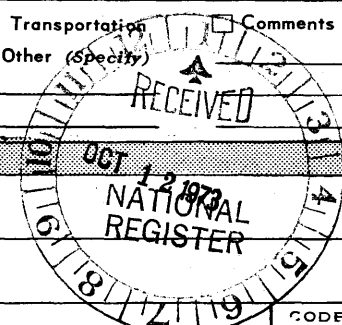
OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. W. H. Oliver and Guy White

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

CODE: 13



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bibb County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Middle Georgia Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

CODE: 13

2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society
1970 Local

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This fine example of Romanesque Revival architecture reveals the freedom of expression and invention so characteristic of the period. A cornerstone gives the date of construction as 1889 and the architect, D. B. Woodruff. Except for minor modifications, the exterior remains virtually as it was built. Recent renovations (1970-71) have altered the doors and glass show windows. Two of the stained glass windows along the stairwell are missing and the small windows in the turret tower have been covered to protect the glass from the pigeons which continue to break out the windows in the clerestories above the reading room.

These are two separate parts to the building which is apparent visually and in plan. A three story front portion contains a stairway for the upper floors and is divided on the upper floors into small rooms. When originally built there were ladies' parlors on the second floor and gentlemen's lounge and chess room on the 3rd floor with rest rooms and sanitary connections.

The rear portion of the building is two floors in height and housed the reading room (100' x 35') on the second floor. This room must have been very handsome and was exceptionally well designed for its purpose, with book shelves extending 8 feet in alcoves into the room which was heated by pot-bellied stoves, venting into chimneys in the west wall.

The floor level of this floor matches that of the second floor of the front portion of the building, while the ceiling soars 40 feet to the roof level some two and one-half stories above. This roof is supported by wood hammer beams and arches with iron tie-bars. Tall windows, 16 feet high, and continuous clerestories flood this area with light. Unfortunately, the magnificent structure of the ceiling and roof has been covered from view below in later years by a lowered ceiling, installed in 1924 when the building was used for the entertainment of British Air Cadets training at nearby Cochran Field.

Apparently, the first floor was rented to a commercial tenant (an early photo shows it was rented to a coffin store). It is impossible to tell the original plan of this floor because of later alterations. It now houses the Guy White Radio and TV Service and a travel agency office. In the second floor front rooms there is a well equipped loan office. The third floor front and the reading room are used for storage of radio and TV supplies.

The exterior is of red brick and rusticated granite. Granite is used at window heads and sills and as a frame for first floor doorways. The entrance to the stairway leading to the upper floors is at one corner of the building under a turret. The turret is seemingly supported by an iron column at the corner from which arches radiate at the capital at ninety degrees, and the turret rises from a transitional base of granite. Another doorway at the right of facade services the first floor.

Although the first floor of this building is used for commercial purposes, the building is in need of further repair. There has been settlement of one corner of the building over the years, causing large cracks and

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uneven floors. Further, the roof of the rear portion is in bad repair and roof leaks are causing deterioration of wood framing. Further renovations are contemplated.

Macon's Public Library and Historical Society was incorporated in 1876, and the building at 652-62 Mulberry Street was completed for this organization in 1889. The cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge of Georgia F.A.M., two doors from the First Presbyterian Church, recently placed on the National Register, across the street from the Academy of Music (later called the Grand Opera House, recently renovated and listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

Many of Macon's most prominent citizens were officers and members during the years that it was the main library for the area. It was phased out of operation later when other libraries were established.

9. Bibliographical References

Mitchell, William R., Jr., Historic Sites Survey, consultant.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1889

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

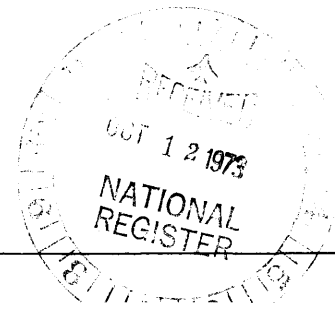
The distinctive Romanesque Revival architecture of the Old Macon Library (now the Guy White Building), built by D. B. Woodruff, blends with other Macon buildings of 80 to 100 years ago and adds significantly to the atmosphere of the downtown Macon area.

The architect for this 1889 Macon library, D. B. Woodruff, was listed in the 1860 Macon City directories as a carpenter and proprietor of the Enterprise Works (Sash and Blind Factories) and in 1872 as an architect and superintendent. In the course of his career he built numerous Macon commercial and large residential structures, including the Volunteers Armory (1884), the Gresham High School (1888), St. Joseph Catholic Church (1892), and the Wimberly House (c.1865) now called Parkview Hospital.

The Guy White Building, now used as a radio and television shop and travel agency, is one of the landmarks of this downtown Macon area where two of the nearby buildings, Christ Episcopal Church and the 1857 Militia Headquarters Building, are now listed on the National Register. Across the 180 foot street was the Academy of Music, the Auditorium of which, built in 1883, is now the Grand Opera House, and almost next door is the Presbyterian Church erected in 1858. All of these buildings front on Mulberry Street Park, which was laid out in the original 1823 plan of Macon and now, beautifully landscaped with stately elms and flowering shrubs, extends some six blocks through the business section to Coleman's Hill Park where dogwoods, camellias and other trees and shrubs are planted in memory of World War casualties.

The Guy White building, as Macon's first library, represents the continued cultural developments of the frontier city, where Wesleyan College, the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, was established in 1836 and where Mercer University, originally established at Penfield, Georgia, in 1833, moved its operations in 1871. From this earliest public library in Macon, several additional libraries have later developed.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Brittain, Charles H., AIA
 Butler's History of Macon and Central Georgia, 1879
 Feiss, Carl & Russell Wright, Historic Architecture of Macon, 1970
 Gholson History of Macon, 1950
 McKay, John J., Jr., President Emeritus, Middle Georgia Historical Society,
 Inc. Original draft of National Register form on file.
 Middle Georgia Historical Society, Historical Survey, 1970
 Minutes of Old Library Organization and newspaper clippings at Washington
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

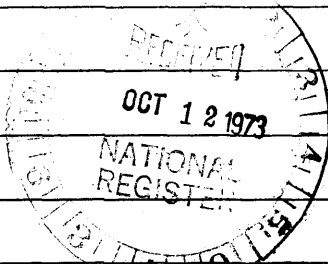
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources DATE: September 10, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 270 Washington Street, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local (A-105)

Name Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Hist. Pres. Officer

Date Oct 2, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert K. Kelley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Associate Director, Professional Services

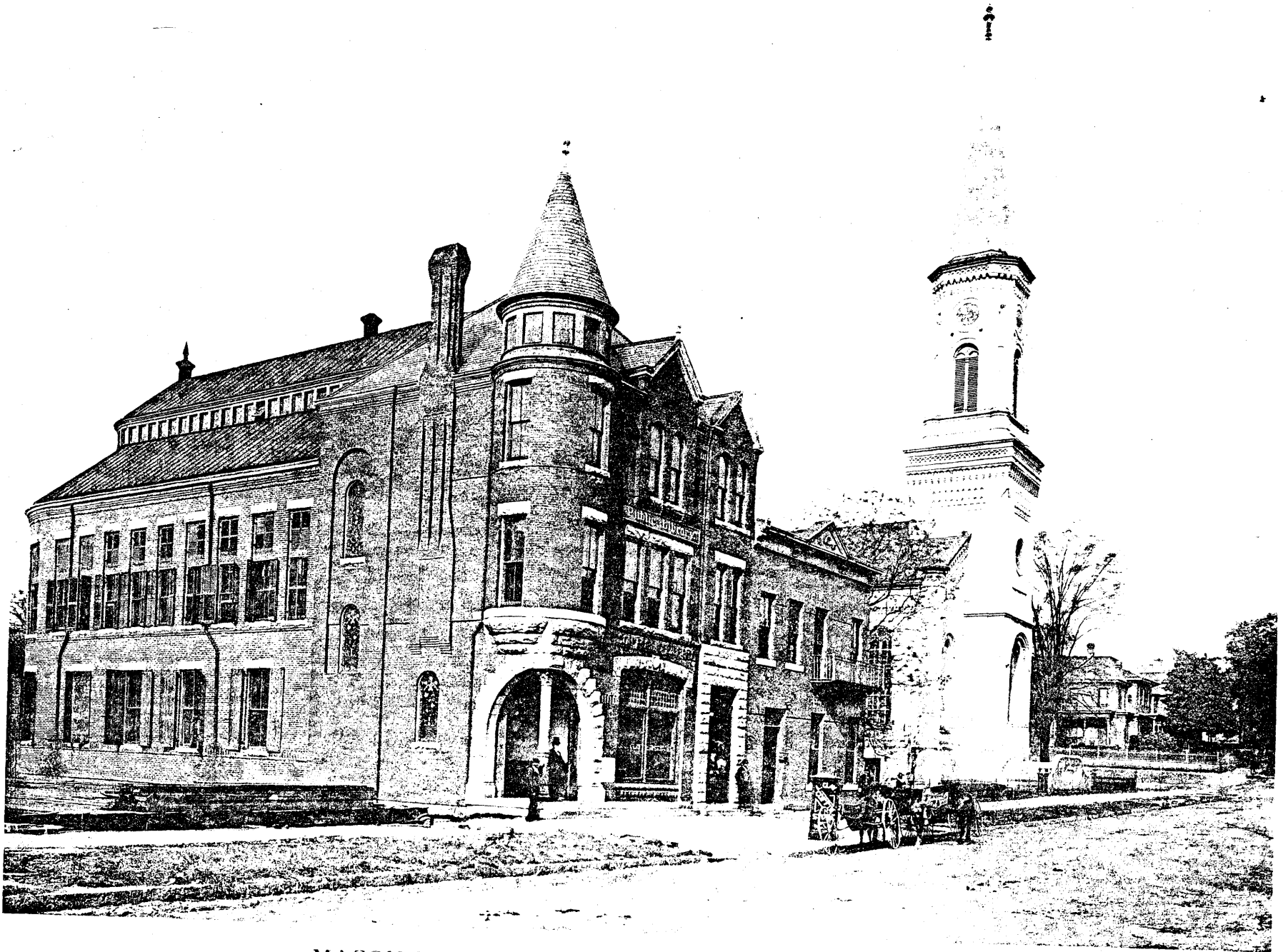
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ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-26-73

Photo from "Art Works of Macon", c. 1905



MACON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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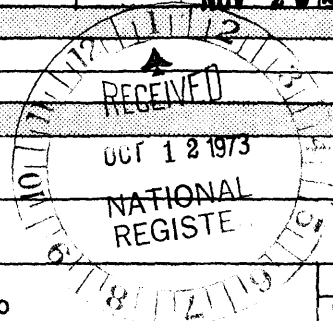
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Photo from "Art Works of Macon"			
DATE OF PHOTO: c. 1905			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Washington Memorial Library			
Macon, Ga.			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Old photo of Macon Public Library and First Presbyterian Church			



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