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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: Bladen @ Carroll
COMMON NAME: Armory
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: COMM Map30 Par 667
OWNER: State of Maryland
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (x) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State () National ()

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 1583
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: State Office
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: State Armory
PRESENT USE:
ORIGINAL USE:
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: Henry Powell Hopkins & Laurence Hall
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Fowler Constanza Const. Co. (Baltimore)
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good (x) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Georgian Revival
DATE BUILT: 1940-1941

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick(x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick(x) 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 ()
 Bonding Pattern: Flemish Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel(x) Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up(x) Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 1 & 2
 Number of Bays: 8x2
 Approximate Dimensions: 110x100
 Entrance Location: Centered

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:

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Elliptical arched entrance (1½ story) with transom lit double doors; all corners quoined; first floor windows 6/6 with molded wood casings, second floor windows paired 6/6 with nine light transoms in elliptical openings. Bull's eye windows in ends of one-story front section, Georgian Revival pedimented entrance in two-story rear section, where wall surface is divided into three bays by flat pilaster strips.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

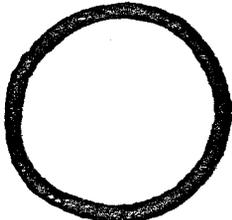
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Restrained Georgian Revival structure for public use as State Armory, designed by important architectural team.

REFERENCES:

Radoff, Morris L. Buildings of the State of Maryland at Annapolis. Annapolis, Hall of Records Commission, 1954.

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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by a Commission to be styled 'City of Annapolis Armory and Convention Hall Commission' and to that end appropriating \$40,000."²⁶ This Commission was composed of the Adjutant General of Maryland; Captain Louis Myers, First Regiment, Maryland National Guard; First Lieutenant Daniel J. Murphy; Dr. T. Kent Green and James A. Walton. The Architects were Baldwin and Pennington and the builder, David M. Andrew Company.

By December 1913 this building was ready for use. An elegant "Military Ball" was given by the guardsmen on December 29th, and a lively account of this gala affair printed in the *Evening Capital* the next day is worth quoting in part because of its description of the facilities of the building.

"The occasion was a military ball, which 'dedicated' the commodious and attractive new armory. The building is 86 feet long and 64 feet wide, this portion being the 'drill room.' On the first floor are the Company's offices, rooms for the non-commissioned officers, lockers for same, the company's locker. On the upper floor is the staff officers' rooms, a room for the janitor, the billiard room and the company's social room.

"In the basement is the kitchen and dining room, public toilets, shower bath for the men, quartermaster's store room, indoor rifle range and spare space for a bowling alley when money for same is available. The building is so designed that a gallery may be placed at any time without tearing out the wall, and such a gallery could be placed at a minimum cost. The new armory cost \$40,000, an appropriation for which was made in a bill passed by the last Legislature. The bill was fathered by State Senator Joseph H. Bellis, who worked hard for its passage."²⁷

This Armory remained in use until 1939 and it was razed then not altogether because it had become inadequate, but because part of its site was needed for the new State Office Building.

There was some controversy about where the new Armory should be built, but after a year of indecision the Board of Public Works chose the cleared area behind the State Office Building. The contract between the State and the Costanza Construction Company of Baltimore was signed July 22, 1940, and work began shortly thereafter. The handsome new Armory was completed in the summer of 1941 at a total cost of \$93,300. It is still in use.

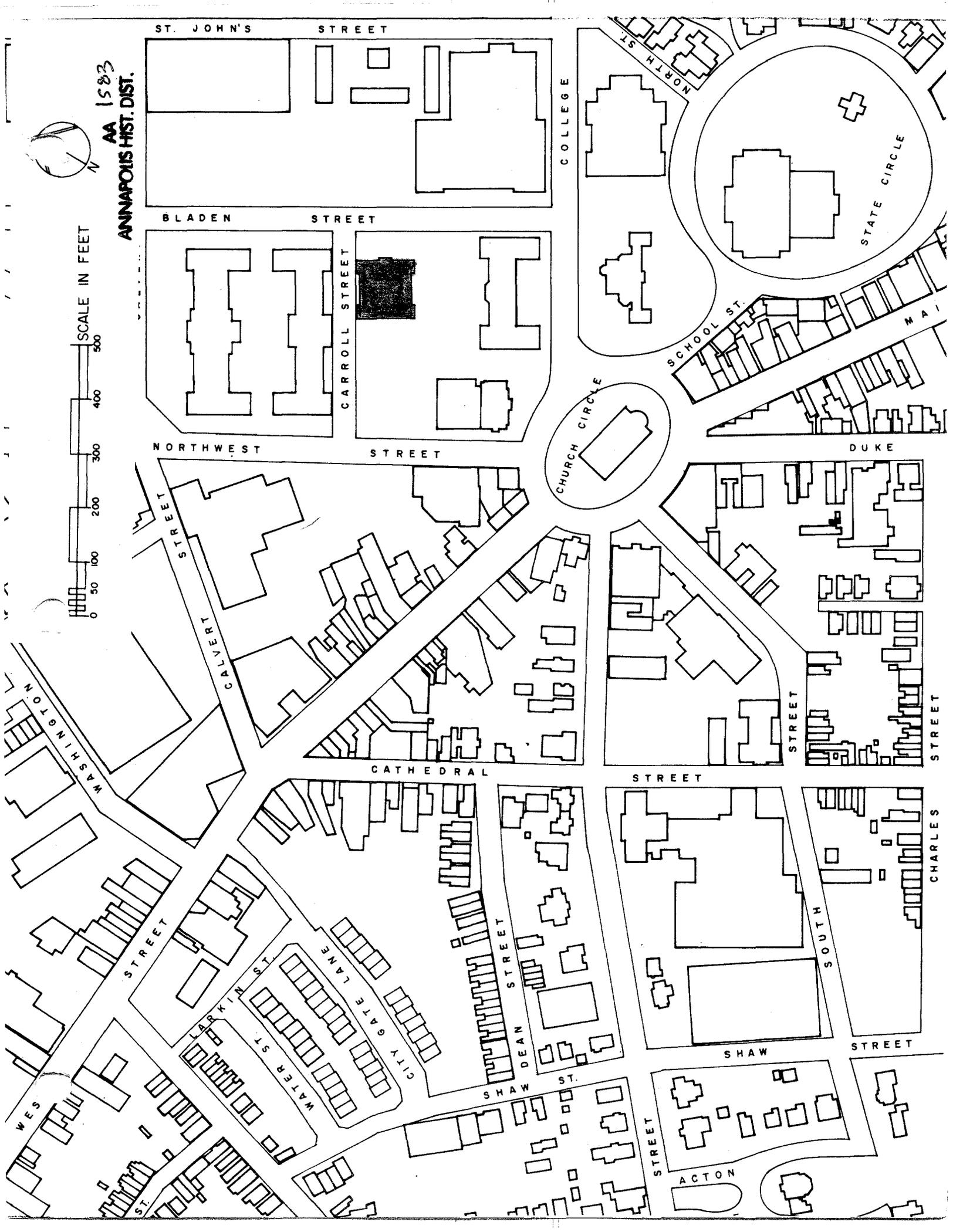
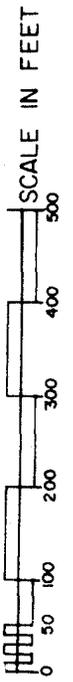
Architects for the Armory were Henry Powell Hopkins and Laurence Hall Fowler of Baltimore, who were also architects for the State Office Building. Mr. Hopkins has been kind enough to furnish the writer with a short description:

"The design of the Armory is in the modified Georgian period, with the hand-made over-size colonial brick to match the brick in the State Office Building. I am sure you will be interested to know that this brick was made by the Baltimore Brick Company, Baltimore, Maryland, from clay dug from the banks on the outskirts of Baltimore City.

²⁶ Ch. 749, Acts of 1912.

²⁷ *Annapolis Evening Capital*, December 30, 1913, p. 1.

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