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MOUNT VERNON AVE. COMM. BUILDING
1533-1537 MT. VERNON AVE., COLUMBUS, OH 43205



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WHAT'S NEXT? SHOW US HOW YOU VALUE THIS BUILDING'S PAST AND FUTURE THROUGH SKETCH, SONG, PROSE, POETRY, VIDEO, OR ANY VARIETY OF MEDIUM YOU CHOOSE. **SUBMIT YOUR CELEBRATION ON THIS CARD TO COLUMBUS LANDMARKS FOUNDATION AT 57 JEFFERSON AVE, COLUMBUS OH, 43215, OR AT COLUMBUSLANDMARKS.ORG** FOR YOUR ENTRY TO BE FEATURED AT OUR DISPLAY EVENT IN THE FALL.

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ANCHORING THE INTERSECTION OF TAYLOR AND MT. VERNON AVENUES, THE HANDSOME BUILDING ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER HAS SERVED THE NEIGHBORHOOD WELL OVER THE YEARS. DATING BACK TO 1900, THIS BUILDING SERVED ORIGINALLY AS A BOARDING HOUSE FOR WOMEN, THEN AS OFFICES FOR ACCURATE MEASURE OIL CO. IN THE ROARING 20S, THEN AS A BARBERSHOP AND DRUG STORE, A LAUNDROMAT FROM 1962-1981, WAS HOME TO LUCY'S RESTAURANT IN THE 70S, AND MOST RECENTLY AS THE ART GALLERY OF OSU ART PROFESSOR PHEORIS WEST. WHILE THIS BUILDING HAS SEEN BETTER DAYS, ITS POTENTIAL IS ALLURING AND SELF-EVIDENT. THE BUILDING RESEMBLES A MIXTURE OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES, STARTING WITH A RUSTICATED ROMANESQUE ARCHWAY OVER THE MT. VERNON AVENUE-FACING ENTRANCE. THE REST OF THE BUILDING IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GEORGIAN STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE, WITH ARCHED DENTILS AROUND UPPER WINDOWS, BENEATH A PROMINENT PARAPET ADORNED WITH AN ORNATE CORNICE. THE STOREFRONTS ON THE STREET LEVEL, INDICATIVE OF THEIR COLORFUL HISTORY, HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OVER THE YEARS. THIS BUILDING WOULD MAKE AN INCREDIBLE RESTORATION PROJECT, BRINGING IT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL VITALITY AMIDST A STRONG HEADWIND THAT HAS BOLSTERED THE ENTIRE NEAR EAST SIDE.