

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: Y.W.C.A., 436 North Main Street

Legal description:

Cowan & Hostetler's (E. Side of N. Main St.)
S45' lot 1 and N15' of lot 2 blk 1
(Not taxable - hence, legal description is all that is on their card).

Date of original construction: January 5, 1910 - dedication of main building.

Jan. 28, 1938 - dedication of the new swimming pool addition to the north of the main building.
(Dewitt, Amiel, architects)

Name of original owner: Young Women's Christian Association.

History: Attached are the following copies:

1. History of Y.W.C.A. from Nelson, Hon. Wm. B., City of Decatur and Macon County, Pioneer Publishing Co., 1910, pp 446-449.
2. History of Y.W.C.A. from Richmond, Mabel B., Centennial History of Decatur and Macon County, The Decatur Review, publisher, 1930, p 386.
3. Copies of articles from local newspapers:
 - a. Y.W.C.A. opening Jan. 20, 1906 Rev.
 - b. Description of rooms - Jan. 21, 1906 Rev.
 - c. General secretary, Kate Smith, to take charge Jan. 22, 1906 Rev.
 - d. Organizational meeting night of worst sleet storm Jan. 22, 1906 Rev.
 - e. Organization of Y.W.C.A. completed (200 attended despite storm) Jan. 23, 1906 Rev.
 - f. Officers of Y.W. elected. Jan. 24, 1906 Rev.
 - g. Y.W.C.A. organizational meeting completes with Evangalist Culpepper. Jan. 24, 1906 Rev.
 - h. Secretary's specialty is food service. Jan. 28, 1906 Rev.
 - i. Gospel meeting at Y.W. - 50 present. Jan. 31, 1906 Rev.
 - j. Financial drive for building. Nov. 17, 1909 Her.
Each \$100 contribution, a "famous woman"
 - k. Views of new Y.W.C.A. Dec. 1, 1909 Her.
 - l. Dedication plans. Dec. 5, 1909 Her.
 - m. Preparations for giant reception. Dec. 26, 1909 Rev.
 - n. Mrs. T. T. Roberts new Y.W. president. Dec. 31, 1909 Rev.
 - o. Decatur's first civic group. Dec. 31, 1909 Rev.
 - p. Dedication of Y.W. planned. Jan. 2, 1910 Rev.
Also article on BAD WEATHER
 - q. Y.W.C.A. building described. Dec. 31, 1909 Rev.
 - r. Dedication. Jan. 1, 1910 Rev.
 - s. Further description of building. Jan. 2, 1910 Her.
 - t. Y.W. motor pageant. Oct. 1, 1915 Rev.
 - u. Debt to be lifted. Jan. 2, 1916 Rev.
 - v. Jubilee banquet. Feb. 20, 1916 Rev.

Present owner: Y.W.C.A.

History Continued:

Attachments continued:

- w. Y.W.C.A. play April 24, 1929 Rev.
- x. Annual meeting Febr. 17, 1924 Rev.

Copies of articles on women identified with the Y.W.'s leadership:

- a. Mrs. Eugenia Bacon
- b. Mrs. T. T. Roberts June 15, 1944
- c. Mrs. Guy P. Lewis Jan. 15, 1966

