#### **United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

### **National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections

#### 1. Name

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historic Caldwell Building and/or common Caldwell-Knox Building 2. Location 1001 Noble Street street & number not for publication Anniston city, town vicinity of congressional district 3 Alabama 01 Calhoun 015 code state county code Classification 3. Category **Ownership Status Present Use** \_ public uniod \_ oc ممتامينافينية \_ district museum X\_ private <u>x</u> u <u>X</u> building(s) 1 park \_\_ structure both 1 \_ W private residence **Public Acquisition** \_ religious \_\_\_\_ site Acces ent

#### 4. **Owner of Property**

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name Caldwe	ell Building -	Progressive	Anniston, Inc.		
street & number	P. O. Box 14	70			
city, town	Anniston		vicinity of	state	Alabama
5. Loca	ation of L	egal De	scription		
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc.		mty Courthouse 1 Book 413, p.	223, deed book	1226, p. 525
street & number	25 W. 11th St	reet	·····		
city, town	Anniston			state	Alabama
6. Repi	resentati	on in Ex	isting Su	rveys	
title Anniston	n Historical Si	tes Survey	has this property	v been determined el	egible? yes _X_ no
<b>date</b> 1981				federal stat	e county _X_ local
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city, town	Montgomery			state	Alabama



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## 7. Description

Condition excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered * _X_ altered	Check one original site moved date	
	•	* First floor	facade altered slightly	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The building, constructed in 1889, is three-story, red brick with russet colored stone trim. The facade is divided essentially into three units, with the middle unit being one bay and the flanking units being three bays, actually a band of triple windows. The windows on the second floor are arched, while those at the third level are segmentally arched. All the windows are trimmed in russet stone, which has been vermiculated. The same vermiculation is found on quoins at the corners of the building and also articulating the middle bay of the facade.

At the first floor level the original modillioned cornice is still present. At the third floor level there is an ornate cornice, consisting of paired acanthus leaf consoles and intervening brackets. The middle bay, which is slightly projecting, is crowned by a pediment, then there is a slightly roofed parapet above the cornice. The cornice extends around the side of the building and essentially repeats on the south side the same elements found on the front of the building.

Only the first floor facade has been altered.

### 8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	heck and justify below 	<ul> <li>landscape architecture</li> <li>law</li> <li>literature</li> <li>military</li> <li>music</li> <li>philosophy</li> <li>X politics/government</li> </ul>	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1889	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Situated at the major business intersection of 19th-century Anniston, the Caldwell Building is one of the few early commercial structures in Anniston which has survived with only ground floor alterations. Architecturally, it is noted as one of the best examples of the Victorian Italianate style in the city, with russett colored stone trim and an elaborately detailed cornice providing a rich contrast to the red brick walls. A slight projection of the central bay and a pediment in the cornice above break up the facade and create a more imposing presence on Noble Street.

The structure is also significant for its associations with two prominent political figures: John Caldwell and John B. Knox. Caldwell, who constructed the building in 1889 to serve as his own office and rental space, served as the attorney for the city of Anniston (1879-1884) and one term as a state representative (1886-1887). Knox, who had his offices in the building for nearly twenty years (moving in sometime between 1901 and 1905 and remaining there until 1925), was a prominent corporation lawyer who served as president of the Consitutional Convention of 1901 and was a major proponent of disfranchisment of blacks. Knox's association with the building was so strong that during the second decade of the 20th century, the building was known as the Knox Building.

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The building was erected on the first lot that was sold to the public after the Town of Anniston opened to the pulbic in 1883. Prior to that time the town was a privately owned estate, founded by Daniel Tyler and Samuel Noble, principle stockholders in the Woodstock Iron Company. Outside pressures forced the company to open the town to the public and the first land sales were held in a public auction that year.

Lot 1, Block 1, the site of the Caldwell Building, is considered to be the hub of the business district. John Caldwell, attorney for the Woodstock Iron Company, purchased the lot, and eventually constructed the present building for use as his office space.

The first floor has been used by various drygoods and clothing firms, including the Kohn Brothers, Globe Clothing and most recently, Mangels. The third floor was used in the early years as a meeting place for Masons.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Gates, Grace Hooten, <u>The Model City of the New South; Anniston, Alabama, 1872-1900</u>, (Strode, 1978) Northern Alabama, Historical and Biographical, (1888)

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