

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: The Flowers Building STREET ADDRESS: 101 12th Street PRESENT OWNER: Flowers Realty Company CITY: Columbus CURRENT USE: Commercial property, office space U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/6/17	HISTORIC NAME: Columbian Lodge Number 7 Free and Accepted Masons CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1231 STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31902 ACREAGE: Less than one acre U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688750-3593970
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Chicago Commercial style; four stories tall, rectangular plan, flat roof; balloon frame construction with stretcher bond masonry exterior walls with piers on first floor of smooth and rusticated granite, composition roof; front facade details include first floor granite piers with corinthian capitals supporting complete entablature, second floor has flat arch windows, third has rounded arch with keystone, pilasters run between windows up to fourth floor, between third and fourth floor is architrave and cornice of terracotta, fourth floor has flat arch windows, over central entrance are three bays which are recessed and use the arch motif of the (CONT.)	
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Columbian Lodge Number 7 Free and Accepted Masons ARCHITECT/BUILDER: T. Firth Lockwood DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1902	ORIGINAL USE: Masonic Hall HISTORIC ACREAGE: DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Street level entrance remodeled c. 1950-1960. Windows boarded (CONT.)
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local History, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Local History</u> - This building is significant as a turn-of-the-century Masonic Temple, which later became a major commercial center in downtown Columbus, housing offices of leading professionals and businessmen. <u>Architecture</u> - Massive in size when compared to the average commercial building in Columbus, this is the only example of the Chicago Commercial building in town. It is Sullivanesque in the use of the tall vertical pilasters and over all upward thrust of the facades. It also shows some influence of John Wellborn Root in its Romanesque detailing, such as the granite piers on the first floor, the rounded arches on the 3rd (CONT.)	
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander Roger Harris ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC b) Janice P. Biggers b) Historic Columbus Foundation ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Colts, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 b) 700 Broadway, Colts, GA 31901 b) (404)322-0756 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia. SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Interview with Mr. Joe E. Flowers, Jan. 26, 1980. Interview with Mr. J. W. Register, Dec. 14, 1979; and Cornerstone.	



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: second and third floor on a larger three story scale, building topped with a complete metal entablature with modillions; interior is primarily office space with a two story auditorium on third and fourth floor in the central recessed section; surrounded by c. 1890-1900 commercial one, two and three story buildings, with the Empire Building to west; no landscaping; fair condition.

DATES OF ALTERATION: over 1979 to prevent water damage

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: floor, and the heavy cornice on the parapet.

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