

CAPSULE SUMMARY

AA-1692

96 Conduit Street

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Circa 1907

Private

The single-family dwelling at 96 Conduit Street in Annapolis, Maryland was constructed circa 1907 for Casper Oliver Smith, a cutter in a tailor shop. The property, designated as part of Lot 5, was originally part of a larger tract of land purchased by Brice Beale Brewer in 1826. The Smith family owned and occupied the dwelling until 1977. The large Queen Anne-style house represents the rapid late-19th-century growth of Annapolis, which prompted the extension of Conduit Street and Cathedral Street in 1870s, the laying of Union Street in 1890, and the subsequent subdivision and development of numerous building lots along these new roads.

Designed in the Colonial Revival style, the freestanding wood-frame dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height. The main block of the structure is set a low brick foundation and is clad with narrow weatherboard siding. The dominating gambrel roof, crossed by projecting front gables, is clad in asphalt shingles. The cornice encircles the entire structure and is composed of a wide frieze with narrow bed molding, plain soffit, ogee-molded boxed cornice, and returns. The ogee-molded cornice also ornaments the projecting front gambrels and gables of the structure. A reconstructed brick chimney rises from the center of the structure. The high-style dwelling features a full-width front porch inset under the gambrel roof, paired and triple openings, diamond-paned sash, and lunette windows with keystones in the wood shingles gambrel ends. A one-story shed-roof addition was added to the eastern bay of the southeast elevation in the latter part of the 20th century.

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Inventory No. AA-1692

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Casper Oliver Smith House

other

2. Location

street and number 96 Conduit Street not for publication

city, town Annapolis vicinity

county Anne Arundel

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

name Miram B. Johnston

street and number 96 Conduit Street telephone Unknown

city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 4z/630

city, town Annapolis liber 2507 folio 729

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The single-family dwelling at 96 Conduit Street in Annapolis, Maryland, was constructed circa 1907. Designed in the Colonial Revival style, the freestanding wood-frame dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height. The main block of the structure is set a low brick foundation and is clad with narrow weatherboard siding. The dominating gambrel roof, crossed by projecting front gables, is clad in asphalt shingles. The cornice encircles the entire structure and is composed of a wide frieze with narrow bed molding, plain soffit, ogee-molded boxed cornice, and returns. The ogee-molded cornice also ornaments the projecting front gambrels and gables of the structure. A reconstructed brick chimney rises from the center of the structure. The high-style dwelling features a full-width front porch inset under the gambrel roof, paired and triple openings, diamond-paned sash, and lunette windows with keystones in the wood shingles gambrel ends. A one-story shed-roof addition was added to the eastern bay of the southeast elevation in the latter part of the 20th century.

The property consists of 3,528 square feet with a rear yard enclosed by a wooden fence. A scored concrete retaining wall along the sidewalk edges the steeply sloping site, with poured concrete steps and a metal tube rail leading to the front porch.

EXTERIOR

The façade of the building, facing northwestward onto Conduit Street, is asymmetrically fenestrated with three bays. The wood-frame porch is set on brick piers with lattice. The very shallow half-hipped roof of the porch is clad with asphalt shingles and supported by the Tuscan columns with square balusters. The porch entablature, which is continued to encircle the structure at the base of the gambrel roof, is composed of a wide frieze, ogee bed molding, and a boxed ogee-molded cornice. A low balustrade composed of square balusters and posts edges the roof of the porch. Brick steps mark the entry to the porch at the center. The single-leaf entry with a one-light door is placed off-center on the façade. It is finished with wide square-edged casing with beading and a single-light transom. The opening has plain head casing and ogee-molded lintel cap. Two exceptionally wide windows with four-light storm windows flank the entry opening. The opening in the northern bay has a diamond-paned sash over one light, while the opening in the western bay has a 1/1 window. The window openings have square-edged surrounds with beading, wood sills, and slightly projecting ogee-molded lintel caps that abut the wide frieze ornamenting the underside of the porch roof.

The second story of the façade is pierced by a large triple opening, each holding a 1/1 window. The window openings have square-edged surrounds with beading, wood sills, and slightly projecting ogee-molded lintel caps that abut the wide frieze ornamenting the gambrel end of the roof. The upper portion of the gambrel end is clad with square-butt wood shingles and pierced by a lunette window the four lights. The opening is framed by a wide square-edged casing, wood sill, and topped by a narrow wood keystone.

The southwest elevation is equally fenestrated on the first story by window openings. The two western bays have elongated 1/1 windows and the center bay has a smaller 1/1 opening. The southern bay holds paired 1/1 windows. The projecting front gable dominating the southwest elevation has paired 1/1 windows. The window openings have square-edged surrounds with beading, wood sills, and slightly projecting ogee-molded lintel caps. The upper section of the gable end does not appear to be pierced by window openings, although it was difficult to discern at the time of the survey.

The southeast elevation is marked by three casements, each holding diamond panes. A continuous wood sill, molded casings and mullions, and a flat lintel that abuts the cornice of the main structure frame the opening. The eastern bay of the first story has been altered by a construction of a one-story, shed-roof addition. Clad in weatherboard siding, the addition has a single-leaf entry door and two-light metal sliding window. The asphalt-shingled roof has a large skylight. The second story has paired 1/1 windows with square-edged surrounds with beading, wood sills, and slightly projecting ogee-molded lintel caps. The upper section of the gable end is clad with square-butt wood shingles and pierced by a triangular-shaped louvered vent.

The northeast elevation has two elongated 1/1 windows flanking shorter 1/1 triple windows. The gable end, which appears to

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illuminate the interior stair, has two stepped 1/1 windows. The window openings have square-edged surrounds with beading, wood sills, and slightly projecting ogee-molded lintel caps. The upper portion of the gambrel end is clad with square-butt wood shingles and pierced by a lunette window the four lights. The opening is framed by a wide square-edged casing, wood sill, and topped by a narrow wood keystone.

The interior of the building was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates c. 1907 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates c. 1907

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SUMMARY STATEMENT

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HISTORY

PARCEL 33

The property on which 96 Conduit Street stands was historically part of Parcel 33, which extended from Duke of Gloucester Street to Spa Creek, southeast of what would eventually become Conduit Street. James Stoddert resurveyed parcel 33 for William Bladen in 1718. Thomas Bladen, the son and heir of William Bladen, conveyed the property to Benjamin Tasker in 1721. The Provincial Court Deed records that the property had been improved by a dwelling that appears to have been located at the rear of what is now 110 Conduit Street. In 1724, Thomas Bladen, who had retained lot 38, was forced to convey William Bladen's sixteen Annapolis lots along with property elsewhere in Anne Arundel County to pay off a mortgage held by Thomas Colmore. The property was purchased by Daniel Dulany, who sold lots 13, 25, part of 35, 38, and 79 to Benjamin Tasker for 72 pounds sterling on June 22, 1725. As a result, Benjamin Tasker has gained title to the four lots along Market Street in Parcel 33 that had been surveyed for his father-in-law, William Bladen, in 1718. On February 15, 1725, Tasker conveyed part of lot 35 (which is located to the east of Union Street) to James Carroll. Tasker retained lots 36, 37, and 38 until his death in 1768.

In 1768, Tasker's "dwelling house and the lotts thereto adjoining" was devised to his wife Anne Tasker. Upon the death of Anne Tasker in 1775, the real and personal estate was bequeathed to Daniel Dulany, Jr., her grandson. In July 1781, all of Dulany's land holdings were offered for sale, including lots 13, 14, 27, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 64, and 88. The advertisement in the Maryland Gazette on July 12, 1781 indicated one of the lots had been improved by "that commodious and finely situated dwelling house in which Mr. Tasker formerly lived" (1). This dwelling was located on lot 36, at the approximate location of what is today Union Street near the foundations of Bladen's house.

On July 19, 1781, Colonel John Stewart purchased half of lot 35 with a small house, lot 36 with dwelling, and lot 37 with two stables. The purchase price was 1,080 pounds. Stewart assigned ownership of the property to Nathaniel Ramsey. Lot 38 was sold

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that same day from Stewart to Samuel Chase for 150 pounds. Charles Wallace purchased the property in 1793. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax charged Wallace with a two-story brick dwelling (50 feet by 32 feet), a one-story brick kitchen (24 feet by 20 feet), and a frame stable (24 feet by 16 feet) on two acres (2). Following the death of Wallace about 1803, the property was devised to Leonard Sellman and Charles Wallace Hanson in trust for future subdivision between the children of his three nieces. However, litigation over payment for the bequests made in Wallace's will prompted the Chancery Court to order the property be sold in 1817. Nicholas Brewer, acting as trustee for the court, oversaw the sale of the property in August 1817 to Edward Williams for \$1,001 currency. The sale included lots 36, 37, 38, and part of lot 35.

Richard Ireland Jones purchased the lots and improvements in 1824, conveying them two years later to Brice Beale Brewer. Brewer was born about 1792 and married Frances Williams (1793-1842) on April 14, 1814. Together the couple had seven children (Ellen A., Anne Maria, Brice Beale, Jr., Richard H., Jackson, Augustus, and Edward Williams). One year after the death of Frances Williams in 1842, Brewer married Kitty Burgess (b. 1817). This union produced Susan A. Brewer in August 1849. Prior to purchasing the property along Market Street, Brewer owned two lots, one of which was improved, elsewhere in Annapolis. The one-acre lots of land were valued at \$100 with the improvement noted at \$600. The 1831 Real Property Assessment charged Brewer with three improved lots valued at \$3,500. The assessments for the following year noted Brewer had two improved lots with a total value of \$1,500.

Brice Beale Brewer died on April 6, 1855. Several years prior to his death, on February 23, 1843, Brewer had divided Parcel 33B among six of his seven living children. The property along Market Street was surveyed in 1846 and subdivided into six lots for distribution: Ellen A. Brewer Sewall (lot one), Brice Beale Brewer, Jr. (lot two), Richard Henry Brewer (lot three), Jackson Brewer (lot four), Anna Maria Brewer (lot five), and Augustus Brewer (lot six). John Duvall surveyed the property on September 24, 1846.

In June 1863, the Brewer heirs jointly conveyed Lot 5 to William F. Williams, who was noted in the deed of sale as from "Massachusetts but now sojourning in the City of Annapolis." Born in 1842 to Anna Maria Brewer (Brice Brewer's second child), Williams served as an alderman and president of the Annapolis Water Company. Less than two years after buying the property, Williams sold the property to John R. Magruder for \$700. The deed of sale included all of the Brewer heirs as the June 1863 conveyance had incorrectly noted the boundaries of the lot. Nicholas Kilman (about 1808-1870) purchased all of Lot 5 from John and Emily Magruder in 1869. Kilman, noted on the 1878 Hopkin's Map of the City of Annapolis as the owner of the property, was a prominent merchant with a residence on Main Street. He was the father of eight children, including Richard G. Kilman, a carpenter, and William P. Kilman, a shoe merchant.

In the latter part of the 19th century, the City of Annapolis was undergoing a notable population increase that was directly related to the expansion of the United States Naval Academy and the state and local governments. Improved mass transportation services and local amenities such as paved streets, electricity, and water systems, also brought new residents to the city. The need for housing prompted the subdivision of several 18th-century estates such as the William Paca House on Prince George's Street and the Chase-Lloyd House on Maryland Avenue. The twelve original lots surveyed in 1716 by James Stoddert between Duke of Gloucester Street, Charles Street, and Market Street were not historically joined as a single property under the ownership of any one resident. Rather, the land, which was largely unimproved, was owned by a number of citizens, who recognized the development potential during this period of growth in Annapolis. Consequently, the residents petitioned the City of Annapolis to have new streets created that divided the large parcel into four smaller, individual blocks. On July 1st and August 1st of 1877, the residents with property extending northward from Market Street deeded a portion of their property to the City of Annapolis for the extension of Conduit Street. The property was conveyed by George Wells, the Brewer family, the Duvalls, the Magruders, Mary Stinchcomb, Thomas Tydings, John and Mary Marshall, and the Kilman heirs (also seen as Killman). The new street was referred to as Conduit Street Extended in the deed and traveled southwest from Duke of Gloucester Street to Spa Creek. Soon thereafter, property owners deeded land between Charles Street and Conduit Street to the City for the extension of Cathedral Street. To generate development of the area and enable easier vehicular movement, Union Street was laid in 1890 on property conveyed to the City of Annapolis by

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Brice Beale Brewer, Jr. and Richard H. Brewer, among others.

In July 1890, James Revell and John Ireland were appointed trustees of Lot 5 in Parcel 33 by the Circuit Court in Equity Case 1335 (Richard Kilman versus William P. Kilman). The trustees conveyed the property in March 1891 to James S. Armiger for \$805. Armiger and his wife, Sarah, then subdivided lot 5 into smaller building lots and offered them for sale. Charles Dubois, an oysterman and Mayor of Annapolis from 1901-1903, purchased lots 2 through 6 for \$1,000 in November 1891. In 1900, Thomas Cutty purchased Dubois' lot 2 for \$395. Cutter, who was living in Hagerstown, Maryland, sold the property in 1903 for \$400 to George and Martha Evans, who conveyed it to Casper Oliver Smith for a \$300 profit three months later.

96 CONDUIT STREET

In 1907, the property was improved by the construction of the large two-and-a-half-story dwelling today known as 96 Conduit Street. The building of the house was undertaken for property owner Casper Oliver Smith, who was assessed in 1907 for a single lot and dwelling that was valued at \$2,570. Born in Waverly, Ohio, in 1865, Smith was a cutter in a tailor shop. He was married in 1890 in Columbus, Ohio, to Mary Ellen Ehni. The couple had one daughter, Marguerite Lucile, born 1891. The census and will records document that Smith lived in the dwelling at 96 Conduit Street with his family until his death in 1953. Marguerite Smith, who had married Roland Robbins Thomas, obtained ownership and continued to reside in the dwelling with her family until her death in 1972. Thomas, born in 1891, was secretary-treasurer of the Annapolis Water Company. Douglas W. Thomas, the son of Marguerite and Roland Thomas, acted as the attorney for his mother's estate, selling the Conduit Street property in July 1977 to Miriam B. Johnston.

Johnston, occupying the dwelling since she purchased it in 1977, transferred title to it in 1994 to her relatives, although she retained life rights.

CHAIN OF TITLE

1718:

Lots 35, 36, 37, and 38 in Parcel 33 resurveyed for William Bladen
Stoddert Notebook, pp. 38-41

1721:

Thomas Bladen, son and heir of William Bladen, to Benjamin Tasker
Lots 36 and 37
Provincial Court Deed
Liber CW 1, Folio 525

June 1, 1722:

Benjamin Tasker to Patrick Creagh
Lease Lot 37
Provincial Court Deed
Liber B, Folio 95

December 17, 1722:

Patrick Creagh to Samuel Peele
Mortgage of lease from Tasker

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Provincial Court Deed
Liber RCW 2, Folio 99

January 28, 1724:
Patrick Creagh to Samuel Peele
Default on Mortgage for lease
Provincial Court Deed
Liber SY 1, Folio 90

Circa 1733:
Property apparently reverted back to Benjamin Tasker

1724:
Thomas Bladen and Thomas Colmore to Daniel Dulany
Lots 36, 37, 38, and part of 35
Provincial Court Deed
Liber SY 1, Folio 103

June 22, 1725:
Daniel Dulany to Benjamin Tasker
Lots 38 and part of 35
Provincial Court Deed
Liber SY 1, Folio 131

February 15, 1725:
Benjamin Tasker to James Carroll
Half of Lot 35
Provincial Court Deed
Liber B, Folio 139

1768:
Benjamin Tasker devised to wife, Anne Tasker
Lots 36, 37, and 38
Will Records
Box T, Folder 7

1775:
Anne Tasker devised to Daniel Dulany, grandson
Lots 36, 37, and 38
Will Records
Box T, Folder 5

July 19, 1781:
Daniel Dulany to Colonel John Stewart
Lots 36 and 37
General Court Records

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Liber JG 5, Folio 480

July 19, 1781:

Daniel Dulany to Samuel Chase

Lot 38

General Court Records

1793:

Nathaniel Ramsey to Charles Wallace, assignment of lots purchased by Colonel John Stewart

General Court Records

Liber JG 5, Folio 480

1812:

Charles Wallace devised to children of three nieces, with Leonard Sellman and Charles Wallace Hanson acting as Trustees

Will Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber JG 2, Folio 555

1817:

Property of Charles Wallace ordered to be sold

Chancery Papers, 4707

August 1817:

Nicholas Brewer, Trustee in Chancery Case, to Edward Williams

Lots 36, 37, 38, and part of 35

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber WSG 5, Folio 193

1824:

Edward Williams to Richard Ireland Jones

Lots 36, 37, 38, and part of 35

January 7, 1826:

Richard Ireland Jones to Brice Beale Brewer

Lots 36, 37, 38, and part of 35

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber WSG 11, Folio 472

February 23, 1843:

Brice Beale Brewer subdivided property among children

Lot One: Ellen A. Brewer Sewall

Lot Two: Brice Beale Brewer, Jr.

Lot Three: Richard Henry Brewer

Lot Four: Jackson Brewer

Lot Five: Anna Maria Brewer (Williams)

Lot Six: Augustus Brewer

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Liber WSG 26, Folio 482

June 9, 1863:

Brice Beale Brewer's heirs subdivided and jointly sold property

Lot Five conveyed to William F. Williams

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber NHG 11, Folio 442

January 10, 1865:

William F. Williams, as well as Brice Beale Brewer's heirs to clarify lot description, to John R. Magruder

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber NHG 13, Folio 59

February 10, 1869:

John R. Magruder and Emily Magruder to Nicholas Kilman

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber SH 3, Folio 207

March 21, 1891:

James Revell and John Ireland, Trustees for Equity Case 1335 (Richard G. Kilman versus William P. Kilman, July 21, 1890) to

James S. Armiger

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber SH 38, Folio 479

November 11, 1891:

James S. and Sarah Armiger to Charles Dubois

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber SH 40, Folio 67

February 12, 1900:

Charles Dubois to Thomas Cutty

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 16, Folio 266

September 5, 1903:

Thomas Cutty and Anna B. Cutty to George and Martha Evans

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 339, Folio 317

December 15, 1903:

George and Martha Evans to Casper Oliver Smith

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 34, Folio 381

January 12, 1937:

Casper Oliver Smith and Mary Ellen Smith to Benjamin Michaelson, Trustee

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Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 159, Folio 144

January 12, 1937:
Benjamin Michaelson, Trustee, to Casper Oliver Smith and Mary Ellen Smith
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 159, Folio 145

May 25, 1953:
Casper Oliver Smith bequeathed to Marguerite Smith Thomas
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber RGP 5, Folio 43

July 15, 1977:
Douglas W. Thomas, attorney in fact for Marguerite S. Thomas, to Miriam B. Johnston
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 2507, Folio 729

August 24, 1994:
Miriam B. Johnston to Leslie Johnston, Mark Johnston, Derek Johnston, and Wendy Simpson
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 6795, Folio 422

ENDNOTES

1. Maryland Gazette, July 12, 1781.
2. Federal Direct Tax of 1798, Folder 20. Archived at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.08 acre

Acreage of historical setting 0.08 acre

Quadrangle name Annapolis

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 96 Conduit Street has been historically associated with Parcel 630 as noted on Tax Map 4Z since its construction circa 1907.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization E.H.T. Traceries, Inc.

date 7/3/03

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state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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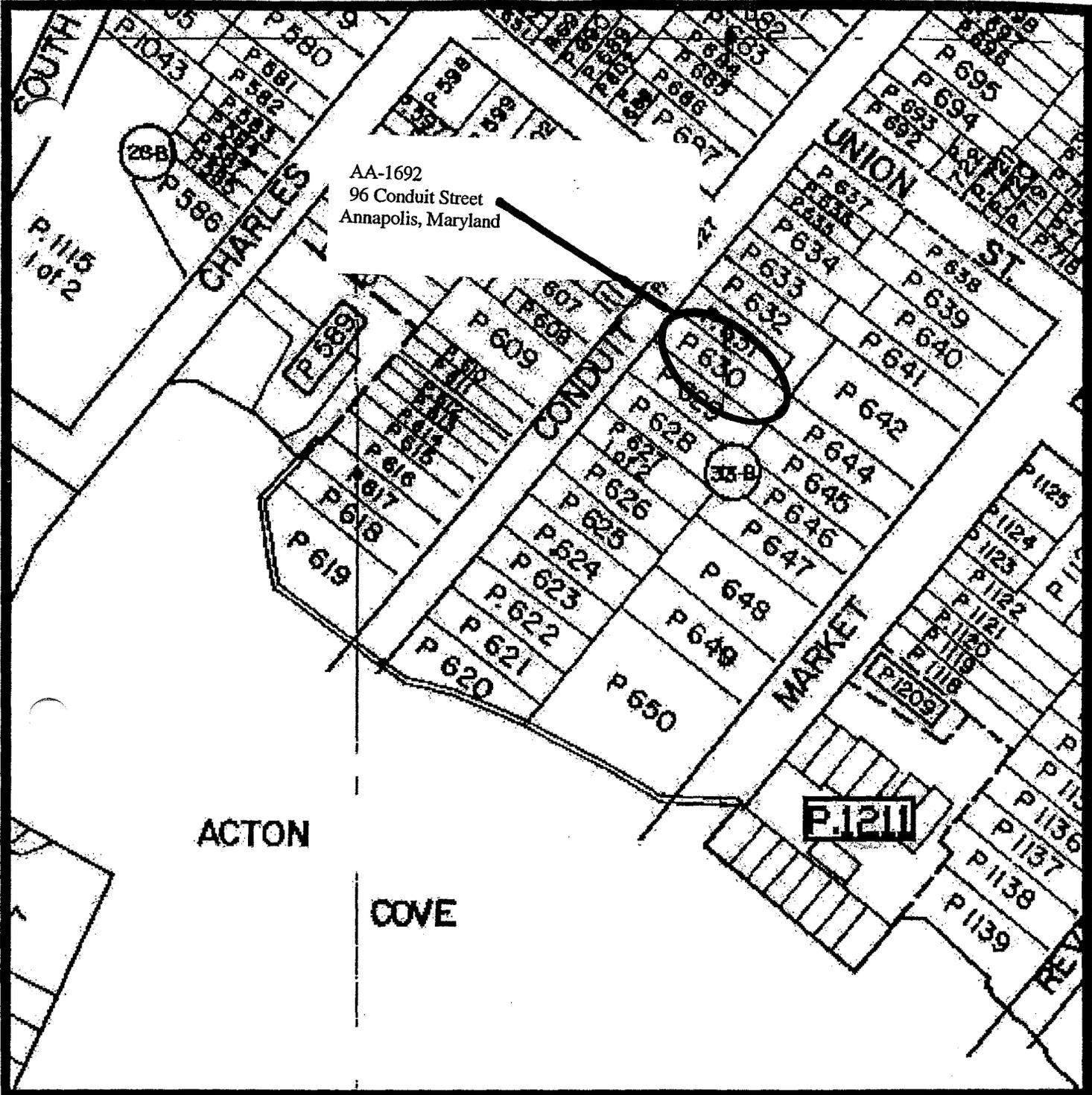
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Federal Direct Tax of 1798, Folder 20. Archived at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Maryland Gazette, July 12, 1781.

McIntire, Robert Harry. "Annapolis Maryland Families." Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1980.



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ACTON

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ANNAPOLIS SURVEY, PHASE 9
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
TAX MAP 4Z

NORTH ↑

5662 11 SE
(ROUND BAY)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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ANNAPOLIS SURVEY, PHASE 9
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
ANNAPOLIS USGS MAP

NORTH ↑



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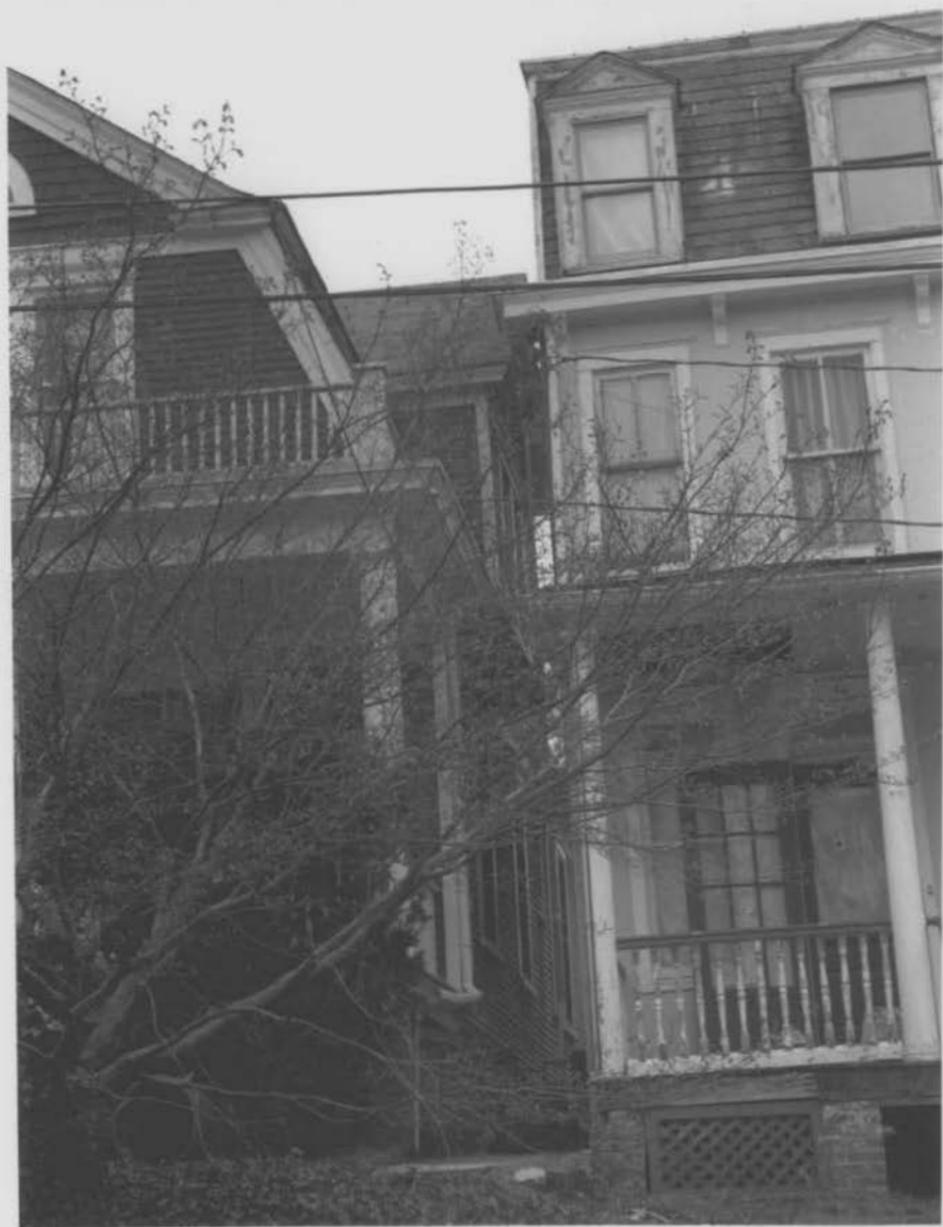
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
TRACERIES

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NORTHWEST ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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NORTH CORNER, LOOKING SOUTH

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SOUTH CORNER, LOOKING NORTH

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 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 96 Conduit Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 130
OWNER: Miriam B. Johnston
ADDRESS: 96 Conduit Street Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State () National ()

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 1698
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: Dutch Colonial
DATE BUILT: 1908-1913

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 (X) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () 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 () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2
 Number of Bays: 3 x 3
 Approximate Dimensions: 25 x 40

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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Gambrel roof to street has raking cornice with returns at break in roof, half round window in peak, and triple window at second floor; molded caps at first floor windows and transom lit door, diamond pattern muntils; full width porch with Tuscan columns and full balustrade at second level, accessible from triple window. Cross gable at left with half round window in gable.

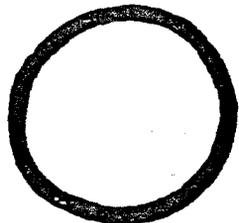
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Good example of Dutch Colonial Revival, well detailed. Contributes to street.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

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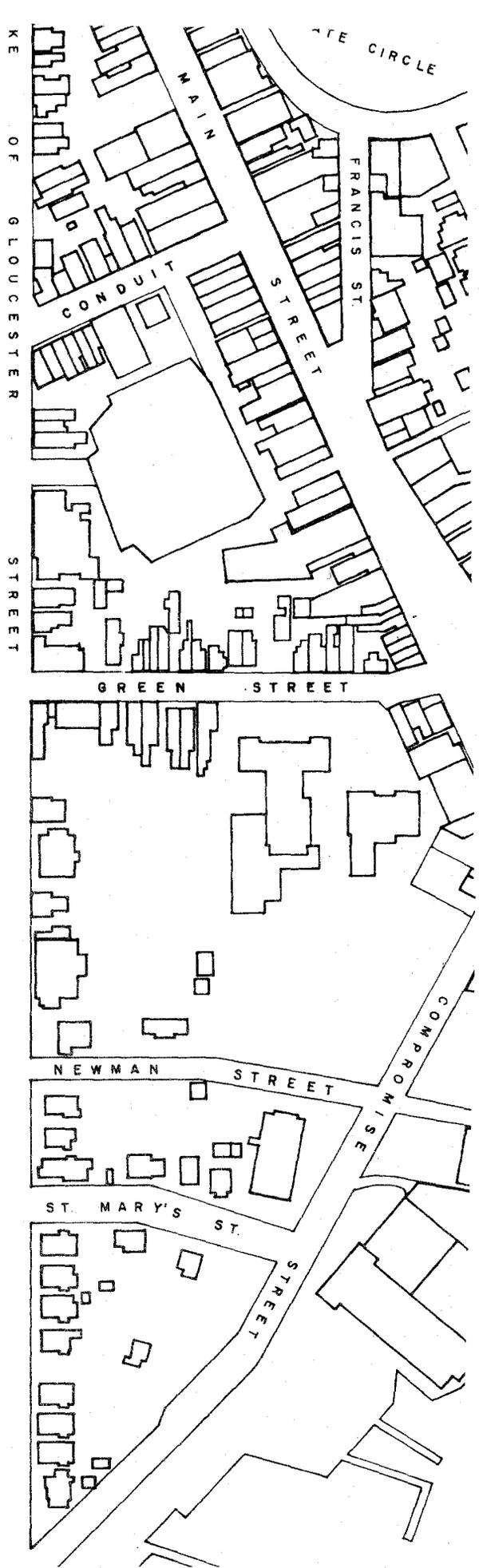
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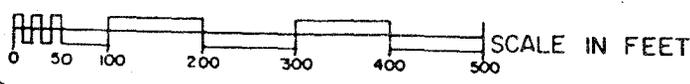
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