

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Kress STREET ADDRESS: 1117 Broadway PRESENT OWNER: G/K Properties, Inc. ATTN: President CITY: Columbus CURRENT USE: Vacant U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/11/7	HISTORIC NAME: Kress CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee MAILING ADDRESS: 1117 Broadway STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901 ACREAGE: Less than one acre U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688560-3593800
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Neo-Classical-Commercial. 2 story brick building, the brick is beige with a pink cast; mortar joints are dusty rose in color. It is laid in common bond. The building has I-beam framing system, with beams encased in wood. 1st floor has 2 entrances, glass showcases run length of front facade. 2nd floor is four bays wide, each bay divided by a pilaster which has a sandstone base and capital. All of the pilasters support a complete entablature, the architrave being sandstone, the frieze being brick laid vertically, and the cornice with modillions being pressed metal. (CONT'D)	
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: S. H. Kress Company ARCHITECT/BUILDER: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1918	ORIGINAL USE: Variety store HISTORIC ACREAGE: DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:
	HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): In Columbus' 1918 city directory, "Kress" is listed for the first time at "1117-1119." Since "Kress" had been listed in earlier directories at <u>only</u> "1117," this 1918 listing indicates that the present building was constructed to enlarge previous facilities. This store has served the Columbus community for 61 years in the capacity of a dime store. It was closed in 1979.	
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Local History LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecture</u> : This building is a fine example of commercial neoclassicism, with its pilasters and complete entablature, along with the general window treatment. It is the largest, most complete example of this style on Broadway. <u>Local History</u> : This Kress Store has served the Columbus community for 61 years. <u>Designed</u> as a Kress Store in 1918, it remained one of the leading dime stores in the downtown area for 61 years. It is typical of Kress stores being built in downtown areas during the early 1900's.	
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander Roger Harris ADDRESS: b) Janice P. Biggers a) P.O. Box 1908, Cols., Ga. 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols., Ga. 31901b) REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Columbus City Directories (1912-1918).	



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The window surrounds are sandstone, with a keystone of the same. The sash windows are 2/2 in configuration with a metal transom above each window. These transoms which serve as air vents, have a decorative geometric design.

The parapet has a central section which rises above the rest and has the letters K-R-E-S-S in metal on it. The remainder of the parapet has recessed panels and dividing posts with decoratively laid brickwork in the center. The whole of the parapet is capped with sandstone.

North & South: Commercial Buildings

West: Parking lot

East: Broadway and Commercial Buildings

Integrity: Altered but intact

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