

AA-471  
Griffith-Worthington House  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Private

c. 1770-1780

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Griffith-Worthington House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: AA-471

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture
  
2. Geographic Orientation:       Western Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):   Rural Agrarian Intensification  
  1680-1815
  
4. Resource Type(s):             Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-471

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Griffith-Worthington House

and/or common Duvall House, Campbell House

## 2. Location

street & number 179 Duke of Gloucester Street  not for publication

city, town Annapolis  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Jacques Marie

street & number 179 Duke of Gloucester Street telephone no.: 267-0948

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Clerk of Court, liber 5189

street & number Anne Arundel County Courthouse folio 407

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1967, 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Worthington house stands at 179 Duke of Gloucester Street in the center of the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The property is bounded by Duke of Gloucester Street on the northeast and Conduit Street on the southeast sides. The house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Estimated to date to the third quarter of the eighteenth century, c. 1770-1780, the side hall/parlor, Flemish bond brick main block rests on a raised English bond foundation with a fully excavated cellar of ferrous type stone. The watertable that defines the foundation is finished with a stepped profile. The Flemish bond walls rise two-and-a-half stories, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-room plan dining room wing that is extended farther south by a modern two-story, one-bay by one-bay kitchen. The house is joined on the lot by a single-story, gable roofed, twentieth-century two-car garage.

The northeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking nine-over-nine sash windows. The wall is laid in Flemish bond, except for an all header bond beltcourse and the English bond watertable. The foundation wall is pierced by two original cellar openings topped with segmental arches and a third opening altered with a granite surround and a door hung on strap hinges. The mortar in the brick wall is struck with a fine grapevine joint. Each of the window openings is topped by a segmental brick arch. The raised eight-panel front door is framed by a twentieth century Colonial Revival surround that partially obscures a four-pane transom. Sheltering the front door is a gable roof portico of mid twentieth century date. Slender Tuscan columns rise to a gable roof that is trimmed with a dentiled crown molding. The second floor is lighted by three nine-over-six sash windows, each of which feature a segmental brick arch. The base of the gable roof is finished with a bold wooden cornice featuring a bed molding of dentils. The northeast slope of the roof is marked by a pair of early nineteenth century dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows and marked by slightly arched roofs.

The northwest (side) elevation is a two-bay facade with the stepped watertable defining the cellar and a beltcourse stretching across the second floor level. A pair of nine-over-nine sash windows mark the first floor and a pair of nine-over-six sash windows light the second floor, and a pair of two-over-two sash windows illuminate the attic. The windows flank an interior end brick chimney finished with a corbelled cap. The gable end is trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

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The southeast gable end is laid in a less finished Flemish bond with a Flemish bond watertable and beltcourse. The mortar is not struck with a grapevine joint like the other two sides, and the bricks themselves comprise a mixture of eighteenth and nineteenth century materials. The chimney top above the roofline is laid in late nineteenth century brick that contrasts sharply with the wall brick below. The wall is pierced by a pair of window openings on each level. The cellar is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows, and the first floor is illuminated by two nine-over-nine sash windows. A pair of nine-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Each opening features a brick jack arch that is comprised of nineteenth century bricks like those found in the chimney stack.

The rear wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay rear wing that extends to the southwest and even with the southeast gable end wall. A portion of the main block is exposed on the southwest corner where a bulkhead entrance provides access to the cellar. The first floor is lighted by a nine-over-nine sash window and the second floor is marked by a nine-over-six sash window. The base of the roof is finished with a large boxed cornice featuring a dentiled bed molding. A modern shed roofed dormer has been added to the rear slope of the roof.

Otherwise, the rear wall is covered by the two-story, two-room plan rear wing that is laid in a random common bond with rows of eighteenth century brick mixed in with nineteenth century brick. The base of the wall is defined by a stepped watertable. Above the first floor level the brickwork changes to a five- to six-course common bond with intermediate header rows of mid- to late nineteenth century brick. The top of the wall is finished with a corbelled brick cornice. The southeast side of the rear wing is laid in Flemish bond with a continuation of the main block beltcourse defining the second floor. Nine-over-nine sash windows light the first floor and nine-over-six sash windows mark the second floor. The base of the gable roof is finished with a corbelled brick cornice. Piercing the roofline are two closely set brick stove chimney topped with Gothic arched flue covers. Attached to the rear wall of the dining room wing is a modern two-story kitchen wing added during the past ten years.

When originally erected, the house was approximately fifteen feet wider than it is today. The original house included a wide center hall with a room to each side. The center hall was left as an open, unobstructed space with the staircase rising in a separate side hall in the southwest corner of the house. When the main block was reduced in size during the late nineteenth century with the extension of Conduit Street, the east room, probably a dining room, was removed, thereby yielding a variation of the side hall/parlor plan.

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The hall interior retains much of its late eighteenth century woodwork. The wide eight-panel front door has a beaded vertical board back. The door as well as the four-light transom are framed by a wide ogee molded backband surround. The hall is trimmed with a molded baseboard, chair rail, and cornice that date to the third quarter of the eighteenth century. The baseboard below the two east gable end windows has been patched. The rear hall door features a vertical beaded board batten back, and it is hung on long strap hinges that have a spade tip. The door is held back by a twisted iron hook. A wide ogee molded backband frames the door as well as the four-light transom above.

Rising in the rear corner of the main block is a dog-leg stair that features a slender turned newel post and a molded mahogany handrail typical of late eighteenth century Federal design. The handrail is supported by three rectangular balusters per tread, and the stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. As the handrail ascends to the first landing, it follows a steep ramp as it near the landing newel post. Small turned pendants accent the bottom of the landing post. Encorporated under the main stair is an enclosed cellar stair accessed through a raised six-panel door. A small bathroom is enclosed at the far end of the stairhall.

A split raised panel door divided into two sections opens into the front room or parlor. The parlor is squarish in proportion with a chimney breast projecting on the west wall. Trimming the walls are baseboard, chair rail and cornice moldings of a complex nature that add a rich texture to the room. The window and door surrounds feature a bold ogee backband molding in addition to a slight ogee middle molding and a corner bead. Built into the sides of each window jamb are folding interior shutters with paneled sides. The chimney breast is highlighted with a Federal mantel with fluted pilasters that rise to a five-part frieze. The projecting center tablet and end blocks are plain, while the middle sections are fluted. A dented bed molding enriches the bold cove molding defining the mantel shelf. The flooring in the parlor, as well as throughout the main block, is refinished yellow pine.

The second floor is partitioned in a similar fashion with the addition of a small room at the north end of the upstairs hall. The open stringer staircase rises open to the third floor with a ramped handrail at the second floor. The second floor hall is fitted with late eighteenth century moldings including a beaded baseboard and molded chair rail. A six-panel door opens into the bedroom over the parlor, which is distinguished by a Federal mantel as well. The cross-topped firebox surround has an ogee backband, and the frieze is marked by projecting fluted blocks. The frieze is topped by a molded shelf. The

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window and door surrounds in the bedroom are less elaborate than the first floor surrounds. The second floor surrounds have a two-part composition with an ogee molded backband combined with a beaded inside corner.

The room at the north end of the hallway, now serving as a bathroom, is entered through a raised six-panel door. The room is fitted with chair rail and a beaded edge baseboard. The stairway continues in a straight flight to the third floor attic, which has been fully finished. The wall and ceiling surfaces are covered with wallboard, and a modern bathroom has been introduced as well.

The two-story rear wing has been remodeled over the years, and bulls-eye block Greek Revival door and window moldings typical of the 1830s or 1840s, have been reproduced to enhance various openings. A central chimney stack rises through the middle of the dining room wing, and the stack is flanked on the first and second floors by new arched transom doorways. The mantel in the dining room dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century, although a photograph of this room held by Historic Annapolis, Inc. shows a mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival mantel in place of this late Federal style mantel.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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The Griffith-Worthington house is an important survival of eighteenth-century domestic architecture for the City of Annapolis. The two-and-a-half story side hall/parlor house occupies a critical corner lot, and its well-preserved exterior adds tremendously to the mixture of eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth century dwellings that line Duke of Gloucester Street. Other than the addition of a Colonial Revival front portico and a two-story one-bay by one-bay kitchen wing, the exterior elevations fronting Duke of Gloucester and Conduit streets have not changed significantly since the house was reduced in size during the late 1890s.

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#### Footnotes

1 Anne Arundel County Will Book, Prerogative Court, Will of Charles Griffith, 38/380, Probated 10/17/1771, Maryland State Archives.

2 Anne Arundel County Will Book, Prerogative Court, Will of John Griffith of Anne Arundel County, Gent., Probated 6/6/1774, Maryland State Archives.

3 Anne Arundel County Wills, Box W, Folder 126, Will of John Griffith Worthington of the City of Annapolis, Probated 1/14/1797, Maryland State Archives.

4 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Anne Arundel County, Annapolis, Property of Brice John Worthington, Maryland State Archives.

5 Anne Arundel County Wills, TTS 1/319, Will of Brice John Worthington, 11/28/1837, Maryland State Archives.

6 Anne Arundel County Land Record, WSG 25/442, 1/19/1841, Maryland State Archives.

#### 8.4 SIGNIFICANCE

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- 7 Trustee's Sale handbill filed in Equity Case No. 382, executed on 5/16/1874, Maryland State Archives.
- 8 Anne Arundel County Land Record, SH 9/125, 1/22/1875, Maryland State Archives.
- 9 G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Anne Arundel County*, Annapolis, 1878, Maryland State Archives.
- 10 Russo, Jean, Transcripts of the Proceedings of the Mayor and Alderman, 1892-1898, entry dated 12/13/1897, Maryland State Archives.
- 11 Russo, Jean, Transcripts of the Proceedings of the Mayor and Alderman, 1898-1901, entry dated 5/14/1900, Maryland State Archives.
- 12 Anne Arundel County Land Record, GW 86/386, 12/20/1911, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 13 Anne Arundel County Land Record, 694/97, 7/10/1952, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 14 Anne Arundel County Land Record, 5189/407, 10/3/1990, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

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G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	2/8/96
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Ogle Marbury  
Eliza G. Marbury

to

7/10/1952

Levin H. Campbell, Jr.  
Lucille W. Campbell, Jr.

“All that lot of ground improved by a brick dwelling  
now designated as street number 179 Duke of  
Gloucester”

JHH 567/116

Mary Safford Hodgewerff  
Hiester Hodgewerff

to

4/24/1950

Ogle Marbury  
Eliza G. Marbury

FSR 54/233

Lottie E. Lee  
Charles F. Lee

to

7/8/1929

Mary Safford Hodgewerff

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GW 133/344

Winson G. Gott  
Carrie W. Gott

to

12/13/1916

Lottie E. Lee  
assumption of mortgage now held by Harry H. Christy  
dated 9/8/1916 GW 130/210

GW 130/207

James M. Monroe, attorney

to

9/8/1916

Winson G. Gott

Whereas James M. Munroe has special power of  
attorney by a certain mortgage from William M.  
Abbott and Fannie V. Abbott 12/28/1911 GW 65/77

No. 4103 Equity Case in Circuit Court  
sold said property to Charles F. Lee, agent for J.  
Edward Abbott on 7/16/1916

\$4,500.00

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GW 86/386

Grafton E. Ridout, Trustee

to

12/20/1911

William M. Abbott

\$5,000

All that lot of ground situate on the corner of Duke of Gloucester and Conduit streets in the City of Annapolis, Maryland, improved by a two story brick attic and basement building, with large back building, formerly owned by the Misses Meliora and Catherine Duvall, the said lot fronting on Duke of Gloucester Street forty-five feet ten inches and having a depth on said Conduit Street extended of one hundred and forty-six feet, devised by George Miller Duvall to his two sisters Meliora and Catherine Duvall

SH 9/125

Alexander Randall  
Alexander B. Hagner, Trustees

to

1/22/1875

George Miller Duvall

\$5,000

Whereas by a Decree of Circuit Court, Equity Case No. 382, executed on the May 16, 1874, between Farmers National Bank of Annapolis, complainant, and Sophia R. Sparks and others, defendants

# Trustees' Sale

OF

## BRICK DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT,

IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.

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By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel county, passed on the 16th of May last, in a cause wherein the Farmers National Bank of Annapolis is complainant, and Sophia R. Sparks and others are defendants, the subscribers, as Trustees, will expose at public sale on the premises, at 12 o'clock, M,

*On Tuesday, the 21st day of July next,*

the BRICK DWELLING, KITCHEN and OUT-HOUSES and LOT, opposite the head of Conduit street, where some of the defendants reside, in Annapolis, described in another cause in said court between the complainants and Edward Sparks and wife, as Lot No. 4, beginning on South East street, near the corner of the Dwelling and running north westwardly on South East street forty-five feet ten inches, thence running back from that street one hundred and forty-six feet to Lot No. 6, described in said last cause, and in the line of an alley nine feet four inches wide also therein described; thence south eastwardly and on the line of said Lot No. 6 forty-six feet two inches to Lot No. 5, also therein described, thence with the Lot No. 5, one hundred and forty-five feet to the beginning; together with the privilege of the use of this alley adjoining in common with the owners of Lots Nos. 3, 5 and 6, as will more fully appear by the papers in the said causes.

*The Terms of Sale as prescribed by the decree, are:—*One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale or of the final ratification thereof, at the option of the Trustees, and the balance in three equal half yearly payments from the day of sale, the whole to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by bonds with surety or sureties to be approved of by the Trustees.

**RANDALL & HAGNER, Trustees.**

Annapolis, June 23, 1874.

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the lot of ground on which is erected a Brick Dwelling House and other buildings thereto attached lying on South East Street in the City of Annapolis, formerly occupied by the late Dr. Edward Sparks

and described on the plat in the said cause as Lot No. 4 with the privilege of the use of the alley in common with Lots No. 3 and No. 6 which alley is nine feet and four inches wide as described on the plat

Contained within the loose papers of the Equity Case (C70-382) is a trustees hand bill, printed by the *Annapolis Gazette* on June 23, 1874

WSG 25/442

Nicholas B. Worthington

to

1/19/1841

Edward Sparks

\$3,000

All that piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being in the City of Annapolis and fronting on Southeast Street...being part of Lots 33, 34, 43, and 44...being the lot which was devised by the Last Will and Testament of Brice John Worthington and his heirs and lately in the occupation of George F. Worthington

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Anne Arundel Register of Wills TTS 1/319 (Maryland State Archives)

Will of Brice John Worthington

“Item, I give and devise unto my son Nicholas Brice Worthington, and his heirs, the house and lot which belong to me in the City of Annapolis, also five hundred (500) acres of Land, being Lot No. 2 of the plat as lately divided and laid off as follows.....called “Worthington’s Resurvey”

Probated 28 November 1837

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1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment (Maryland State Archives, M 860)

City of Annapolis

Owner-Brice John Worthington

Occupant-John T. Shaaff

"One Brick Dwelling House 40 by 28 Two Story Brick Kitchen 16 by 12, Single Story Framed Stable 20 by 16, Brick Smoak House 8 by 8"

1 Dwelling House

3 Outhouses

½ acre lot

Value \$800.00

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Anne Arundel County Wills    Maryland State Archives    Box W, Folder 126

Will of John Griffith Worthington of the City of Annapolis

To brother Brice John Worthington "all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal"

Probated 14 January 1797

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Maryland State Archives  
Prerogative Court (1773-1774)

Anne Arundel County Will 39/819

Will of John Griffith of Ann Arundel County, Gent.

“First Item- to nephew John Griffith Worthington, “my plantation lying on or near the plantation branch of Severn river called Youngs Success containing 162 acres also my house and lott in Annapolis all which Lands and Lott I give to my nephew John Griffith Worthington....also the following negroes, viz. Old Nan, Nan daughter of Nan and James, also my Watch and silver shoe buckles”

Probated 6 June 1774

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Prerogative Court (1770-1773)

Anne Arundel County Wills 38/380

Will of Charles Griffith

I give and bequeath unto my son John Griffith...my Dwelling Plantation and all other Lands thereto Adjoining Also my neck of land called Griffiths Lott...and in Default of such Heir of my son John lawfully to be begotten of his Body then I give and bequeath all the aforesaid Lands to all the children of my Son in Law Nicholas Worthington by my Daughter Catherine his wife

Probated 17 October 1771

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Griffith-Worthington House  
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Chain of title research continued

Annapolis, Mayor and Alderman, Proceedings, 1886-1892, #29, #11080  
Location: 1/22/1/65 (Research transcripts provided by Jean Russo, Historic Annapolis)

p. 202, May 13, 1889, request for the city to condemn sufficient property to widen approach to Conduit from Gloucester

Annapolis, Mayor and Alderman, Proceedings, 1892-1898, #30, #11081,  
Location: 1/22/1/66

p. 373, October 11, 1897, resolution, in response to petition, to widen Conduit Street at juncture with Gloucester Street

p. 382, November 8, 1897, report of committee on Conduit Street: Misses Duvall would not sell portion for any price but will sell whole for \$7,000, Miss Brewer would sell for \$2,000.

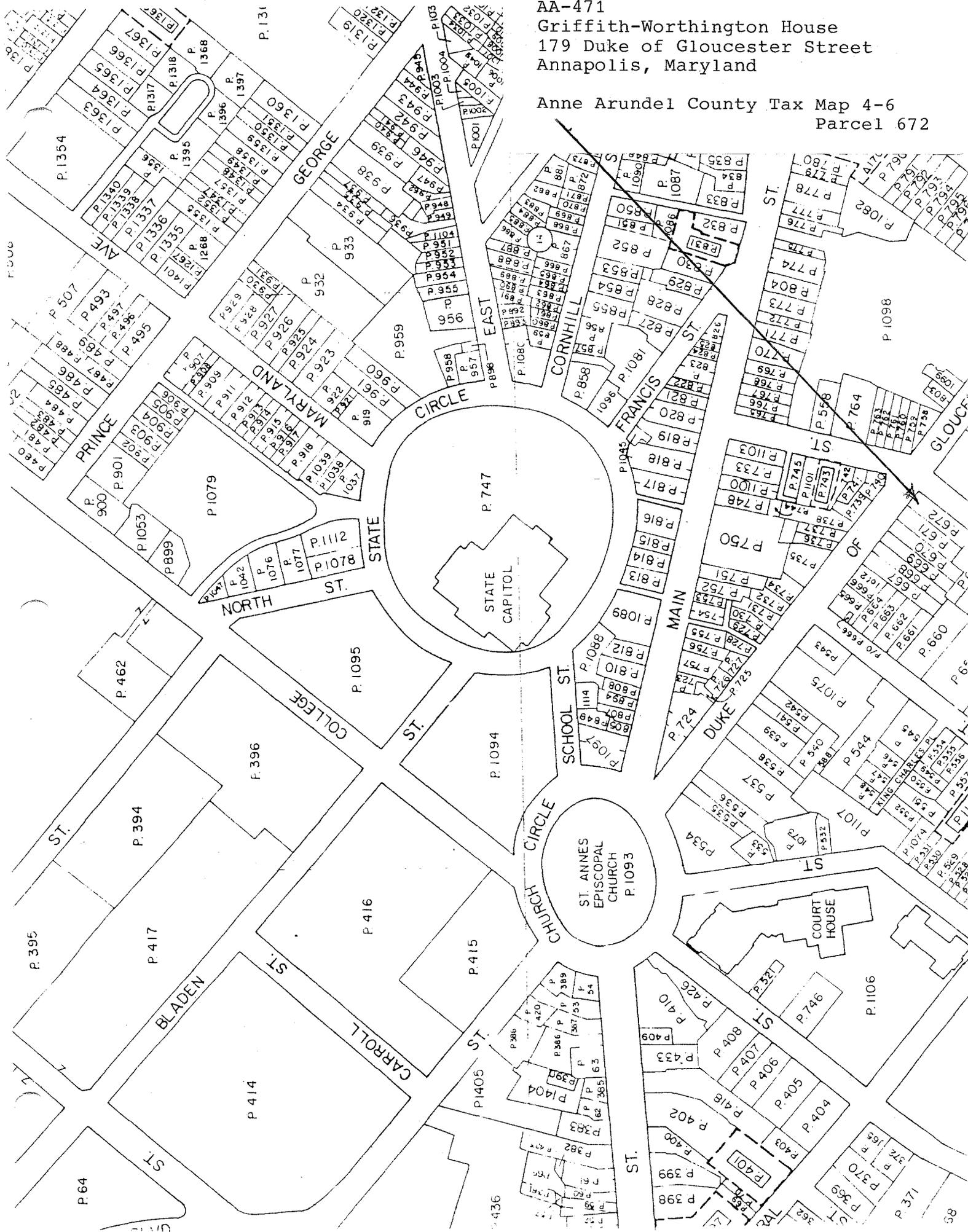
p. 386, December 13, 1897, Meliora and Katherine Duvall willing to have \$500 annuity for life plus restoration of house should city wish to cut away said house to open entrance of Conduit Street

Annapolis, Mayor and Alderman, Proceedings, 1898-1901, #11082,  
Location: 1/22/1/67

p. 222, May 14, 1900, ordinance introduced to levy special tax on residents Conduit Street extended to aid in payment of cost of opening said street

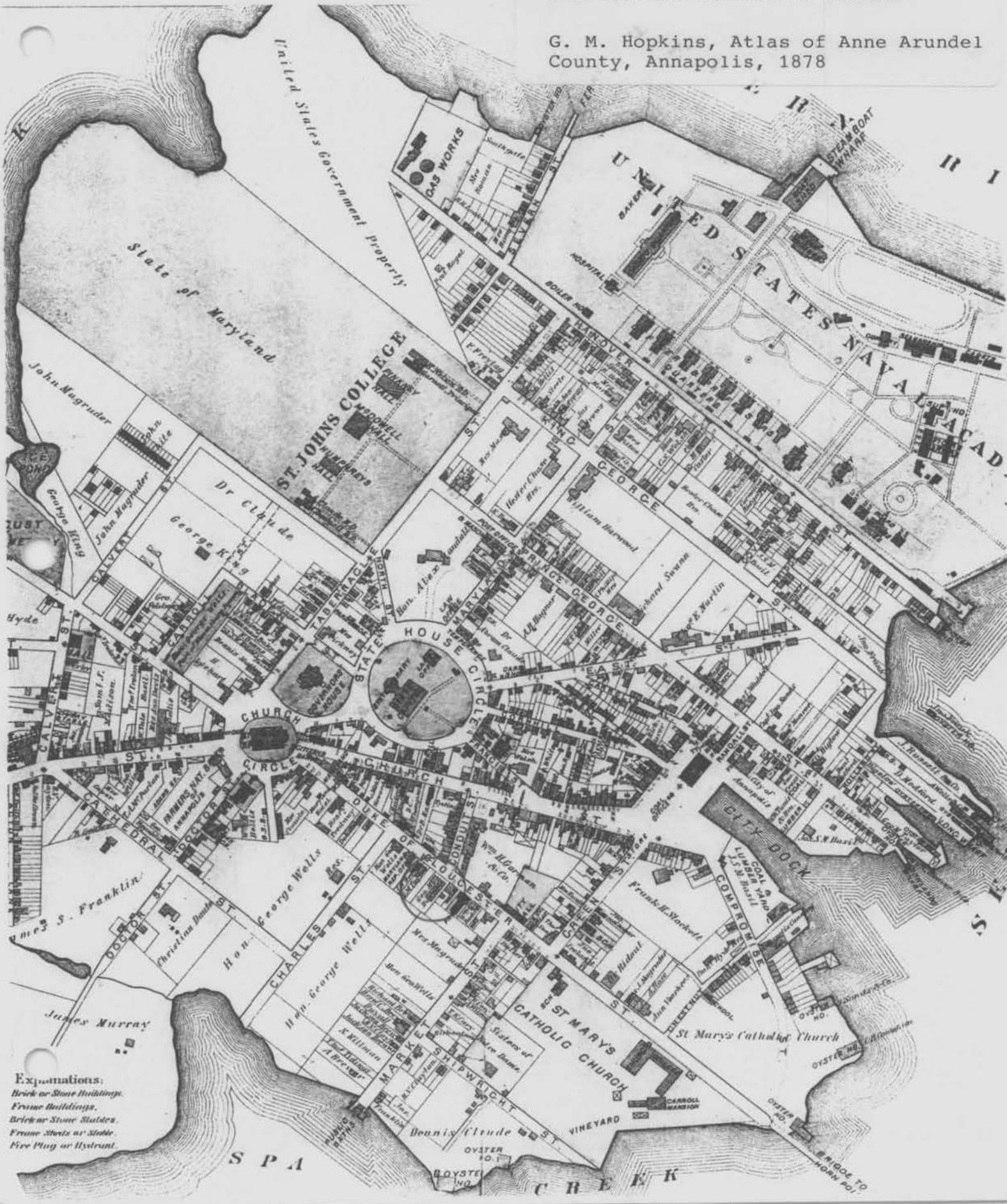
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Anne Arundel County Tax Map 4-6  
Parcel 672

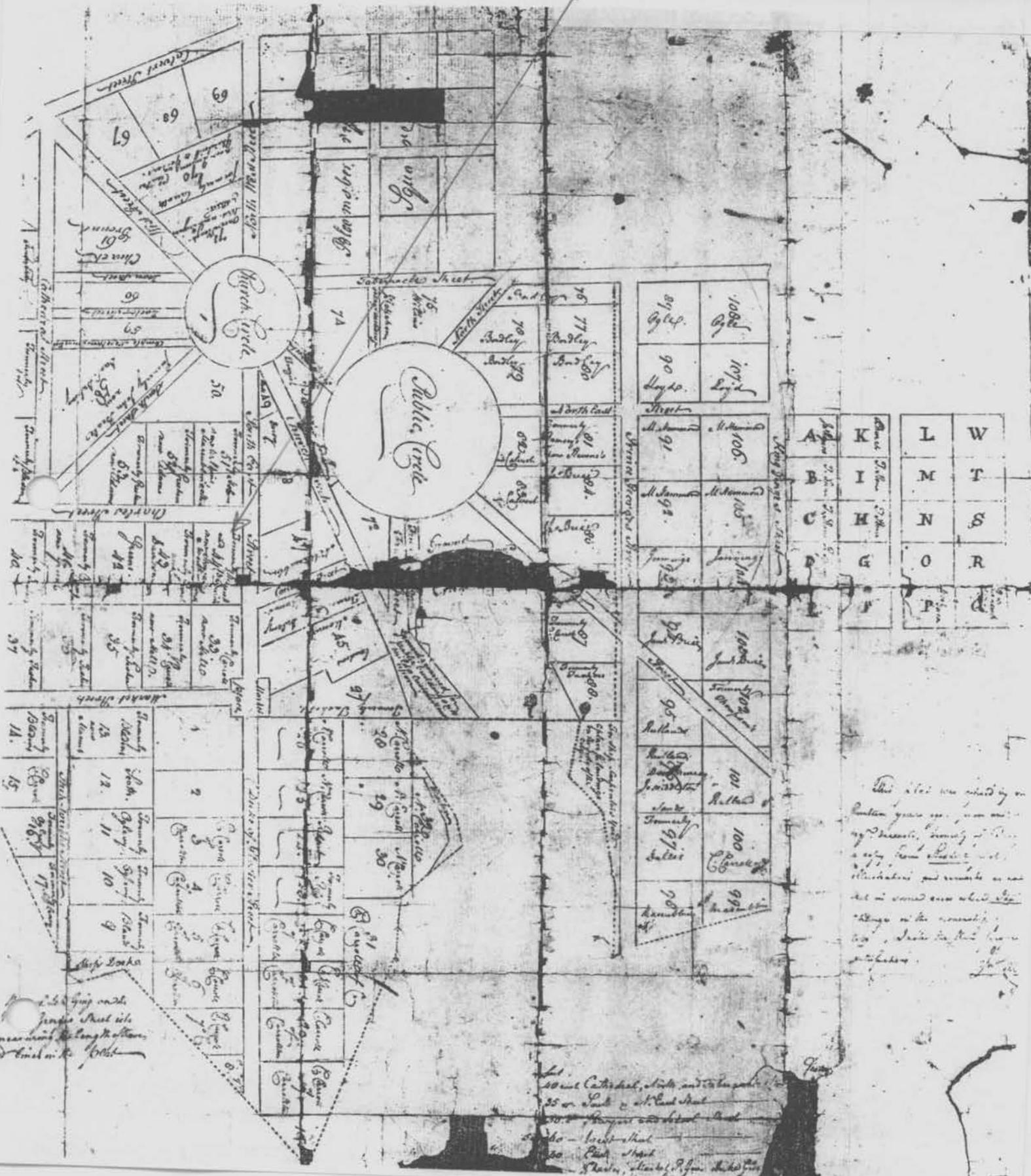


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G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Anne Arundel  
County, Annapolis, 1878



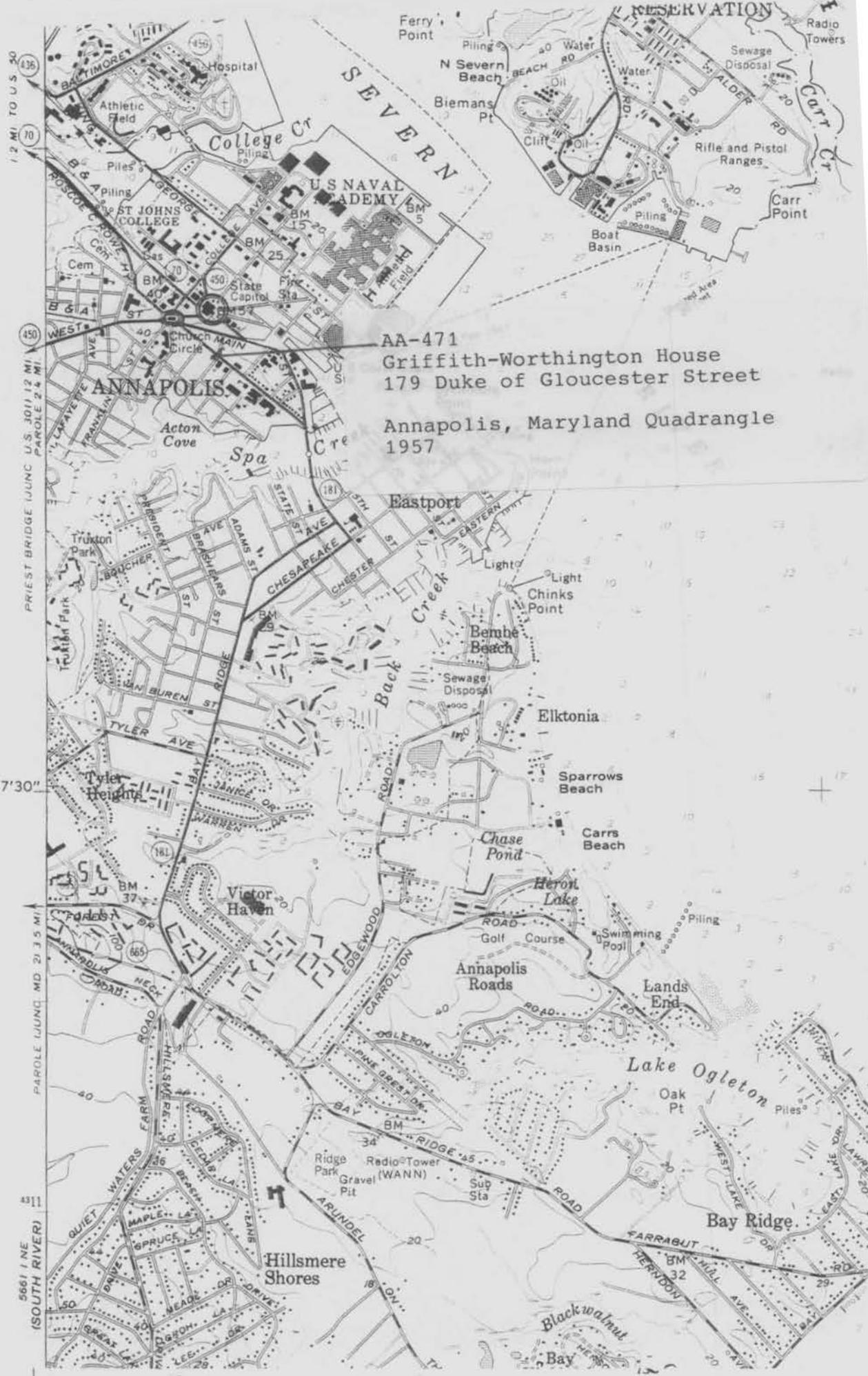
Explanations:  
 Brick or Stone Buildings.  
 Frame Buildings.  
 Brick or Stone Stables.  
 Frame Sheds or Stables.  
 Fire Plug or Hydrant.



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This plat was made by me  
 James Stoddert, Surveyor of the  
 City of Annapolis, in the year  
 1719, and is now being  
 re-issued, and is to be  
 used as a guide in the  
 sale of land in the  
 City of Annapolis.

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 179 Duke of Gloucester Street

Annapolis, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1957

1.2 MI TO U.S. 40  
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 (450)  
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 (450)  
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 (431)  
 (5661 INE)  
 (SOUTH RIVER)

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GRIFFITH - WORTHINGTON HOUSE  
NORTHEAST ELEVATION  
ANNAPOLIS, ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MD.  
2/96, PAUL TOUART, PHOTOS RATHER  
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GRIFFITT-WORTHINGTON HOUSE  
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION  
ANNAPOLIS, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

2/96, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEG. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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GRIFITH-WASHINGTON HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, ANNE ARUNDEL CO. MD.  
STAIRCASE

2/94, PAUL TOUART, PHOTOGRAPHER  
NEW JMD HISTORICAL TRUST

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GRIFFITH - WASHINGTON HOUSE  
SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM HALL  
ANNAPOLIS, ANNE ARUNDEL C. MD  
2/96, PAUL TONKAT, PHOTOGRAPHER  
NEC. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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GRIFITH-WASHINGTON HOUSE  
SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM WARDER  
ANNAPOLIS, Anne Arundel Co., MD.  
2/96, Paul Touart, PHOTOGRAPHER  
NEG. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
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GRIFFITH - WORTINGTON HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, ANNE ARUNDEL CO, MD.

PARLOR

2/96, PAUL THOMAS, PHOTOGRAPHER  
MCG, MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <b>AA 471</b>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE:
ORIGINAL USE:
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: probably Charels Griffith
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent (X) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: Georgian Revival
DATE BUILT: c.1740; one bay removed when altered c.1900

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 179 Duke of Gloucester
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 172
OWNER: L. M. & L. W. Campbell ADDRESS: 179 Duke of Gloucester Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local ( ) State (✓) National ( ) <input type="radio"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
 Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Flemish Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
 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: 3 x 2  
 Approximate Dimensions: 30 x 60

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:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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One bay removed when CONduit Street extended; elliptical dormers and sash, good wood cornice; string course and brick watertable; end wall chimney at right duplicated at left when bay removed; excellent fan lit entrance with later Classic portico, with clustered (3) columns and engaged pilasters; windows with splayed brick arches.

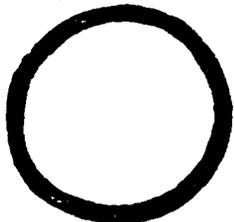
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Despite removal of bay, house is an important example of Georgian townhouse and critical to streetscape, especially at this corner location.

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

See, Lomanto thesis

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Form 10-445  
(5/62)

1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 179 Duke of Gloucester Street	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT OWNER L. H. Campbell PRESENT USE residence WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES two plus dormer attic	2. NAME Worthington House DATE OR PERIOD c. 1740 STYLE Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

Though reduced from its original size by the extension of Conduit Street in the 19th C., the Worthington House still remains a very fine example of Colonial Georgian architecture. The fine Flemish bond brick work has a simple very high water table, a belt course, and a very fine chimney - other chimney is part of "new" south wall. Front windows have no shutters - all windows are 6/6 with brick splayed lintels or segmental arches. There are 2 Philadelphia type dormers with elliptical roofs and windows 6/6. Classical doorway with broken pediment is under a porch supported by two clusters of 3 columns and 2 pilasters.



Exterior very good

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

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  abundant records Prof. Norris	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City  DATE OF RECORD August 9, 1967



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WILLIAM D. MORGAN

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NW Elevation/camera facing

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