

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">I. IDENTIFICATION</p>	<p>PROPERTY NAME: The Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Columbus STREET ADDRESS: 124 11th Street PRESENT OWNER: The YMCA of Columbus CITY: Columbus CURRENT USE: This original marble structure houses the Columbus Pastoral Institute U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/16/8</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: The YMCA of Columbus CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee MAILING ADDRESS: 124 11th Street STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901 ACREAGE: Less than one acre U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688840-3593720</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">II. DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Classical Revival, three stories tall, rectangular plan with pavilion in center of front facade, flat roof, inset porch with outset columned porch on second and third floor pavilion is above an inset porch on first floor which has an outset radiating voussoir rounded archway entrance; brick and steel I-beam construction with marble "skin" on north, east, and west facades, composition roof, front facade details include first floor with alternating horizontal bands of smooth and rusticated marble, cornice divides first and second floors, second and third floors smooth marble, topped by a complete entablature with modillions supported by two story corinthian pilasters, solid (CONT'D)</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">III. HISTORY</p>	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: The YMCA of Columbus ARCHITECT/BUILDER: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1903</p> <p>ORIGINAL USE: YMCA of Columbus HISTORIC ACREAGE: DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1952 brick addition</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) Columbus' marble YMCA was officially dedicated on Dec. 2, 1903, with its largest financial and spiritual supporter, George Foster Peabody, present. Because of his love and respect for the organization, the Columbus-born Peabody gave the city what was, reputedly, the only marble "Y" in America. It is believed that this structure might be the only one of its type in the world, although Jerusalem, supposedly, claims a YMCA made of marble, also. The YMCA of Metropolitan Columbus was, reportedly, modeled after a still-existing "Y" in London, the city which gave birth to the organization in 1844. Adjacent to the original marble structure is a brick addition, which was built in 1952.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">IV. SIGNIFICANCE</p>	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Social/Humanitarian, Religion, LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local Architecture</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Social/Humanitarian</u>: This marble structure is significant as it became the first permanent headquarters for Columbus' YMCA. The city's organization is said to be the third oldest "Y" in the country, as the Columbus membership dates back to 1856. Surviving the Civil War, this determined group had many temporary headquarters, until the noted philanthropist, humanitarian Peabody made the marble structure--which still stands--possible. <u>Religion</u>: This structure has served as a significant meeting place for young men interested in common ideals. Religious principles, associated with the Christian faith, have always been a major part of the YMCA's doctrine. Presently, the (CONT)</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">V. SOURCES</p>	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander Roger Harris b) Janice P. Biggers</p> <p>ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Cols, GA 31994 b) 700 Broadway, Cols, GA 31901</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: McDuffie, Katherine. "\$1.5 Million Goal in Drive By YMCA for Capital Funds." <u>The Columbus Ledger</u>, 9 April 1975.</p> <p>Kyle, Clason. "Peabody Never Forgot Columbus." <u>The Sunday Ledger-Enquirer</u>, 4 Aug. 1974. (CONT)</p> <p>ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC b) Historic Columbus Foundation</p> <p>TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221 b) (404)322-0756</p>



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: parapet broken with turned balusters over the pavilion, building has paired l/l sash windows; interior consists of a series of locker rooms, a gymnasium, swimming pool, and offices; brick addition to west is generally out of scale with original building but does not detract from it, situated in a downtown commercial area with First Presbyterian Church to the north, St. Luke's Methodist Church to the northeast, parking lots and Rankin Square to the west, landscaped with boxwood hedge close to building and grass lawn, good condition.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion (Cont'd): Columbus Pastoral Institute, a key segment of the city's religious community, occupies the marble "Y".

Architecture: This building is the finest example of classical revival architecture in the downtown area. The architect paid careful attention to the detailing of classical styles and has created an authoritative, demanding structure which is supportive of the contributions the YMCA has made to local youths.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Barbara Bogart and Margaret Laney Whitehead. City of Progress: A History of Columbus, Georgia. Columbus, Georgia: Columbus Office Supply Co. 1979, pp.453-4.

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