PROPERTY NAME: W.C. Bradley Co.

Carter and Bradley, Cotton Factors HISTORIC NAME:

and Warehouseman

1001-1037 Front Ave. STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: Columbus

COUNTY: Muscogee

W.C. Bradley Co. PRESENT OWNER:

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 140

CITY: Columbus

STATE: Georgia

ZIP CODE: 31902

CURRENT USE: Cotton warehouse, fertilizer ACREAGE: 1.2 acres

manufacturers

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

U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688430-3593620

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/19/1

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Industrial-Commercial. 2 story brick with central cross hall and rooms facing front and rear facades. Second Empire type paired arched. 4/4 sash double hung windows with brick hood moulding. Doors and large vehicle door are also arched with glass lites above the entry doors. Later parapet addition is symmetrical raised central pediment with classical adornment. Simple brick patterns along the roofline form the only other ornamentation. The south wing of this two story building is a flush addition with cornice window heads over single 4/4 double hung windows. The two entry doors are double The southern end of the second paneled doors with transom lite. There are two entrances. (cont'c

ORIGINAL OWNER: Carter and Bradley

Cotton warehouse ORIGINAL USE:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: late 1860's

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

later additions c. 1870-1930

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): "Union troops destroyed the original cotton warehouse in these two blocks on April 17, 1865, as the fire consumed between 50,000 and 100,000 bales of cotton. Rebuilt in the late 1860's, they were expanded and modified for the next two years. The W.C. Bradley Company, which began in a section of one in 1883, now owns the entire two blocks. They continue to function as cotton warehouses, even though the company has converted some of the interior spaces into modern offices. The structures retain their late 19th century facades along Front Avenue and their turn-of-the-century graphics (company adds) on the rear or Bay Avenue side."*

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Local History and Industry: These warehouses are significant as they have housed the W.C. Bradley Company, one of Columbus' largest industries for nearly 100 years. The Company is recognized as one of the largest industries within Columbus. Architecture: This warehouse complex is a fine example of late Victorian warehouse construction, using a functional building with ornamental brickwork on the window lintels and parapets.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

Nancy Alexander Roger Harris FORM PREPARED BY: a)

ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC

b) Historic Columbus Foundation

b) Janice P. Biggers
ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221

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: Lupold, John S. "Industrial Archeology of Columbus, Georgia: A Tour

Guide for the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial Archeology, April 1979," (copy at Historic Columbus Foundation).

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: floor has a gallery with five wide arched openings. The south wing is capped by a simple corbelled brick coping. The condition of the building is well maintained and is surrounded by commercial, industrial and warehouse storage.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Worsley, Etta Blanchard. Columbus on the Chattahoochee, Columbus Office Supply Co., 1951, p. 379.

Addendum to #427 Central of Georgia Railroad Terminal 7.00 12th Street

II. Description

Attached to the rear of the train terminal is a 16 bay platform of English bond brick with a metal gable end roof. Apparently built in two sections, the first, which abuts the terminal, has 12 bays each on the east and west elevations with elliptical arch openings and double leafed doors. Over hanging eaves are supported by five foot long brackets which rest on stone footings in the walls. The four bay addition to the end of the first platform is the same in general detailing, but the supporting eave brackets are less decorative and are footed directly into the building. A concrete platform runs the length of either side of the building. Circular vents run along the peak of the roof and are each topped with an open star cut from sheet metal.

IV. Significance

<u>Local History</u>: This warehouse is significant as the storage and loading dock area of the 1881 train terminal. Although not original to the building, (built c. 1890-1900), it has served, and still serves, as the central shipping and loading dock for the Central of Georgia Railroad, in Columbus.

