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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 124-126 Conduit Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residences PRESENT OWNER Wm. Seible/Lewis Helm PRESENT USE residences WALL CONSTRUCTION wood/asphalt NO. OF STORIES two plus dormer attic	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD Mid - Late 19th C. STYLE 19th C. residential ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no This double house has a columned porch and windows identical to 116 and 118, however, there is a simple wooden cornice and two triangular roof dormers (2/2) with returns and pointed flashing, plus a side profile that gives the building a somewhat Federal - Greek appearance. Fits in well with neighbors (may be older) and is worth restoring (painting and removing asphalt, etc.).	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	 <p style="text-align: right;">good</p>
 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



AA-427

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WILLIAM D. MORGAN

122-124 Conduit 8T

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Capsule Summary of 124 Conduit Street (AA-427, 1699)

The house at 124 Conduit Street is one of an identical pair of attached dwellings that occupies a site on the south side of Conduit Street midway between Duke of Gloucester Street and Union Street. The property was originally part of a larger tract of land that was subdivided and cut through, first by Conduit Street between 1877 and 1878 and later, by Union Street in 1890. The house at 124 Conduit Street was built after the extension of Conduit Street, and prior to 1879 when then-owner, William Carr, was assessed for one frame house on Conduit Street.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-427 (1699)

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
other names 124 Conduit Street

2. Location

street & number 124 Conduit Street not for publication _____
city or town Annapolis vicinity _____
state Maryland code _____ county Anne Arundel code _____
zip code 21401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District
No _____

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Standing Seam Metal

walls German Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1877-1879

Significant Dates 1877-1879

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder unknown

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1,679 square feet

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

The property designated as 124 Conduit Street occupies Parcel 696 on Tax Map 32 of Annapolis.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Parcel 696 has been associated with the property since the erection of the house on the property between 1877 and 1885.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kim Williams
organization Traceries date February 18, 1993
street & number 1606 20th St., N.W. telephone (202) 232-6870
city or town Washington, D.C. state zip code 20009

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12. Property Owner
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name Gene H. Byrd and Elana R. Byrd
street & number 91 Tarragon Lane telephone
city or town Edgewater state MD zip code 21037

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rear ell is currently pierced by 1/1 replacement windows.

The house at 124 Conduit Street occupies a narrow lot measuring approximately 20 feet by 119 feet and containing 2,293 square feet. Exterior access to the rear of the lot is by way of the five-foot lane, covered with concrete, on the west side of the house. The rear lot is planted with grass and is separated from its attached neighbor at 126 Conduit Street by a wood picket fence.

The interior of 124 Conduit Street was not examined as part of this survey due to inaccessibility.

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The property at 124 Conduit Street was originally part of a large tract of land, designated Lot 35 on the Stoddert Map of 1718, and owned at that time by William Bladen, and later his son Thomas. In 1725 the entire Lot 35 was sold to Benjamin Tasker. That same year, Tasker sold half of Lot 35 to James Carroll, while retaining the other half. The current lot of land occupied by 124 Conduit Street comprised part of the half of Lot 35 that was sold to James Carroll.

After James Carroll's death in 1729, the land passed to his cousin and godson, Charles Carroll. In July of 1762, the land was sold to John Hall who leased the land to James Reid and John Rhodes. In 1797, John Hall died, leaving his "houses and lotts"³ in Annapolis to his wife Eleanor, for life, and then to his nephews Henry or Joseph Hall. In 1809, Dr. Joseph Hall sold the land to James N. Weems. By the mid-19th century, George Wells had acquired Lot 35 along with adjoining lands. Towards the end of his life, Wells fell into severe debt. In 1877, Alexander Randall was appointed Trustee for the purpose of selling Wells' numerous land holdings;

¹ A deed of dedication was made between the City of Annapolis and the grantors of land for the extension of Conduit Street between June 1, 1877 and August 1, 1877. This deed of dedication was recorded July 29, 1878 in Liber SH 13 Folio 138-140. Assessment Records from the period 1876-1896 indicate that several frame houses were located on Conduit Street as early as 1878. Therefore, it appears that Conduit Street was extended between August 1, 1877 and 1878.

² Anne Arundel County Assessment Records, 1876-1896.

³ In addition to half of Lot 35, John Hall also owned all of Lots 33 and 34, as well as 33 foot square of old Market ground contiguous to Lot 33, with houses. (From lot histories found in Edward Papenfuse, "Southern Urban Society after the Revolution: Annapolis, MD 1782-1786.")

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in 1878, Charles A. and Mary F. Wilson and William H. and Jane A. Thompson⁴, purchased the property now designated as 124 Conduit Street. This group then immediately turned around and sold it to William H. Carr.⁵

Prior to 1877, Conduit Street ran for a single block between Main Street and Duke of Gloucester Street. Named for the fact that in the 18th century it provided a passage, or conduit, from Main Street to Duke of Gloucester Street, Conduit Street was extended 1877-1878 to Spa Creek in order to provide access to new lots located behind Market Street. Cut at an angle to the already existing block of Conduit Street, the new stretch of Conduit Street began on the southwest side of Duke of Gloucester Street and ran at an angle perpendicular to it and parallel to Market Street. At this time, no cross street existed between Duke of Gloucester Street and Spa Creek. In 1890, Union Street, a one-block street, was cut between Conduit and Market Streets, bisecting the large and narrow block that had been created by the extension of Conduit Street to Spa Creek.

Prior to the extension of Conduit Street, only scattered development existed between Duke of Gloucester Street and Spa Creek. According to Gray's Map of Annapolis, 1877, a row of buildings aligned the southwest side of Duke of Gloucester Street and a few individual buildings were located on the northwest side of Market Street. After Conduit Street was extended, 1877-1878, and by 1885, according to the Sanborn Map of 1885, a group of six buildings, identified as dwellings on the map, were erected on the new stretch of Conduit Street. The pair of houses at 124-126 Conduit Street is located at the eastern end of the row of six dwellings.

Bought in 1878 by William H. Carr, the property remained in the

⁴ Charles A. Wilson and Mary F. Wilson bought the adjoining property, now occupied by 126 Conduit Street, on the same day, May 21, 1878. They immediately turned around and sold it to another individual, Eugene Walmsley. William H. Thompson bought the properties nearby at 118 and 122 Conduit Street several months after this transaction.

⁵ This dual transaction is recorded on a single deed, dated May 21, 1878. Liber SH 13 Folio 38.

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Carr family until 1923.⁶ According to U.S. Census Records, William H. Carr, listed as a tinner, was living at the house in 1880 with his wife and daughter. By 1900, however, the Carr family no longer occupied the residence, but rented it out to a series of individuals and families. In 1900 a white day laborer named Emory Button and his wife lived in the house; in the period from at least 1910 until at least 1920, a widow, Alice Critchley, and her six children with various occupations lived at the house.⁷

In 1923, Annie E. Carr (William H. Carr's widow) and Carr's daughter, Daisey Bearin, and her husband, Edward T. Bearin, sold the property to William T. Scible and Maggie May Scible. The Scible family retained ownership until 1978 when Doris Thomas Rehn Steele, heir of Maggie May Scible, died and the property was sold to Gene H. and Elana R. Byrd.

⁶ The two houses at 124-126 Conduit Street were obviously built as a pair of dwellings at the same time and by the same builder. Based upon research it appears that they were constructed between 1877, when no improvements were on the site, and 1879, when the respective owners of the property are assessed for frame houses on the lots. Prior to 1877, the land on which both houses stand comprised a portion of land that was owned by George Wells. In 1877, George Wells' land was divided and sold by the Farmer's National Bank of Annapolis with Alexander Randall acting as Trustee. The parcels of land occupied by 124 and 126 Conduit Street were sold in 1878 to the same owner, but then immediately sold to two individual owners. It seems logical, then, that the pair of houses was built prior to this sale, as two individual owners would not be likely to erect an identical pair of houses. The dwellings were possibly, therefore, built either by George Wells prior to the seizure of his property, or built by the bank, prior to the sale of the land as individual lots. However, it is of particular interest to note that both William H. Carr, who purchased 124 Conduit and Eugene O. Walmsley, who purchased 126 Conduit at the same time, were both listed as tanners in the 1880 U.S. Census Records and living with their families at their houses on Conduit Street. Perhaps they were professional friends and built the houses together. In either case, the houses were constructed, as a pair, between 1877 and 1879.

⁷ U.S. Census Records, 1910, 1920.

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Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture &
Community Planning

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Resource Type(s): Standing Structures

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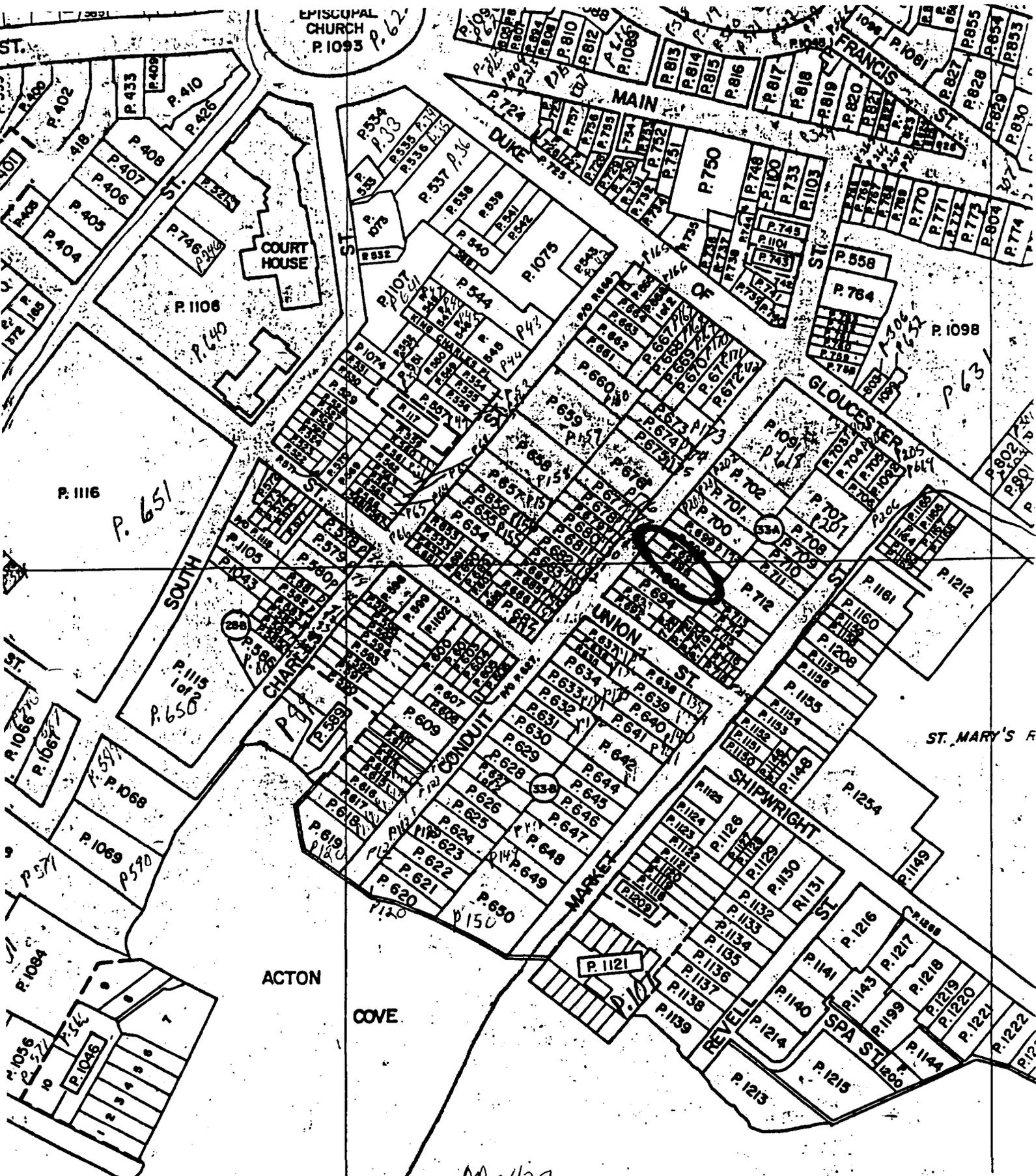
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Chain of Title for 124 Conduit Street:

- 1878: Alexander Randall, Trustee, to Charles A. and Mary F. Wilson and William H. and Jane A. Thompson to William H. Carr.
Liber SH 13 Folio 38.
Charles and Mary Wilson and William H. and Jane A. Thompson purchased the property from Alexander Randall, Trustee, and then sold it to William H. Carr before a deed was written between them. Both transactions are therefore recorded on this one deed.
- 1923: Annie E. Carr, widow, Daisy M. and Edward T. Beavin to William T. and Maggie May Scible
Liber WNW 73 Folio 106
Annie Carr is William Carr's widow. Upon his death, the property was passed to his wife and daughter Daisy.
- 1978: John H. Hopkins, IV, Carl J. Tenner, William N. Scherer, Sr. Trustees and Henry Louis Rehn for the estate of Doris Thomas Rehn Steele to Gene H. and Elana R. Byrd
Liber 3157 Folio 64
Doris Thomas Rehn Steele is the heir of Maggie May Scible.



ACTON

COVE

COURT HOUSE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
P. 1093

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City of Annapolis
Property Tax Map Number 32
Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
Revised 1991
Scale: 1"=200'



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124-126 Conduit Street

Annapolis

Traceries

January 1993

Maryland SHPO

Northwest elevation

1/4



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124-126 Conduit street

Annapolis

Traceries

January 1993

Maryland SHPO

Northwest and northeast elevation

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124 Conduit Street

Annapolis, MD

Traceries

January 1993

Maryland SHPO

Southeast elevation

3/4

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124 Conduit Street
Annapolis
Tracies
April 1993
Maryland SHPO
Front entrance detail
4/4

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: ^{SEE ALSO} AA 487, 11699
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 - Annapolis Federal
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 124 Conduit Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 196
OWNER: Gene & Elena Byrd ADDRESS: 91 Tarragon Lane Edgewater, MD 21037
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick (X) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty (X) Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2
 Number of Bays: 2 x 2
 Approximate Dimensions: 15 x 40
 Entrance Location: Right

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:

Gabled dormer with returns, simple wood cornice that continues across other building of the pair; molded window and door caps, transom lit door, good full width porch with Tuscan columns.

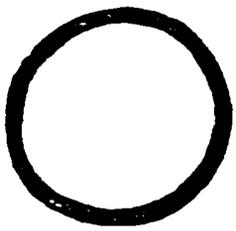
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

One of a pair of good Vernacular Annapolis Federal, important to streetscape and good example of residential pair.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



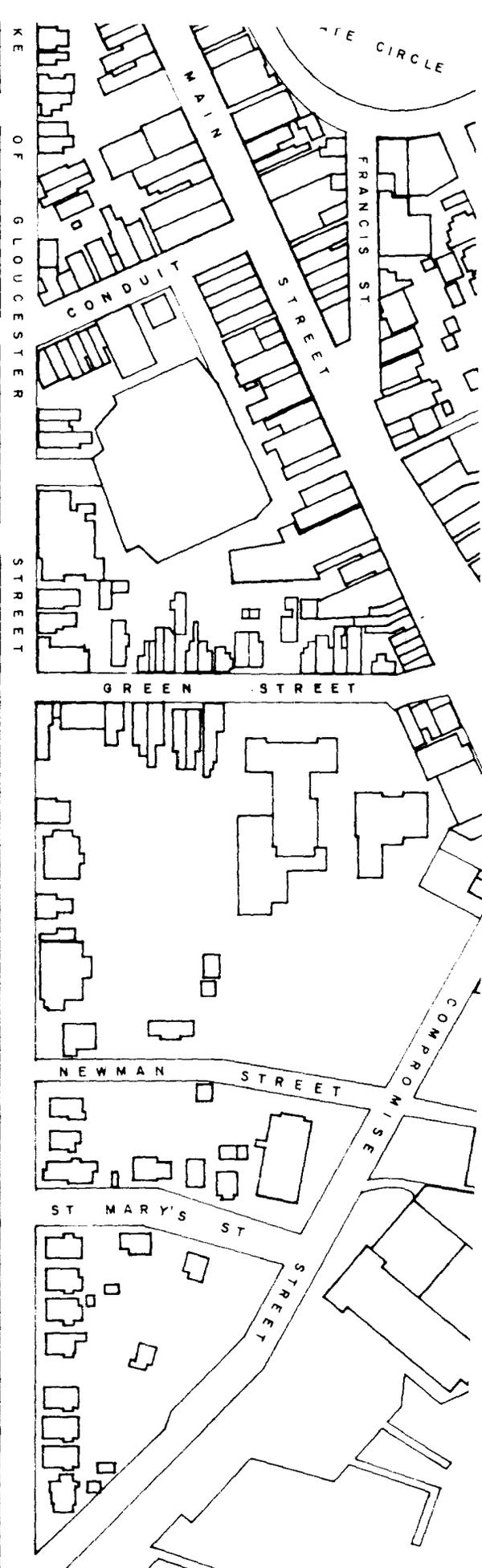
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY: Russell Wright

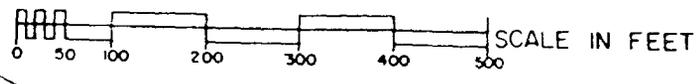
ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED: Aug. 1983



THE CIRCLE

AA 427
ANNAPOLIS HIST DIST





124 Conduit AA 427
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
Russell Wright July, 1982
Maryland Historical Trust,
Annapolis, Maryland
NE Elevation/camera facing sw

124 CONDUIT

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city or town Annapolis vicinity _____
state Maryland code _____ county Anne Arundel code _____
zip code 21401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
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Yes Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District
No _____

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other _____

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- D a cemetery.
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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 2,407 square feet

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

The property designated as 126 Conduit Street occupies Parcel 697 on Tax Map 32 of Annapolis.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Parcel 697 has been associated with the property since the erection of the house on the property between 1877 and 1885.

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11. Form Prepared By
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12. Property Owner
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The houses at 124 and 126 Conduit Street are a pair of identical attached dwellings located on the south side of the residential block of Conduit Street between Duke of Gloucester Street and Union Street. The pair was constructed together during the period between 1877 and 1879 and is of similar size and scale to the neighboring dwellings that were also constructed during the late 19th century. The houses are attached to each other, but are separated from their neighbors on the east and west sides by five-foot passageways leading to the rear yards.

Like other houses on the block, the pair of dwellings are 2-1/2-story, two-bay-wide frame structures that have no frontyard setbacks. They face north, are set upon brick foundations, share a continuous wood cornice, and are covered with gable roofs with centrally placed dormer windows. A continuous, single-story porch, added to both houses between 1921 and 1930, extends the full width of the front elevations of both dwellings, while narrow, two-story ells, with single-story shed roof additions project from the rear of the houses. The house at 126 Conduit Street is clad with asbestos shingle siding and covered with an asbestos shingle roof. The second floor of the rear ell is a mid-20th century addition, while the first floor appears original.

The two-bay front elevations of both houses feature, on the first floor, a single entry door with a two-light transom and a long and narrow window with 2/2 sash. Two window openings, similarly with 2/2 sash, are found on the second floor, while a centrally placed dormer with return cornices projects from the gable roof. The central chimney stack seen on 124 Conduit Street has been removed at 126 Conduit Street. The single-story front porch has a hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns and square balusters.

Due to proximity to its neighbor, the east elevation is plain with no fenestration or architectural elaboration. A single rectangular window opening is located toward the back of the house on the first floor level. The second floor is unfenestrated, while the attic level is lit by a single rectangular window opening in the gable end. Both windows on this side elevation are 1/1 replacement windows.

At the rear, the house features a two-story frame ell with a single-story shed-roof extension. The ell, originally one-story in height, was partially extended to two stories in the mid-20th century. Shed roof additions later extended this rear ell. The rear ell is currently pierced by 1/1 replacement sash.

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The house at 126 Conduit Street occupies a narrow lot that measures approximately 20 feet by 119 feet. Exterior access to the rear of the lot is by way of the five-foot passageway, covered with concrete, on the north side of the house. The rear lot is planted with grass and contains a large magnolia tree. The rear lot is separated from the attached neighbor at 124 Conduit Street by a wood picket fence.

The interior of 126 Conduit Street was not examined as part of this survey due to inaccessibility.

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The house at 126 Conduit Street is one of an identical pair of attached dwellings that occupies a site on the south side of Conduit Street midway between Duke of Gloucester Street and Union Street. The property was originally part of a larger tract of land that was subdivided and cut through, first by Conduit Street between 1877 and 1878¹ and later, by Union Street in 1890. The houses at 126 Conduit Street was built after the extension of Conduit Street, but before 1879, when then-owner Eugene O. Walmsley was assessed for one frame house on Conduit Street.²

The property at 126 Conduit Street was originally part of a large tract of land, designated Lot 35 on the Stoddert Map of 1718, and owned at that time by William Bladen, and later his son Thomas. In 1725 the entire Lot 35 was sold to Benjamin Tasker. That same year, Tasker sold half of Lot 35 to James Carroll, while retaining the other half. The current lot of land occupied by 126 Conduit Street comprised part of the half of Lot 35 that was sold to James Carroll.

After James Carroll's death in 1729, the land passed to his cousin and godson, Charles Carroll. In July of 1762, the land was sold to John Hall who leased the land to James Reid and John Rhodes. In 1797, John Hall died, leaving his "houses and lotts"³ in Annapolis to his wife Eleanor, for life, and then to his nephews Henry or Joseph Hall. In 1809, Dr. Joseph Hall sold the land to James N. Weems. By the mid-19th century, George Wells had acquired Lot 35 along with adjoining lands. Towards the end of his life, Wells fell into severe debt, and in 1877, Alexander Randall was appointed Trustee for the purpose of selling Wells' numerous land holdings.

¹ A deed of dedication was made between the City of Annapolis and the grantors of land for the extension of Conduit Street between June 1, 1877 and August 1, 1877. This deed of dedication was recorded July 29, 1878 in Liber SH 13 Folio 138-140. Assessment Records from the period 1876-1896 indicate that several frame houses were located on Conduit Street as early as 1878. Therefore, it appears that Conduit Street was extended between August 1, 1877 and 1878.

² Anne Arundel County Assessment Records, 1876-1896.

³ In addition to half of Lot 35, John Hall also owned all of Lots 33 and 34, as well as 33 foot square of old Market ground contiguous to Lot 33, with houses. (From lot histories found in Edward Papenfuse, "Southern Urban Society after the Revolution: Annapolis, MD 1782-1786.")

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In 1878, Charles A. and Mary F. Wilson purchased the property now designated 126 Conduit, as well as the adjacent lot designated 124 Conduit Street.⁴ The Wilson's immediately turned around and sold 126 Conduit Street to Eugene D. Walmsley.⁵

Prior to 1877, Conduit Street ran for a single block between Main Street and Duke of Gloucester Street. Named for the fact that in the 18th century it provided a passage, or conduit, from Main Street to Duke of Gloucester Street, Conduit Street was extended 1877-1878 to Spa Creek in order to provide access to new lots located behind Market Street. Cut at an angle to the already existing block of Conduit Street, the new stretch of Conduit Street began on the southwest side of Duke of Gloucester Street and ran at an angle perpendicular to it and parallel to Market Street. At this time, no cross street existed between Duke of Gloucester Street and Spa Creek. In 1890, Union Street, a one-block street, was cut between Conduit and Market Streets, bisecting the large and narrow block that had been created by the extension of Conduit Street to Spa Creek.

Prior to the extension of Conduit Street, only scattered development existed between Duke of Gloucester Street and Spa Creek. According to Gray's Map of Annapolis, 1877, a row of buildings aligned the southwest side of Duke of Gloucester Street and a few individual buildings were located on the northwest side of Market Street. No buildings within the interior of the square are indicated on the map. Shortly after Conduit Street was extended, a group of six buildings, identified as dwellings on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of 1885, were erected on the new stretch of street. The pair of houses at 124-126 Conduit Street is located at the eastern end of the row of six dwellings.

Bought in 1878 by Eugene O. Walmsley, the property remained in the

⁴ On the same day, May 21, 1878, Charles A. and Mary F. Wilson also purchased the lot of land immediately next to this lot, now occupied by 124 Conduit Street.

⁵ This dual transaction is recorded on a single deed, dated May 21, 1878. Liber SH 13 Folio 40.

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Walmsely family until 1923.⁶ Eugene O. Walmsley, listed as a tinner in the 1880 U.S. Census records, lived at the house with his wife and three children. By 1900, however, The Walmsley family no longer occupied the residence, but rented it out for income. From at least 1900 until at least 1910 George W. Sullivan, a plasterer, and his family lived at the address. In 1920, Bernice Gladden, a U.S. Naval Academy Watchman and his wife, Elsie rented the house. At Eugene Walmsley's death, the land was left to his wife, Georgeanna T. Walmsley and their three children, Harriet E. W. League, Eugene C. Walmsley and Oliver S. Walmsley. Upon the deaths of Georgeanna, Eugene and Oliver, the land became the sole ownership of Harriet E. W. League. In 1923, Harriet E. W. and her husband Arthur H. League sold the property to Elsie V. Gladden who, along with her husband, had been renting and living at 126 Conduit Street.

Between 1938 and 1965, the property changed hands three times until, in 1965, it was bought by Irene T. Monmonier, the current owner and occupant today.

⁶ The two houses at 124-126 Conduit Street were obviously built as a pair of dwellings at the same time and by the same builder. Based upon map and assessment record research it appears that they were constructed between 1877, when no improvements were on these individual lots, and 1879, when the respective owners of the lots were assessed for frame houses on the sites. Prior to 1877, the land on which both houses stand comprised a portion of land that was owned by George Wells. In 1877, George Wells' land was divided and sold by the Farmer's National Bank of Annapolis with Alexander Randall acting as Trustee. The parcels of land occupied by 124 and 126 Conduit Street were sold in 1878 to the same owner, who then immediately turned around and sold the two lots to two individual owners. It seems logical, then, that the pair of houses was built prior to this sale in 1878, as two individual owners would not be likely to erect an identical pair of houses. The dwellings were possibly, therefore, built either by George Wells prior to the seizure of his property, or built by the bank, prior to the sale of the land as individual lots. However, it is of particular interest to note that both William H. Carr, who purchased 124 Conduit and Eugene O. Walmsley, who purchased 126 Conduit at the same time, were both listed as tanners in the 1880 U.S. Census Records and living with their families at their houses on Conduit Street. Perhaps they were professional friends and built the houses together. In either case, the houses were constructed, as a pair, between 1877 and 1879.

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Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture &
Community Planning

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Resource Type(s): Standing Structures

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Chain of Title for 126 Conduit Street:

- 1878: Alexander Randall; Trustee, (first part) to Charles A. Wilson and Mary F. Wilson (2nd part) and Eugene D. Walmsley (3rd part). Liber SH 13 Folio 40.
Charles and Mary Wilson purchased the property from Alexander Randall, Trustee, and then sold it to Eugene D. Walsmley before a deed was written between them. Both transactions are therefore recorded on this one deed.
- 1923: Harriet E. W. and Arthur H. League to Elsie V. Gladden
Liber WNW 61 Folio 272
When Eugene O. Walmsley dies, the land is left to his wife Georgeanna T. Walmsley and their three children Harriet E. W. League, Eugene C. Walmsley and Oliver S. Walmsley. Upon the deaths of Georgeanna, Eugene and Oliver, the property is vested solely in Harriet E. W. League.
- 1938: Elsie V. and Bernice W. Gladden to Nathan And Estelle L. Greenberg
Liber FAM 176 Folio 324
- 1959: Nathan and Estelle L. Greenberg to Globber Corporation
Liber GTC 1293 Folio 261
- 1965: Globe Corporation to Charles E. and Irene T. Monmonier
Liber 1862 Folio 362
- 1985: Irene T. Monmonier to Irene T. Monmonier and Ella Mae Mullins
Liber 3854 Folio 630
- 1987: Irene T. Monmonier and Ella Mae Mullins to Irene T. Monmonier
Liber 4348 Folio 793



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view from south of northwest
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Northwest elevation.

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Northwest elevation

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Traces

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Southeast elevation

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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 427, 1699</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 () Fair (X) Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Vernacular - Annapolis Federal
DATE BUILT: 1885-1891

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 126 Conduit Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 197
OWNER: Monmonie Chas E & I T
ADDRESS: 126 Conduit St. 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 ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle (X)
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2
 Number of Bays: 2 x 2
 Approximate Dimensions: 15 x 40

Entrance Location: Left

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:

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Gabled dormer with returns, simple wood cornice that continues across other building of the pair; molded window and door caps, transom lit door, good full width porch with Tuscan columns.

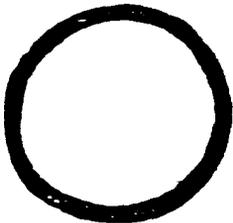
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

One of a pair of good Vernacular Annapolis Federal, important to streetscape and good example of residential pair.

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:

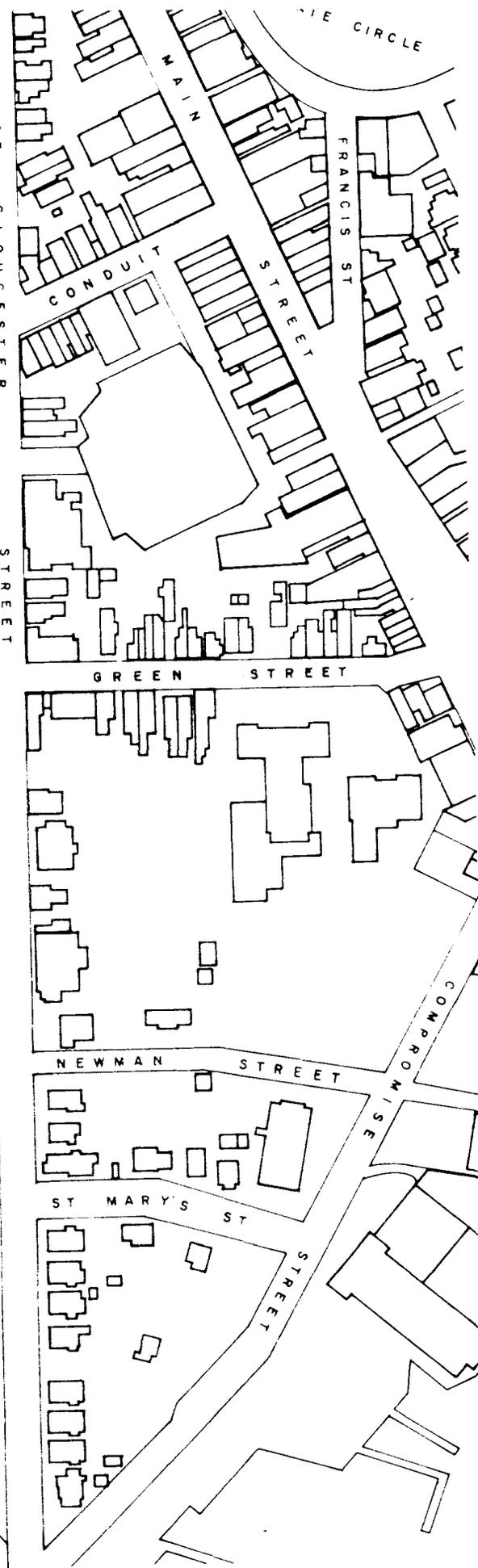
Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

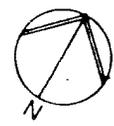
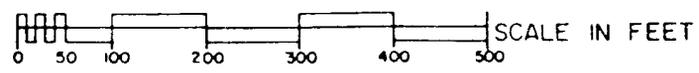
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