

Capsule Summary for 6 Union Street (AA-1386)

The building at 6 Union Street is sited on property that was originally part of a larger tract of land which became increasingly smaller as the land was subdivided and cut through with the creation of Union Street in 1890. The building at 6 Union Street was built after the extension of Union Street, but prior to 1897 when the house appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of 1897.

The house is located on the east side of Union Street between Conduit and Market Streets and is representative of the late 19th century domestic architecture of this area of Annapolis. The two-story frame building is a freestanding residential house set upon a raised parged brick foundation and covered with a gable roof. The house features a three-bay flat front elevation with a side-passage entry.

The erection of 6 Union Street immediately following the laying of Union Street provides important information into the architectural development of this area of Annapolis. The house at 6 Union Street contributes to the Annapolis Historic District.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-1386

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
other names 6 Union Street

2. Location

street & number 6 Union Street not for publication ___
city or town Annapolis vicinity ___
state Maryland code _____ county _____ code ___
zip code 21401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

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

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Standing Seam Metal

walls 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 1891-1897

Significant Dates 1891-1897

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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

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Built between 1891 and 1897, the building at 6 Union Street is located on the east side of Union Street between Conduit and Market Streets. The two-story frame building is a freestanding residential house. To the south of the house, beyond a metal fenced-in brick yard, is the corner lot of 109 Market Street. To the north, 6 and 8 Union Street are separated by a 4-foot passageway to the rear yards.

The two-story building with a raised parged brick foundation, features a three-bay front with a side-passage entry. The building is sheathed with asbestos shingles on the front (west) elevation and wood shingles on the remaining elevations. A gable roof with a projecting interior chimney extends to the original two-story rear ell. The front elevation features two original 2/2 window openings on the first story, and three on the second story, with architrave surrounds and a slightly projecting cornice. The entry, accessible by concrete steps with an iron railing, is a wooden panel replacement door with a single-light transom above. The cornice has been boxed with contemporary materials and drain gutters.

The north and south elevations, sheathed with wood shingles, have no openings. Although only examined from a distance¹, the rear (east) two-story ell appears to consist, on the first floor, of a single 6/6 window and a single entry. The second floor originally had two windows; the north end window has been covered over with wood shingles, while the south end 6/6 window remains intact.

The interior of 6 Union Street was not included in this survey due to inaccessibility.

¹ The rear elevation was not examined more closely due to inaccessibility.

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The large tract of land on which 6 Union Street is now located was originally designated Lot 36 on the Stoddert Map of 1718. Lot 36 has been traced back to William Bladen who also owned adjacent Lots 35, 37, and 38. Throughout the 18th century, these lots were divided and sold off either individually or in units. By 1817, Lots 35, 36, 37 and 38 were sold to Edward Williams.

During the 19th century, the land was further divided, and in 1890, was the site of an important urban improvement: the laying of Union Street. In 1890, Union Street, a one-block street, was cut between Conduit and Market Streets, bisecting the large and narrow block that had been created by the extension of Conduit Street to Spa Creek.²

Prior to the extension of Conduit Street in 1877-78 and Union Street in 1890, only scattered development existed between Duke of Gloucester Street and Spa Creek. According to Gray's Map of Annapolis, 1877, a row of buildings aligned the southwest side of Duke of Gloucester Street and a few individual buildings were located on the northwest side of Market Street. After Conduit Street was extended in 1877, however, and by 1885, according to the Sanborn Map, a group of buildings, identified as dwellings on the Sanborn Map, were erected between Conduit and Market Streets. The laying of Union Street in 1890 involved the demolition of a pre-existing brick dwelling referred to as the Tasker House, for its owner in the 18th century. The newly cut street not only created new lots fronting the new Union Street, but also created corner lots at the intersection of Union and Conduit Streets and Union and Market Streets.

Prior to the development of the block and prior to the laying of Union Street, the land on which 6 Union Street now stands was owned

² Sanborn Maps show that Union Street was laid between 1885 and 1891. The National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form states that Union Street was in fact laid in 1890.

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by George Wells. George Wells, who also owned land on the north side of Conduit Street, as well as other land in Annapolis, fell into bankruptcy in the late 1870s. As a result, much of George Wells' landholdings were subdivided into smaller parcels.

The house at 6 Union Street was constructed between 1890 and 1897.³ By 1914, it was willed to George C. Sunderland by his wife, Fredericka Sunderland. Due to the extensive landholdings of Fredericka Sunderland, it has not been determined, as of yet, who conveyed the property or when the transaction occurred. According to the will, when her daughter, Fredericka Merrill reached the age of 30, she received the property and dwellings located at 6 and 8 Union Street.⁴ In 1924, George C. Sunderland was released of his duties and trust execution power was conveyed to Eugene P. Childs and Lawrence Merrill as Trustees for the Estate of Fredericka Sunderland.⁵ Fredericka Merrill Bast and her husband, Claude H. Bast obtained the deed of ownership in May of 1946.⁶

During these complicated transactions, the building at 6 Union Street served as a rental property. In 1910, according to U.S. Census records, the building was rented to Walter W. Herlock, a fireman, and his family. In 1920, Florence E. Brooks and her family occupied the residence with her sons-in-law, Robert C. Bowers and Joseph Faulkner, who worked, respectively, as a grocery store clerk and a chemist.

In 1946, Fredericka and Claude Bast convey the property to Rita K.

³ Ownership information between the 1870s and 1914 has not been determined because of a lack of land record citations for the property for this time period. Grantee and Grantor indexes for the first known owner after George Wells, Fredericka Sunderland, were unsuccessfully examined for the correct deed reference. Several deeds in her name were found; none of them, however, were for her Union Street properties.

⁴ Will of Fredericka Sunderland, Liber OBDI, Folio 160, dated April 1, 1914.

⁵ Equity Case 4762, July 27, 1923 released George C. Sunderland of executive powers. Liber WNW, Folio 235 conveyed property at 6 Union Street to Childs and L. Merrill from Sunderland on December 19, 1924.

⁶ Liber JHH 356, Folio 496.

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Reynolds, widow, William H. Reynolds and Robert O. Reynolds, Jr.⁷
Rita Reynolds sold the property to Susan Tillson on May 9, 1947.⁸
Susan Tillson conveyed 6 Union Street to Penelope and James J.
Skordas in 1949, who just ten years later, conveyed it to Arthur W.
and Margaret T. Baker.⁹ Upon the death of Arthur Baker in 1983,
Margaret T. Baker became sole owner of the property until 1990 when
it was sold to Thomas J. Flynn who is the current owner.¹⁰

⁷ Liber JHH 390, Folio 211.

⁸ Liber JHH 405, Folio 360.

⁹ Liber JHH 515, Folio 24, dated March 21, 1949 and Liber 1276, Folio 411,
dated February 27, 1959.

¹⁰ Liber 5018, Folio 165, dated January 29, 1990.

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Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture
Community Planning

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial / Urban
Dominance, 1870-1930.

Resource Type(s): Standing Structures

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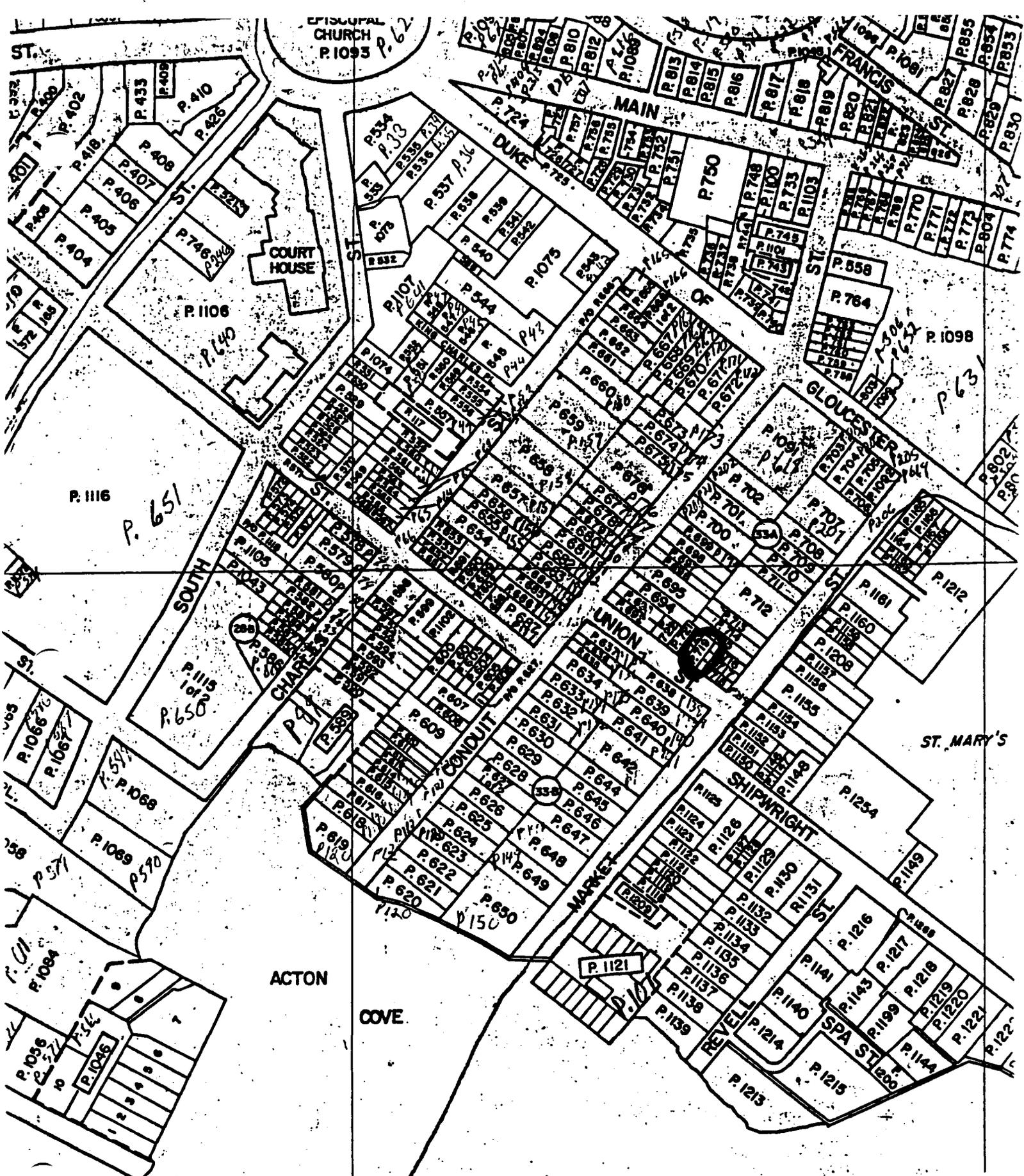
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Chain of Title for 6 Union Street:

- 1914: Fredericka Sunderland to George C. Sunderland
 Testamentary Records OBD1 Folio 160
 *When her children reach the age of 30, each of them is
 to receive a certain property.
- 1924: George C. Sunderland to Eugene P. Childs and Lawrence
 Merrill
 Liber WNW 102 Folio 235
- 1946: Eugene P. Childs and Lawrence Merrill as Trustees for the
 Estate of Fredericka Sunderland to Fredericka Merrill
 Bast and Claude H. Bast
 Liber JHH 356 Folio 496
- 1946: Fredericka Merrill and Claude H. Bast to Rita K.
 Reynolds, widow, William H. Reynolds and Robert O.
 Reynolds, Jr.
 Liber JHH 390 Folio 211
- 1947: Rita K. Reynolds to Susan Tillson
 Liber JHH 405 Folio 360
- 1949: Susan Tillson to Penelope and James J. Skordas
 Liber JHH 515 Folio 24
- 1959: Penelope and James J. Skordas to Arthur W. and Margaret
 T. Baker
 Liber 1276 Folio 411
- 1990: Margaret T. Baker to Thomas J. Flynn
 Liber 5018 Folio 165



City of Annapolis AA-1380
Property Tax Map Number 32
Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
Revised 1991
Scale: 1"=200'



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6 Union Street

Annapolis

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April 1993

Maryland SHPO

Southwest and Southeast elevations

1/3



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60 Union Street

Annapolis

Traces

April 1993

Maryland SHPO

Southwest elevation

2/3



AA12816

Union Street

Albany

Quebec

January 1993

1000 ft

Northwest elevation

3/3

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6 Union Street not for publicationcity, town Annapolis vicinity of congressional district 30th

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Arthur W. & M.T. Baker

street & number 154 Porter Drive telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Cty Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Annapolis, Inc.

date Sept. 1983 federal state county local

pository for survey records 194 Prince George St.

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. LA 1386

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA 1986

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885 - 1891

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Minor Annapolis Federal vernacular, altered by hood and siding but could contribute to streetscape.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA1386</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 () Fair (x) Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Vernacular - Annapolis Federal
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 6 Union Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 219
OWNER: Arthur W. & M. T. Baker ADDRESS: 154 Porter Drive Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (x)
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. 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:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (x) Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys (x) Sheds () Ells (x) Wings () Other:

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

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 15 x 40

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:

Boxed cornice, flat rake boards, simple molded window and transom lit door, partially hidden by later shed, roof hood at two right bays; later concrete platform with wrought iron railing, asbestos siding.

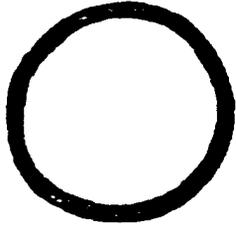
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Minor Annapolis Federal Vernacular, altered by hood and siding but could contribute to streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



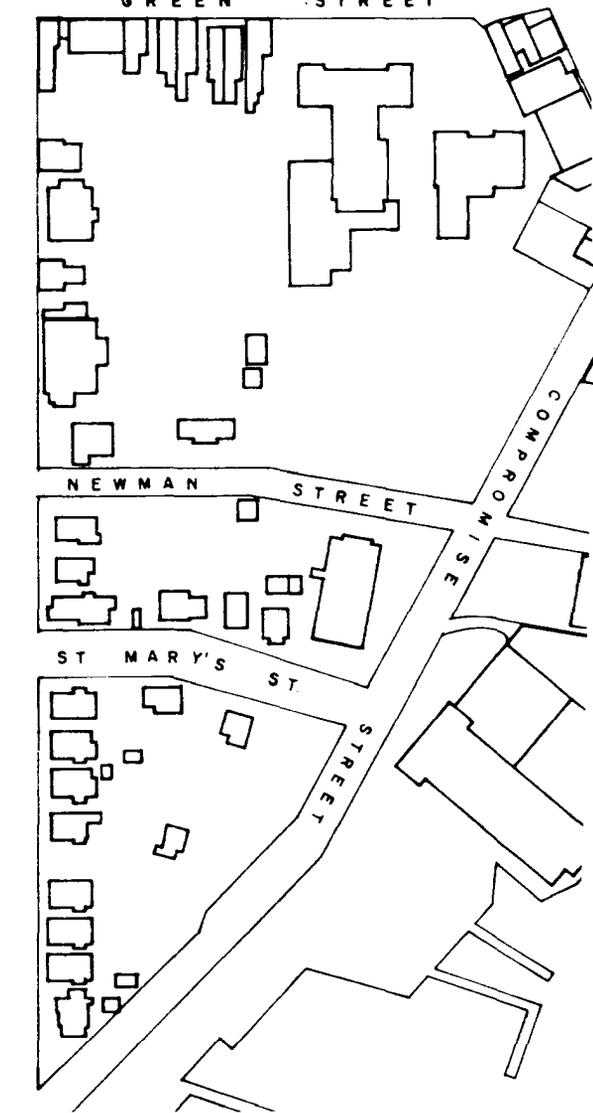
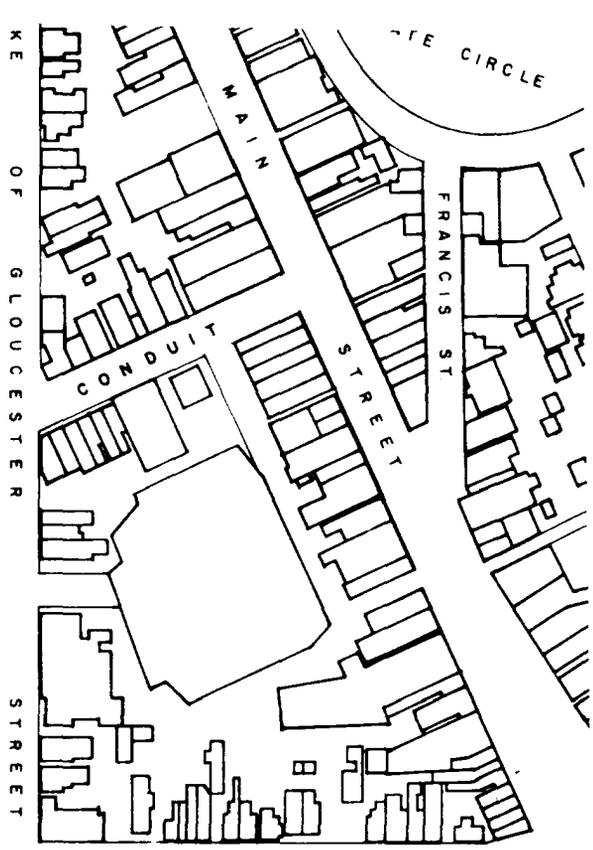
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

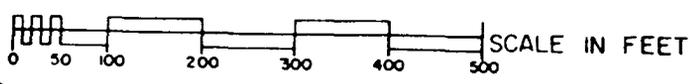
RECORDED BY: Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED: Aug 1983



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6 Union

AA 1586

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

SW Elevation/camera facing NE

6 UNION