

8 Franklin Street  
Annapolis  
Private

c.1903-08

8 Franklin Street is a two and one-half story Homestead style residence three by two bays, rectangular in plan, 24' x 35'. The gable end to the street is pedimented, with a tripartite window in the gable end and a molded cornice on frieze band and molded rakes. The second floor windows at the front facade are 1/1, set up against the frieze and above a full width porch with full entablature and heavy Tuscan columns. The first floor of the front facade has the entrance in the left bay, with a raised panel door, and an oversized window in the right bay, with molded architrave and cap. The right side elevation has a two story breakfront at the rear bay, with three 1/1 windows at each floor, and 1/1 windows in the first bay; the left elevation has single 1/1 windows in all three bays. The frame structure is shingles at the gable ends and clapboard at the walls.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8 Franklin Street  not for publicationcity, town Annapolis  vicinity of congressional district 30th

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Robert O. and Mary E. Biern

street &amp; number 8 Franklin Street telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street &amp; number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Annapolis, Inc.

date Sept. 1983  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records 194 Prince George St.

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. AA-1769

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

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

8 Franklin Street is a two and one-half story frame tri-gable Homestead Style residence, 24'x 25' in plan with a c.1975 one-story contemporary glass and frame rear addition of 24'x16'. The cross-gable roof (ridge line of the main roof perpendicular to Franklin Street) structure is clapboard at the first two floors, shingled in the three gable ends and rests on a brick foundation. There is a full width one-story, hipped roof front porch. The plan is 3 x 2 bays and is symmetrical except for a two-story three part breakfront at the last bay of the right end wall. Built in 1907, there is a one story garage, of no significance at the SW corner of the site.

The property is located in the last block of Franklin Street, one lot east of Cheston and Spa Creek, with the structure situated on a slight rise of the rectangular 45' x 100' lot, set back 25' from the Franklin Street sidewalk. The surrounding area is moderately built-up, exclusively in residential use with contiguous structures all of the same size, scale, massing and setback. The site is approximately one-quarter mile southwest of Church Circle, the terminus of Main Street in the Annapolis Historic District.

The three bay front facade has a full pedimented gable, with molded rakes and cornice, the cornice with a flat frieze. The shingle gable has a tri-partite window, all 1/1, the flanking windows narrower than the central one. The windows are cased with flat trim and molded lintel cap. The roof is slate and has a corbeled cap brick chimney centered in the ridge line of the original block. The second floor has three 1/1 windows framed into the frieze band, with flat casings and louvered shutters. The first floor has a beveled glass panel door without transom or sidelights in the left bay and a large fixed sash window in the right, the upper part divided by lozenge shaped muntins. The first floor is protected by the one-story hipped (slate) roof porch that is supported by three heavy Doric columns. The molded hand rail terminates at the three brick stairs from grade in a short round, column like newel, and the balusters are square. The first and second floors are clapboard with flat corner and sill boards at all walls.

The right side elevation has a single 1/1 window in the first bay and three 1/1's in the two story breakfront at the rear bay, all with flat casings and molded lintel caps. The second floor repeats the fenestration pattern, except that the single window in the first bay is framed into the frieze. The pedimented cross gable projects over the breakfront, and is shingle with a single 1/1 window. The first floor on the left end wall has a small 1/1 window in the front bay and paired 1/1's in the rear, at the kitchen. There are three 1/1 sash in the second floor, the first set at an intermediate level to light the interior stair. The roof has a hipped roof slate dormer towards the rear

A one story porch is situated in the southeast part of the rear elevation, with the contemporary semi-hexagonal addition (full height glass sliding doors) occupying the remainder of this facade.

The interior plan is basically four rooms arranged in a square, with the entrance hall and stair at the front to the left of the living room, a dining room deirectly behind the living room and a kitchen. The hall has a straight eleven riser to a platform run of stairs along the left wall, with a square newel, turned balusters and molded rail. The door leading to a small vestibule between the hall and the kitchen has five horizontal panels, while the entrance to the living room is double width with four leaves of ten glass panels each as the door. All doors and windows are trimmed with flat casings, beaded at both edges, with bullet blocks at the upper corners. The living room has a brick fireplace set at 45 degrees in the left rear corner, with a shelf on an ovolo backband and two sawn brackets, and a ceramic tile surround. The entrance between the living room and the dining room has a single leaf pocket door of six horizontal panels. The dining room repeats the window and door details, with a five panel door connecting to the modern kitchen. All first floor rooms have molded caps at the flat bases, but no cornice or chair rail.

The second floor has a bedroom and dressing room to the right of the stair and a bedroom (right) and full bath (left) at the rear. All detailing duplicates that found at the first floor. The attic has two bedrooms and a bath.

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

AA-1769

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- 07	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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

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

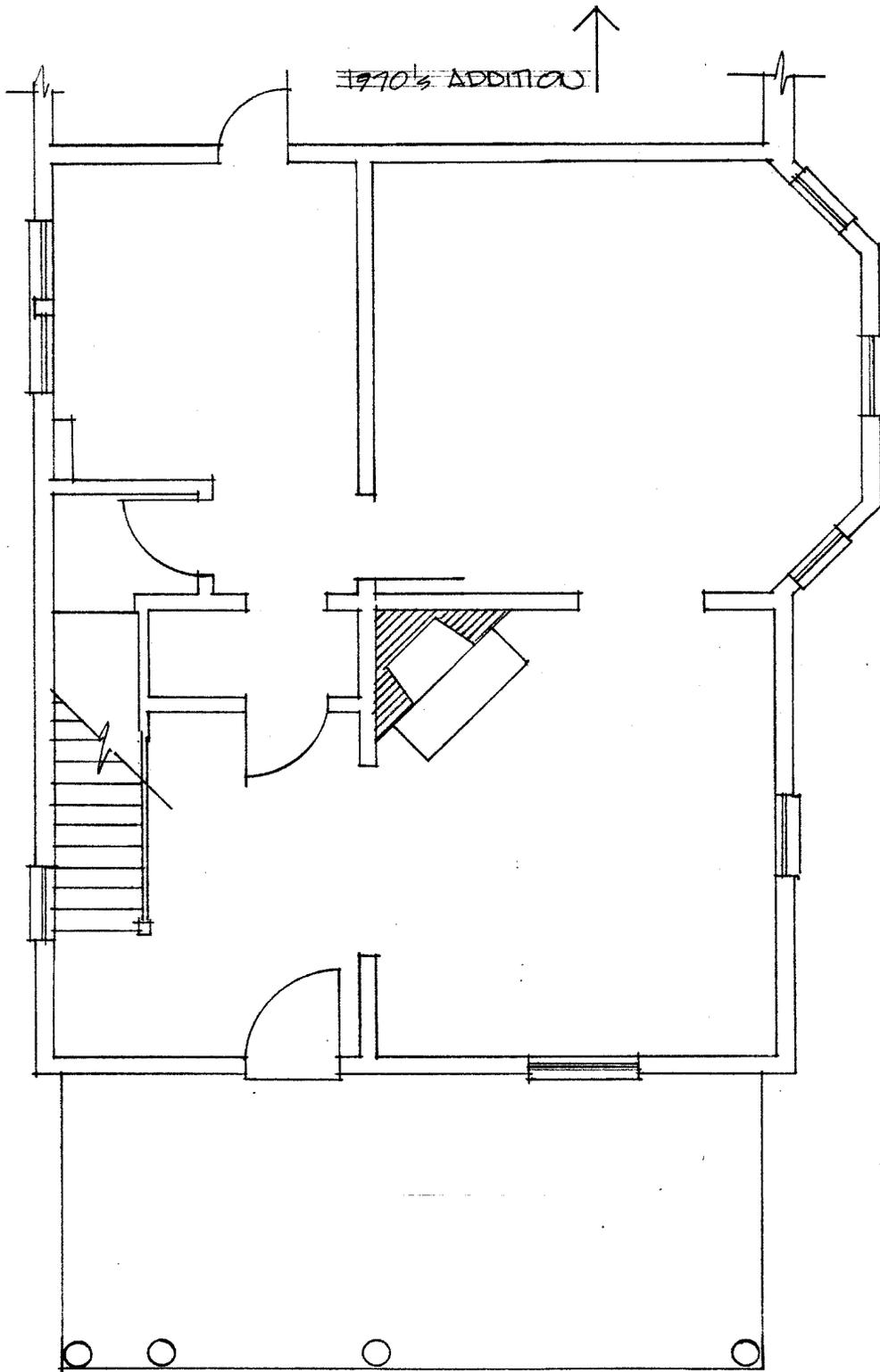
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

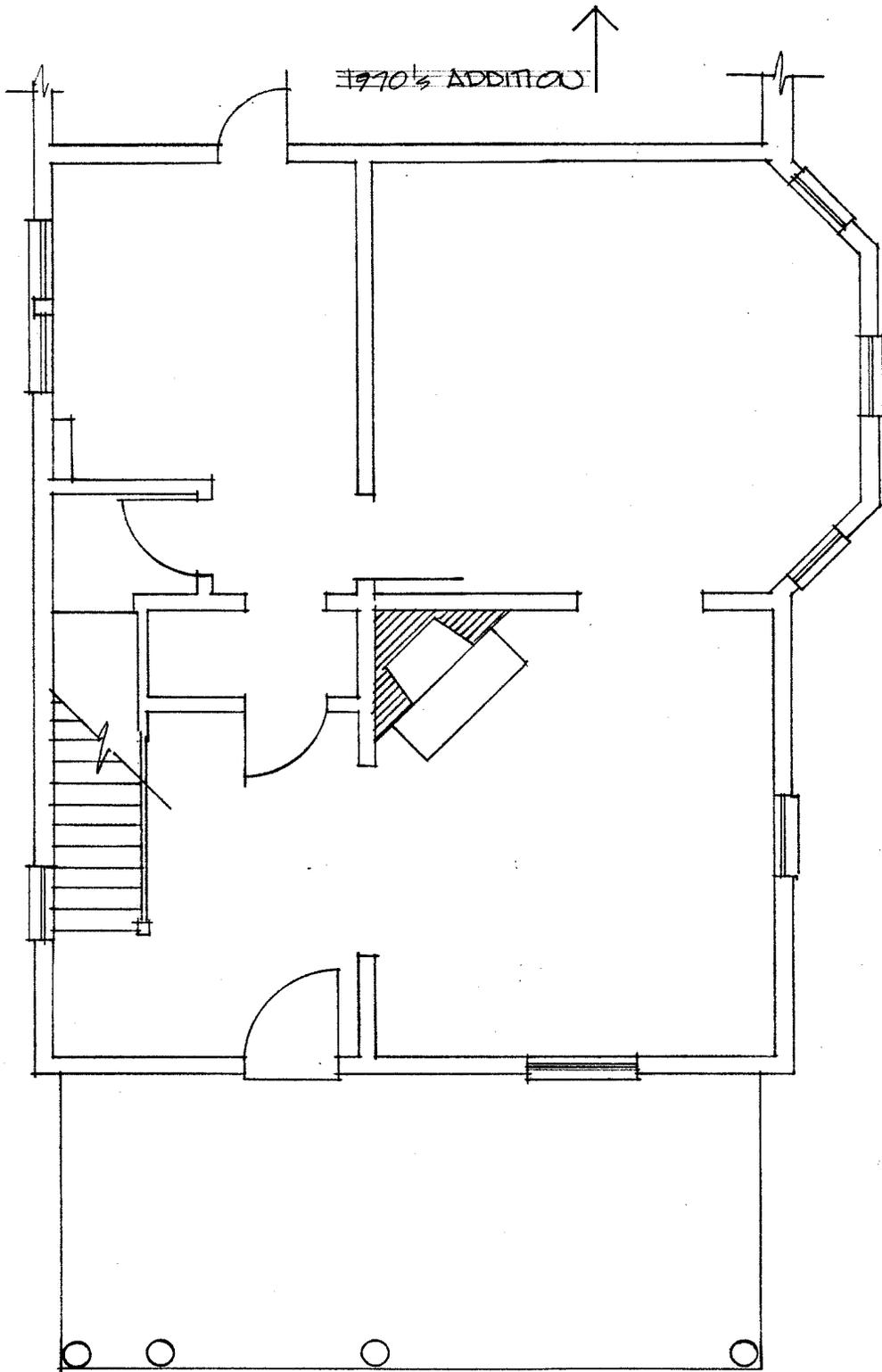
8 Franklin Street was built by John J. Walton, who purchased the undeveloped site from William N. Woodward in January, 1907. The site was initially set off as Lot 5, Block A on Melvin's 1890 plat of Murray Hill. The structure is important architecturally as a fully developed example of the tri-gable Homestead style of the Post Victorian period, one of the so-called Utilitarian residential styles that proliferated in Annapolis and elsewhere at the start of the 20th century. Derived from the basic farmhouse of the 19thC, with its simple, straightforward rectangular plan and gable roof, the Homestead style was transported to the urban scene with little alteration to its austere beginnings. In this case, the builder chose the tri-gable roof as a variant and limited decoration to a change in the facade materials (shingles in the gable ends, clapboard elsewhere) and introduced a three part, two-story breakfront to provide more light and add interest to the dining room. 8 Franklin Street is the epitome of this early 20thC expression of residential design, unaltered other than for a well designed, sympathetic contemporary addition at the rear that mirrors in plan the breakfront of the dining room. The house is in excellent condition and maintenance and is regarded as the finest example of its style in the historic district. Also, it is indicative of the kind and quality of the westward expansion of Annapolis during the early 20th century.





TYPICAL TRI-GABLE HOMESTEAD

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SCALE 3/16" = 1'-0" RW 9/83



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DATA SHEET: ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

Site: 8 Franklin Street

Tax Map 29 parcel 266

Deed Reference (current/82): 1986:198

Fabric:  
Height:  
Outbuildings:

Beard Lot # (if known):  
Stoddert Lot #: N/A  
property owner at time of Stodert survey:

1798 Federal Direct Tax:

Appears on:

- Sachse print (1860) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hopkins Atlas (1878) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1885 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- 1891 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- 1897 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- 1903 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- 1908 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- 1913 Sanborn x
- 1921 Sanborn x
- 1930 Sanborn \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Chancery or Equity Cases:

Real Estate Advertisements:

Plats:

Inventories of improved premises:

first owner of improved property:

Date of construction:

Notes:

## Chain of Title:

See 6 Franklin Street for chain to 1867.

Deeds	SH46:203	(2/21/1894)	Nevett & Anna Steele, James & Charlotte Cheston, & John & Gertrude Steele (as heirs Charlotte Murray Steele) to Elizabeth Stevenson
Deeds	GW39:149	(11/2/1904)	Elizabeth L. Stevenson to William N. Woodward lots 6, 5, 4, & 1/4 of 3, of block A on Melvin's plat of Murray Hill
Deeds	GW51:294	(1/9/1907)	William & Jennie Woodward to John J. Walton lots 6, 5, 4, and 1/4 of 3
Deeds	GW87:132	(8/14/1911)	Frank Stockett, attorney to Harry G. Rullman default of John & Edna Walton mortgage Rullman the highest bidder, 7/8/1911 part of lots 3 and 4
Deeds	GW87:352	(12/-/1911)	John and Edna Walton to Harry G. Rullman 10' strip adjacent to above property
Deeds	JHH854:153	(8/1954)	Harry & Christine Rullman to Winson R. Gott, trustee part of lots 3 & 4, plus 10' strip
Deeds	JHH854:155	(8/1954)	Winson R. Gott, trustee to Harry & Christine Rullman part of lots 3 & 4, plus 10' strip
Deeds	1986:198	(6/22/1966)	Christine S. Rullman, widow to daughter Dorothy R. Jackson & son William H. Rullman, with life interest lots known as #8 Franklin Street
Deeds	2499:20	(7/9/1971)	Dorothy R. Jackson & William H. Rullman to Lee and Anne Millard
Deeds	2886:699	(9/3/1976)	Lee & Anne Oliver Millard to Robert O. and Mary Catherine Biern

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 21 STATE CIRCLE  
 SHAW HOUSE  
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 1769</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: SF Res
ORIGINAL USE: SF Res
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: Homestead
DATE BUILT: 1903-1908

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 8 Franklin Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 29 Par 266
OWNER: Robert O. & Mary E. Biern
ADDRESS: 8 Franklin Street Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (✓) 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 (X) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle (X) 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 (X) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
 Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
 Number of Bays: 3 Entrance Location: Left  
 Approximate Dimensions: 24 x 35

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:

Pedimented gable has tri-partite window in gable, deep frieze band, three 1/1 windows at second floor, molded caps at first floor window and door; full width porch with heavy turned columns; two story bay window at rear of right facade; shingle gable over clapboard body.

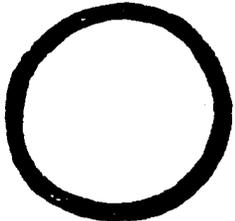
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Good example of Homestead style residence with common setback, contributes to streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



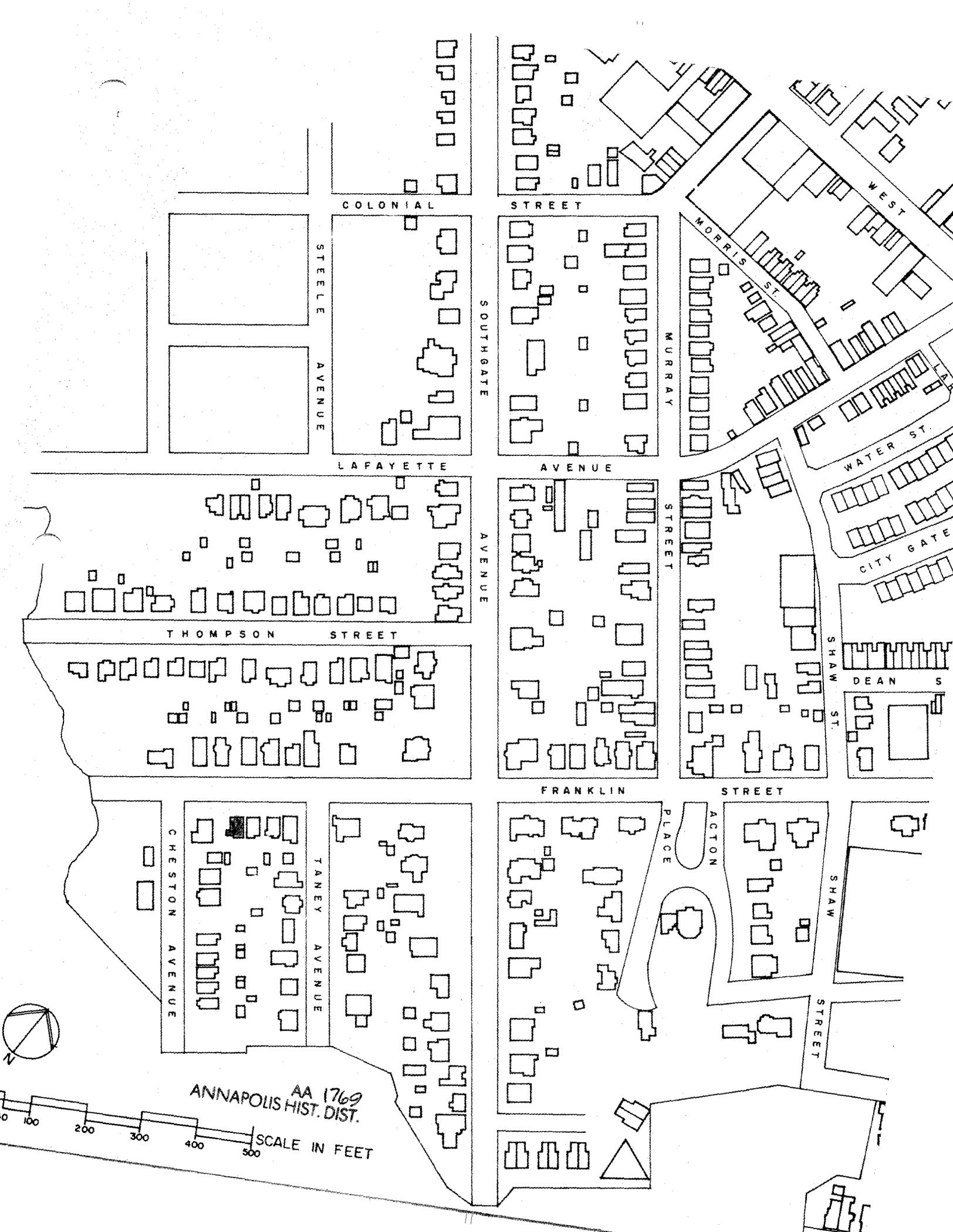
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY: Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED: Aug. 1983



COLONIAL STREET

STEELE AVENUE

SOUTHGATE AVENUE

LAFAYETTE AVENUE

THOMPSON STREET

FRANKLIN STREET

CHESTON AVENUE

TANEY AVENUE

ACTON PLACE

MURRAY STREET

MORRIS ST

WATER ST

CITY GATE

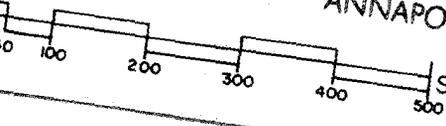
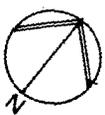
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SCALE IN FEET





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