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Mott House Nominated For Historical Register

The former "Mott House" which contains part of the offices of the Columbus Towel Mill at Columbus, Ga., has been approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

C. L. Kametches, division vice president and general manager of Columbus Towel manufacturing, was notified by Carole A. Summers, coordinator of historic sites in the Department of Natural Resources, that the "Mott House" has been approved for nomination by the Georgia Review Board.

With its mansard roof and with what architects have declared is the most classical portico in the State of Georgia, the house was the home of Col. Randolph Lawler Mott, a staunch Unionist in Columbus during the Civil War.

"This house has never been out of the Union," Col. Mott declared as he met General James Harrison Wilson following the capture of Columbus in the last land battle of the war.

The antebellum mansion, which Gen. Wilson used as his headquarters, today houses the Columbus Towel Mill's Purchasing, Payroll and Industrial Engineering Departments and a portion of the Data Processing Department. Mr. Kametches office and the Mill Accounting offices are located in an adjoining addition.

The handsome three-storied house with its unusual roof, four large chimneys and cupola

suggested historical homes in Ohio and New England. Iron grillwork forms a rail between the four Ionic columns of the small portico and adorns the top of the roof. The same wrought iron was used to enclose the four sides of the roof.

Built For Nancy Calhoun

The house was originally built for Nancy Howard Calhoun (Mrs. James S. Calhoun), a daughter of John Howard of Milledgeville, who has many descendants in present-day Columbus. He is said to have been very wealthy at the time of his death in 1822 and left a sufficient inheritance to a number of children to build handsome homes in the boomtown on the Chattahoochee River which was attracting much interest in many sections.

The house was sold in the 1840's to Daniel Griffin, a young Irish civil engineer, who had come south soon after landing to help build the Central of Georgia railroad. When he settled in Columbus and bought the "Calhoun house," as it was then called, he landscaped the grounds to the water's edge and planted camellias, gardenias and other flowers.

Some of the 100-year-old camellias are still in existence, the most famous of which is the "Lindsay Neil", named for the Columbus gentleman who propagated it. The late Lindsay Neil was for many years employed in the office of Muscogee Manufacturing Company, now the Columbus Towel Mill of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.



Former "Mott House" is now part of office building of the Columbus Towel Mill. On steps is Marcia Donaldson, a clerk in the Preparation Department.

Daniel Griffin acquired a fortune as the owner of a line of stages between Milledgeville, the capital of Georgia, and

Montgomery, recently made capital of Alabama, and was bank president.

Famous Visitors

To please his bride in 1849, he filled the house with beautiful furnishings and lived in great style, often entertaining distinguished guests, including Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor

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Recent Service Anniversaries

Thirty-five Years

- David G. Ludwin N. C. Finishing
- Curtis S. McBride N. C. Finishing
- John H. Hill N. C. Finishing
- Fred M. Brown N. C. Finishing

Thirty Years

- Benton Spencer Fieldale
- John O. Wray Blanket Greige
- Margaret L. Hundley Fieldale

Twenty-five Years

- Thelma V. Fain Bedsread
- Joe R. Kimbro Columbus
- Gladys W. Murphy Draper Sheeting
- Riley W. Wilson Draper Sheeting
- Leonard C. Cobb Blanket Greige
- Louie N. Durham, Sr. Blanket Greige
- Ralph J. Boyles Blanket Greige

Twenty Years

- Albert M. Goode Fieldale

Fifteen Years

- W. Dennis Alcorn Blanket Finishing
- Thomas Henry Knott Payrolls & Banking
- Ruth W. Hylton Blanket Warehouse
- Ina Ruth Waite Columbus

Ten Years

- Frank Hairston Foremost
- Lola Sybil Hodge Columbus
- Charlie L. Napper Fieldale
- Anne J. Darnell Foremost
- Billy J. Simmons Columbus
- Robert L. Matthews Bedsread
- Arleen F. Redd Fieldale
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- Gracie C. Patterson Sheet Finishing
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- Nettie E. Pillar Draper Sheeting
- Eugene M. Saunders Fieldale

Fieldcrest Sponsors TV Tennis Matches

The Association of Tennis Professionals (A.T.P.) televised tournaments are being supported this summer and fall by Fieldcrest and American Airlines with approximately eighty hours of live coverage over the non-commercial Public Broadcasting System. Over one hundred stations are expected to cover this sports feature.

Beginning July 21 and 22 in Chicago with the second event in Washington, D.C., on the 29th and 30th, the tournaments will be televised on consecutive Sundays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Mondays from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Louisville on August 4-5, Indianapolis on the 11-12, Toronto-Columbus (dual coverage) on the 18-19 and Boston on the 25-26.

Because of Monday Night Football they will take place from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays in September starting in Chicago on the 14-15, Los Angeles on the 21-22 and San Francisco on the 28-29.

Fieldcrest towels will be used at center court, and gift sets will be presented to the doubles winners and runner-ups.

Karastan Rug Mill To Be Expanded

In an approximately \$1.5 million project, the Karastan Rug Mill is being expanded to handle increased production. The company has announced that a two-story addition will be built onto the east side of the present mill building to house the needed facilities.

Final plans are being prepared for the building addition and construction will be started soon.

In connection with the expansion project, Fieldcrest has acquired land with frontage on South Bridge Street. Houses now situated on the property will be removed to make room for the addition to the mill and expansion of the driveway.