

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Joseph Sedlacek House (AA-1131)
200 King George Street

The building at 200 King George Street was originally constructed for Joseph Sedlacek in 1890. The two-and-a-half-story building was one of the first freestanding dwellings erected in this block on the northeast side of King George Street following its subdivision by Dennis Griffin in 1890. The substantial parcel was historically owned and improved by Charles Carroll in the 18th century, and subsequently purchased in the 19th century by Jeremiah Chase. Owned and occupied by members of the Sedlacek family for seventy years, the dwelling is a good example of the urban townhouse form commonly erected along King George Street in the latter part of the 19th century.

The two-and-a-half-story, side-passage dwelling was erected as a freestanding, single-family dwelling. Designed in a vernacular Italianate style, the wood frame building is set upon a brick foundation and clad with asbestos shingles. The side gable roof of the three-bay wide building features a stylistic bracketed cornice. Originally flat-fronted, the house was adorned by the addition of a single-story, two-bay wide porch between 1908 and 1913. A two-story rear ell was originally constructed as a single story, but raised to two stories between 1913 and 1921. Brick-lined passages with wrought iron gates separate the house from its neighbors to either side.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. AA-1131

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Joseph Sedlacek House
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 200 King George Street not for publication _____
city or town Annapolis vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Anne Arundel code 003 zip code 21401

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District
No _____

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1890-1960

Significant Dates 1890

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 3650 Square Feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property designated as 200 King George Street is located on Parcel 1395 as shown on Grid 11, Map 4Z in the City of Annapolis.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building has been historically associated with this property since its construction in 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By
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organization Traceries date February 2, 1998
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815
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12. Property Owner
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name Sandra S. Stillwell
street & number 200 King George Street telephone _____
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
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The two-and-a-half-story, side-passage building at 200 King George Street was erected in 1890 as a freestanding, single-family dwelling. Designed in a vernacular Italianate style, the wood frame building is set upon a brick foundation and clad with asbestos shingles. The side gable roof of the three-bay wide building features a stylistic bracketed cornice. Originally flat-fronted, the house was adorned by the addition of a single-story, two-bay wide porch between 1908 and 1913. A two-story rear ell was originally constructed as a single story, but raised to two stories between 1913 and 1921. Brick-lined passages with wrought iron gates separate the house from its neighbors to either side.

The southwest elevation (facade) is divided into three bays, consisting on the first story of a side-passage entry and two elongated 2/2 windows. The entry features a glass replacement door and an original single-light transom, enclosed within a molded architrave. The 2/2 windows feature molded window heads and wood sills.

The second story includes two 2/2 windows and a ten-light door that opens onto the balcony of the porch. The replacement door, added after the 1913 porch was built, retains the original molded window head. The windows similarly retain their original molded window head and wood sills.

Above the second story is the bracketed cornice consisting of two large end brackets framing a series of smaller modillions. Above the cornice rises the front slope of the gable roof, clad in asphalt shingles. The roof features a centrally placed gable dormer and a central brick chimney at the ridge line. The dormer has an enclosed front gable and a 2/2 window with wood surrounds.

The front porch, raised upon masonry piers, is two bays wide and is covered with a flat balustraded roof. The porch roof is supported by Tuscan columns and has a boxed cornice with a molded profile. A railing with square balusters spans the columns. Wooden steps lead from the side of the porch to the landing, rather than up the front. The balustrade on the porch roof is more delicate than the railing of the porch, suggesting it was added later. In contrast, the railing has turned newels rather than the columns found below, and square balusters.

The southeast side elevation, clad with asbestos shingles, includes the side wall of the main block and the two-story ell. The main block of the house has two 2/2 windows at the rear on both the first and second stories. A single window is located in the gable

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end at the attic level. All of the openings have molded window heads and wood sills. The rear ell has a single window on the second story and a small opening on the first.

The northwest elevation, clad with asbestos shingles, has a single, small casement window located between the first and second story toward the rear bay of the main block of the house.

The interior and rear elevation of the building were not accessible for survey.

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PROPERTY HISTORY

The property on which the building at 200 King George Street stands was historically associated with Margaret Dulany, the wife of Dr. Alexander Hamilton of Scotland. Stretching along the northeast side of King George Street, the property was purchased from Charles Carroll the Chirurgeon (doctor) in 1747 for 450 pounds by Daniel Dulany the Elder as a wedding gift for his daughter Margaret. Prior to its ownership by Dulany, the property had been improved by the construction of numerous dwellings that fronted Hanover Street to the east and landscaped gardens stretching west to King George Street.

Following the death of Hamilton in May 1756, Dulany married William Murdock, the son of John and Katherine Murdock. William Murdock was the sheriff of Prince George's County in 1740 and a member of the Maryland General Assembly from 1749 to 1769. With the death of her second husband in 1769, Margaret Dulany sold the property to Richard Sprigg in 1772. As the original purchaser of the land, Daniel Dulany the Elder simultaneously devised a confirmatory deed to Richard Sprigg.

The property was conveyed by Richard and Margaret Sprigg to their son-in-law John Francis Mercer in 1790. Within the next five years, the property stretching along King George Street had been conveyed twice, eventually purchased by Judge Jeremiah Townley Chase. One-time mayor of Annapolis, Chase resided in the Hammond-Harwood House (1774-1776, William Buckland) at 19 Maryland Avenue. Upon the death of Chase in 1828, his numerous lots were devised among his five children. The Hammond-Harwood House was conveyed to Frances Townley Chase Loockerman, while the property along the northeast side of King George Street south of Maryland Avenue was bequeathed to Hester Anne Chase. Chase, born in July 1791, was the youngest of Judge Chase's children. Unmarried, Chase purchased the

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Chase-Lloyd House at 22 Maryland Avenue (1769-1774, William Buckland) following the circa 1847 fire that destroyed her primary dwelling at the King George Street property. Subsequently, the site was improved by the construction of a one-and-a-half-story wood frame dwelling and a large wood frame stable that Chase utilized as rental property.

As one of three nieces to inherit property from Chase in 1875, Hester Anne Chase Ridout became the sole owner of the King George Street property. The 1880 census records indicate the dwelling was leased to United States Naval Academy gardener Martin Stein. An immigrant from Germany, Stein lived in the dwelling with his wife and seven children until his death by drowning in Baltimore in 1885.

In December 1888, the estate of Hester Anne Chase Ridout, deceased, was bequeathed to her niece Sallie Hammond Marriott Chase (1834-1911). Unmarried, Sallie Chase retained ownership until 1890, when it was conveyed to Dennis and Anna A. Griffin for \$3,000. Griffin, originally from County Limerick, Ireland, was the superintendent's coachman at the United States Naval Academy and caretaker of government farms.

BUILDING HISTORY

Within months of purchasing the parcel, Griffin began to subdivide the King George Street property into six lots. In June 1890, the narrow unimproved lot designated today as 200 King George Street was sold to Joseph and Kate Sedlacek. Based on deed research and historic maps, it appears that Sedlacek had the two-and-a-half-story, side-passage wood frame dwelling erected on the lot in 1890. Sedlacek was assessed in 1896 for a single wood frame dwelling on a 25-foot by 150-foot lot, valued at \$1,500.

Between 1901 and 1903, over half of the block on which 200 King George Street was constructed had been purchased by the United States Naval Academy for future expansions. All of the wood frame and brick dwellings, the majority of which had been erected between 1844 and 1891, were razed. The wood frame dwelling utilized as rental housing by the Chase/Ridout family was also demolished to allow for the construction of officers' housing.¹ By 1913, a

¹ Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1903.

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security fence was constructed directly to the southeast of 198 King George Street and 195 Hanover Street to separate the town from the school, thereby obscuring the circa 1908 dwellings erected by the Naval Academy.

Joseph Sedlacek, an immigrant from Austria, worked as a member of the United States Naval Academy band. The Sedlacek family consisted of his wife Catherine Hronek of Baltimore, daughters Mary and Helen, and sons Emanuel and Anthony (a joiner at the United States Naval Academy). The census records indicate that members of the Sedlacek family occupied the dwelling until 1930, when Joseph Sedlacek died. Interest in the property was divided in 1931 among the three surviving children, Mary S. Kelly, Helen P. Holden, and Anthony J. Sedlacek.

Despite being jointly owned, the building at 200 King George Street was occupied solely by Helen Sedlacek Holden. Her brother Anthony died in 1955, bequeathing his one-third share to his wife Mazie, son Emanuel, and daughter Dorothy Sedlacek. Five years later, in March of 1960, Helen Holden passed away. She devised her share in the building to her daughter Helen Riley. The sold remaining child of Joseph Sedlacek conveyed her interest to Mary Ellen Casey in April 1960. By June of that same year, all interested parties sold 200 King George Street to William B. St. George and Ila Ross St. George.

The new owner/occupants retained the building until 1977, when, sixteen years after the death of her husband, Ila St. George conveyed the building to John F. and Kent Marie Stasiowski. The Stasiowskis sold the building in 1986 to Sandra Stillwell, who presently maintains it as rental property.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title for 200 King George Street:

- 1718: William Emerson purchased the property
- 1720: William Emerson to Charles Carroll the
Chirurgeon
- 1747: Charles Carroll the Chirurgeon to Daniel
Dulany the Elder for Margaret Dulany and
husband Dr. Alexander Hamilton
- 1772: Margaret Dulany Hamilton Murdock to
Richard Sprigg
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber DD 5 Folio 421
- 1772: Daniel Dulany, father of Margaret Dulany,
to Richard Sprigg
Confirmatory Deed
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber DD 5 Folio 422
- 1790: Richard and Margaret Sprigg to John
Francis Mercer, son-in-law
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber JG 1 Folio 502
- 1793: John Francis Mercer to Colonel John
Hoskins Stone
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber JG 3 Folio 318
- 1795: Colonel John Hoskins Stone to Jeremiah
Townley Chase
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber JG 3 Folio 604
- 1853: Jeremiah Townley Chase to daughter Hester
Anne Chase
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber SH 5 Folio 277
- March 15, 1875: Hester Anne Chase devised to niece Hester
Anne Chase Ridout

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December 18, 1888: Hester Anne Chase Ridout, wife of Samuel
Ridout, bequeathed to Sallie Hammond
Marriott Chase

April 3, 1890: Sallie H.M. Chase to Dennis Griffin and
Anna A. Griffin
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber SH 36 Folio 584

June 13, 1890: Dennis and Annie A. Griffin to Joseph and
Kate Sedlacek
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber SH 37 Folio 196

January 1, 1931: Last Will and Testament of Joseph
Sedlacek to children, Mary S. Kelly,
Helen P. Holden and Anthony J. Sedlacek

April 19, 1955: Last Will and Testament of Anthony J.
Sedlacek to wife Mazie, son Emanuel, and
daughter Dorothy Sedlacek
Power of attorney to Helen Riley

March 1960: Last Will and Testament of Helen P.
Holden to daughter Helen Riley
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GMN 1 Folio 71

April 21, 1960: Mary S. Kelly deeded to Mary Ellen Casey
One-third interest
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GTC 1385 Folio 314

June 15, 1960: Mary Ellen Casey and Patrick Joseph
Casey, Mazie J. Sedlacek, widow, Dorothy
M.S. Bellew and Richard H. Bellew, and
Helen H. and John S. Riley to William B.
St. George and Ila Ross St. George
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 1399 Folio 436

July 6, 1977: Ila Ross St. George to John F. and Kent
Marie Stasiowski
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 2978 Folio 189

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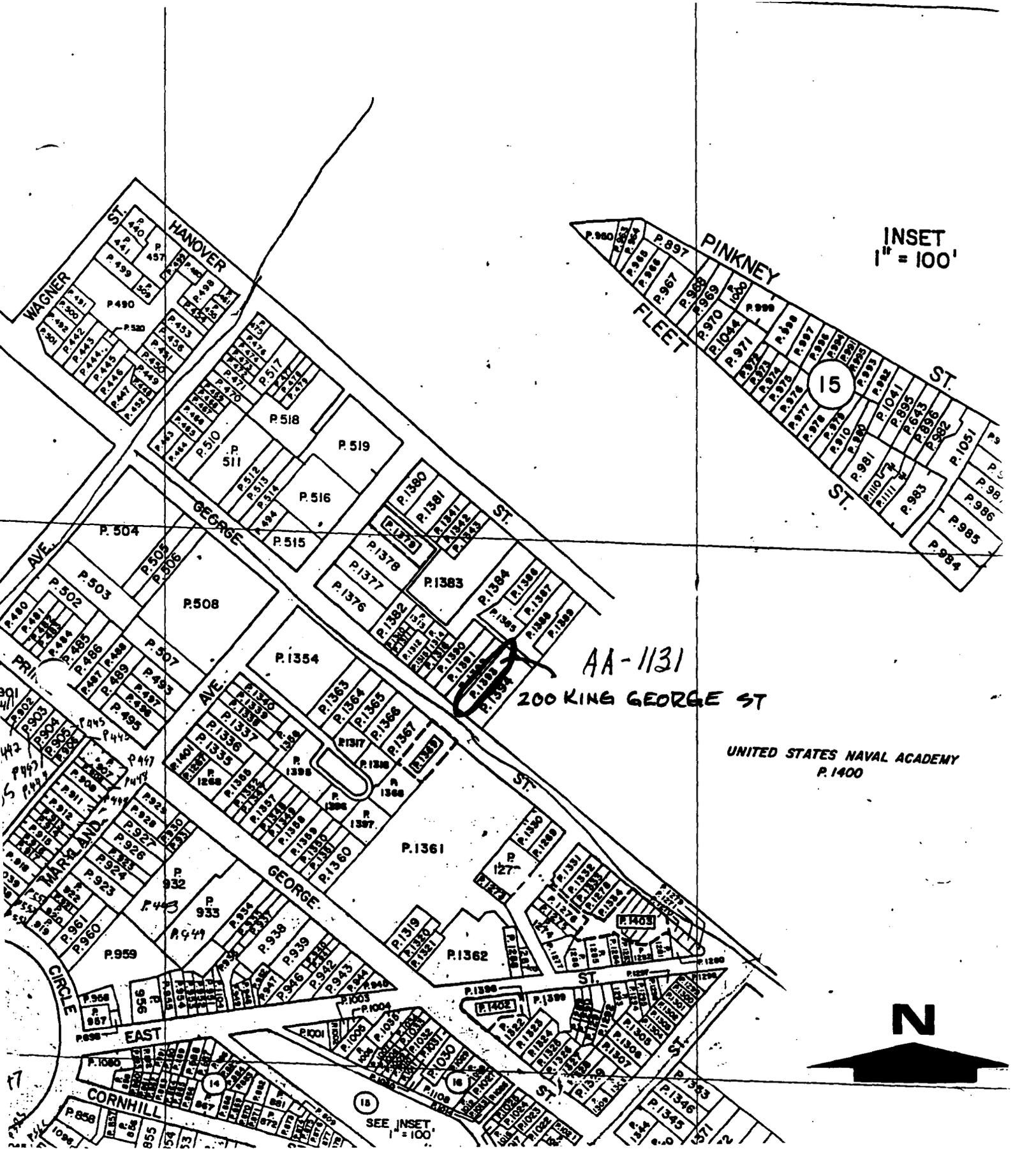
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June 11, 1986:

John F. and Kent Marie Stasiowski to
Sandra S. Stillwell
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 4097 Folio 765



INSET
1" = 100'

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200 KING GEORGE ST

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
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MAP OF ANNAPOLIS, No.4-6
Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
1967; Revised 1991
Scale 1' = 200'



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200 KING GEORGE ST

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRACERIES

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LOOKING NE

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200 KING GEORGE ST

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NW ELEVATION, LOOKING EAST

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 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 1131</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: SF Res
ORIGINAL USE: SF Res
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good (x) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Vernacular (A.F.)
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 200 King George
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: RES Map 34 Par 133
OWNER: Stasiowski John F & Kent M ADDRESS: 200 King George Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (x) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (v) State () National () <input checked="" type="radio"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick (x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (x)
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle (x) Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (x) Sheet Metal () Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers (x) Chimneys (x) Sheds () Ells (x) Wings () Other: two story porch (rare)

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead () Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: Right

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (x) Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Single pedimented roof dormer; exceptional cornice with modillions and end consoles; two-story porch with turned posts and square balusters at upper level, which is served by a door in the left bay; first floor of porch has tall slender turned columns; all windows with molded caps, entrance door has transom.

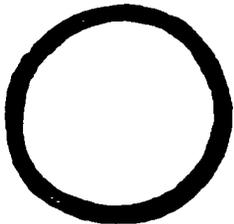
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Good example of Annapolis Federal Vernacular with excellent detailing, especially the cornice. One of a row of similar structures that are critical to the streetscape, serving as a visual screen to soften the massive buildings of the U.S. Naval Academy to the rear.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up()Densely Built Up()
Residential()Commercial()
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

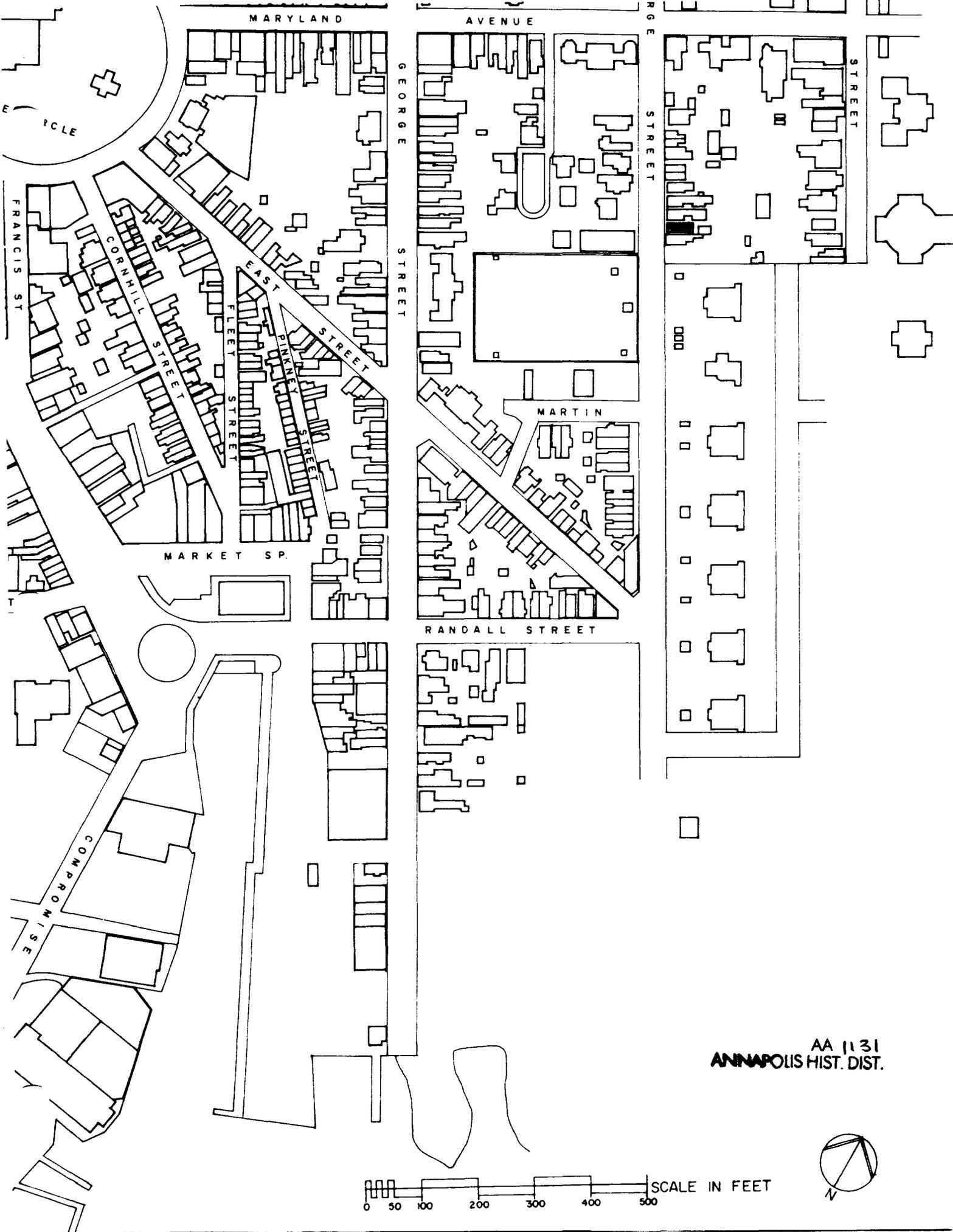
Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983



AA 1131
ANNAPOLIS HIST. DIST.

SCALE IN FEET
0 50 100 200 300 400 500





200 King George AA 1131
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
Russell Wright July, 1982
Maryland Historical Trust,
Annapolis, Maryland
SW Elevation/camera facing NE