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3rd Congressional District

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: GEORGIA	
COUNTY: Muscogee	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 20 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Senior Citizens Center

AND/OR HISTORIC:
* (ALEXANDER) MCGEHEE-WOODALL HOUSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1534 Second Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus,

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Muscogee	CODE 215
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
W. C. Woodall, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Dawson,

STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deed Books - Muscogee County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus,

STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 of an acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

HISTORIC SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (1936)
Historic Columbus Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 6-1-67 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Columbus Foundation - 716 Broadway, Columbus, Ga.
Building Inspector's Office, City of Columbus, Ga.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Columbus Museum of Arts & Crafts, Columbus, Ga.
Community Development Division, City of Columbus, Ga.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington Columbus	STATE: D.C. Georgia	CODE 08 DE 13
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7. DESCRIPTION

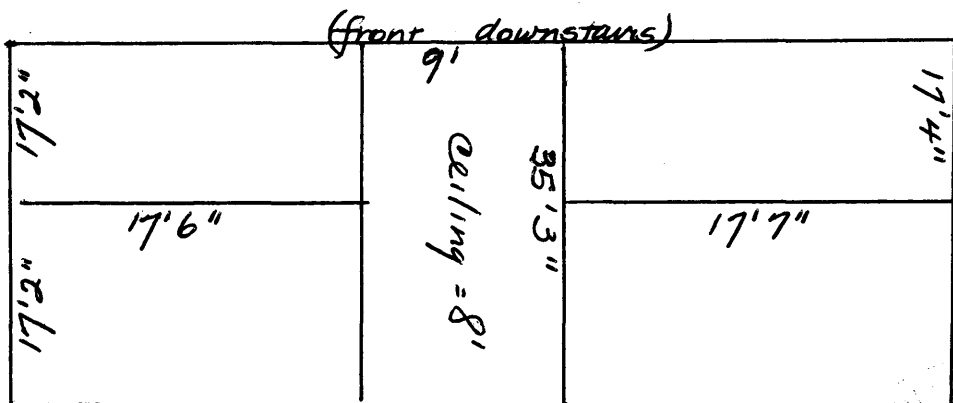
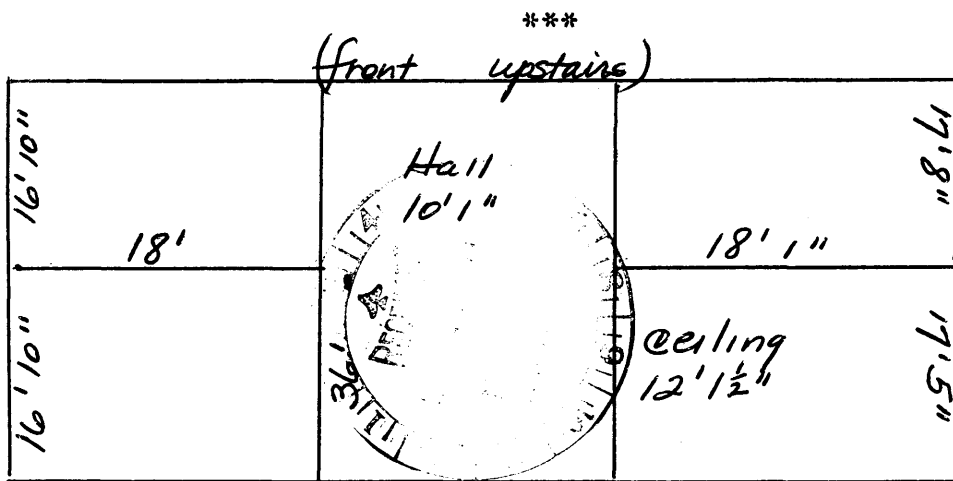
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input checked=""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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

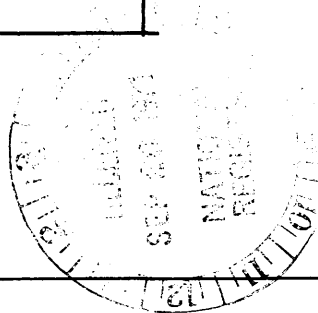
The home, of Doric architecture, is solid brick. The entrance, like many Charleston homes, has brick cemented steps leading up to a high portico, having a wrought-iron balustrade. Colonial ironwork gas lanterns stand by the steps. The house rests on the site of the first courthouse built in Columbus.

The two-storied raised cottage built over a high basement features black Carrara marble mantels imported from Italy (reportedly in a sailboat) and carved woodwork, as well as other handsome construction.

The front porch is 8' by 16'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The back porch is now rooms for senior citizens. The ceiling is 8' downstairs, and approximately 12'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " upstairs. The lintels flanking the windows on the exterior are marble. The four chimneys attested to the affluence of the family. A floor plan follows (no scale...)



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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) 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The McGehee-Woodall ~~House~~ House, now known as the Senior Citizens Center, is interesting for its beauty and historic association.

Its original name, The McGehee House, was derived from its former owner, Col. Allen McGehee, whose family lived in the house for 77 years.

The home is thought to have been built in 1845 by Robert B. Alexander, who purchased in June of that year from Grisby E. Thomas 4 one-half acre lots, extending along Washington Street (16th Street) from Jackson Street (2nd Avenue) to Oglethorpe Street (1st Avenue) with frontage on Jackson and Oglethorpe Streets of such length as to make out the two acres. This land was part of the original Courthouse Square on which the first simple frame courthouse of Muscogee County was erected.

In June, 1872, Col. McGehee bought the home with considerable adjoining property from Laurence Rooney. The property had a frontage of 187' on 2nd Avenue and 219' on 16th Street.

Col. McGehee, a successful cotton exporter and pioneer businessman, was born in Jones County in 1827, and came to Columbus from Harris County as a young man. His three children to reach maturity were Allen C. McGehee, Jr., Mrs. Mary McGehee Woodall, and Mrs. Virginia Ethel McGehee Woodall.

Virginia Ethel McGehee was born in this home on Sept. 10, 1879, and was married there on Oct. 26, 1899 to William Clyde Woodall, esteemed publisher of the Industrial Index and other publications. Mrs. Woodall lived in the home with her family until she passed away on July 18, 1949.

The home was renovated and prepared for a Senior Citizens Center by W. C. Woodall, Jr., owner, who made it available for the purpose of promoting well-being of the aged. The furnishings and equipment were donated by civic groups, organizations and individuals.

The Center is the result of planning by the Board of Directors of Senior Citizens Service of Muscogee County, Inc. (a
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Worsley, Etta Blanchard, Columbus on the Chattahoochee, 1951, pgs 208-209
 Nichols, Frederick Doveton, The Early Architecture of Georgia, University of No. Carolina Press, pg 204
America Discover Columbus, Georgia - 1964
The Columbus-Ledger-Enquirer, Feb. 13, 1969
The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, June 28, 1970

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		32° 28' 32" N	84° 59' 26" W	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Mrs. James J. W. Biggers, Jr., Executive Vice President

ORGANIZATION: Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. DATE: 3-23-71

STREET AND NUMBER:
716 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus, STATE: Georgia 31901 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

Name Mary Gregory Jewett
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date September 13, 1971

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

Annita A Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 20 1972

Date _____
 ATTEST:
W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date January 14, 1972

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Private, non-profit corporation) and brought into reality by them with Federal-State-Local partnership.

In September, 1967, Community Services Association of Muscogee County applied for and received a Title III grant under the Older Americas Act through the Georgia State Commission on Aging. The Title III funds have been matched by local city and county funds, and individual contributions.

Former Governor Lester Maddox dedicated and opened the building as the Senior Citizens Center on February 13, 1969.

Deeds Recorded:

Alexander-McGehee-Woodall - Lots 1 and 2 Courthouse Square

- F 115 Grigsby E. Thomas to Robert Alexander, 1845. \$5.05.
- C 15 R. B. Alexander by Adm. S. A. Biling to wife, Ann M. Alexander, 1854. \$4,500.
- G 19 Ann Marie Alexander to John C. Ruse, 1854, \$5,000.
- I 668 John C. Ruse, trustee for wife, to Joseph N. Merry, trus wife, 1858, \$5,000.
- M 764 R. M. Gunby, guardian minor Merry children, to Lawrence Rooney, 1867. \$2,000 promissory note.
- Z 7 Lawrence Rooney, to A. C. McGehee, trus wife and children, 1872, recorded 1886, \$11,400.

Ethel McGehee Woodall from father's estate.

1072-546 Leonora Woodall Nilan to William C. Woodall, Jr., 1966.

This house is situated in an area which has commercial zoning and without the protection afforded by the National Register will most probably be lost.

According to a recently passed Columbus zoning ordinance, any house accepted by the National Register will be given a "Landmark Status" locally. This means that all alterations, improvements, partial demolitions, et cetra, will be subject to review by the local Board of Historic and Architectural Review.

Local and national landmark status protection is extremely important for this distinctive Greek Revival period house with its handsomely proportioned, well-scaled doric style portico. The small scale monumentality of this facade gives distinction to the street. Its architectural integrity must be protected.