

CAPSULE SUMMARY

AA-1765

Joseph R. Wilmer Twin Dwelling

63 Franklin Street

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

1904

Private

The building at 63 Franklin Street was constructed as speculative house in 1904 for Joseph R. Wilmer, who operated a boy's preparatory school at the rear of the property. The property historically was part of a two-acre estate improved by a late-18th-century dwelling that was owned by John Gwinn and then James Shaw Franklin, neither of whom occupied the three-story building. By the latter part of the 19th century, the property was subdivided and individual lots offered for sale by trustees for the Franklin family. One of the last improvements on this portion of the two-acre parcel along Franklin Street was the imposing twin Shingle-style wood frame building at 63-65 Franklin Street. The building was used as rental housing from the time of its construction until 1979, when the first of three successive owner/occupants moved into the dwelling.

The two Shingle-style wood frame buildings are two-and-a-half stories in height, set high upon a steep slope overlooking Spa Creek. The southernmost of the pair at 63 Franklin Street is set upon a raised brick foundation and is covered with a cedar-shingle clad gambrel roof with a full-width, front shed wall, and a projecting wing above an open porch on center of the façade. Symmetrically arranged, the L-shaped house is clad in a combination of cedar shingles and wood weatherboard.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair 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 63 Franklin Street is one of a pair of attached and similarly designed Shingle-style buildings constructed in 1904. The two wood frame houses are set high upon a steep slope overlooking Spa Creek and rise two-and-a-half-stories in height. The southernmost of the pair at 63 Franklin Street is set upon a raised brick foundation and is covered with a cedar-shingle clad gambrel roof with a full-width, front shed wall, and a projecting wing above an open porch on center of the façade. Symmetrically arranged, the L-shaped house is clad in a combination of cedar shingles and wood weatherboard.

Exterior Description:

The southeast façade of the building facing Franklin Street is divided into three bays with strong emphasis placed on the projecting central entry bay. The first story consists of a recessed entry porch atop which sits an enclosed second story projection, clad with wood shingles and covered with a steeply pitched gambrel roof, clad with standing seam metal. The second-story projection is supported from the porch level by pairs of Doric columns, which are mirrored along the main wall of the house by tapered wood pilasters to either side of the doorway. The porch has a wood floor and narrow, tongue-and-groove ceiling. The entry itself features a wood paneled door with delicate side lights and side panels. To either side of the central, recessed entry are wide 8/2 windows with square-edged casings, in both the front and side walls.

The second story includes the projecting bay flanked by single 6/2 shed dormers built into the front shed wall. The projecting bay features a central tri-partite window with a 6/1 window on center and narrow, 2/1 windows to either side. The tri-partite window is delineated from the shingled wall surface by its bold architrave surround with a projecting cornice cap. A single 6/1 window on center of the projecting bay defines the attic level of the house. Shed dormers are set to either side in the main shed wall and immediately atop the second-story windows.

The southwest elevation consists of the end wall of the main gambrel-roofed block of the house, and a two-bay-deep rear service wing, also having a gambrel roof. The end wall of the main block features a brick chimney on center with single windows to either side, in both the first and second stories. The first story has 6/2 windows with square-edged casings, while the second story features distinctive, quarter-round lunette casements. The service wing consists of 6/1 shed dormer windows arranged either singly or in pairs.

The northwest elevation is an irregular assemblage of projections, lit by 6/1 windows. The end wall of the service wing (forming the ell of the L-shaped house) has weatherboard walls on the first story and wood shingles above. The weatherboarded surface is broken at the corner by an open porch, leading to a rear kitchen entrance. The porch is supported at the corner by a turned wood column. The shingled wall surface above has single windows slightly off-center—a 6/2 window on the second story, and a 6/1 window on the third story. Next to the ell, in the main block of the house, is a two-story shed-roof projection. This projection is clad with weatherboard walls and covered with a wood shingled roof. The first story of the projection has a single, multi-paned door, above which is a single 6/2 window. Between the ell and this projection is a small, one-story shed wing, serving as a half-bath on the interior.

Next to the two-story shed projection, the main block of the house is clad on the first story by weatherboard and in the gambrel roof by wood shingles. The first story has a large 8/2 window, while the second story has a 6/2 shed

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dormer in the gambrel roof. The third story has two single 6/1 windows tucked under the eave of the shed extension of the gambrel roof.

Interior Description:

The interior of the house retains its original floor plan, all of its original details, including flooring, window and door trim, and interior doors. The interior has a gracious reception area occupying the center bay of the house, with a transverse stair hall and large parlors located to either side. The rear service wing features a laundry, kitchen, bath, and rear service stair. The front door off of the porch opens directly into the reception hall with an elaborate, quarter-turn stair located against the rear wall of the room. The space has the original narrow wood floors. The stair features an open stringer with ornamentation, a robust turned main newel set upon a square plinth block and terminating with a square frieze block and rounded cap, and more turned landing newels. Beneath the main stair, a five-paneled door leads to the basement stairs.

The reception hall leads through single doors into the front dining room (on the left) and the front parlor (on the right). The doors have original bulls' eye corner blocks and fluted trim. Both rooms offer fireplaces, placed on center of the end walls, and large single windows on the front wall. Both fireplaces are Classical in style with fluted pilasters supporting a plain frieze and molded mantel shelf. Like the door trim, the window trim features fluted surrounds and bulls' eye corner blocks.

Behind the dining room and main stair is the service area of the house. The kitchen and laundry, located in the ell directly behind the dining room, have been remodeled, but all of the original bulls' eye trim remains intact. All of the interior doors are five-paneled. The rear stair, located directly behind the main stair, is enclosed and leads to the second floor.

The second floor of the main block of the house, reached by the main stair, includes three rooms and an entry hall. The stairs ascend to a landing that opens left and right onto rooms located above the front parlor and dining room, and opens out (in the front projection) into a front office. Both of the bedrooms feature fireplaces on center of their end walls, identical to the fireplaces on the first story, and large 6/2 windows on their front walls. The bedroom to the southwest is enhanced by the quarter-round lunette windows, located to either side of the fireplace, while the front office takes advantage of the large, tri-partite window. All of the windows feature fluted trim with bulls' eye corner blocks.

The service wing, reached by the service stair, has two bedrooms and a bathroom. This area was originally a finished space, based upon the original floors and well-lit space. The doors are replacements, except the five-paneled door leading to the bathroom.

The basement of the house has a concrete slab floor and exposed brick walls with the original three-lite basement windows intact. The basement has several partitions, one of which leads to a pantry, another one of which leads to an areaway with a Turkish-style commode.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1904-1919 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1904

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Property History

The building at 63 Franklin Street is located on Lot 62, which was originally owned by J. Sampson. After Sampson's death, Sarah Paul received title to the land, which she sold to Samuel Ogle in 1740. Ogle, who was appointed to a third non-consecutive term as governor of Maryland, lived in a large dwelling at 247-251 King George Street (AA-539). The governor died in office in 1752, bequeathing his Annapolis personal property to his wife, Anne Tasker Ogle. Anne Ogle, retaining full title to the property on King George Street, did not claim right to the Cathedral Street property denoted as Lot 62 in Block 4. Rather, as documented by the Hemphill Notes, Daniel Dulaney of Daniel eventually obtained ownership to the property. Daniel Dulaney of Walter owned the adjoining Lots 63 and 64.

In 1781, Samuel Chase purchased Lots 62, 63 and 64. The sale to Chase was not completed, because the American government had confiscated the property during the Revolutionary War. Accordingly, in 1791, the court ordered the lots be resold. William Bayly, who was appointed by the court, assigned the rights to the property to John Gwinn in 1794. Gwinn was charged in 1798 with a wood frame dwelling on Southwest Street that was leased to Elizabeth Nowels and a second dwelling with outbuildings on two acres at an unspecified location that is believed to be the Cathedral Street property. Further, the Federal Direct Tax of 1798 recorded that Gwinn lived in a brick dwelling on Church Street (now Main Street) that was owned by James H. Stone.

The property at Cathedral Street, which extended southward to Second Street (now City Gate Lane), included an imposing late 18th century dwelling, a stable, and several sheds. The wood frame building was located in the northern corner of the property (present site of 1-7 Dean Street), closer to Cathedral Street, but facing Franklin Street. It stood three stories in height, augmented by a one-story wood frame wing with porch, a one-and-a-half-story wood frame addition, and a brick addition. The two-and-a-half-story, rectangular brick addition with overhanging cornice stood along Cathedral Street. Visible on the 1858 Sachse *Birds Eye View of the City of Annapolis*, the building was five bays wide and crowned by a steeply pitched side gable roof with interior end chimneys. A long straight drive extended from the facade of the building to Franklin Street. It was flanked by two freestanding buildings of wood frame

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with side gable roofs. The original use of the two-story buildings is not known, although the 1885 Sanborn Maps indicated they were later used as single-family dwellings.

John Gwinn died in 1809 and the heirs offered the property at Cathedral Street and what is now Franklin Street for sale. The advertisement in the *Maryland Gazette* described the property as having two enclosures with a stable, dwelling, carriage house, gardens, and orchard.¹ Eventually, in 1823, Gwinn's heirs sold Lots 62, 63, and 64 to Ninian Pinkney for \$847. Pinkney, born in 1771, was educated at St. John's College and worked as clerk for the Executive Council for thirty years. James Miller purchased the property from Ninian Pinkney in 1839. In 1844, James Iglehart, who had been appointed trustee and charged with selling the property of James Miller, sold the land with improvements. Richard J. Cowman, the son of Thomas Cowman and Henrietta Harwood, purchased the property with its imposing Federal-style dwelling. Originally from Ireland, the Cowman family, which included three sons, lived in the late-18th-century dwelling.

In April 1867, the heirs of Richard J. Cowman conveyed title of the property to James Shaw Franklin for \$3,350. Franklin, the son of Thomas Franklin (a cashier with the Farmers National Bank), was born in December 1827. James Franklin graduated from St. John's College in 1847, and went on to become State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County sometime prior to 1853. He eventually served as clerk of the Court of Appeals. Descendants of cabinetmaker John Shaw, the Franklin family owned and occupied the imposing dwelling at 21 State Circle (AA-689) throughout the 19th century. Additionally, Franklin had a one-story wood frame law office constructed in the 1850s at 17 State Circle (AA-688).

James Shaw Franklin lived in the family home at 21 State Circle, leasing the dwelling at Cathedral Street and Bishop Street (now Franklin Street). The *Hopkins Map* of 1878 supports the deeds in documenting that the Honorable James S. Franklin did own the property. Census records from 1880 indicate the Cowman family continued to reside on Cathedral Street, possibly renting their former home, after selling the property.² The Sanborn Maps for 1885 and 1891 indicate the land surrounding the house, prior to the laying of Acton Lane by 1897, was used as cultivated farmland.

After James Shaw Franklin's death in 1881, the court assessed the property at Franklin and Cathedral Streets. Franklin's will indicated this property was to be bequeathed to his sister, Anne Franklin, for life with the remainder in fee to be granted to his nieces and nephews. The will was disputed and resulted in a drawn out court battle (Equity 1189: Franklin versus Franklin). Accordingly, J. Wirt Randall was appointed trustee in 1887. The dispute continued well into the 20th century and, with the 1901 death of Anne Franklin, the court requested the trust be continued under the direction of Randall. The late-18th-century dwelling, which had continued to be used as rental property by the Franklin family until it was sold, was razed between 1903 and 1908. The building had been located at what is today 1-3-5-7 Dean Street, where two twin dwellings stood by 1908. Ultimately, decades before the equity was settled in 1936, Randall began to partition the estate at Franklin and Cathedral Streets and convey the lots individually.

Building History

As trustee, J. Wirt Randall sold the corner property at Franklin Street and Cathedral Street in September 1902 to Rashleigh B. and Elizabeth B. Chalmers of New York City, who probably expected to construct a dwelling on the large lot. The unimproved property,

¹ *Maryland Gazette*, June 12, 1811.

² House numbers changed a number of times on Cathedral Street during this period. Further, the house numbers used by the census takers in 1880 do not correspond with those on the Sanborn Maps, rendering it difficult to determine who was living in the late 18th century dwelling at this time. The Cowman family is noted at 18 Cathedral Street, a house number that does not exist on the 1885/1891/1897 Sanborn Maps. However, the late 18th century dwelling is noted on the maps as 20 Cathedral Street, a house number that is not registered in the 1880 census.

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however, was conveyed less than a year later to Joseph R. Wilmer. Born in 1856 in Maryland, Wilmer was responsible for the construction of the twin dwellings at 63-65 Franklin Street and a two-story wood frame building located at 91-93 Cathedral Street by 1904. The twin dwellings fronted Franklin Street and presented mirror plans. Each dwelling was placed atop the steeply pitched slope of the corner lot, with recessed entry openings further sheltered by porches. Wilmer was charged for two dwellings on Franklin Street and a frame school on Cathedral Street in 1904, collectively assessed at \$7,700.

Wilmer retained ownership of the dwellings until December 1919, when the single-family dwelling at 63 Franklin Street was conveyed separately. The 1920 census indicates Wilmer, his wife, and their four children continued to own and occupy the dwelling at 65 Franklin Street. The wood frame building at 91-93 Cathedral Street, also placed atop the sloping site, was specifically constructed by Wilmer as a preparatory school for boys where he personally educated local students. The preparatory school previously was located at 128 King George Street, as noted on a 1905 *Map of Annapolis* by the Southern Map Company. The building continued to be noted as part of the 65 Franklin Street property until the second part of the 20th century.

The building at 63 Franklin Street was sold to Florence A.H. Chaney. The 1920 census records the building was leased to Herbert L. Rice, a fifty-year-old teacher who was employed at Wilmer's Private School. Born in Illinois, Rice lived with his wife, Rose A. Rice, and two children. Chaney continued to use the property as rental housing throughout her nineteen-year ownership. In 1938, she sold the property to Schamyl Cochran. Cochran was born in Houston, Texas in 1886. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1908, and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 1926. While living in Annapolis, Cochran and his wife, Isabelle, purchased a number of properties, including 67-69 Franklin Street (AA-504), 37-39 Maryland Avenue (AA-25), and Wilmer's Preparatory School at 91-93 Cathedral Street. Cochran continued to operate the boy's preparatory school, which by this time featured a brick veneer.

Like Chaney, Cochran used the building at 63 Franklin Street as rental property, leasing it in the 1940s to Lillian Fairfax. By the mid-1950s, Thomas L. Leitch and John Wells were noted in the city directory as living in the Shingle-style dwelling. Leitch, born in May 1905, was an electrician who continued to live in the dwelling with his family until 1981, when his wife, Myra Leitch, inherited property at 102 Charles Street (AA-385). The relocation of Leitch from the Franklin Street property unfortunately coincided with the 1979 deaths of Schamyl and Isabelle Cochran. Ina Walker Hubbard, along with the mortgage holder (Maryland National Bank), sold the property to Clint and Anne P. Cave, who became the first owners to occupy the dwelling. In April 1982, William M. and Ellen V. Schaffler purchased the property. It was sold five years later to D. Patricia and Leo J. Baird, the present owners and occupants.

Chain of Title

- 1740: Sarah Paul, heir of J. Sampson to Samuel Ogle
Provincial Court Deed
Liber RB 1 Folio 80

Samuel Ogle to Walter Dulaney and Daniel Dulaney
- 1781: Estate of Daniel Dulaney of Walter and Daniel Dulaney of Daniel to Samuel Chase
Sale of Property Confiscated by Government
- 1791: William Campbell, agent, to William Bayly after voiding of previous sale to Chase

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- 1793: William Bayly to John Gwinn
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber NH 7 Folio 91
- 1823: Heirs of John Gwinn to Ninian Pinkney
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 9 Folio 584
- March 25, 1839: Ninian Pinkney, with Somerville Pinkney as Trustee, to James Miller
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 23 Folio 598
- July 10, 1844: James Iglehart, Trustee for James Miller, to Richard J. Cowman
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 27 Folio 384
- August 1854: Richard J. Cowman bequeathed to Harriet, Frederick, Richard II, and Edward
- April 16, 1867: Frederick Cowman and Rosa Cowman, Harriet Cowman, Edward Cowman, and Richard Cowman, II to James S. Franklin
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GEG 3 Folio 26
- September 5, 1902: James S. Franklin Trustees (J. Wirt Randall) under Equity Case 1189 (Franklin versus Franklin) to Rashleigh B. and Elizabeth B. Chalmers
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 27 Folio 92
- July 27, 1903: Rashleigh B. and Elizabeth B. Chalmers to Joseph R. Wilmer
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 33 Folio 105
- November 5, 1903: Joseph R. and Isabella H. Wilmer to John L. Chew
40' on Cathedral Street and 100' on Franklin Street
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 90 Folio 214
- December 29, 1911: Joseph R. Wilmer to Isabella H. Wilmer
60' on Cathedral Street and 100' on Franklin Street
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 90 Folio 214

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- December 8, 1919: Joseph R. and Isabella H. Wilmer and John L. Chew, trading as Wilmer and Chew, to Joseph R. Wilmer
100' on Cathedral Street and 100' on Franklin Street
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WNW 34 Folio 222
- December 16, 1919: Joseph R. and Isabella H. Wilmer to Florence A.H. Chaney
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WNW 11 Folio 464
- July 9, 1938: Florence A.H. Chaney to Schamyl Cochran and Arthur W. Bryan
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber FSR 184 Folio 460
- November 1, 1966: Schamyl and Isabelle M. Cochran to Malcolm B. Smith, Trustee
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber MSH 2020 Folio 488
- Transfer included:
1. 18 Randall Street
 2. 37-39 Maryland Avenue
 3. 1 Southgate Avenue
 4. 220 Prince George Street
 5. Franklin Street
 6. Prince George Street
 7. 93 Cathedral Street
- November 1, 1966: Malcolm B. Smith, Trustee, to Schamyl and Isabelle M. Cochran
Transfer included all seven parcels
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber MSH 2020 Folio 491
- May 31, 1979: Ina Walker Hubard and Maryland National Bank, Trustees for the estates of Schamyl and Isabelle M. Cochran, to Clint Cave and Anne P. Cave
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GMN 6 Folio 53
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GMN 6 Folio 397
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 3207 Folio 268
- April 5, 1982: Clint Cave and Anne P. Cave to William M. and Ellen V. Schauffler
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 3482 Folio 67

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May 13, 1987: William M. Schauffler to D. Patricia and Leo J. Baird
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 4347 Folio 601

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 Acre
Quadrangle name Annapolis

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 63 Franklin Street has historically been associated with Parcel 372 in the City of Annapolis as noted on Map 4Z, Grid 15 since its construction in 1904.

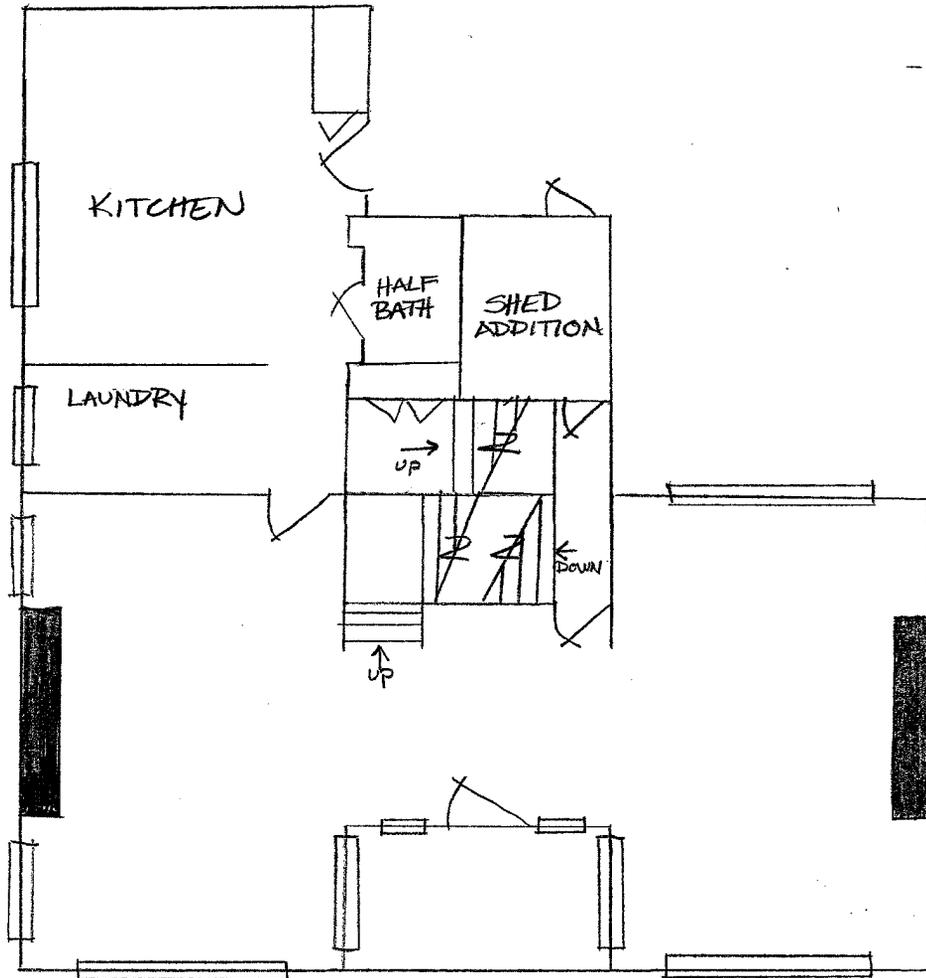
11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 28, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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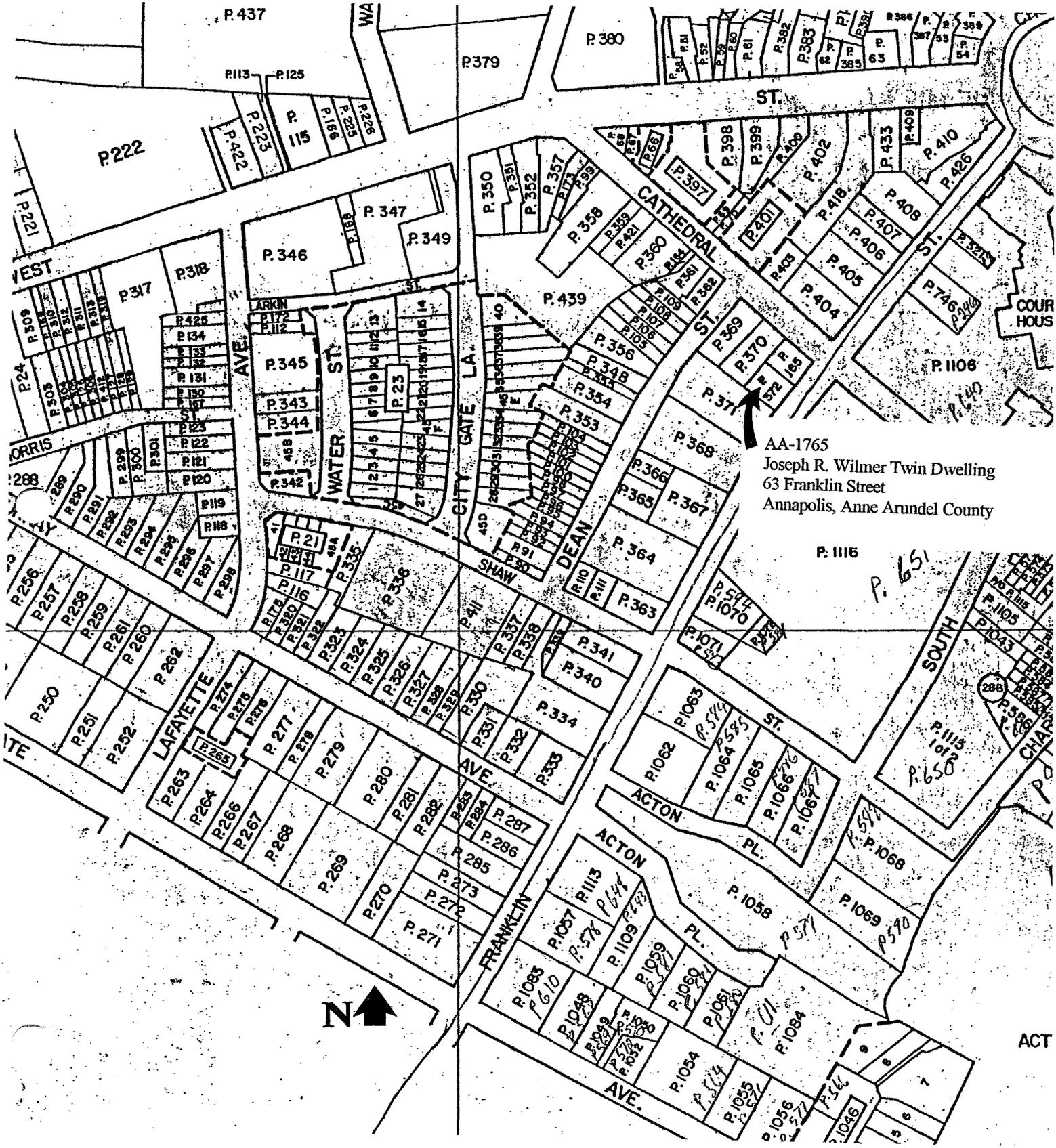


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RESOURCE FLOOR PLAN
FIRST FLOOR

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SCALE

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



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BLOCK, LOOKING SOUTH

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NW ELEVATION, LOOKING SE

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SOUTH CORNER, LOOKING NORTH

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1ST FLOOR STAIR HALL LOOKING WEST

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63 FRANKLIN ST

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRALERIES

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1ST FLOOR NE PARLOR LOOKING NE

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63 FRANKLIN ST

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2ND FLOOR SW ROOM LOOKING SW

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One of a pair of American Queen Anne residences, 63 Franklin Street is two and one-half stories high, three by five bays, 'L' shaped in plan 40' x 30' with a cross gambrel roof. The projecting gambrel at the central bay of the front facade has molded rakes and cornice, a single 6/1 window at the attic level and a tripartite window (2/1-6/1-2/1) with flat cornice and molded lintel at the second floor. Both the attic and the second floor are lit at the front facade by shed dormers with 6/1 windows. The first floor has oversized 8/2 windows flanking the entrance which is protected by the projecting gambrel central bay, supported here on paired Tuscan columns and pilasters strips with a full entablature. The entrance bay is recessed and has an excellent sidelit door of period design. The gambrel end walls are divided into two sections by large brick chimneys, with quarter round casements at either side at the second floor level and single 6/1 sash at the first floor. The slightly inset rear ell has shed dormers at the attic and second floor, with 6/1 sash, and 6/1 windows at the first, paired at the north bay. The frame structure is sheathed with clapboards at the entire first floor, with wood shingles at the gambrel end walls and at all roof surfaces.

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 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 1765</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 (X) Good () Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: American Queen Anne
DATE BUILT: 1908-1913

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 63 Franklin Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 30 Par 575
OWNER: Clint & Anne P. Cave
ADDRESS: 63 Franklin Street Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local () 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 (X) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle (X) Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle (X) Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers (X) Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings (X) 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 2
 Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 30

Entrance Location: Centered

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Cross gambrel roof with street end projecting at front porch to shelter an entrance porch; upper part of gambrel altered to provide head room, with original Palladian window in gambrel end altered to permit installation of 6/1 window at new third floor; shed roof dormers at second floor with 6/2 sash original. Porch supported on paired Tuscan columns with excellent sidelit door, flanked by oversize 8/2 double hung sash.

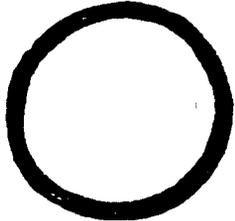
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Important example of American Shingle style despite alterations. Pair with 65 Franklin Street which retains its original design features and illustrates appearance of this structure when built. Important component of streetscape at important intersection.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

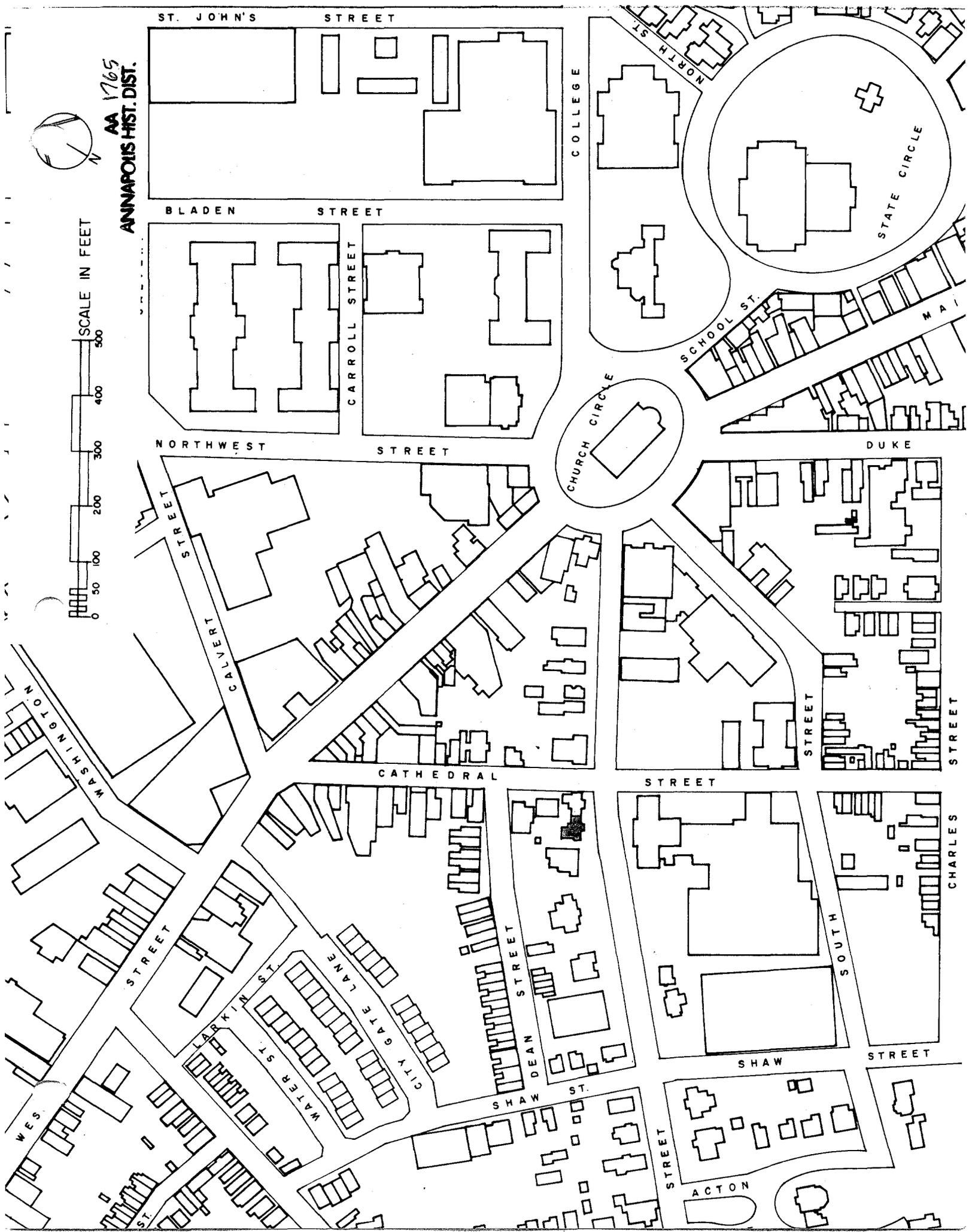
- Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up(✓)Densely-Built Up()
- Residential()Commercial()
- Agricultural()Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

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