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# 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

HISTORIC

The Columbus Savings and Trust Building; Ferris Building

AND/OR COMMON

The Atlas Building

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8 East Long Street

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

15

\_\_ VICINITY OF

Chalmers Wylie

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

049

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### CATEGORY

\_\_ DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_ SITE

\_\_ OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

\_\_ PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_ BOTH

### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

### STATUS

OCCUPIED

\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

### ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_ NO

### PRESENT USE

\_\_ AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_ PARK

\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_ OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NEW OWNER - 1979

NAME

~~Brunner-Mackebaeh~~ GEORGE BYERS, JR.

STREET & NUMBER

~~1006 South High Street~~ 46 E. TOWN STREET 43215

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse Annex

STREET & NUMBER

South High Street at Fulton

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_ STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

393-18

**7 DESCRIPTION**

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building has twelve stories plus a thirteenth story concealed behind the high cornice. Though rectangular on the ground floor, the upper floors are "E"-shaped. The overall dimensions are 188'-7" in 15 bays by 62'-0" in 5 bays. The lower three stories of the building are dark red stone rusticated horizontally; these horizontal lines turn down to follow the lines of the voussoirs over the segmental arched windows on the second floor. The main entrance is characterized by four bold, heavy columns set on large granite blocks. The column capitals and bases are Roman Doric. The lines of horizontal rustication are carried across the columns which seem to be partially responsible for their very heavy appearance.

The detailing of the lower three floors is characterized by a certain heaviness and geometric simplicity. The only contrasting element is the light and delicate, yet still geometrically simple, cast iron railing above the main entrance mass. All the doors at the main entrance are new. The only unaltered cast iron storefront is immediately to the right of the main entrance. The hardware for the roll-in awning is still there. It appears that the original cast iron storefronts might still be intact behind the new storefronts.

The next seven floors are characterized by pairs of rectangular 1/1 windows puncturing the flat plane of red brick. Stone flat arches, flush with the brick and color matching the brick, form subtle continuous bands around the building.

The top two floors and the cornice are white terra cotta and white stone. The windows on the twelfth floor are round arches. The projecting cornice is supported by pairs of elaborate brackets. Above each pair of brackets is a pair of lions' heads.

The facade treatment just described occurs only on the south and west faces of the building. The other two faces are brick with much plainer detail. On the east side a ground floor window has been bricked up.

In general both the exterior and the interior are in excellent condition. The vestibule and lobby, in contrast to the dark red exterior, is white marble. The white marble stairway from the lobby is blocked off at the second floor. The elaborate ceiling mouldings, painted a colorful yellow and green, form a beam-like pattern spanning the lobby's white marble columns. The lighting in the lobby has been changed to square fluorescent fixtures. The elevators appear to be original. The elevator doors are polished brass with translucent glass panels.

At the basement level there are storage rooms which are under the sidewalk. Also in the basement is the vault used by the original owner, The Columbus Savings and Trust Company. The rental space in the building has undergone the usual series of remodellings typical of a commercial building, but there are some floors which appear not to have been appreciably altered, still having the white marble wainscoted, translucent glass and stained wood partitions.

# 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

|   |  |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank L. Packard

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Columbus Savings and Trust Company engaged Frank L. Packard to design a building for them at the northeast corner of Long and North High Streets. Formerly their offices were at the Spahr Building at 50 East Broad street. Cyrus Huling, president of the company, I. B. Cameron, the Secretary-treasurer (who was soon to succeed as president), and Henry Richter were the members of the building committee. On July 17, 1904 they announced that the contract for the construction was awarded to John Griffiths and Son of Chicago. The Sunday Dispatch July 17, 1904 contains the architect's rendering of the proposed "skyscraper" in addition to a photograph of the existing group of two story buildings which had to be razed. On August 29, 1904 the building permit was issued. The cost was estimated at \$500,000. At the time of its completion in 1905 it was one of Columbus' tallest buildings.

The Columbus Savings and Trust Company went bankrupt and in 1913 the building was purchased by Depositors Realty Company. In 1920 the building was leased to Warren B. Ferris along with the right to change its name to the Ferris Building. He immediately transferred it to the Cleveland-Columbus Realty Company. In 1927 Depositors Realty consolidated with Atlas Realty Company and the name was again changed. In 1973 Atlas Realty sold the building to Brunner-Mackenbach, its present owner.

The Columbus Savings and Trust Building was one of the finest works of Frank L. Packard, a nationally acclaimed Columbus architect. In 1892 he formed a partnership with J.W. Yost and in 1899 acquired full interest in the firm. His talents as an architect are borne out by the fact that he already has several buildings on the National Register including: Hayes Hall, Orton Hall, Toledo and Ohio Central Railroad Station, and the Old Ohio Governor's Mansion.

Although the Columbus Savings and Trust Building is basically Second Renaissance Revival with Italian models used as design inspiration, the "tripartite" scheme and especially the treatment of the "shaft" portion of the building has certain Sullivanesque qualities. It was built during an age of eclecticism. The architect could no longer copy classic models directly; new design solutions were required for the era of the skyscraper. In the design of this building Packard managed to achieve a particularly heavy-looking base, a strong, crisp-looking shaft, and a light, elaborately detailed top, each element very different in character, yet together forming an unusually interesting and very attractive composition, a piece of architecture certainly worthy of a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hooper, Osman, History of the City of Columbus 1797-1920  
Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly Vol. XXXIII 1924  
Polk Columbus Directory 1904-05  
Columbus City Directory 1911-14, 1917, 1920-22  
Columbus Dispatch July 17, 1904  
Deed, Mortgage, and Lease Records, Franklin County Courthouse Annex  
Original Blueprints of Floor Plans (incomplete set)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.28 acres

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |             |               |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1 7  | 3 2 9 1 2 0 | 4 4 2 5 6 0 0 | B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING     | NORTHING      |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C |      |             |               | D |      |         |          |
|   |      |             |               |   |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Thomas L. Pinto

ORGANIZATION

Ohio State University

DATE

17 November 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

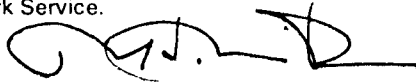
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10-8-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

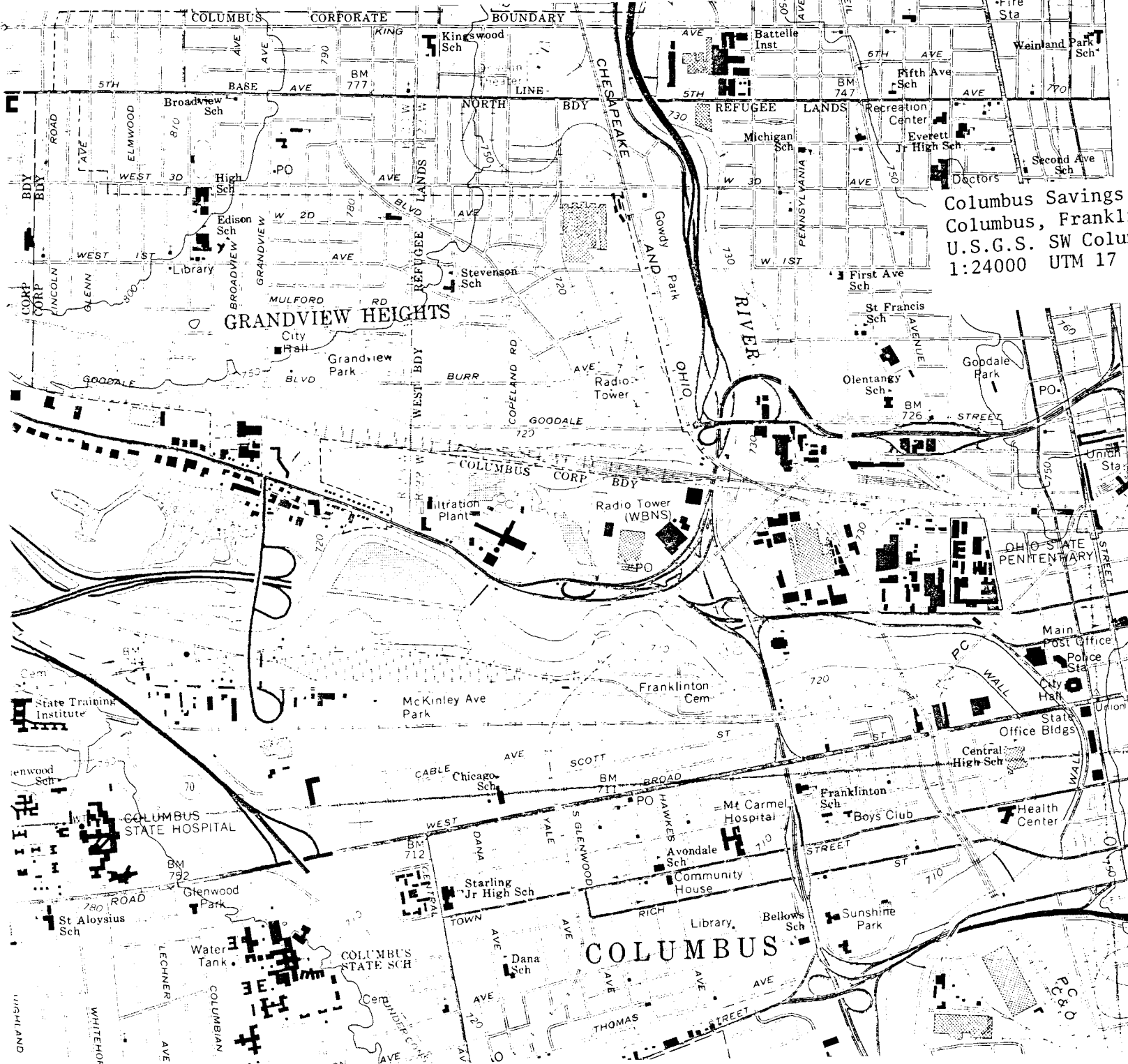
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Columbus Savings & Trust Building,  
 Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio  
 U.S.G.S. SW Columbus Quad., 1965-1973  
 1:24000 UTM 17 329/120 4425/600

*COLUMBUS SAVINGS & TRUST BUILDING*

4425  
 57°30"  
 4424  
 710 000  
 FEET

October 4, 1977

Brunner-Mackenbaugh

~~1006 South High St.~~ 40 E. FRANKLIN ST.  
Columbus, Ohio 43206

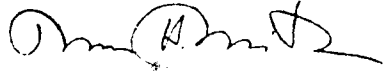
Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to inform you that the Atlas Building, 8 E. Long Street, Columbus, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Smith  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Director, Ohio Historical Society

THIS:jb  
enclosure

X.c: Mayor of Columbus  
Nancy Recchie, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**

**Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-8721**

# Ohio Historic Preservation Office

## National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Columbus Savings & Trust Building

County: Franklin

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Multiple Property Nomination form

Photographs

Photographs (copies)

USGS maps

USGS maps (copies)

Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

Correspondence

Other \_\_\_\_\_