

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling**  
**6-8 Cornhill Street**  
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The Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling at 6-8 Cornhill Street was built ca. 1790 as two independent structures; they were merged during the early 20th century into a single building that distorts their original appearance. Though dramatically altered, the two buildings survive together as the oldest buildings at the southeastern end of Fleet Street, <sup>which</sup> that consists primarily of mid-to late 19th-century rowhouses. Despite its altered appearance, the Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling contributes to the understanding of the physical, cultural and social evolution of Fleet and Cornhill streets.

Located at the prominent triangular lot of land at the intersection of Fleet and Cornhill streets, 8 Cornhill Street was originally constructed as a two-story frame dwelling, while 6 Cornhill Street was an attached, single-story brick store. In the first decade of this century, the small store was raised a story-and-a-half. The two buildings were merged by a common roof and fused into a single building ornamented with elements of the Second Empire-style.

Roger Williams, a barber, purchased the recently altered buildings in 1919. He resided at 8 Cornhill Street and operated his barber shop at 6 Cornhill Street until his death in 1983. Today, the building is divided into apartments, while the ground floor commercial space is currently vacant.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling  
common/other name 27 Fleet Street

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2. Location

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street & number 6-8 Cornhill Street not for publication       
city or town Annapolis vicinity       
state Maryland code MD county Anne Arundel code 003  
zip code 21041

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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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>2</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </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: <u>Commerce/Trade</u>	Sub: <u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Domestic</u>	Sub: <u>Multiple Dwelling</u>
<u>Commerce/Trade</u>	<u>Specialty Store</u>

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick and Stucco  
roof Asphalt Shingles  
walls Flemish Bond Brick covered by Stucco  
other Asphalt Shingles  
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance ca. 1790  
1830-1845  
1903-1908

Significant Dates ca. 1790  
1830-1845  
1903-1908

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
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Cultural Affiliation undefined  
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Architect/Builder unknown  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 1032 Square Feet

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

The property known as 6-8 Cornhill Street stands on Parcel 880 at the corner of Cornhill and Fleet Streets as noted on Tax Map 4-6.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The resource located at 6-8 Cornhill Street has been associated with Parcel 880, since its construction ca. 1790.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Laura Trieschmann & Kim Williams/Architectural Historians  
organization Traceries date February 3, 1995  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner  
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name Gene H. and Elana R. Byrd  
street & number 91 Tarragon Lane telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Edgewater state MD zip code 21037  
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The present building known as 6-8 Cornhill Street was built ca. 1790 and 1830-1845<sup>1</sup> as two independent structures occupying the important triangular lot of land at the intersection of Fleet and Cornhill streets. The buildings were constructed as a two-story frame dwelling and an attached, single-story brick store. In the first decade of this century, the small store was raised a story-and-a-half and the two buildings were merged by a common roof and stylistically fused into a single building. The building at the apex of the triangular lot, used as a specialty store and later as a barber shop, was one of only two buildings that historically served a commercial purpose in this primarily residential neighborhood.<sup>2</sup>

**HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: EXTERIOR**

Originally 6-8 Cornhill Street consisted of two buildings, known independently as 6 and 8 Cornhill Street.<sup>3</sup> The building at 6 Cornhill Street was the point building at the apex of the triangular lot and the intersection of the two streets. As evidenced by a historic photograph<sup>4</sup> and maps, it was a one-story, one-bay brick building covered with a gable roof. The Cornhill Street elevation featured a single window opening, while the end elevation at the point had a single entry on the first floor and a 6/6 window in the attic level of the gable end. A shed-roof awning projected off of this end elevation and may have served as an outdoor market area at one time. A tall chimney stack with a

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<sup>1</sup> The date of construction is based upon both archival sources and architectural assessments. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax refers to a two-story, part frame and part brick dwelling that is probably referring to 8 and 10 Cornhill Street. The dwelling at 8 Cornhill Street is a Federal-style building under its early 20th-century alterations. Archival evidence for the small store at 6 Cornhill Street places the date of construction between 1830 and 1845; however, the Flemish bond brickwork indicates an earlier date. At this time, no more precise a date can be provided for this section of 6-8 Cornhill Street.

<sup>2</sup> The other commercial building was the Jacob Blum Store at 6-8 Fleet Street (AA-1265).

<sup>3</sup> The buildings were historically designated as 2014 and 2015 Cornhill Street on the 1885 Sanborn Map and as 2015 and 10 on the 1891 and 1897 Sanborn Maps. By 1908, they are designated 6 and 8 Cornhill Street.

<sup>4</sup> Mame Warren, *Then Again...Annapolis, 1900-1965*. (Annapolis, MD: Time Exposures Limited, 1990), front endleaf, ca. 1895.

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The Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling located at the intersection of Fleet and Cornhill streets was erected ca. 1790 as two independent structures and merged, during the early 20th century into a single building. During the 19th century, the point building was a small, one-story store which functioned throughout most of the 20th century as a barber shop, while the attached building to the north was historically a single-family dwelling. Though dramatically altered beyond recognition, the two buildings survive together as two of the oldest buildings at this end of Fleet Street, which consists primarily of mid- to late 19th-century rowhouses. The Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling contributes to the understanding of the physical, cultural and social evolution of Fleet and Cornhill streets.

#### SITE HISTORY

The land on which 6-8 Cornhill Street stands was originally a portion of the land surveyed and set aside for Governor Francis Nicholson in 1696. Nicholson, influential in the town planning of Annapolis, directed that the newly established town of Annapolis be "surveyed and laid out in the most commodious and convenient parte of the said Towne six acres of Land intire for the erecting a Court House and other buildings as shall thought be necessary and convenient."<sup>6</sup> The land located to the south of the State House, encompassed by State Circle, Main, Francis, and East streets, was specifically set aside for Nicholson, who intended to use the property for a garden, vineyard, and site of a summer house.<sup>7</sup> In 1699, Francis Nicholson left Maryland to serve as the Governor of Virginia, but retained part of his Annapolis properties until his death in 1728.

In 1704 following the destruction of all Annapolis land records, a portion of the Nicholson land was claimed by Thomas Bordley. In 1770, Charles Wallace purchased, from the Bordley family, a large tract of this land, which stretched from the foot of Church Street up to State House Circle. Charles Wallace, by then a prominent member of the merchant community, was born in Annapolis in April

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<sup>6</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, XXXVIII. (1696), pp. 23-25.

<sup>7</sup> Though intended to be used as a vineyard, it is not certain how the land was actually used. "Act of Keeping Good Rules and Orders in the Porte of Annapolis." *Archives of Maryland*, XIX. (1696), pp. 498-504.

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1727 to John and Anne Wallace.<sup>8</sup> He began his career in the 1740s as a staymaker<sup>9</sup> and in 1771, joined forces with Joshua Johnson and John Davidson, creating the mercantile firm of Wallace, Davidson, and Johnson. In addition to his business, Wallace involved himself in real estate and building ventures in the city. In 1771, Wallace began the construction of the third State House and provided the supplies necessary in the building's construction. Unwilling to continue to work on the building for lack of what he considered to be adequate financial compensation, Wallace resigned as principal contractor in December 1779.<sup>10</sup> Wallace died in 1812, leaving personal property appraised at \$23,774.20 and extensive real estate in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.<sup>11</sup>

#### PROPERTY AND BUILDING HISTORY

Immediately following his 1770 purchase of the large tract of land between the State House and Church street, Wallace established Fleet and Cornhill streets and laid out building lots. Upon the completion of his subdivision, he began to sell and lease lots on his property. The property at the intersection of Cornhill and Fleet streets, known today as 6-8 Cornhill Street, was part of a larger property leased by Wallace in 1774 to Absalom Ridgely. The property with its "appurtenances" consisted of the lot of land which today corresponds with the three individual addresses known as 6, 8 and 10 Cornhill Street. Absalom Ridgely (1747-1818) came to Annapolis to begin his career as a small storekeeper, eventually becoming a prominent Annapolis merchant with significant local landholdings.<sup>12</sup> In the 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Absalom Ridgely

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<sup>8</sup> *Maryland Gazette* (August 30, 1749).

<sup>9</sup>From St. Anne's Parish Register, 1: 79, as quoted in Edward C. Papenfuse, *In Pursuit of Profit*, (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1975), p. 234-5, footnote 35.

<sup>10</sup> A letter written by Charles Wallace explaining his reasons for not finishing the state house is reprinted in Morris L. Radoff, *The State House at Annapolis* (Hall of Records Commission, Department of General Services: Annapolis, MD., 1972), p 87.

<sup>11</sup> Papenfuse, pp 234-235.

<sup>12</sup> Absalom Ridgely is one of 23 persons listed as merchants and storekeepers in the 1783 Tax List, Papenfuse, p. 142-143.

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is assessed for "one dwelling house 50' x 16', two-story, part brick, part frame." Because existing dimensions do not conform with these stated dimensions, it is not clear which buildings were being assessed.<sup>13</sup> However, it is probable that the assessment was referring to 8 and 10 Cornhill Street which were both single family dwellings, one of frame, one of brick, and together measure 47 feet. If the assessment included the store at 6 Cornhill, it probably would have indicated "dwelling and store." In either case, based upon the archival findings and corroborated by the architectural assessment, it appears that Absalom Ridgely erected, ca. 1790, at least two of the three buildings.<sup>14</sup>

Absalom Ridgely died in 1818, leaving his sons John and David as executors of his will and ordering them to "release, sell or convey any portion of his real estate necessary to keep the houses repaired."<sup>15</sup> In 1820, John and David Ridgely conveyed the property at Fleet and Cornhill streets to their brother Charles Ridgely, including the "house and buildings."<sup>16</sup>

In May 1830, Charles Ridgely, who is noted for having founded the town of Ridgely, Maryland,<sup>17</sup> sold the "two houses at the intersection of Fleet and Cornhill" to Jeremiah Boyd.<sup>18</sup> In 1839, the property went into equity. Somerville Pinkney, trustee, sold the property to Adam and John Miller. In 1845, Adam and John Miller were assessed \$1700 for three lots and three houses. This assessment establishes that by 1845 all three buildings stood on the site at 6, 8, and 10 Cornhill Street. This is the first

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<sup>13</sup> The present lengths of each of the three buildings are as follows: 6 Cornhill Street measures fifteen feet; 8 Cornhill measures 28 feet; and 10 Cornhill measures 19 feet. Together 6 and 8 would measure 43 feet; 8 and 10 Cornhill would measure 47 feet.

<sup>14</sup> There is also a good chance that the store stood at that time and, being a small structure attached to 8 Cornhill, simply was not called out in the assessment.

<sup>15</sup> Wills JG3 Folio 221.

<sup>16</sup> Liber WSG 7 Folio 464.

<sup>17</sup> Robert Harry McIntire. *Annapolis Maryland Families*. (Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1980), p. 585.

<sup>18</sup> Liber WSG 17 Folio 596.

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documented archival evidence for three buildings on the site, indicating that the end store at 6 Cornhill Street wasn't actually built until between 1830 and 1845. However, local tradition holds that this building was a barber shop where Washington was shaved the day he resigned his commission (1783).<sup>19</sup> Furthermore, the walls are laid in Flemish bond--the same pattern as 10 Cornhill Street--also indicating an earlier, ca. 1790, date of construction. At this time, however, until further on-site investigation is conducted (which may require selective demolition) no more precise a date of construction than 1830-1845 can be attributed to the one-story core of this end of the building at 6-8 Cornhill Street.

Again, in 1854, the property went into equity and was purchased by George B. Hayden, Jr.<sup>20</sup> Two years later, Hayden sold the property to Thomas Tydings.<sup>21</sup> Thomas Tydings (1829-1882) was a grocer who owned several other properties in Annapolis. In 1857, Tydings divided the property, selling 6-8 Cornhill Street to John N. Steward, while retaining 10 Cornhill Street for himself. The deed between Tydings and Steward refers to 6 and 8 Cornhill as "a frame dwelling house and a brick store." The lot at 10 Cornhill Street included a brick house that remained in the Tydings family until after the death of Thomas Tydings in 1882.

After ownership of 6-8 Cornhill Street changed hands twice, in 1862 Thomas Tydings again purchased the property. In 1865, Tydings sold it to Sarah Small, but held a mortgage on the property. In 1868, Sarah Small defaulted on her payment to Tydings and the property was sold to Spedden Wilson. In April 1871, the property once again entered into an equity case between Spedden Wilson and James Munroe. James Munroe argued that it had been agreed that the real estate of Wilson should be transferred to James Munroe as the original purchaser. Thomas McCullough, trustee, then substituted Munroe for Wilson as the owner of 6-8 Fleet Street. In 1875, James Munroe transferred the property back to Spedden Wilson. In 1879,

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<sup>19</sup> Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory form for 6-8 Cornhill Street, prepared by William D. Morgan, 1967. The form states that 6 Cornhill "presently a barber shop, was originally a barber shop where Washington was shaved the day he resigned his commission."

<sup>20</sup> Liber NHG 3 Folio 434.

<sup>21</sup> Liber NHG 6 Folio 256.

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Spedden Wilson gave Arabella Wilson, to whom he owed \$500.00, a life interest in his property, with the remainder going to Mary Priscilla Wilson. Arabella Wilson and Mary P. Wilson retained ownership of 6-8 Fleet Street until 1904. During the Wilsons ownership of the buildings, 6 Cornhill is shown on the 1885 Sanborn Map as a bakery and 8 Cornhill is a dwelling. In 1891 and 1897, 8 Cornhill is still a dwelling, while no notation is shown for the small commercial space at 6 Cornhill Street. In 1903, however, this end building is shown on the map as "junk," indicating that the store specialized in the sale of "junk."

In 1904, David Klawansky purchased the "lot...on which is now erected and has been for many years a frame dwelling house and a brick store house."<sup>22</sup> Between 1903 and 1908 and under the ownership of either the Wilsons or David Klawansky, the store and dwelling at the corner of Fleet and Cornhill was greatly altered. According to a ca. 1895 historic photograph of the intersection of Fleet and Cornhill streets, the store at 6 Cornhill Street was a small, one-story, one-bay brick structure covered with a gable roof.<sup>23</sup> The dwelling at 8 Cornhill Street rose two stories behind the store, with the primary elevation fronting Cornhill street.

In 1919, after the buildings had been significantly altered, they were sold to Roger Williams,<sup>24</sup> an African-American barber who ran a barber shop out of 6 Cornhill beginning at least by 1921 and continuing until his death in 1983.<sup>25</sup> During the 1970s when African Americans were being displaced by urban renewal in downtown Annapolis, and in the Fleet and Cornhill streets neighborhood, Roger Williams refused to sell his property. In 1979, Williams' barber shop was touted as the last black establishment in the area.<sup>26</sup> Following Williams' death in 1983, the property was

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<sup>22</sup> Liber GW 39 Folio 91.

<sup>23</sup> Warren, front endleaf, photograph by Henry Schaefer, ca. 1895.

<sup>24</sup> Liber WNW 21 Folio 17.

<sup>25</sup> The 1921 Sanborn Map shows the building as a barber shop; the City Directories between 1921 and 1980 list 6 Cornhill Street as the Barber shop of Roger Williams, who resided at 8 Cornhill Street.

<sup>26</sup> Maryann Kryzanowicz, "Has Past Displaced Blacks?" *Evening Capital*, June 2, 1979.

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purchased by Roger and John Thornton. Retaining the mortgage, the Thorntons sold the buildings in 1985 to John Rich. When Rich defaulted on the mortgage in 1990, the Thorntons regained ownership, only to sell the property in June 1991 to Gene H. and Elana R. Byrd.

Today, 6 and 8 Cornhill Street is divided into apartments which are leased by the Byrds. The small commercial space at 6 Cornhill Street, used for so long as a barber shop, is currently vacant. Though an important historic and cultural relic, the building's overall massing and exterior materials are incompatible with the historic fabric in this neighborhood and in the Annapolis Historic District.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680-1815  
Industrial/Urban dominance, 1870-1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and  
Community Planning

**Resource Type(s)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Urban

**Historic Function (s):** Commerce/Trade-Specialty Store  
Domestic/Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** unknown

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**Chain of Title for 6-8 Cornhill Street:**

- 1704: Thomas Bordley claimed property of Francis Nicholson
- March 1770: Charles Wallace purchased property from State House to Market Space from J.B. Bordley  
Provincial Court Deed, Liber DD 5 Folio 35
- August 11, 1774: Charles Wallace leased all of Lot 17 to Absalom Ridgely  
Provincial Court Deed, Liber B Folio 395
- 1818: Absalom Ridgely bequeathed to sons John and David Ridgely  
Will Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber JG 3 Folio 221
- December 8, 1820: John and David Ridgely to Charles Ridgely  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber WSG 7 Folio 464
- May 20, 1830: Charles Ridgely to Jeremiah Boyd  
Chancery Court Case 9600  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber WSG 17 Folio 596
- March 25, 1839: Somerville Pinkney, Trustee for Charles Ridgely and Jeremiah Boyd, to Adam and John Miller  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber WSG 23 Folio 598
- June 8, 1854: Frank Stockett, Trustee for John Miller, to George B. Hayden, Jr.  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 3 Folio 434
- April 25, 1856: George and Mary Hayden to Thomas Tydings  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 6 Folio 256

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June 1, 1857: Thomas Tydings to John N. Steward  
Excluding the brick building at 10  
Cornhill Street  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 6 Folio 324

April 10, 1861: John and Eliza Steward to Anna Kohlway  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 10 Folio 141

November 12, 1862: Anna Kohlway to Thomas Tydings  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 10 Folio 641

August 31, 1865: Thomas and Harriet Tydings to Sarah L.  
Small  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber NHG 13 Folio 378

October 23, 1868: Sarah Small defaults on mortgage held by  
Thomas Tydings  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
SH 1 Folio 565

May 17, 1869: Thomas McCullough, Trustee for Equity  
Case of Thomas Tydings and Sarah Small,  
to Spedden Wilson  
Deed not filed

April 19, 1871: Thomas McCullough to James Monroe  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber SH 5 Folio 445

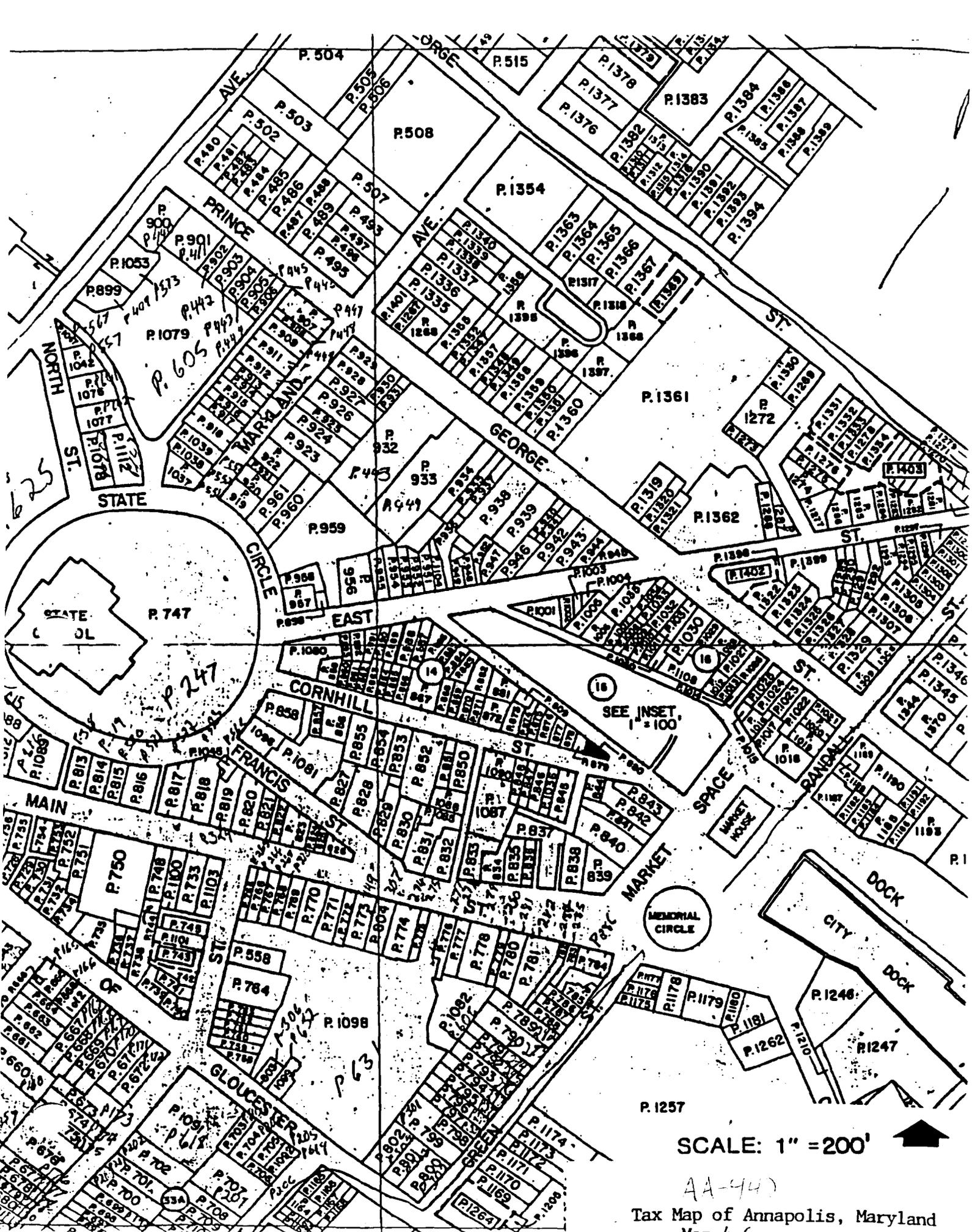
January 12, 1875: James Munroe to Spedden Wilson  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber SH 9 Folio 111

June 13, 1879: Spedden Wilson transferred to Arabella  
Wilson, dissolving debt of \$500.  
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,  
Liber SH 14 Folio 330



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See-442 for additional Chain of Title Information



SCALE: 1" = 200'

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Tax Map of Annapolis, Maryland  
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LOOKING SW

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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False Mansard over pre-Revolutionary structure, with shed dormers, overhanging unenriched cornice; molded window caps; later shopfront (early 20thC) asbestos shingles.

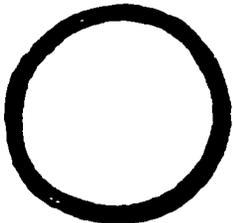
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Victorian alterations totally obscure mid 18thC structure, one of three that was combined as 6 and 8 Cornhill; continuously in use as shop and residences, visual value ascribed to role in filling triangular lot at two important streets.

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

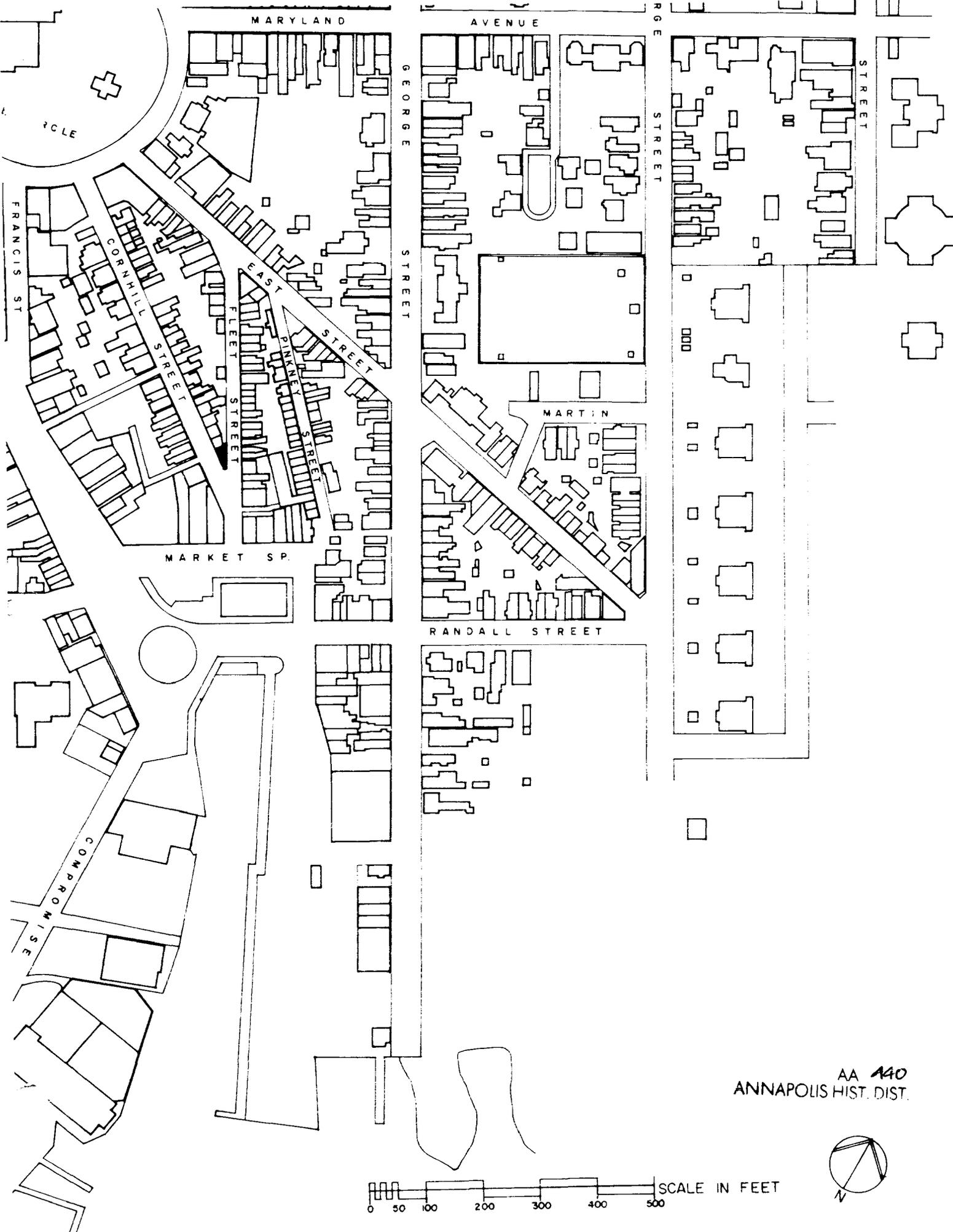
DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983

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<p>1. STATE <u>Annapolis, Maryland</u>          COUNTY          TOWN          VICINITY          STREET NO. <u>6 - 8 Cornhill Street</u></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER <u>(6)Caton-(8)J.Chalmers</u>          ORIGINAL USE <u>barber's/silversmith's</u>          PRESENT OWNER <u>-/ S. Ivrey</u>          PRESENT USE <u>barber shop/residences</u>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>modern shingle</u>          NO. OF STORIES <u>three</u></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME <u>Caton's</u></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <u>1765-1770</u>          STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span></p> <p>This 3 storey structure was originally 2 pre-revolutionary structures (No. 8 held a silversmith shop) but has seen been amalgamated as one semi-Victorian (note "mansard") structure. The building's architectural importance is visual for it occupies a very important location at the junction of Cornhill and Fleet Street (not unlike the Maryland Inn in shape). No. 6, presently a barber shop, was originally a barber shop where Washington was shaved the day he resigned his commission (1783).</p>	
	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>fair</u></p>
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p><u>Ridout Survey</u>  <u>Prof. Norris</u></p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p><u>William D. Morgan</u>  <u>Columbia University</u>  <u>New York City</u></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <u>August 14, 1967</u></p>

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



MARYLAND

AVENUE

GEORGE

STREET

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CORNHILL

STREET

EAST

FLEET

STREET

PINNEY

STREET

FRANCIS

ST

MARKET

ST.

MARTIN

RANDALL

STREET

CON

PR

MISE

AA 140  
ANNAPOLIS HIST. DIST.

SCALE IN FEET  
0 50 100 200 300 400 500





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SW Elevation/camera facing NE



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