

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**AA-419**  
**106-108 Conduit Street**  
**Annapolis, Anne Arundel County**  
**Circa 1889**  
**Private**

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Designed in the Queen Anne style, the twin dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height. The main block of the structure is set on a low brick foundation that appears to have been a brick pier foundation originally. The wood-frame structure, originally covered in German siding, was clad with square-butt wood shingles sometime prior to 1925. The northeast and southeast elevations of 108 Conduit Street were finished with stucco in 1945. The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal at 106 Conduit Street and asphalt shingles at 108 Conduit Street. The shed roof of the two-story ell at 108 Conduit Street is clad with standing seam metal. The front and rear gables are enclosed with an overhanging boxed cornice with a narrow beaded bed molding and an ogee profile. A single brick chimney rises from the main block of 108 Conduit Street and an interior chimney protrudes from the center of 106 Conduit Street. A chimney covered in galvanized metal projects from the center of the ells. The dwelling at 108 Conduit Street features a two-bay-wide front porch. Each of the dwellings is augmented by a two-story rear ell.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ellen B. Mayer Twin Dwellings  
other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 106-108 Conduit Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  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 Betsy B. Jenkins  
street and number 106 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/635  
city, town Annapolis liber 5886 folio 506

### 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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>2</u>	

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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

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

The two single-family dwellings at 106-108 Conduit Street in Annapolis, Maryland were constructed circa 1889. Designed in the Queen Anne style, the twin dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height. The main block of the structure is set on a low brick foundation that appears to have been a brick pier foundation originally. The wood-frame structure, originally covered in German siding, was clad with square-butt wood shingles sometime prior to 1925. The northeast and southeast elevations of 108 Conduit Street were finished with stucco in 1945 (1). The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal at 106 Conduit Street and asphalt shingles at 108 Conduit Street. The shed roof of the two-story ell at 108 Conduit Street is clad with standing seam metal. The front and rear gables are enclosed with an overhanging boxed cornice with a narrow beaded bed molding and an ogee profile. A single brick chimney rises from the main block of 108 Conduit Street and an interior chimney protrudes from the center of 106 Conduit Street. A chimney covered in galvanized metal projects from the center of the ells. The dwelling at 108 Conduit Street features a two-bay-wide front porch. Each of the dwellings is augmented by a two-story rear ell.

As originally constructed the structure was a two-story rectangular form with one-story ells. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for November 1891 indicates the roof of the structure was clad in shingles and the roof of the ells were finished with metal. By July 1897, a one-story front porch that measured two bays wide had been constructed at the center of the façade, providing shelter for the two single-leaf entries. The maps for 1903 show narrow one-story additions at the center of the rear ells, one for each dwelling. According to the Sanborn maps, the additions were widened and the ells were raised to two stories in the latter part of the 20th century (after 1959). The current owner of 108 Conduit Street however states that the Sanborn maps are not accurate after 1930 and do not property document the two-story rear additions, widening of the ells, or removal of smaller rear additions. Based on this property owner's documentation, the ell at 108 Conduit Street was widened to the full width of the main block and a second story was added in 1945. Further, this information suggests the widened ell and second story at 106 Conduit Street appear to date from the 1920s-1930s (2).

By December 1913, a front porch that stretched the entire width of the façade had replaced the two-bay-wide central porch. Historic photographs in possession of the current owner of 108 Conduit Street and previous survey documentation (1970) archived at the Historic Annapolis Foundation indicate the porch was two separate structures set on piers with a shared roof. The turned posts supporting the shed roof were similar, although the ornate brackets were scroll sawn at 106 Conduit Street and spindles at 108 Conduit Street. The porch at 106 Conduit Street was side loaded, while the porch at 108 Conduit Street, which is extant, was front loaded. The porch at 106 Conduit Street appears to have been removed about 1970 (3).

Each of the lots measures 87'6" by 15;' and, each is enclosed by a wooden fence at the rear with paved walks along the side elevations. A rusticated concrete block retaining wall runs along the sidewalk and secures the sloping site. Brick steps with parged brick balustrades and a brick walk lead to the entry at 106 Conduit Street. Brick steps lead to the front porch of 108 Conduit Street.

### EXTERIOR

The symmetrical façade of the building, facing northwestward onto Conduit Street, is four bays wide. Each dwelling measures two bays in width. The wood-frame porch at 108 Conduit Street is set on brick piers with lattice. Turned posts with square balusters support the shed roof of the porch, which is clad with asphalt shingles. Spindled brackets ornament the turned posts. The entablature has a wide plain frieze and boxed ogee cornice. The openings on the façade of the building at 106-108 Conduit Street are finished with wood sills, square-edged casing, plain head casing and ogee-molded lintel caps.

The main entry to the dwelling at 106 Conduit Street is located in the northern bay of the two-bay-wide façade. This single-leaf opening holds a wooden door composed of three narrow vertical panels and ten small lights. The opening in the western bay has a single 6/6-replacement window. Two symmetrically placed 6/6 windows illuminate the second story. A single 6/6 window pierces

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the gable end. The replacement windows have vinyl sash and snap-in muntins.

The single-leaf entry for the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street, reached by wooden steps recessed within the structure of the porch, is located in the western bay. It holds an eighteen-light wood door. The northern bay has a single 6/6 window. The second story has two symmetrically placed 6/6 windows and a single 6/6 window pierces the gable end. The original 6/6 windows on the façade of 108 Conduit Street are framed with operable louvered shutters on the first and second stories.

The southwest elevation of 106 Conduit Street is modestly fenestrated with three 6/6 windows on the first story and two asymmetrically placed 6/6 windows on the second story. The openings have wood sills and square-edged casing. The two westernmost window openings have plain head casing and projecting ogee-molded lintel caps. The opening in the southernmost bay as well as those on the second story have flat lintels devoid of molded caps. The windows have vinyl sashes and snap-in muntins. A one-light fixed window pierces the foundation level in the main block. A four-light front-gabled dormer pierces the roof, providing natural light for the finished attic.

The southeast elevation at 106 Conduit Street is marked at the center by a single-leaf replacement door with two panels and three lights. The opening has narrow square-edged casing with molded back banding. The bay to the south of the entry projects, creating a closet on the interior. The projection is clad in square-edged wood shingles and has a shed roof also clad in wood shingles. The eastern bay has a 4/4 sliding window. The second story has 4/4-replacement windows. Each of the window openings has narrow square-edged casings, wood sills, flat lintel, and snap-in muntins. The opening in the gable end, which is clad with the original German siding, has an original 6/6 window with square-edged casing and wood sill.

The southeast elevation of 108 Conduit Street, which is clad in stucco, has a single-leaf entry and shortened 6/6 window on the first story. The entry has a three-panel and four-light wooden door sheltered by a screened door. The window, dating from a 1945 renovation, has a 6/6 sash with wide muntins. A centrally placed 6/6 window illuminates the second story. Each of the openings has wood sills, wide square-edged casing, and flat lintels. The gable end has an original 6/6 window with square-edged casing, plain head casing and ogee-molded lintel cap.

The northeast elevation of 108 Conduit Street has no openings in the foundation because the dwelling lacks a basement. The first story of the main block has two 6/6 windows with plain head casing and projecting ogee-molded lintel caps. The second story has a single 6/6 window. The first story of the ell has a shortened opening that holds paired 6/6 windows (1945) with square-edged mullion. The second story has a 6/6 window. Each of the openings, unless noted, has wood sills, square-edged casings, and flat lintels.

### INTERIOR

The interiors of the single-family dwellings maintain the same double-pile floor plan with enlarged kitchen ell. Changes have occurred to slightly alter the plans, although the original configuration is discernable. As a result of the alterations done by individual property owners, the detailing is no longer similar; that is, assuming it was originally.

#### 106 Conduit Street

The floorboards of 106 Conduit Street have been replaced. The west parlor presents a geometric pattern created by narrow three-inch-wide boards. The south parlor has four-inch pine floorboards. The replacement floors are edged by six-inch-high, square-edged baseboard with a quadrant-bead shoe molding. A four-inch-wide chair rail with a cyma reversa profile has been added to the west and south parlors. The entry and window openings have square-edged mitred casings that measure four inches wide and have an interior bead. The window sills have five-inch-wide, square-edged skirts. The chimney is located within the interior wall

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dividing the west and south parlors, although no openings are present. The enlarged ell serves as the kitchen, complete with circa 1960s cabinets. Beaded board wainscoting remains behind the replacement cabinets and T111 covers the walls. The casings in the kitchen are square-edged (three inches wide) with an interior bead and mitered corners. Ogee crown molding encircles the space.

The quarter-turn stair to the second floor is located along the northeast wall of the south parlor. Ghosting along the ceiling suggests the stair was originally enclosed, but has since been opened with a closed stringer. The square newel, which is partially chamfered, runs from the starter step to the ceiling. The closed stringer is finished with a molded stringboard with recessed center panel. Square balusters support the molded rail. The stair is enclosed with late-19th-century, four-inch-wide beaded boards at the second story and to the finished attic. Narrow double-leaf doors in a single-leaf opening under the main stair hide the straight-flight stair to the basement, which exists under the south parlor only. The space has concrete blocks securing the brick foundation walls with poured concrete walls along the southeast and northeast sides. The floor is poured concrete. The original tongue-and-groove floorboards of the west and south parlors are visible at the ceiling. An exterior entry is located in the south corner of the basement. This entry was closed when the ell additions were widened.

The second floor of 106 Conduit Street has two bedrooms and a full bath. The west bedroom, located in the main block, has a four-paneled door with metal knob and one-light hopper transom. The casing on the entry and window openings is square-edged with interior beading and mitered joints. The window openings have five-inch-wide skirts with squared edges. A five-inch baseboard with an ogee-molded cap edges the carpeted floor. The second bedroom is located in the enlarged ell. The enclosed straight-flight stair secured by a four-paneled wood door (possibly reused) reaches the finished attic. The floorboards measure five inches wide with a square-edged baseboard and the walls are finished with rough-textured plaster. The only original 6/6 window at 106 Conduit Street pierces the southeast wall of the one-room attic. The opening, like that on the northwest wall, has square-edged casing that measures three inches in width with an interior bead.

### 108 Conduit Street

Like the interior of 106 Conduit Street, the single-family dwelling at 108 Conduit Street originally presented a double-pile plan with rear ell. The interior of 108 Conduit Street was substantially altered in 1945, a renovation that resulted in the removal of the wall dividing the north and east parlors. The approximate location of the dividing wall is clearly delineated by the boxed supporting beam and posts that align with the enclosed chimney breast on the southwest wall. The current owner indicated that the chimney was removed from the center of the dividing wall to the southwest wall during the renovation (4).

The one-room main block has six-inch floorboards edged by an eight-inch-high baseboard with ogee-molded cap and quadrant-beaded shoe molding. The entry and window opening have wide square-edged casing with baseblocks, interior bead and mitered joints. The casing from the 1945 renovation has large plain corner blocks. The enlarged ell serves as the kitchen with 1945 cabinets and windows with wider muntins. The ell at 108 Conduit Street is wider than that at 106 Conduit Street. The floor is covered with vinyl and edged by a square-edged base with quadrant bead. A two-paneled door with hollow metal knob and plate accesses the kitchen from the main block.

The stair to the second floor is located along the southwest wall of what originally was the east parlor. Originally enclosed, the straight-flight stair with square molded newel was opened during a circa 1913 renovation. The date of this alteration is suggested by the similarity of the square balusters that match those ornamenting the front porch (5). The stringboard of the enclosed stringer is plain with fluted molding. Storage is located under the carriage of the stair. The stair has been opened on the second floor with a square landing newel and square balusters narrower than those on the first floor.

The second floor presents two bedrooms and a full bath (renovated in 2000). The six-inch floorboards are edged by an eight-inch-

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high baseboard with ogee-molded cap and quadrant-beaded shoe molding. The entry and window opening have wide square-edged casing with baseblocks, interior beading, and large plain corner blocks. The entries have two paneled doors with hollow metal knobs and plates. The second bedroom in the ell, enlarged to two stories in the latter part of the 20th century, has narrower four-inch floorboards.

An enclosed straight-flight stair secured by a beaded board door reaches the finished attic. The straight-flight stair is enclosed with beaded board walls. The attic, consisting of two rooms, has square-edged casing with beading, baseblocks, and plain corner blocks. The north room have rough-textured plaster walls. The four-inch-wide floorboards are edged by a square baseboard with shoe molding. Two paneled doors with hollow metal knobs and plates divided the two rooms.

### ENDNOTES

1. Dan Sams, "History of 108 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland," June 2001, introduction/description. Provided by the author and archived at Historic Annapolis, Inc.
2. Dan Sams, July 7, 2003.
3. Sams, "History of 108 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland," passim.
4. Dam Sams, January 31, 2003.
5. Sams, "History of 108 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland," introduction/description.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** c. 1889

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** c. 1889

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 106-108 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

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stables. The purchase price was 1,080 pounds. Stewart assigned ownership of the property to Nathaniel Ramsey. Lot 38 was sold 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.

### 106-108 CONDUIT STREET

Richard Henry Brewer had been improved as early as 1850 by the construction of a single-family dwelling at what is today 105 Market Street (AA-1641). The dwelling fronting Market Street and associated outbuildings that extended northward to what is today Conduit Street are clearly noted on the Edward Sachse's Bird's Eye View of the City of Annapolis (circa 1858) as the only improvements on the southwestern section of Parcel 33 (south of Union Street). The lithograph completed in 1864 by Sachse documents that the dwelling and outbuildings at 105 Market Street continued to be the only improvement on this section of the parcel. In 1866, Brewer subdivided lot three, creating the lot now improved by 101-103 Market Street (AA-600). The narrow lot extended northward from Market Street to what is now 106-108 Conduit Street and measured 30 feet wide and 270 feet deep. The property was conveyed to Charles B. Brewer, a distant relative of Richard Brewer.

Charles B. Brewer was born in February 1842, the fourth child of Thomas Brewer and Anna H. Purdy Brewer. He was married to Ellen Stevenson, who was born on February 13, 1858, and was father to Mary Benton Brewer. Immediately upon purchasing the property, Brewer oversaw the construction of a wood-frame structure at 101-103 Market Street. The tax assessments for 1866 initially assessed the then-vacant dwelling and the large lot at \$2,500, although because the structure was not occupied or completed, the assessment was reduced to \$500. Charles Brewer died intestate on October 10, 1876 and the property was granted to his three-year-old daughter and wife who continued to reside in the single-family dwelling at 103 Market Street. The 1880 United States Census records Ellen Brewer (1858-1918) was keeping house for her daughter Mary, and sisters, Mary Sprague Stevenson (c. 1860-1888) and Elizabeth Stevenson (d. 1910). On February 12, 1883, Ellen Brewer married Frank Blackwell Mayer, son of Charles F. and Eliza C. Blackwell Mayer. Mayer was born in Baltimore in 1827 and was a prominent artist and portrait painter with a studio in the Shiplap House at 18 Pinkney Street. His many works include the "Burning of the Peggy Stewart" and "Francis Street, Annapolis," the latter now in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Expressing an interest in architecture as evidenced by his artwork, Mayer was responsible for the establishment of a Land and

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Improvement Company in Annapolis in 1884/1885. Mayer died in July 1899 (3).

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

Like many of her neighbors, Ellen Brewer Mayer wished to improve the northern end of her property. However, the tax assessments for the years between 1880-1886 indicate the Brewer heirs were charged with one lot on Market Street that was improved by a frame house (103 Market Street). The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, historic photographs, and tax assessments suggest that the twin dwellings at 106-108 Conduit Street were constructed for Ellen and Frank Mayer about 1889 (4). Ellen Mayer was charged in 1889 for two frame dwellings on Conduit Street, with a total value of \$1,200. The property was intended to be used as rental housing or speculative development. In 1897, the tax assessment indicated the property consisted of one lot measuring 32 feet by 140 feet, valued at \$640. The two dwellings, noted as being two-and-a-half stories in height and constructed of wood frame, were assessed jointly at \$1,000. This assessment includes both dwellings and lots at 106 and 108 Conduit Street.

### 106 Conduit Street

In September 1899, two months after the death of her second husband, Ellen Brewer Mayer and her daughter sold the single-family dwelling at 106 Conduit Street. Catherine M. Mayer, presumed to have been a relative of Frank Mayer, purchased the property for \$1,000. Catherine Mayer used the modest dwelling as rental housing. The 1900 Census records it was rented to Ella L. Winchester (b. 1850 in the District of Columbia) and her four children. Two of Winchester's sons, Francis O. and Paul C., worked as clerks, while son Albert was a telephone operator. Sometime after the turn of the 20th century, prior to 1907, Catherine M. Mayer has died and bequeathed the Annapolis property to Mary Mayer and Maria Roszel of Sewanee, Tennessee. The property was leased to sixty-year-old Ella Winchester and her thirty-year-old son, Albert, who worked at the United States Naval Academy.

Mary Mayer, who eventually moved to Augusta, Georgia, received full title to the property from the heirs of Maria Roszel in August 1912. It was sold in June 1919 to William and Mary E. Taylor, who were the first owners to occupy the dwelling.

William Henry Watson Taylor, Jr. was born December 23, 1883 and married Mary Eleanora Smith (1889-1971) in 1908. Taylor served in the United States Navy during World War I and later as a plumber/machinist at the United States Naval Academy. The 1920 and 1930 Census report that William Taylor lived in the dwelling with his wife and two daughters (Elizabeth and Leonora). Leonora's husband Lawrence Carlson lived in the house by 1930, the year the dwelling was valued at \$3,200. William Taylor was noted as a machinist at the United States Naval Academy in 1920 and at a post-grad school in 1930. Lawrence Carlson was a

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carpenter. Elizabeth Taylor, whose first name was Matilda, worked as a bookkeeper in a laundry in 1930.

In September 1955, the Taylors sold the dwelling at 106 Conduit Street to Harry and Audrey Ewald. Harry Allen Hopkins Ewald, born in Philadelphia in 1929, was an architect. He married Audrey Ann Williams (b. 1931 in Panama) in 1951. The Ewalds retained ownership until January 1959, when they sold the property to Thomas J. and Mary Lou Dorsey. Thomas Jordan Dorsey, Jr. was born in Baltimore in 1930 and Mary Lou McNew Dorsey was born in 1936. The couple, parents to twins, lived in the dwelling at 106 Conduit Street until July 1962. It was purchased by Mae Walker Robinson, who sold it in 1964 to Lotti B. Kepner. The city directory shows that Kepner used the house as rental property, leasing it in 1965 to Frederick D. Genetson. William B. Grovermann bought the property in July 1967 and sold it just over a year later in December 1968. Then-owner Fred William Bury initially occupied the dwelling as noted by the city directory, although it was leased to C. Kruvont in 1980. The dwelling was vacant as noted in the city directory for 1970, the year when substantial alterations appear to have occurred. This work included the removal of the front porch and installation of the vinyl sash windows with the snap-in muntins.

Joan M. Sagar became owner of the property on October 31, 1984. The city directory for 1986 indicates the dwelling was vacant. Immediately following the sale of the property in May 1988 to Corliss Klinzing Hartge and Kurt Klinzing, the property was placed in a Deed of Trust with Homestead Mortgage, Inc. Natalie Kuhn and Sharon L. Hauk were designated as the original trustees of the Deed of Trust and replaced by Alvin Friedman, Kenneth J. McFadyen, and Martin S. Goldberg, who sold the property in December 1991 to the First Wisconsin Trust Company. In November 1992, current owner/occupant Betsy Colander Jenkins purchased the dwelling.

108 Conduit Street

In June 1895, Mary Brewer and the Mayers entered into a lease agreement with Robert and Sarah Kenchington. The lease indicated that the Kenchingtons, who were already residing in the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street, would pay \$20 monthly for a total of \$1,000. The 1897 tax assessment not only charged Ellen Brewer Mayer for the lot and dwellings at 106-108 Conduit Street, but also included \$150 worth of household furniture. The furnishings, along with the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street and its associated lot, were conveyed to Robert and Sarah Kenchington on February 28, 1898.

Robert W. Kenchington was born about 1849 in New Jersey and was married to Sarah Jane Kenchington, who was born "on one of the Channel Islands of Jersey" in 1854 (5). Kenchington had served as the chief quartermaster of the frigate "Santee," the station ship at the United States Naval Academy for which the Santee Basin is named. The "Santee" sunk in April 1912 and was replaced by the "Reina Mercedes" (6). Based on historic maps, photographs, and mortgage agreements, it appears that during the tenure of the Kenchingtons in the late 1890s that the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street was renovated. This work included the construction of a second rear ell, front porch, and interior alterations (specifically the stair). The 1910 Census reports that Robert Kenchington was retired with his own income and his son, Robert Kenchington, Jr. (b. 1887) worked as a printer.

In September 1914, the Kenchingtons conveyed the property to William H. and Edward Lee Kries. The 1914 deed, with Mary Brewer, her husband John Sylvester, and Ellen Brewer Mayer noted, clarified the size of the lot, which had been improperly stated in the sale to the Kenchingtons in 1898. William Henry Kries was born about 1886, the eldest son of John Frank Kries and Sophia Potee Kries. His younger brother, Edward Lee Kries was born about 1889. Both men served in the United States Navy during World War I. William Kries then worked as a plumber, while Edward Kries was a state-employed chief engineer for 29 years. The 1928-1929 city directory indicates William Kries was the occupant of the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street. It is interesting to note that Mrs. E.K. Kries, the stepmother of the brothers, offered furnished rooms during this period at 111 Conduit Street. The directory also noted Edward Lee Kries was the proprietor of his father's company, "J. Frank Kries Plumbing Gas and Steam Fittings." The company was located in an addition made to the Charles Carroll the Barrister House (now on the campus of St. John's College) at 181 Conduit Street.

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The 1920 Census noted that the house at 108 Conduit Street was leased to the widowed Ella Sewall. Leon Colbert, who was Sewall's son-in-law, supported the family. The twenty-six-year-old Colbert worked as a butcher.

The 1930 Census records that the forty-two-year-old William H. Kries was the sole occupant of the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street, although he was listed as married. The detailed census notes the house was valued at \$2,300. Kries was a plumber/pipe fitter. William Kries died in December 1943, bequeathing his personal and real estate to his wife, Mary Philomena Schwallenberg Kries (b 1886). Mary Kries had received one-half undivided interest in the property at 108 Conduit Street in 1920. She conveyed her interest back to Edward and Grace Kries in 1944, shortly after the death of her husband. On January 29, 1945, Ralph J. Brady and Mary Burris Brady purchased the property from the Kries.

Ralph James Brady was born on July 5, 1906 and married his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Burris in 1941. Ralph Brady was a plasterer/mason for the United States Naval Academy and Mary Brady was a beautician with space in the basement of the Maryland Inn (AA-407). During the tenure of the Bradys, the single-family dwelling at 108 Conduit Street was extensively renovated. Interviews with members of the Brady family by the current owner of 108 Conduit Street document that the alterations and additions were undertaken in 1945, and Ralph Brady appears to have completed the work personally. The alterations on the exterior included widening of the ell to the full width of the main block and construction of a second story to the ell, a few replacement and new windows, relocation of the interior chimney three feet to the southwest, recladding of the roof, and stucco cladding on the side and rear elevations. Interior work included the removal of the wall dividing the north and east parlors, boxing of the supporting beam and posts, installation of large plain corner blocks and square-edged casing, new electrical wiring and an oil burning furnace, and a new kitchen. Additional alterations possibly include the relocation of the full bath on the second story from the ell to the main block, new pine hardwood floors on the first floor and in the second floor hall, new doors with Art Deco-style knobs and plates, and the opening of the closed stair to the second floor landing.

The city directories report that Ralph J. Brady occupied the dwelling at 108 Conduit Street until his death in December 1975. Mary Brady continued to live in the house until she died in 1980. Title to the property was left to the Ralph Brady's children, Ralph Ashby Brady (b. 1929) from his first marriage to Virginia Noble, and James Edward Brady (b. 1942) from his marriage to Mary Brady. Ralph Ashby Brady, a veteran of the Korean War, worked as a clerk for the Thomas Somerville Company and then as a collector for Hopkins Furniture. James Brady was an office equipment salesman. The dwelling was used as rental housing during this period. In 1981, Thomas J. DeKornfeld, who had leased the dwelling, purchased the property on Conduit Street.

The property was sold in 1994 to Mary Hamman, who had previously lived on King George Street. Three years later, in 1997, Hamman sold the house to Peter Goodman and Bettina Adelberger. Goodman was a reporter for the Washington Post, which maintained office space on Church Circle. Relocating to Washington, D.C., Goodman and Adelberger sold 108 Conduit Street in July 1999 to Daniel E.F. Sams. At the time of the sale, Sams worked for Historic Annapolis Foundation and presently is employed by the Maryland Historical Trust. A history of the property, prepared by Sams, is attached for review.

### 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

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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  
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

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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

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

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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

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber WSG 26, Folio 482

July 1, 1863:

Brice Beale Brewer's heirs to Richard Brewer and Louise Virginia Brewer

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber NHG 11, Folio 552

March 24, 1866:

Richard Brewer and Louise Virginia Brewer to Charles B. Brewer

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GEG 1, Folio 316

October 10, 1876:

Charles B. Brewer devised to daughter Mary Benton Brewer and wife Ellen B. Mayer.

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September 23, 1899:

Mary Benton Brewer and Ellen B. Mayer to Catherine M. Mayer

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 15, Folio 429

Catherine M. Mayer bequeathed to Mary Mayer and Maria Roszel

August 14, 1912:

George B. Roszel, Nellie O. Roszel, George Roszel, B.M. Roszel, and Christine W.C. Roszel to Mary Mayer

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 99, Folio 30

June 20, 1919:

Mary Mayer to William H.W. Taylor and Mary E. Taylor

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber WNW 14, Folio 170

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September 19, 1955:

William H.W. Taylor and Mary E. Taylor to Harry Ewald and Audrey Ewald  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber GTC 966, Folio 35

January 2, 1959:

Harry Ewald and Audrey Ewald to Thomas J. Dorsey and Mary Lou Dorsey  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber GTC 1265, Folio 282

July 2, 1962:

Thomas J. Dorsey and Mary Lou Dorsey to Mae Walker Robinson  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber GTC 1575, Folio 532

October 2, 1964:

Mae Walker Robinson to Lottie B. Kepner  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber LNP 1799, Folio 133

July 3, 1967:

Lottie B. Kepner to William B. Grovermann  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber MSH 2082, Folio 408

December 19, 1968:

William B. Grovermann to Fred William Bury  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 2233, Folio 298

October 31, 1984:

Fred William Bury to Joan M. Sager  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 3812, Folio 828

May 16, 1988:

Joan M. Sager to Corliss Klinzing Hartge and Kurt Klinzing  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 4605, Folio 588

May 16, 1988:

Corliss Klinzing Hartge and Kurt Klinzing to Natalie Kuhn and Sharon L. Hauk for Homestead Mortgage, Inc.  
Deed of Trust  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 4605, Folio 590

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December 31, 1991:

Alvin Friedman, Kenneth J. McFadyen, and Martin S. Goldberg, substitute trustees in place of Natalie Kuhn and Sharon L. Hauk (original trustees in case C-91-02899FC) to First Wisconsin Trust Company

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber 5512, Folio 281

November 12, 1992:

First Wisconsin Trust Company to Betsy Bolander Jenkins

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber 5886, Folio 506

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June 22, 1895:

Mary Benton Brewer and Ellen B. Mayer lease to Robert and Sarah J. Kenchington

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber JCB 2, Folio 476

February 28, 1898:

Mary Benton Brewer, Ellen B. Mayer, Frank B. Mayer and Fannie M. Robeck, assign of Marion Gassaway (mortgage holder), to Robert and Sarah J. Kenchington

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 9, Folio 164

September 16, 1914:

Robert and Sarah J. Kenchington and Mary Benton Brewer Sylvester and John Sylvester and Ellen. B. Mayer to William H. Kries and Edward Lee Kries (sale and correction in lot size from Liber GW 9, Folio 164)

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber GW 110, Folio 1

January 25, 1944:

Mary P. Kries, widow to Edward Lee Kries and Grace M. Kries

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber JHH 299, Folio 366

January 29, 1945:

Edward Lee Kries and Grace M. Kries to Ralph J. Brady and Mary Burris Brady

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber JHH 324, Folio 171

September 5, 1959:

Ralph J. Brady and Mary Burris Brady to James G. Woodward, Trustee

Land Records of Anne Arundel County

Liber 1332, Folio 222

September 5, 1959:

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James G. Woodward, Trustee, to Mary Burris Brady  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 1332, Folio 224

May 26, 1965:  
Mary Burris Brady and Ralph J. Brady to James G. Woodward, Trustee  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 1864, Folio 162

May 26, 1965:  
James G. Woodward, Trustee, Mary Burris Brady and Ralph J. Brady  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 1864, Folio 164

December 27, 1975:  
Ralph J. Brady devised to Mary Burris Brady, and sons, James and Ralph A. Brady  
Will Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber LNP 1864, Folio 164

January 21, 1981:  
Mary Burris Brady devised to stepson, Ralph A. Brady and son James Brady  
Estate 19663  
Will Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber NEH 3, Folio 188

March 6, 1981:  
James G. Woodward, Trustee, to James E. and Ralph A. Brady  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 1864, Folio 164

March 6, 1981:  
James E. and Ralph A. Brady to Thomas John DeKornfeld  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 4011, Folio 888

August 30, 1994:  
Thomas John DeKornfeld to Mary A. Hamman  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 6781, Folio 305

May 30, 1997:  
Mary A. Hamman to Peter S. Goodman and Bettina Adelberger  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 7949, Folio 508

July 15 1999:

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Peter S. Goodman and Bettina Adelberger to Daniel E.F. Sams  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County  
Liber 9366, Folio 592

### ENDNOTES

1. Maryland Gazette, July 12, 1781.
2. Federal Direct Tax of 1798, Folder 20. Archived at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.
3. Robert Harry McIntire, "Annapolis Maryland Families," (Baltimore, Maryland: Gateway Press, Inc., 1980), p. 85 p. 671; Dan Sams, "History of 108 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland," June 2001, p. 1. Provided by the author and archived at Historic Annapolis, Inc.
4. According to oral history, the front-gabled structure was constructed as a barn or outbuilding. No physical evidence, or historical documentation, supports this thesis. See Sams, p. 2.
5. McIntire, p. 389.
6. Sams, p. 2.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.06 acreAcreage of historical setting 0.06 acreQuadrangle name AnnapolisQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 106-108 Conduit Street has been historically associated with Parcels 635 and 636 as noted on Tax Map 4Z since the construction of the twin dwellings circa 1889.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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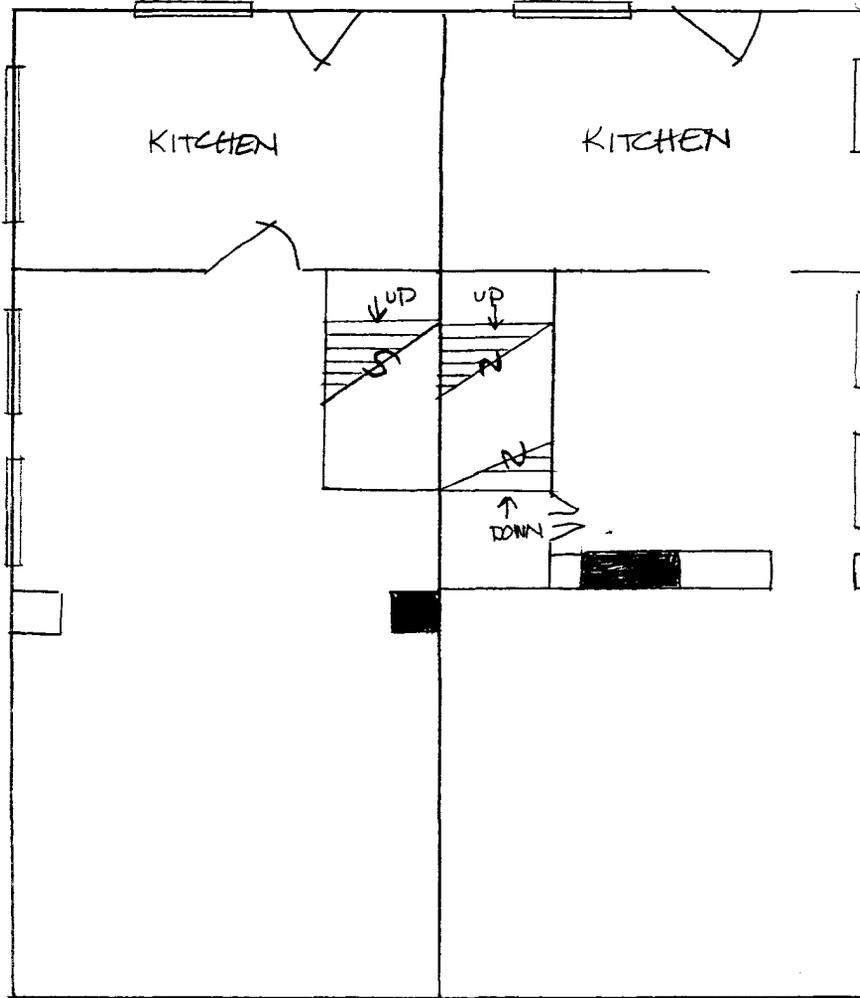
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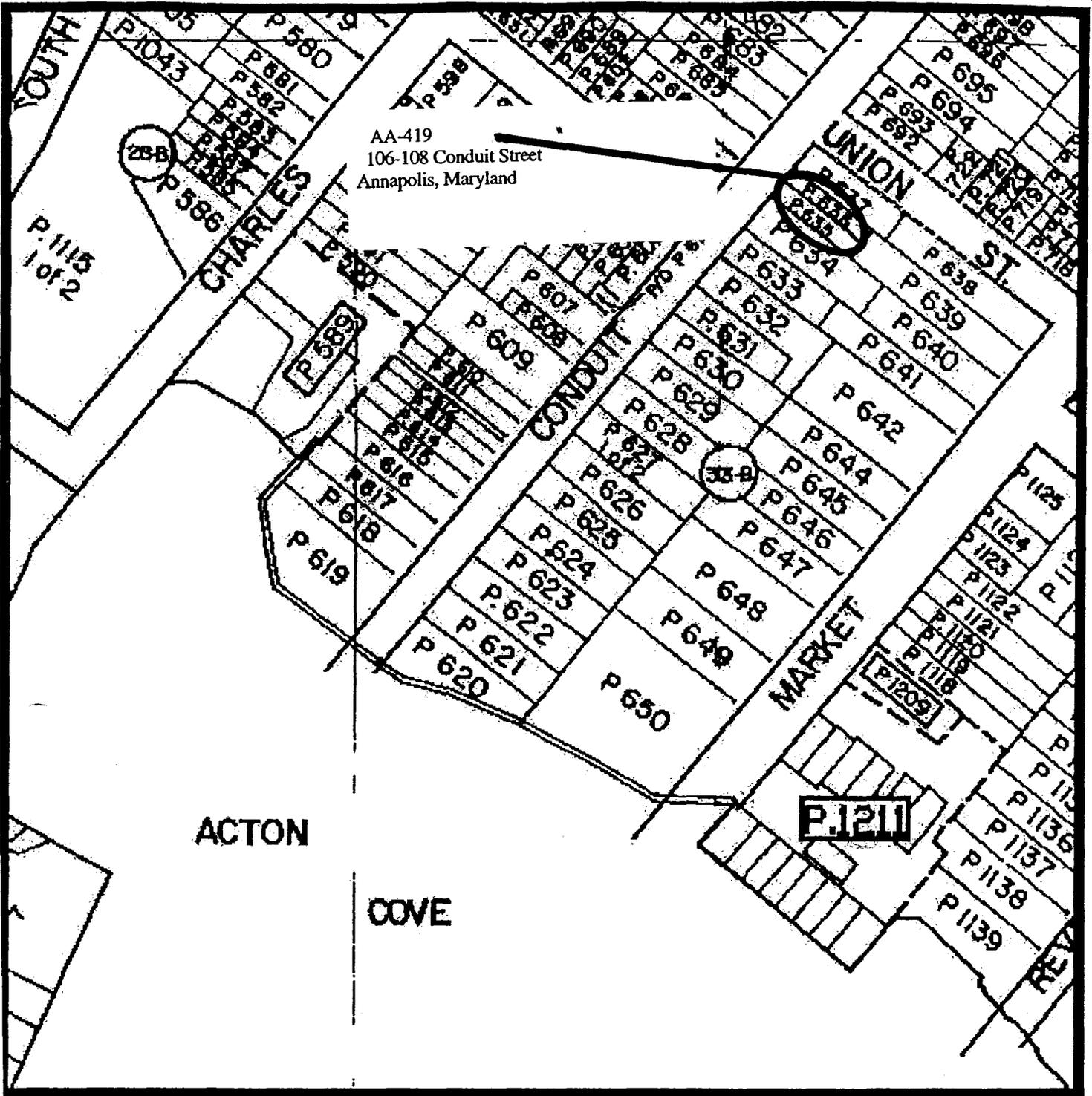
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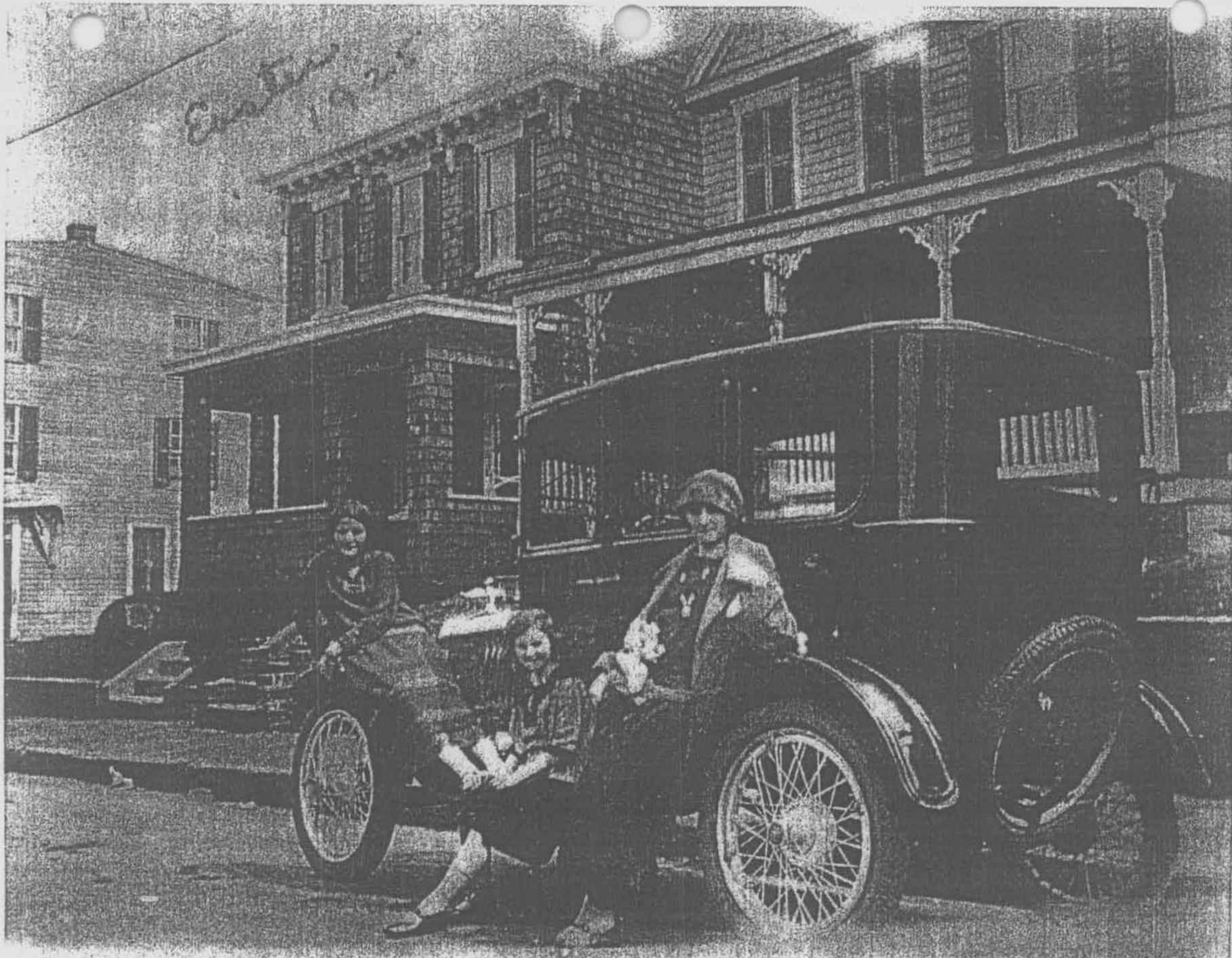
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Form 10-445  
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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 106 - 108 Conduit Street  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residences PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE residences WALL CONSTRUCTION shingle NO. OF STORIES three	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME  DATE OR PERIOD Mid-Late 19th C. STYLE Greek, Victorian ARCHITECT BUILDER

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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106 - 108 Conduit Street is an unproportional temple form house, the front gable (attic storey) is a triangular pediment, however, its shape is equilateral rather than proper Greek proportions. All windows are 6/6 with fine molded cap lintels, those on 2nd and 3rd storey of 106 have shutters. The front porch is strictly Victorian with baluster-like turned "columns" and jig saw supports. Presently, 106 and 108 are painted different colors, 106 having more attractive color scheme. An interesting house; owner of 108 was told that house had been a barn, and therefore may be older than other houses on the block.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
 William D. Morgan  
 Columbia University  
 New York City  
  
 DATE OF RECORD July 25, 1967

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 419, <del>1696</del></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: Vernacular	
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891	

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 106 Conduit Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 135
OWNER: Frederick W. Bury
ADDRESS: 106 Conduit Street 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
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 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
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- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
 Number of Bays: 2 x 3 Entrance Location: Left  
 Approximate Dimensions: 12 x 55

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

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Pedimented gable; molded window and door caps; half of structure, painted to contrast and has had porch removed.

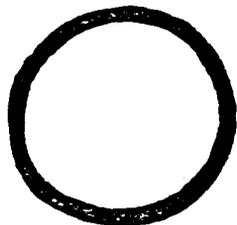
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Curious rendition of simple Homestead style double residence adding to the visual variety of the streetscape because of the contrasting painted trim and lack of porch. Contributes to streetscape through conflict it creates.

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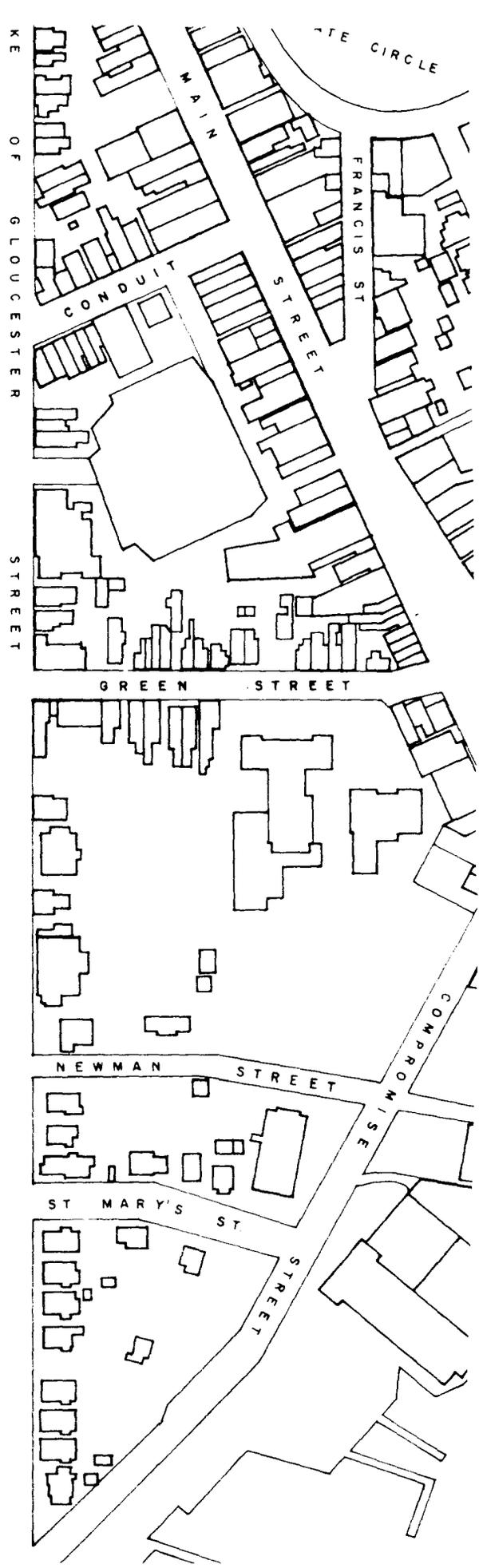
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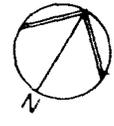
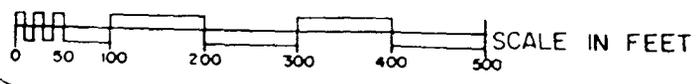
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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

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SURVEY NUMBER: <del>AA 1696</del>
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: Vernacular
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 108 Conduit Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 136
OWNER: James E. & Ralph A. Brady
ADDRESS: 407 Giddings Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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Half of double residence with 106 Conduit; pedimented gable end to street; molded window and door caps. Porch extends full two bays to centerline of structure; trim painted to contrast to other half of structure.

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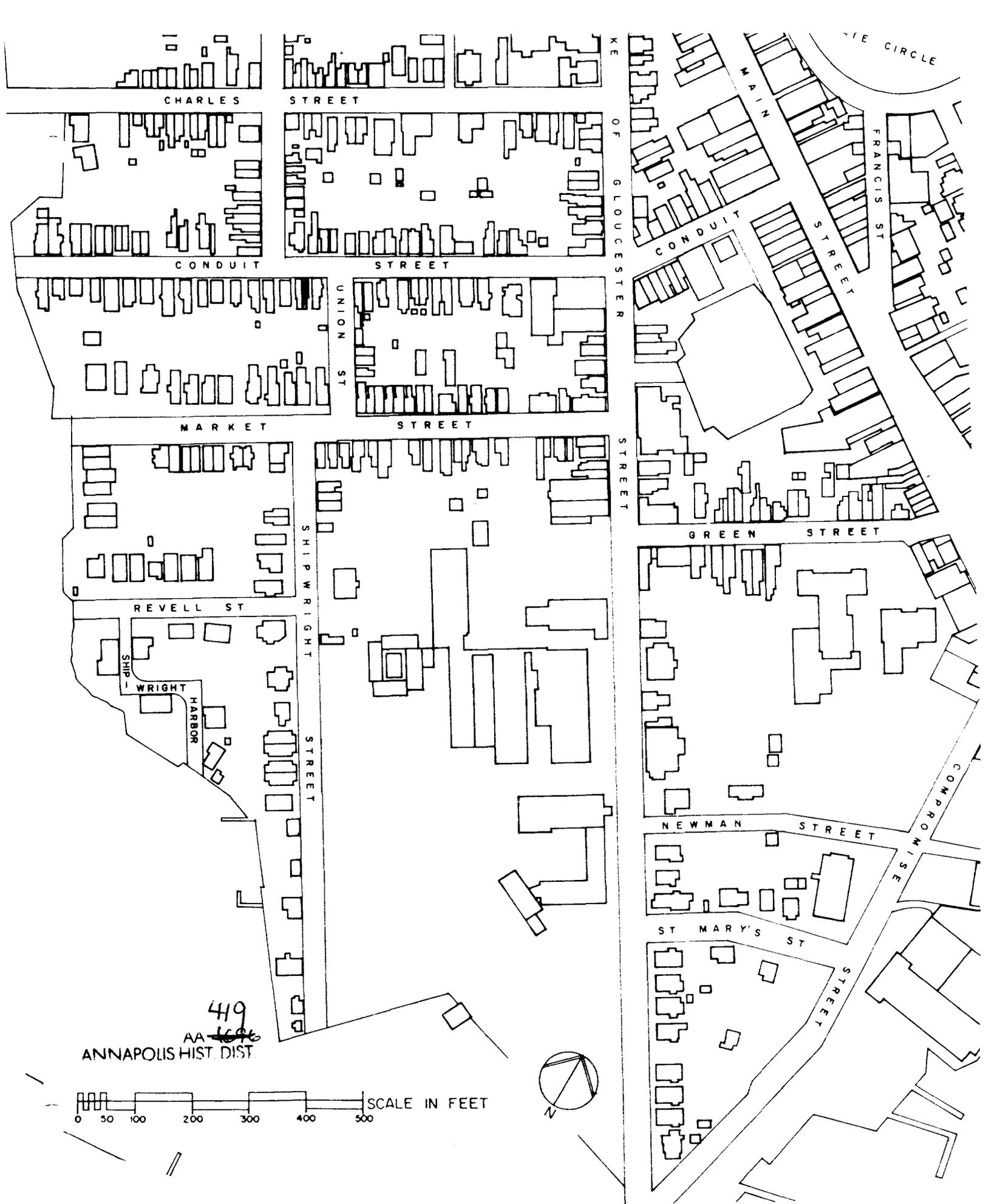
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