

**Capsule Summary of 54 State Circle  
AA-1596**

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_

other names 54 State Circle

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2. Location

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street & number 54 State Circle not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Annapolis vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county Anne Arundel code \_\_\_\_\_

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: Residential Sub: Dwelling  
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Residential Sub: Dwelling  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

American Four-Square  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Parged Brick  
roof Asphalt Shingles  
walls Stucco  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1912-1913  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates 1912-1913  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

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

The property designated 54 State Circle occupies the entire Parcel 958 on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel was originally part of a larger tract of land belonging to Jeremiah T. Chase, and his family, and has been associated with the property since the construction of the dwelling in 1912.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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organization Traceries date Nov. 24, 1993  
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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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12. Property Owner  
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name Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noble  
street & number 54 State Circle telephone 410/267-8499  
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401  
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Unobtrusively located on State Circle across from the State House of Maryland, the building at 54 State Circle was originally constructed by Sewell S. Hepburn, Jr., M.D. Built in 1912-1913, the American Four-Square style dwelling is oriented to face the State House while not impeding the historic presence of its neighbor to the north, the Claude House, now known as the Governor Calvert Hotel.

The dwelling is set back 26 feet from State Circle at a slight angle as specified by the heirs of Abram Claude in the deed of sale to Dr. Hepburn.<sup>1</sup> Flanked by larger scaled commercial buildings, the dwelling is the only residential building remaining on State Circle between East Street and Maryland Avenue. The front elevation faces State Circle, while the rear elevation faces a narrow rear alley that presently leads to the parking garage of the Governor Calvert Hotel. The southern elevation is separated from its neighbor at 50 State Circle by a three-foot passage, with a ten-foot wide passageway at the northern elevation, separating the dwelling from the Governor Calvert Hotel. According to historic maps, deed research, and physical evidence, the building located at 54 State Circle was constructed as a two-and-a-half story dwelling on a raised basement. Except for minor alterations to the one-story front porch and modernization of several windows, the dwelling retains its original configuration and currently stands in good condition.

Constructed in the style of the hip-roofed cottage or American Four-Square, the building at 54 State Circle is covered in rough textured stucco with a hipped roof of asphalt shingles. The dwelling is set upon a projecting parged brick foundation. The front elevation, measuring 25 feet in width, is two bays wide and features a one-story porch. Two ells, one-story on the east and two-story on the north elevations, exist from the original date of construction in 1912-1913. An interior replacement corbel capped chimney is on the northern side of the hipped roof, while an interior end hooded chimney is on the southern corner. The overhanging eave is ornamented by a boxed cornice with drainage pipes that extend around the dwelling.

Between 1913 and 1921, a one-story front gabled portico was constructed on the facade. Accessed by stairs, the raised portico is supported by square Tuscan-style columns on a parged brick wall.

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<sup>1</sup>Liber GW 88 Folio 197

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In the early 1970s, the portico was extended to cover the entire 25-foot facade.<sup>2</sup> At that time of the porch extension, the front parged brick supporting wall was reduced from approximately five-feet in height to the present three-feet. The original enclosed pediment of the portico remains and is covered with aluminum siding. The porch has a slightly overhanging cyma recta cornice with a wide frieze. The ceiling of the porch is covered with thin beaded boards and the floor is constructed of square tiles.

The first story of the facade is pierced by four sets of replacement casement windows, each with eight-lights. The casement windows, smaller in size than the original window opening, have wood torus surrounds. The side-passage entry, located on the northwest corner of the facade, has a single entry door of nine-lights over two recessed wood panels. The second story is pierced by two wide 8/8 windows with projecting wood sills, operable louvered wood shutters, and aluminum storm windows. The roof is pierced by a hipped roof dormer with a slightly overhanging eave and two sets of casement windows. The original eight-light casement windows were destroyed by a storm in 1981 and replaced by single pane casement windows.<sup>3</sup>

The southern elevation, obscured by the early 1920s rear addition to 50 State Circle, contains three 1/1 windows on the first story that, although operable, have been concealed on the interior. A fixed single pane window, originally a double-hung window, was constructed on the southeast corner of the first story.<sup>4</sup> The second story is pierced by one 1/1 window with a projecting wood sill, a double casement window with single lights, and two smaller fixed one-light windows. The fixed windows and the double casement window have no surrounds or sills.

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<sup>2</sup>The Sanborn Maps of 1913 do not show a front portico while the 1921 Sanborn Maps indicate the addition of a small front portico. Physical evidence on the facade documents the original placement of the portico, approximately 10 feet in width, surrounding the front entry door. The extension of the portico was executed by the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noble, in the early 1970s.

<sup>3</sup>Information provided by the current owner, who replaced the original eight-light casement windows with single pane casement windows.

<sup>4</sup>The physical evidence below the fixed window indicates it is smaller in size to the original window opening.

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The east elevation is pierced on the first story by two single pane sliding glass windows.<sup>5</sup> The second story of the main dwelling is pierced by a single 1/1 window with physical evidence of a wood sill. A hip-roofed dormer, smaller in size than the dormer on the facade, has a single casement window with eight-lights. The rear two-story ell is accessed on the first story by a wooden deck and stair that were constructed in the 1970s. The entry, located on the south elevation of the ell, consists of a single light wood panel door. The east elevation of the ell is pierced by three single pane casement windows on the first story,<sup>6</sup> while the second story consists of three-light awning windows on all three elevations that were installed in the 1970s.<sup>7</sup> The exterior entry to the basement is located at the foundation level of the southeast corner of the east elevation. The five panel wood door is set within the foundation wall approximately six-inches and is accessed by several concrete steps. A square four-light basement window is located at the foundation level of the ell.

The north elevation, facing the side courtyard of the Governor Calvert Hotel, contains a one-story ell with an exterior entry. The entry, located on the west elevation of the ell and accessed by three brick steps, consists of a single pane window over three narrow panels. The north elevation of the ell is pierced by two 6/6 windows with projecting wood sills, operable louvered wood shutters, and aluminum storm windows. The east elevation of the ell has a single 6/6 window with the identical projecting wood sill and aluminum storm windows. The north elevation of the main dwelling is pierced, at the foundation level, by a two-light awning basement window with a projecting wood sill. The first story contains one 6/6 window and the second story contains two 6/6 windows, one of which is located slightly below the second story. The windows all have the same projecting wood sills, operable louvered wood shutters, and aluminum storm windows. A hip-roofed

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<sup>5</sup>According to Mrs. Nobel, the current owner, the window openings originally contained eight-light double casement windows that were removed in the early 1970s when the single pane sliding glass windows were installed.

<sup>6</sup>According to Mrs. Noble, the window openings were originally long 1/1 windows and were replaced with the casement windows in 1969.

<sup>7</sup>According to the present owner, the awning windows were installed in the 1970s when the open sleeping porch was enclosed and converted into a laundry space.

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dormer has a double casement window with six-lights.

The interior plan of the hip-roofed cottage is known as the square six-room type. The key elements in the floor plan of a square type cottage are the placement of the reception space and the location of the stairs. The first floor of 54 State Circle has three rooms and a dog-legged stair directly east of the main entry, behind which is the kitchen. The plan places the living room as the first room, stretching it across the entire front of the house.<sup>8</sup>

The side-passage entry of 54 State Circle opens onto the living room, measuring approximately 25 feet in width by 15 feet in depth. The Federal style mantel, located on the south wall and approximately four-and-a-half feet in height, is ornamented with Tuscan columns supporting the plain frieze and overhanging shelf. The opening of the fireplace was partially enclosed with bricks in the late 1970s. At the same time, the oil heating system was removed and replaced with a gas heating system.<sup>9</sup> The pine floors are trimmed with a double beaded baseboard, approximately one-and-a-half inches in height, and a quadrant bead.<sup>10</sup> The windows and doors are trimmed with a wide plain surround supporting a wide frieze and projecting cornice. Baseblocks appear at the door openings. Although it has an obstructed view, there is a 6/6 window located to the east of the chimney breast.

The dog-legged stairs, located at the north corner of the living room, have two rounded starting steps leading to the first landing of the stairs. Access to the kitchen, located at the northeast corner of the first floor, is provided to the east of the landing. The open/closed dog-legged stairs have an open stringer ornamented with a molded stringboard and a wall stringer ornamented with a double beaded baseboard. The straight rail, typical of those from

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<sup>8</sup>Jan Jennings and Herbert Gottfried. American Vernacular Interior Architecture. (New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., 1988), p. 302-305.

<sup>9</sup>According to the current owner, the partial enclosure of the fireplace openings and the replacement of the oil heating system were executed in the late 1970s for heating efficiency. The oil heating system had been installed in the dwelling, replacing the coal furnace, under the supervision of the current owner's mother, Eleanor Hepburn Fooks.

<sup>10</sup>The original pine floors of the living and dining rooms were covered with a new pine floor in November 1993.

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the 1871-1927 period, is supported by square balusters and has a plain shaft square newel.

The dining room, accessed by a wide opening in the east wall of the living room, contains the same double beaded baseboard with a quadrant bead trimming the pine wood floors.<sup>11</sup> When the rear addition was constructed on 50 State Circle, the windows on the south wall were obstructed and drywall was placed over the opening on the interior. The pantry, located to the east of the dining room, was removed to allow in more natural light and to expand the dining room. The casement windows on the east wall were replaced with sliding glass windows in the 1970s. The window at the southeast corner was reduced in size and replaced by a fixed single pane window.<sup>12</sup>

The kitchen, located in the northeast corner of the first floor, is accessed by a swinging wood door on the north wall of the dining room. Historically the kitchen contained elongated double-hung windows on the east wall with kitchen appliances and cabinets with glass doors along the north wall.<sup>13</sup> In 1969, the kitchen was renovated and the elongated windows were placed with smaller casement windows above the new sink. Floor to ceiling cabinets have been installed on the west wall, flanked by an entry to the dog-legged stair and an entry to the basement. An aluminum exterior entry, located at the southeast corner of the kitchen, leads to the exterior wood deck that was constructed in the 1970s. In 1991, a new linoleum floor was installed in the kitchen following the removal of four linoleum floors, one on top of another.

The one-story ell on the north elevation, accessed by the dog-legged stair, contains two small rooms. The east room, currently a bath, has a built-in cabinet on the north wall. The surrounds and baseboard are the same as the living room.

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<sup>11</sup>According to the current owners, there was a bell located in the floor of the dining room, slightly off center in the room, for ringing the maid.

<sup>12</sup>Information about the removal of the pantry and the replacement of the windows was provided by the current owner. The ghost of a wall, located just west of the kitchen door, indicates the placement of the pantry wall.

<sup>13</sup>Original configuration of the kitchen provided by the current owner.

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The second floor consists of three bedrooms and two baths with a narrow central hall. The front bedroom, located in the southwest corner, contains a plain mantel on a projecting chimney breast. The mantel contains a projecting shelf, plain surrounds, and baseblocks. The chimney opening has been partially enclosed with bricks. A narrow bath, shared by the front and rear bedrooms, contains a narrow casement window on the south wall. The rear bedroom has one 1/1 window on the east wall and two fixed single pane windows on the south wall. The third, and smallest, bedroom, is located at the northwest corner of the second floor with access from the narrow hall and from the front bedroom. A large bathroom, renovated in the 1980s, is located at the north corner of the second floor. It contains a large closet to the west and a narrow window opening on the east wall with a medicine cabinet in the center of the opening.<sup>14</sup> During the renovation, a hall closet was enclosed and access provided from the bathroom. A smaller closet was installed in the hall. The narrow hall leads to the laundry room, located in the rear ell of the second floor. The three-light casement windows were installed over the beaded board walls when the space, originally a sleeping porch, was enclosed. All the five panel doors of the second floor are constructed of mahogany, and the baseboard and surrounds are the same as those on the first floor.

The third floor contains a small square central hall flanked by two small bedrooms with slanting ceilings. The bedroom to the west contains double casement windows with single panes set within the dormer. The window surrounds and baseboard are the same as the first and second floors. The east bedroom is finished with particle board with a square edged baseboard. The single casement window with eight-lights is set within the small dormer.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>According to the current owner, the medicine cabinet was installed to replace the original cabinet that was removed when the closet was installed. It is not known when the windows were removed from the opening on the east wall.

<sup>15</sup>Mrs. Noble states that the east bedroom was for the maid and always finished in particle board with square edged baseboard.

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Designated as part of lot 82 and all of lot 83 on the Stoddert Map of 1718, the Calvert property originally was bounded by Maryland Avenue, State Circle and East Street. Governor Charles Calvert purchased the property after his term as governor was finished. The large brick dwelling, constructed in the 1720s and altered over the years, was the major structure on the lots, and with extensive additions currently functions as the Governor Calvert Hotel. The Calvert family owned the property until 1810, when Governor Charles Calvert's grandson, Edward Henry Calvert sold it to Robert Denney. According to the tax assessment records of 1798, the two lots contained only a two-story brick dwelling. When Robert Denney purchased the property in 1810, the deed of sale listed the conveyance of "part of lot 82, all of lot 83, other buildings, and houses."<sup>16</sup> In 1819, all of the Denney property was sold to printer Jonas Green, grandson of Jonas Green, printer to the colony of Maryland in the 18th century who activated the Maryland Gazette.

Jonas Green sold the property to Robert Welch of Ben in 1842. Dr. Abram Claude purchased the property from Welch in 1854. Dr. Abram Claude was the grandson of a watchmaker from Switzerland and son of Dr. Dennis Claude, who served as the Mayor of Annapolis (1828-1836 and 1853) and State Treasurer (1854-1860). Abram Claude was born in Anne Arundel County on December 4, 1818. He attended St. John's College in 1838. A physician by profession, he served as Mayor in 1847-1850, 1854, 1867-1868, and 1883-1889. During the years 1871 and 1883, he was a professor of natural sciences at St. John's College. Between 1895 and 1899, Abram Claude was postmaster. Abram and Rachel Ann Tuck Claude were the parents of seven

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<sup>16</sup>Liber NH 11 Folio 508, dated 1810.

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children.<sup>17</sup>

During Abram Claude's ownership of the Calvert house, he renovated the two-story brick dwelling, creating a three-story on a raised basement, brick dwelling. He used the existing frame building, located to the northwest of dwelling as a physician's office. The 1854 mortgage for the property, between Welch and Claude, states the existence of "a frame office, large three-story and attic house, a two story and attic brick building at corner of East Street, now used as a school house, frame stable and two other frame buildings, used as carpenters shops."<sup>18</sup>

Upon his death, in 1901, the property was willed to his children. In 1911, the Claude heirs conveyed a portion of lot 958 to Sewell S. Hepburn, Jr., MD.<sup>19</sup> The deed specified that any building to be constructed on the site must be set back 26 feet from State Circle and be constructed of brick, stone, or concrete, including the Kahn system of construction.<sup>20</sup> The rear of the present lot as well as the lot facing East Street were conveyed to Hepburn in 1912.<sup>21</sup>

Hepburn constructed the hip-roofed cottage with an ell on the north elevation that provided space for his medical practice. Later the Hepburn family constructed a two-story apartment/garage on the lot fronting East Street to the rear of 50 State Circle.

Sewell Stavely Hepburn, Jr., the son of Reverend Sewell Stavely and Selina Lloyd Powell Hepburn, was born in Loudon County, Virginia in

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<sup>17</sup>Robert Harry McIntire. Annapolis Maryland Families. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1979), p 139.

<sup>18</sup>Liber SH 25 Folio 606

<sup>19</sup>Liber GW 88 Folio 197

<sup>20</sup>Albert Kahn (1869-1942) pioneered industrial methods of standardization of industrial design with the use of concrete. The system incorporated reinforced cement and steel rods piercing the bricks. (Wolfgang Pehnt, editor. Encyclopedia of Modern Architecture. (New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1964), p. 167.

<sup>21</sup>Liber GW 98 Folio 120

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1874. He attended Richmond Medical School and practiced general medicine in Annapolis, Maryland. Dr. Hepburn and his wife, Annie McCaleb Burwell, had three children.<sup>22</sup> Upon his death in 1921, the dwelling at 54 State Circle was willed to his wife Annie Hepburn.<sup>23</sup> When Annie died in December 1941, the property was willed to her eldest child, Eleanor Hepburn Fooks. After the death of Eleanor in 1970, the property, managed by John G. Rouse, Jr., Trustee, was conveyed to Eleanor B. Noble.<sup>24</sup> Eleanor B. Noble, the daughter of Eleanor Hepburn Fooks, and her husband, Thomas I. Noble, currently own and occupy the private residence at 54 State Circle.

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<sup>22</sup>McIntire, p. 322.

<sup>23</sup>Will Liber OBD 2 Folio 425

<sup>24</sup>Liber 2385 Folio 136

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**Historic Period Theme:** Architecture, Landscape  
Architecture and Community  
Planning

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

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

**Resource Type(s):** Standing Structure

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**Chain of Title for 54 State Circle:**

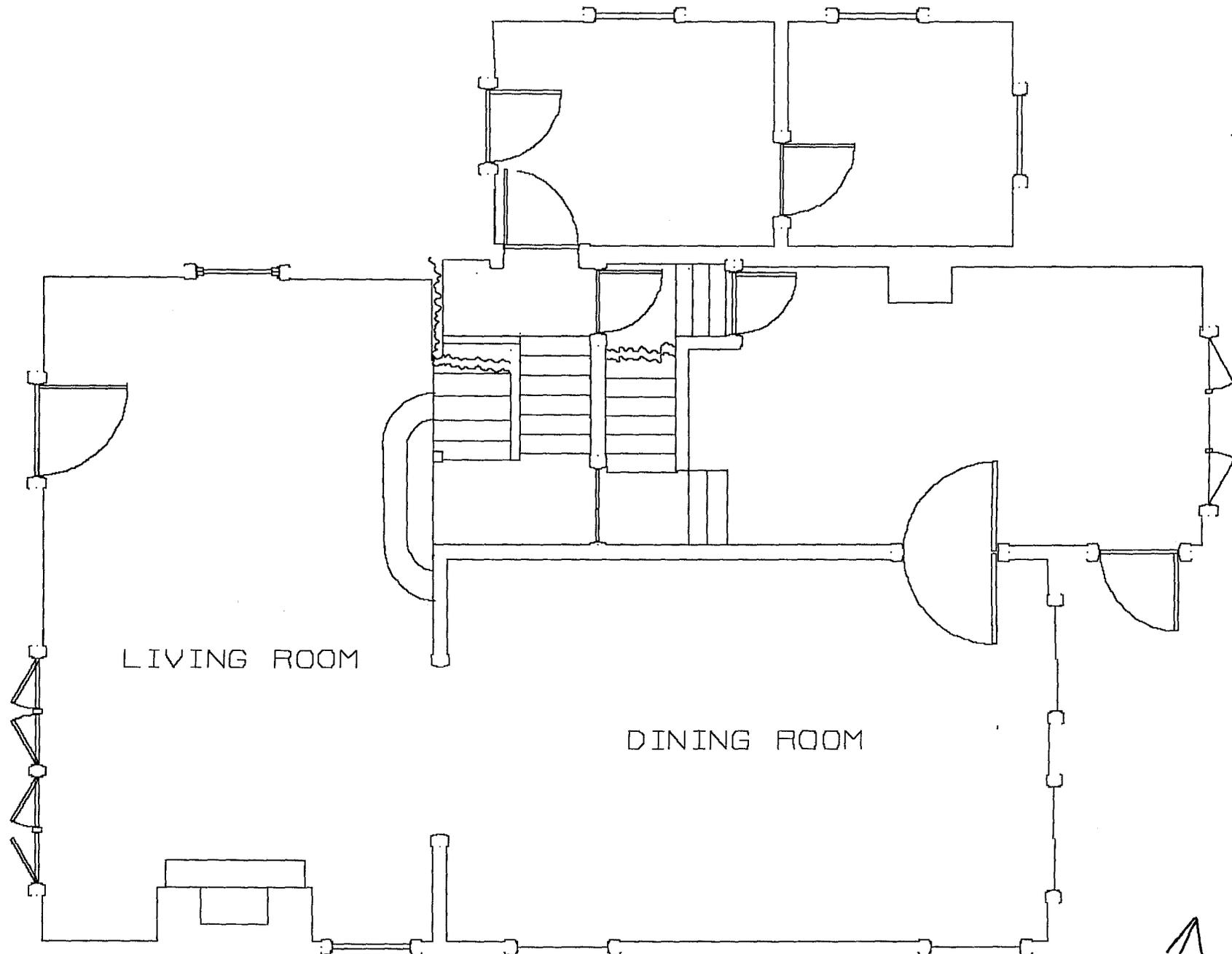
- 1718: Part of lot 82 and all of lot 83 surveyed by Stoddert for  
Richard Bickerdike
- pre 1723: Richard Bickerdike to William and Mary Rogers
- 1723: William and Mary Rogers to Thomas Larkin  
Lot 83 and house  
RCW 2 Folio 197
- 1723: Thomas Larkin to William Rogers  
Liber RCW 2 Folio 200
- 1727: William Rogers to Honorable Charles Calvert  
Rogers to retain house until mortgage paid  
Liber SY 1 Folio 286
- 1728: Richard Bickerdike to Honorable Charles Calvert  
except 60 square feet sold to Daniel Larke, Sr.  
Liber RD 1 Folio 84
- 1728: William Rogers to Honorable Charles Calvert  
mortgage on property paid, Rogers vacates house  
Liber RD 1 Folio 155
- c. 1734: Honorable Charles Calvert wills to wife Rebecca and two  
daughters.
- 1747: Daniel Larke, Jr. to Elizabeth Calvert  
Sale of 60 square feet  
Liber RB 2 Folio 566
- 1788: Benedict Calvert, husband of Elizabeth Calvert, wills to  
son, Edward Henry Calvert
- 1810: Edward H. Calvert to Robert Denney  
Liber NH 11 Folio 508
- 1819: Ramsey Waters, Trustee for Robert Denney to Jonas Green  
Liber WSG 6 Folio 421
- 1842: Jonas Green to Robert Welch of Ben and Martha Welch and  
Mary Green  
Liber WSG 26 Folio 175

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-1596

54 State Circle  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

- =====
- 1854:        Robert Welch of Ben to Dr. Abram Claude  
              Liber NHG 4        Folio 197
  
  - 1898:        Will of Abram Claude to his children  
              Will Liber RB 1    Folio 59
  
  - 1911:        Children of Abram Claude to Sewell S. Hepburn  
              portion of lot  
              Liber GW 88    Folio 197
  
  - 1912:        Children of Abram Claude to Sewell S. Hepburn  
              remainder of lot  
              Liber GW 98    Folio 120
  
  - 1921:        Will of Sewell S. Hepburn to wife, Annie Hepburn  
              Will Liber OBD 2    Folio 425
  
  - 1941:        Will of Annie Hepburn to Eleanor H. Fooks, sole heir-at-  
              law, with immediate conveyance to John G. Rouse, Jr.,  
              Trustee
  
  - 1971:        John G. Rouse, Jr., Trustee to Thomas I. and Eleanor B.  
              Noble  
              Liber 2385    Folio 136
  
  - 1988:        Thomas I. and Eleanor B. Noble to Eleanor B. Noble  
              Liber 4703    Folio 435



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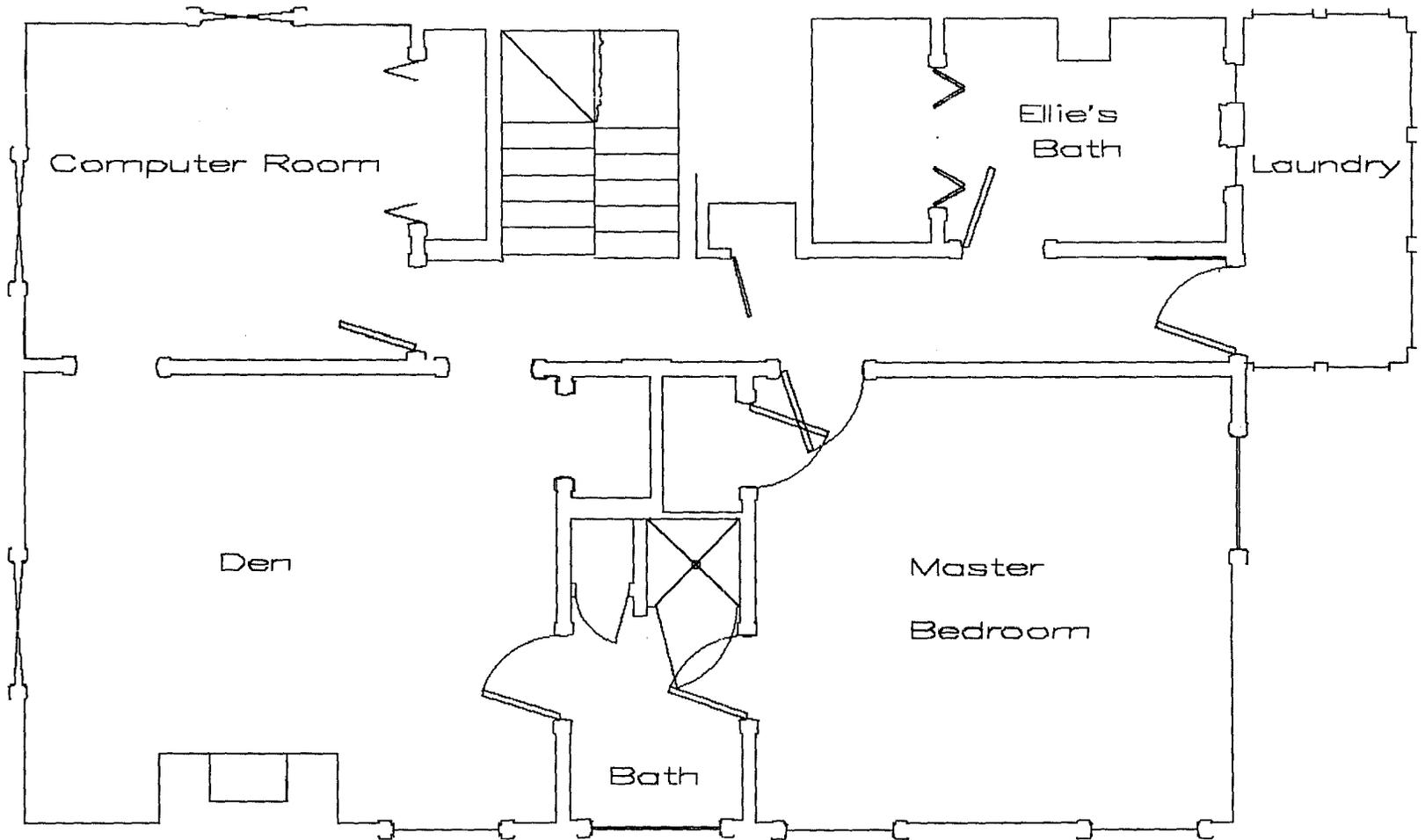
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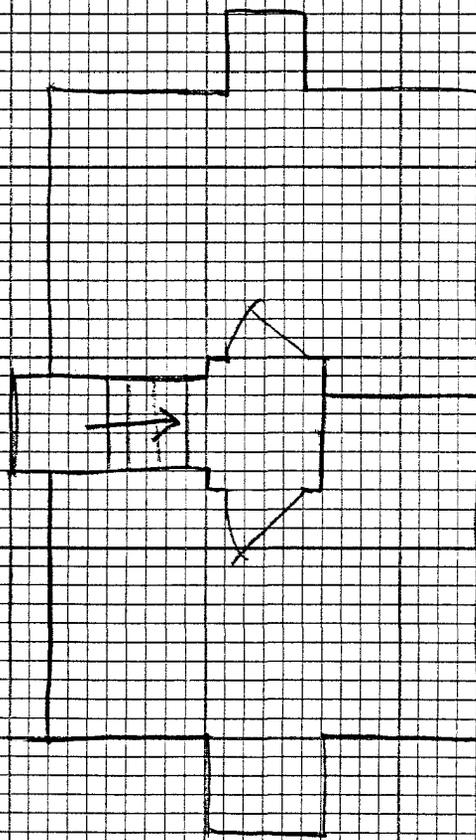
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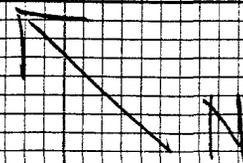


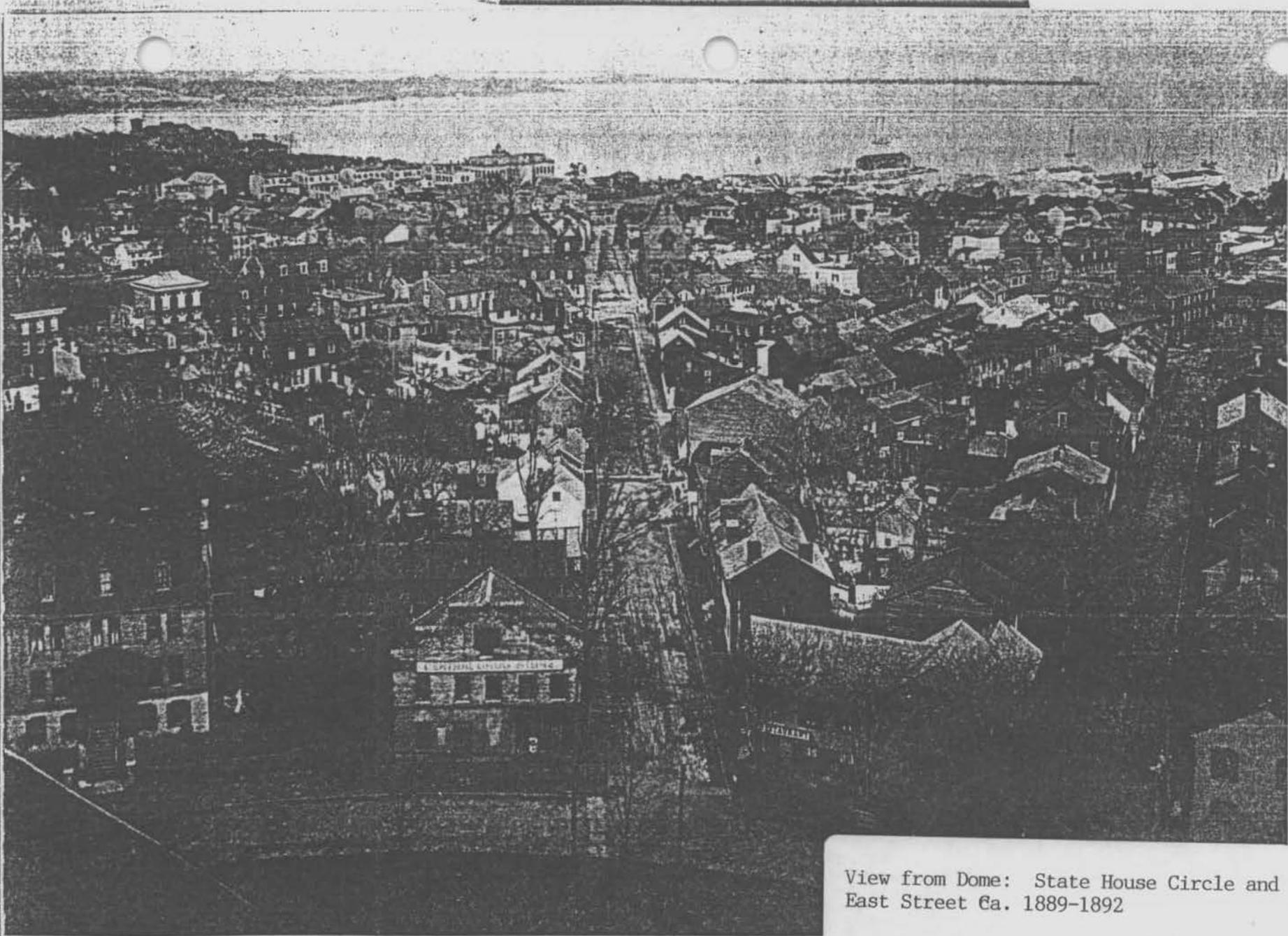
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3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR





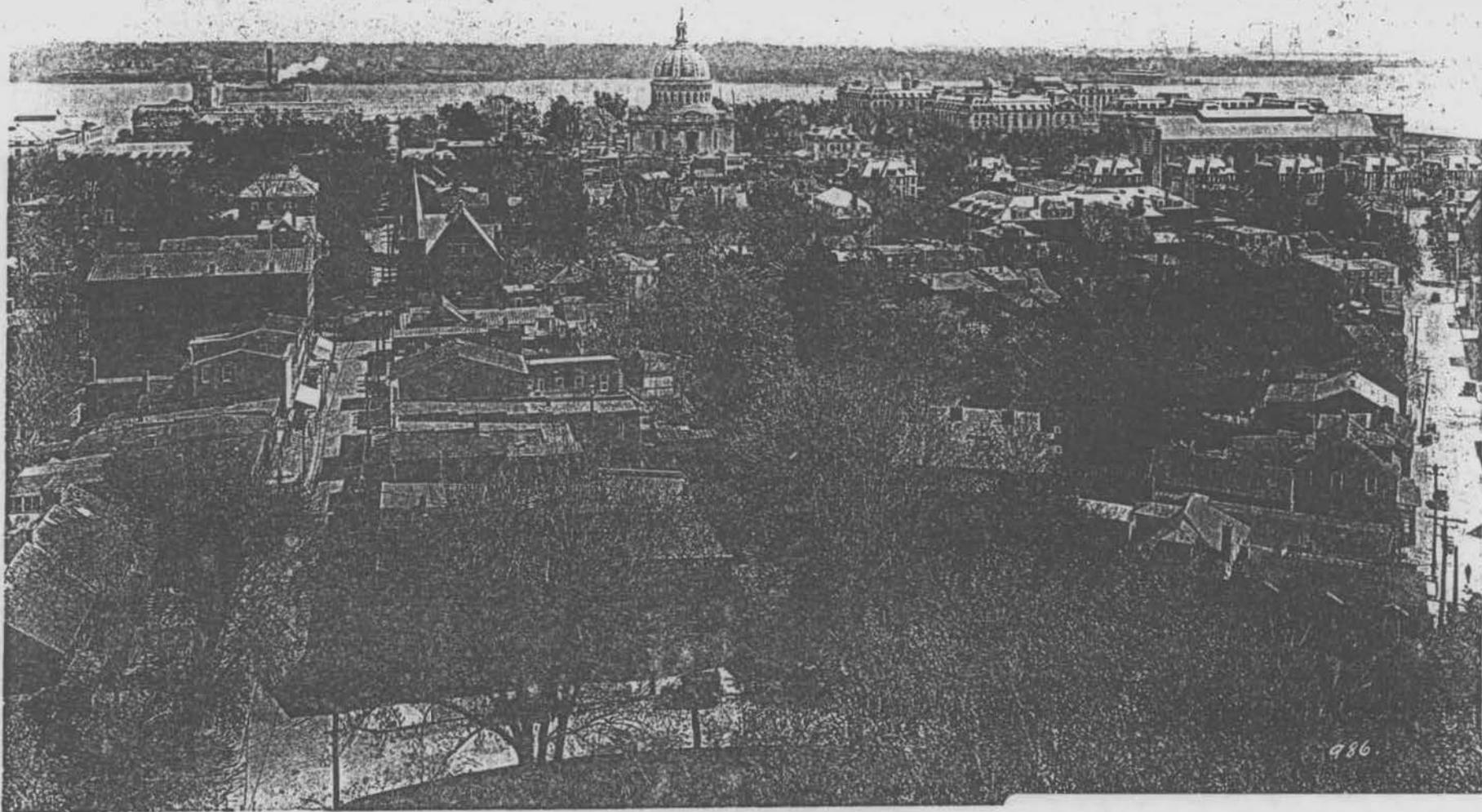
View from Dome: State House Circle and East Street Ca. 1889-1892

East Street, center, Cornhill Street, right [c. 1889-92]

(preceding pages) Extremely harsh winters often caused the oyster fleet to be frozen into Annapolis' harbor, bringing that industry, and commerce in general, to a standstill.

[preceding pages] Cornhill Street, center [winter 1876-7]

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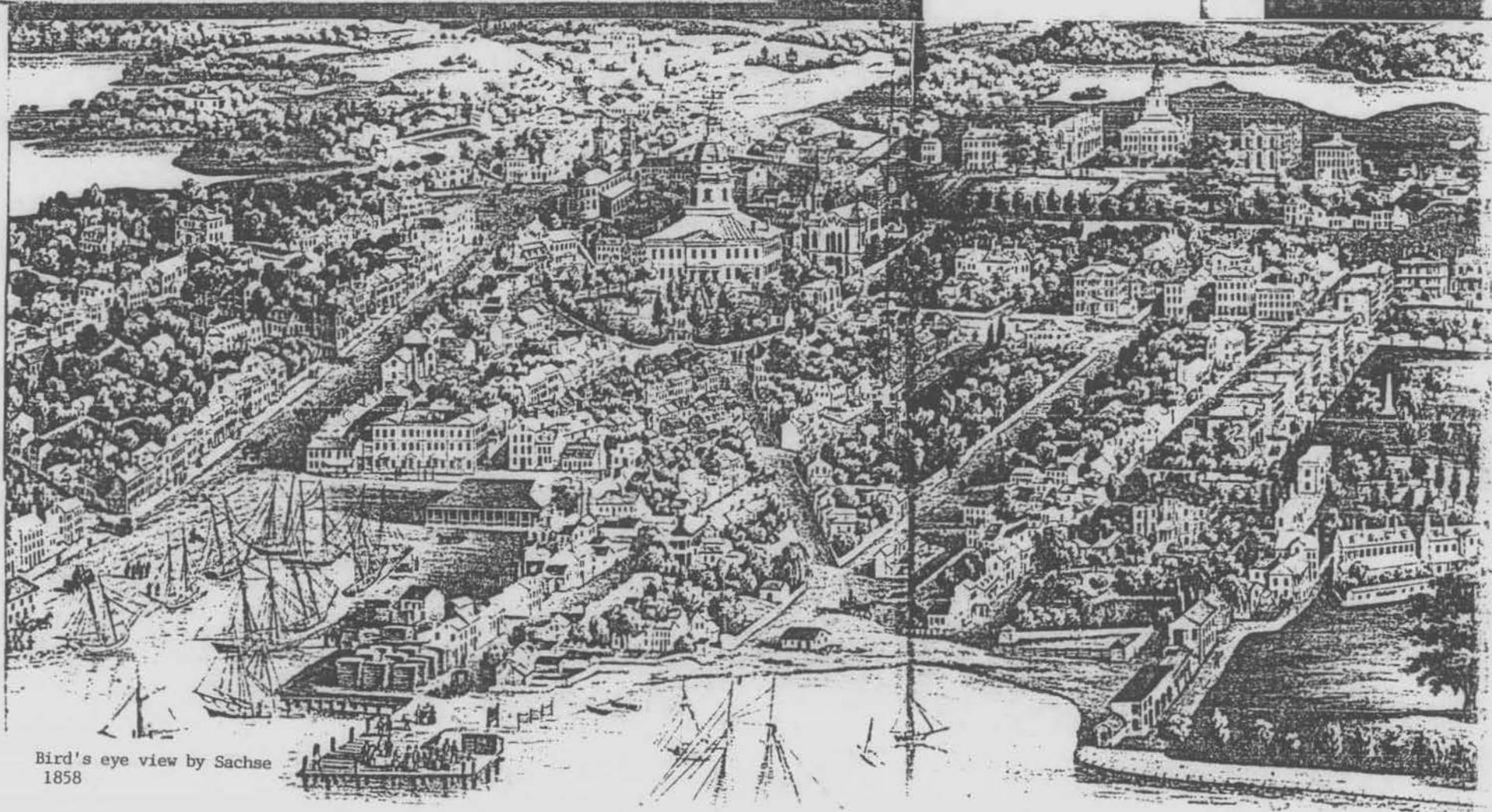
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View from Dome; Maryland Avenue to  
East Street ca. 1924-1925  
Hayman Collection (1920 ca.-1930 ca.)  
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Bird's eye view by Sachse  
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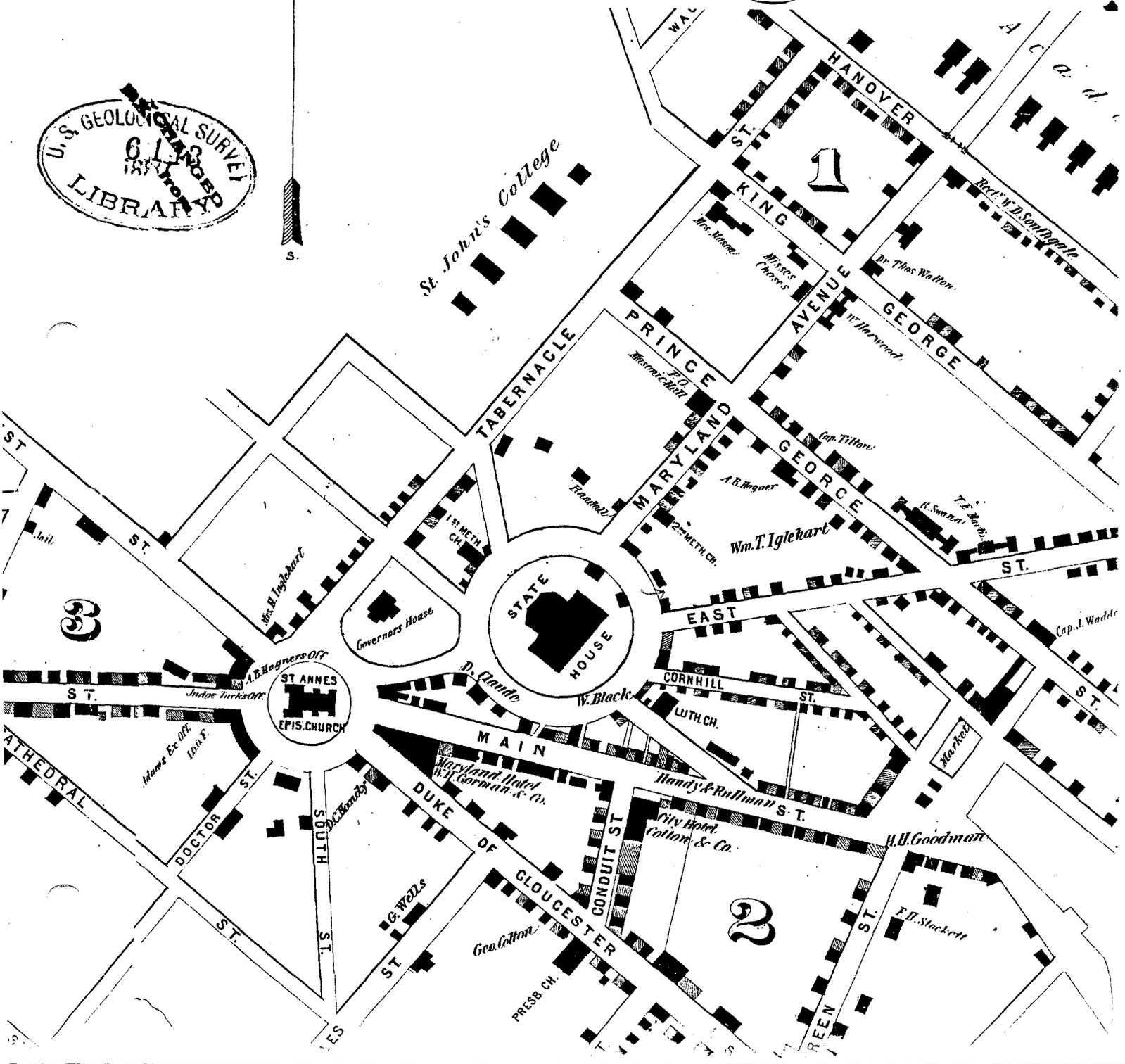
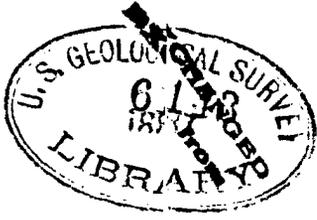
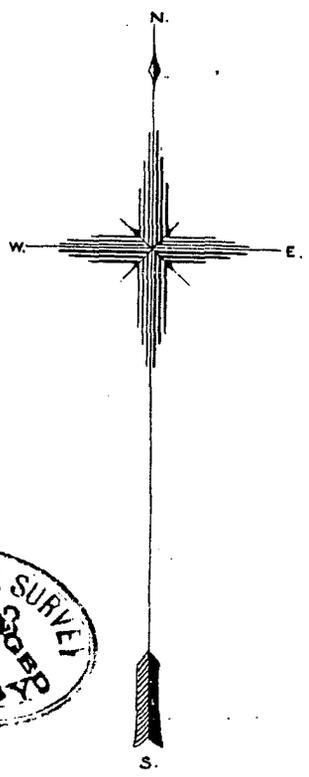
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# GRAY'S NEW MAP

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

Drawn from Special Surveys  
1877.



St. John's College

TABERNACLE

PRINCE

MARYLAND

GEORGE

GEORGE

STATE HOUSE

ST. ANNES EPIS. CHURCH

MAIN

DUKE OF

GLOUCESTER

2

REEN

ST.

3

1

Bel. W. D. Sewell

Dr. Thos. Walton

Mrs. Moore

Misses Charles

W. Harwood

Cap. Tilton

A. B. Rogers

R. Swann

T. E. Smith

Wm. T. Iglehart

Cap. J. Wadde

W. Black

CORNHILL

LUTH. CH.

Handy & Rollman S.T.

City Hotel Cotton & Co.

H. B. Goodman

E. J. Stockert

Gealotter

PRESB. CH.

St. Wills

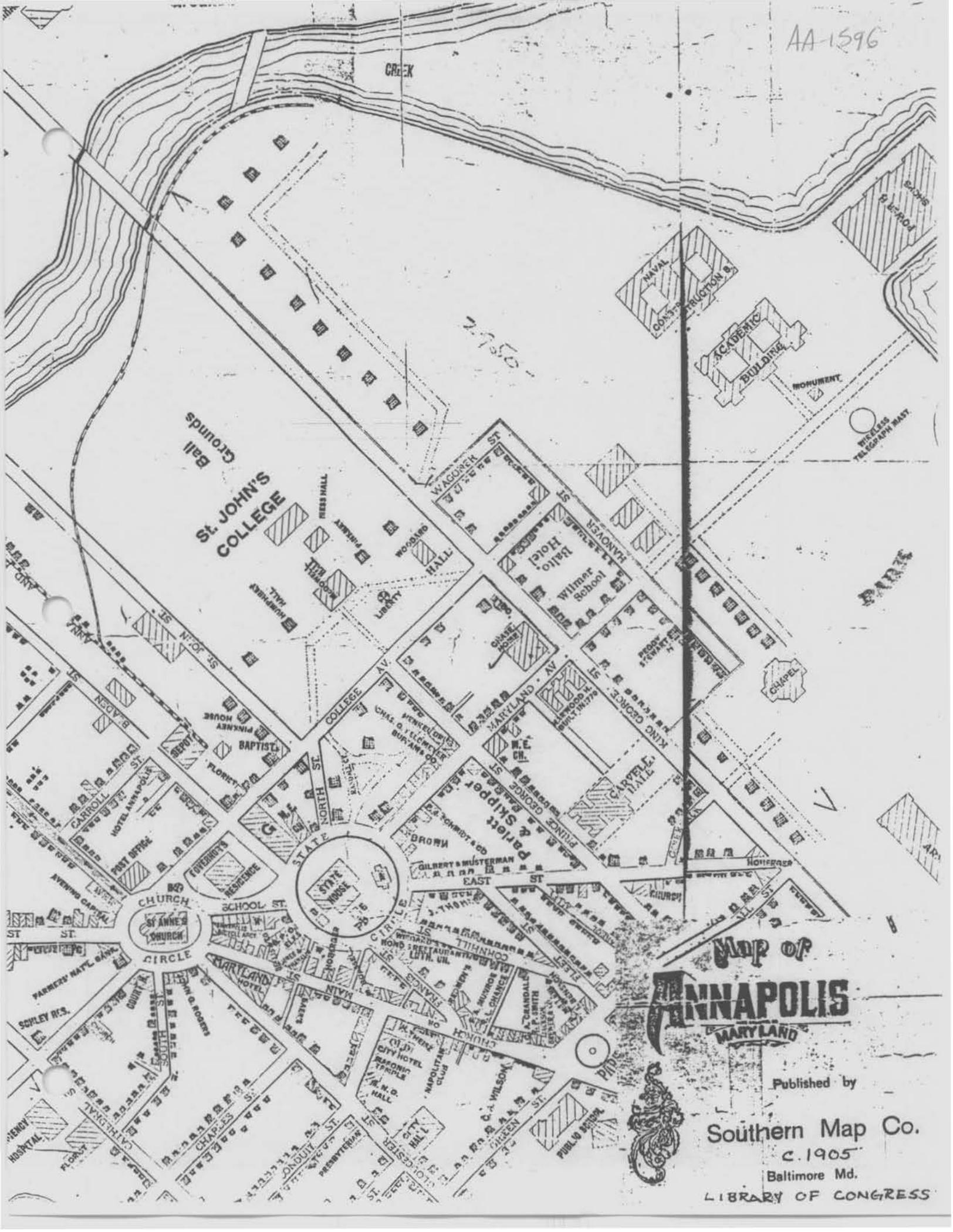
SOUTH

DOCTOR

ST.

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SOUTHEAST CORNER, BASEMENT ENTRY

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WEST CORNER

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KITCHEN, 1ST FLOOR LOOKING SOUTH

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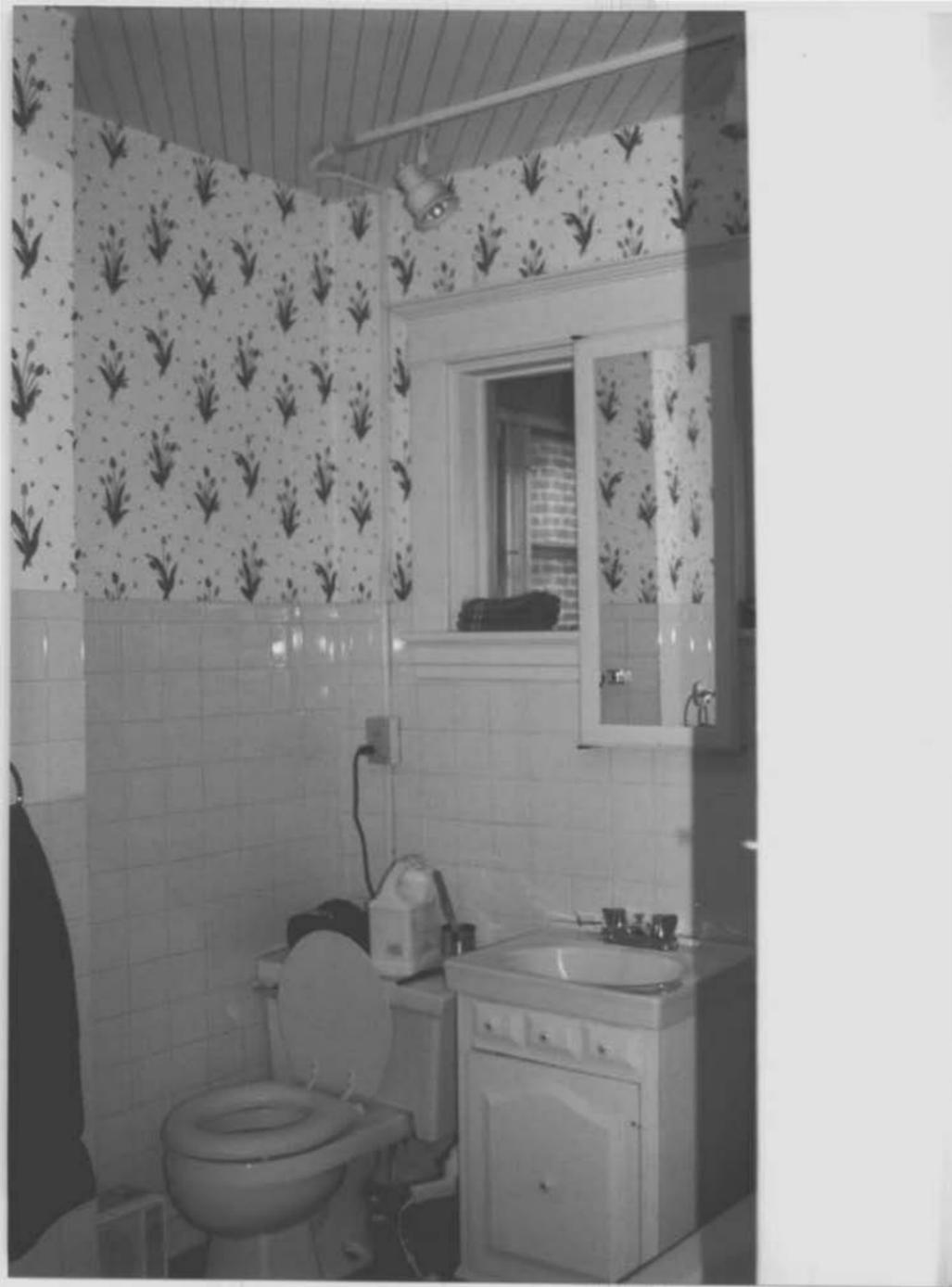
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2ND FLOOR ELL, LOOKING EAST

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3RD FLOOR LOOKING WEST

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <b>AA 1596</b>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: 2F Res
ORIGINAL USE: SF Res
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: Four Square
DATE BUILT: 1908-1913

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 54 State Circle
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 470
OWNER: Eleanor B. & Thomas I. Noble
ADDRESS: 54 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State ( ) National ( )

**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 (X) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
 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 ( )  
 Wings (X) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip (X) 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: 2  
 Approximate Dimensions: 20 x 30

Entrance Location: Left

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:

Massive hipped dormers at front and left, good chimney at right side elevation with steeple cap, deep eaves with simple cornice, stucco facades hide original siding, later four part window at first floor to right of massive pedimented entry porch with square pilasters on bases.

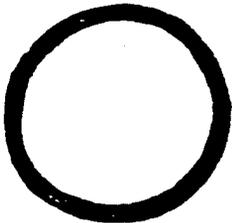
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Moderate example of smaller version of Four-Square style, set back from 50 and 56 State Circle, which lessens contribution to streetscape. Compatible.

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:

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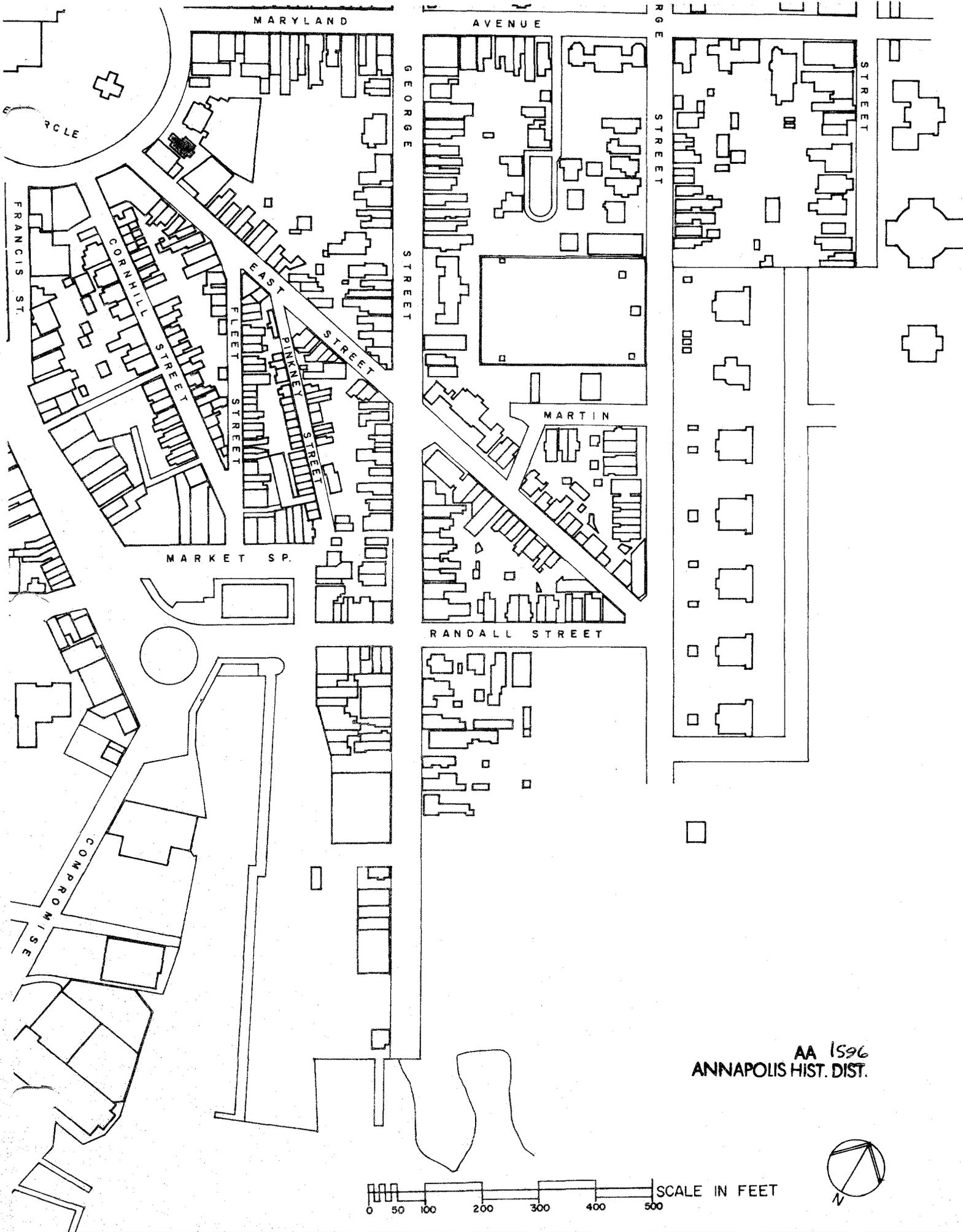
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ORGANIZATION:

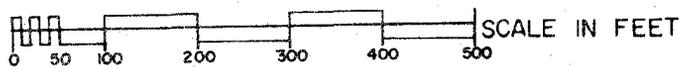
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