

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 340

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 24 W. 10th Street HISTORIC NAME: "Wolfson Printing and Paper Co."
STREET ADDRESS: 24 W. 10th Street CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee
PRESENT OWNER: Simon Schwob Foundation MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1014
CITY: Columbus STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31902
CURRENT USE: Commercial property ACREAGE: Less than one acre
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688480-3593540
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/18/24

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Late Victorian-commercial; three stories tall, rectangular plan, flat roof; common bond brick construction; front facade details consist of three bays on each floor, the first floor has a central double leafed entrance with elliptical arch transom, one single glass panel window with elliptical arch lintel to either side of entrance, second and third floors each have three elliptical arch lintel windows with radiating voussoirs, parapet has sloping curve which reaches its highest point in the center; interior was used to house paper and printing presses; situated in downtown commercial district with other c. 1900-1910 buildings; fair condition.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Probably "Wolfson Printing and Paper Co." ORIGINAL USE: Printing and paper business
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: HISTORIC ACREAGE:
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1900-1910 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The present building is apparently not the one represented in the drawn-to-scale sketch of this address on the Sanborn (Insurance) Maps of 1889 and 1895. A two-story brick building is listed here on both maps. "Wolfson Printing and Paper Co." is listed here for the first time in the 1910 city directory. It is possible that the building was constructed before 1910, although a faded advertisement for "Wolfson Paper Co." (the business listed here for the first time in 1910) is still visible, as it was painted directly on the facade above the three windows on the third floor.

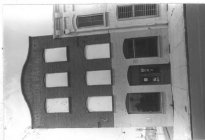
IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): (Local History): This building is significant as it was apparently built shortly after the turn of the century as a paper and printing business. The present three-story brick structure was evidently erected on the site where a two-story brick building stood until the late 1890's.
(Architecture): Significant for its straight forward functional design, this building stands as an excellent example of functionalism as it began to take hold at the turn of the century.

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 Directory (1910).

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USE SPACE BELOW FOR CONTINUATION FROM FRONT, SKETCH PLANS OR MAPS, ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ETC.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

- "Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.", March 1889, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. (A copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).
- "Sanborn (Insurance) Map of Columbus, Ga.", September 1895, Sanborn-Ferris Map Co., New York, N. Y. (a copy of which is located in the Columbus College Archives, Columbus, Ga.).

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Addendum to #340
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IV. Significance

Architecture: Perhaps not one of the outstanding examples of commercial architecture in downtown Columbus, this building is none-the-less significant as a turn-of-the-century business which housed a printing and paper company for 50 years. It is a very functional building where the architect has left off the ornate detailing of previous styles, while borrowing the proportions and front facade spacings. It is doubtless significant to Columbus, the home of a long time business, and as an example of one of the forerunning styles of functionalism.