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| I. IDENTIFICATION | <p>PROPERTY NAME: First African Baptist Church<br/>                 HISTORIC NAME: St. Christopher's Normal and Industrial Parish School<br/>                 STREET ADDRESS: 900 5th Avenue CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: First African Baptist Church<br/>                 ATTN: Minister MAILING ADDRESS: 900 5th Avenue</p> <p>CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901</p> <p>CURRENT USE: church annex ACREAGE: less than one acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-689270-3593340</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 19/13/18</p>   |
| II. DESCRIPTION   | <p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Romanesque Revival; two stories, rectangular, flat roof; brick laid in common bond, composition roof; front facade details consist of rounded arch lintel windows with radiating voussoir, string courses of corbelled brick between first and second floor, and second floor and stepped parapet, one story porch over central entrance has round arch radiating voussoir opening with crenelated parapet. Situated among Victorian and Greek Revival residences and c. 1900 commercial buildings; landscaping consists of grass and shrubbery; fair condition.</p>  |
| III. HISTORY      | <p>ORIGINAL OWNER: St. Christopher's Normal and Industrial Parish School ORIGINAL USE: School<br/>                 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): According to data found in Columbus city directories, this property was known as "St. Christophers's Episcopal Church," in 1916. By 1918, the property was being called "St. Christopher's Normal and Industrial School and St. Christopher's Episcopal Church." In later years, the First African Baptist Church (which is located just across the street) purchased the property and converted the building into a child care center.</p>            |
| IV. SIGNIFICANCE  | <p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecture</u>: This annex is an example of school architecture in the black community at the beginning of the 20th century. Extremely simple in design, it suggests that functionalism was used as a financial necessity to create a school to teach local black residents. <u>Education</u>: This building is significant for educational reasons as it served as an early church-affiliated school (which was apparently private) in Columbus' Black community.</p>  |
| V. SOURCES        | <p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC<br/>                 Roger Harris b) Historic Columbus Foundation<br/>                 b) Janice P. Biggers</p> <p>ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221<br/>                 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901 b) (404)322-0756</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: R. L. Polk &amp; Company's Columbus, Georgia City Directory (1916).<br/>                 Birmingham, Alabama: R. L. Polk and Co., page 15.</p> |



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SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Polk's City Directory (1918-1919), page 34.

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