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DEAR HCF MEMBERS,

Hello everyone! Thank you is never enough for your investment in our community. You continue to move the preservation needle forward each year because of your love of our history, our stories, and our places.



I wanted to share with you two new education collaborations. First, the **Rivertown Play** is a new partnership with Rick McKnight and FabArts. The play is currently being developed by professional storyteller Cathy Kaemmerlen. It will be completed this summer and put into each public school third grade classroom this fall. It showcases our community's Native American history; the importance of the Chattahoochee River; Horace King's contributions; and our city's important industrial history. We are very thankful to Rick and FabArts for new avenue to expand how our community's children learn about the history of their town.

This second opportunity was presented to Historic Columbus several months ago by Norm Easterbrook and the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. We have developed a twenty-panel exhibit called **Lost Columbus** that showcases the importance of preservation and reminds us their important stories are not lost even though the structures themselves are no longer standing. The exhibit will be up in April and run for several months. I hope you all will stop by the exhibit when you are at one of the wonderful performances at the RiverCenter!

And lastly, I hope you all will be able to join us for **A Night in Paris at the Moulin Rouge!** This is Historic Columbus' major fundraiser, and it is going to be a night you won't want to miss. Held on Friday, April 15th at the Country Club of Columbus, this fun evening will benefit our preservation projects and education programs. Chairman Katie Bickerstaff and her volunteer committee have put together an incredible night with high roller casino games, great food, and several local artists have donated some wonderful pieces of art for the raffle.

Through your "likes" on our social media, reading our weekly emails, your generous contributions, and renewing your memberships, YOU have made it possible for Historic Columbus to not only be standing but flourishing. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call anytime (706-322-0756 or elizabeth@historiccolumbus.com). Thank you all again for everything you do to make our community a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth B. Walden". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Elizabeth B. Walden
Executive Director

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1994 HCF Honored Lady

Effie Campbell Bowers was born in Charleston, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Lucile Lebbly Siegling Dwight and Rudolph Campbell Siegling, a lawyer and publisher of the Charleston News and Courier, in Charleston,



Lucy and Effie Bowers

South Carolina. Lloyd Guyton Bowers, Jr. and Effie met in Charleston during World War II at the St. Phillips Church Reading Room for soldiers, where she was a volunteer. They married on April 26, 1946, and settled in his hometown of Columbus, Georgia, where they restored and revitalized the beautiful historic home, Dinglewood. The Bowers raised their six children there: Effie, Lucy, Sara (Jeff), Lloyd, Charlie, and Terrell (Deane).

Effie was an enthusiastic member of the

Columbus community. She was a member of the Guild at St. Francis Hospital, the Columbus Junior League, the Colonial Dames, the Junto study club, The Trinity Church Altar Guild, The Vixens, and Wonderful Wednesday.

She supported the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University, Historic Columbus, the Columbus Naval Museum, Trinity Church, and many other charitable, educational and cultural organizations in Georgia and South Carolina. In addition to many awards, Effie Bowers was named Honored Lady for Historic Columbus in 1994 for her contributions to historic preservation in Columbus.

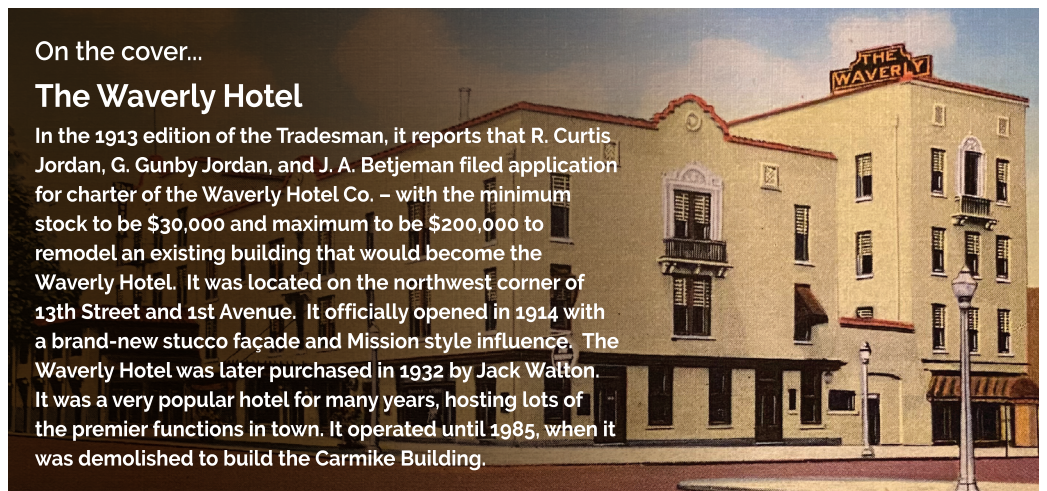
She will be deeply missed.

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On the cover...

The Waverly Hotel

In the 1913 edition of the Tradesman, it reports that R. Curtis Jordan, G. Gunby Jordan, and J. A. Betjeman filed application for charter of the Waverly Hotel Co. - with the minimum stock to be \$30,000 and maximum to be \$200,000 to remodel an existing building that would become the Waverly Hotel. It was located on the northwest corner of 13th Street and 1st Avenue. It officially opened in 1914 with a brand-new stucco façade and Mission style influence. The Waverly Hotel was later purchased in 1932 by Jack Walton. It was a very popular hotel for many years, hosting lots of the premier functions in town. It operated until 1985, when it was demolished to build the Carmike Building.



UPDATE FROM BRADLEY CIRCLE

Helping to fill in the gaps of historic neighborhoods with appropriate, threatened historic structures is something that Historic Columbus has been doing for over 50 years.



Once a hairbrained idea of Past HCF President Jack Jenkins, the shotgun shuffle has become a reality.

It all began with the purchase of 2807 Bradley Circle by HCF Past President and Director Emeritus Mary B. Bradley. The house was structurally beyond repair and soon demolished. Now, the property was vacant and looking for a new purpose.

Historic Columbus identified a threatened shotgun house at 207 35th Street and promptly moved it off its foundation. Following a lengthy rezoning process, Historic Columbus was then able to move the house onto the now vacant lot at 2807 Bradley Circle.

If you are at all familiar with Bradley Circle, you know its land lots are shallow and wide. These wedge-shaped lots do not easily lend

Historic Columbus' stabilization work at 2901 1st Avenue is finally complete!

Purchased in 2020 as a vacant home, Historic Columbus identified this property as a key piece to helping set the trajectory of the Bradley Circle area in City Village. The property serves as the entry point to the unique circular street which contains relatively intact and modest mill village houses built in the early 20th century.

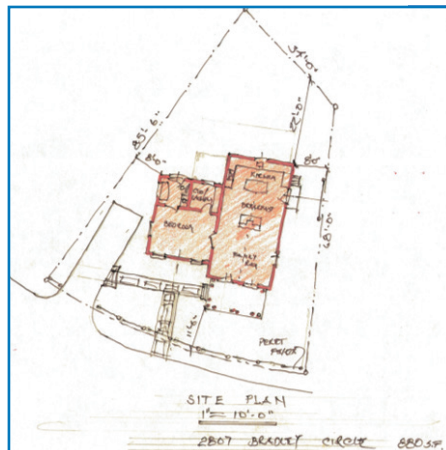
The stabilization of this house was secured through an anonymous donation of \$60,000.00, which provided for a new roof, interior demolition work, and exterior repainting and repair. 2901 First Avenue is just one property of many in the area that have recently seen a good deal of investment.

Historic Columbus intends to sell this property to a new owner in the next couple of months who will then complete the rehabilitation and be a good neighbor.

Historic Columbus also extends a great deal of thanks to Chris Harman and Wildwood Gardens for the donation of new landscaping for the house! Be on the lookout for more to come in Bradley Circle.

themselves to long shotgun houses, and that is where Jack's "shuffle" comes into play. The "shuffle" part involves removing the rear third of the shotgun and sliding it around to the side, creating a cottage with a small front porch.

Like the house at 2901 1st Avenue, Historic Columbus will stitch this house back together with a new roof, windows, and doors along with fresh paint. It will then be sold to a sympathetic owner for further rehabilitation.



NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

October 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022

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