

COLLEGE PARK CITY HALL, OLD
3814 East Main Street
College Park
Fulton County
Georgia

HABS NO.GA-2178

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| STATE GEORGIA | COUNTY FULTON | TOWN OR VICINITY College Park |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) City Hall (Sanborn, local history) | | HABS NO. GA-2178 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Ben's Antiques | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 3814 East Main Street | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) pre-1911 (Sanborn) c. 1896-1902 (local tradition) | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unk. | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Number 3814 East Main Street began life as the City Hall for College Park, built probably no earlier than 1896 when College Park was officially incorporated and no later than c. 1902 when the focus of downtown shifted north a few (cont'd) | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early 20th Century Commercial or Late 19th Century Commercial | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry (original part); Concrete block additions | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See floor plans. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE None. Brick facade has been stuccoed. Denticulated roof line existed, but has been covered over. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Hardwood floor in the original two (1/1) rooms. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES One rear shed and two concrete block additions added, dates unknown. The rear shed is visible in the sloping plank ceiling and exterior tin walls (since sheetrocked on the inside). Double rear door gave delivery access to alleyway. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant. Last used as antique store. Building to be demolished for rapid rail construction. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See continuation. | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Maps, city directories, published local histories, planning records, city council minutes, local informants, building inspection, and earlier studies prepared for MARTA. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Darlene R. Roth, for Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority 1534 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta GA 30307 | | DATE 3/30/85 |

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SIGNIFICANCE

blocks with the erection of a new passenger terminal at the intersection of East Main Street and Harvard (still standing). The City Hall was originally a two-room structure, one room upstairs and one room downstairs, with outside access to the upstairs from the street and outdoor privies in back. There is no evidence that the building was outfitted with gas or early electric fixtures, which may incline the dating to the 1890s. Heat was provided by a stove, for which the chimney and flue still exist.

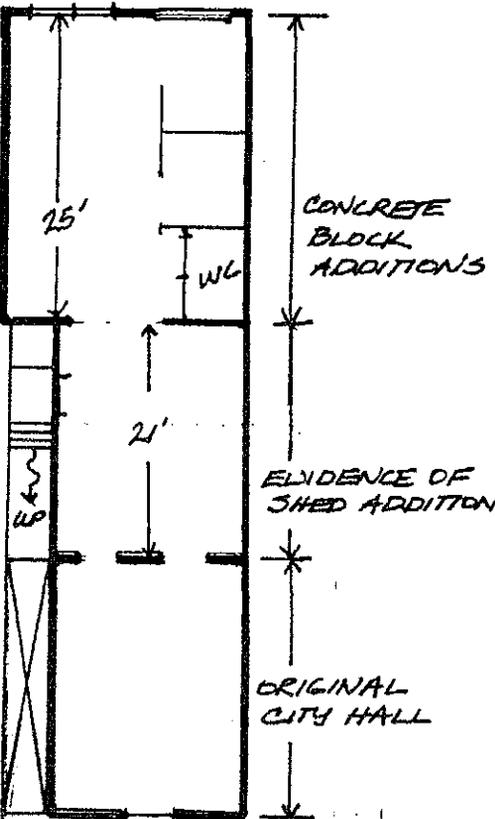
At some point in the building's early history a shed addition was attached to the rear, and in more recent history concrete block rooms added to the rear of the shed. The shed was not dismantled; it was simply incorporated into the rest of the structure.

The City used the building for town business until about 1912 when the City Council passed a resolution to transfer the city offices to the water department building. They voted to sell City Hall, but the sale did not go through. In 1912 as well the City turned the upstairs over to the volunteer fire department to use as quarters. According to the records, the outdoor toilets were removed and the City Council voted to use the building for a prison, though it is not known if it was actually ever used for this purpose. The City advertised the building for sale again in 1916, but it does not appear from the record that the building changed hands until the late 1920s when a new City Hall was built on West Columbia. In 1931 a new user appears in the city directories, a manufacturer of meters. Other tenants of the building, since 1931, have included a cleaner, a printer, a plumbing company, a fishing equipment supplier, and a music store (with studio upstairs). Throughout the 1910s and 1920s local Boy Scout troops met in the upstairs room as did the Lyle Brewster (Post 50) of the American Legion in the 1930s.

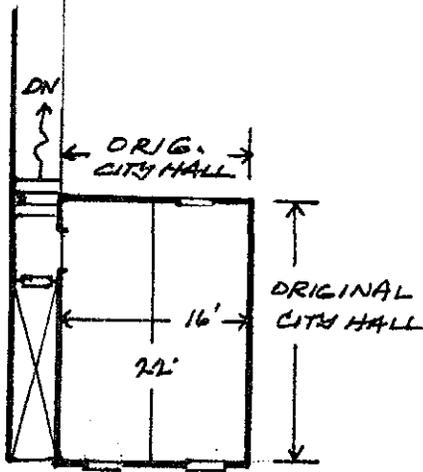
At some point, probably after 1950 when number 3810 was built, the original exterior stairway to the street was closed off, and another stairway built in the passageway giving only interior access to the upstairs.

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2ND FLOOR



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