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Daniel M. Sprogle House
Annapolis
Private

c. 1860-1870

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is the principal period survivor along with a collection of mid nineteenth century mantels of marble or wood.

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Daniel M. Sprogle House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: AA-472

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Western Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural/Industrial Transition
1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
Current use-office building

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-472

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel M. Sprogle House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 184 Duke of Gloucester Street not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 184 Duke of Gloucester Associates c/o Mr. Robert Wood

street & number 230 Perry Cabin Drive telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663-2155

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Clerk of Court liber 3443

street & number Anne Arundel County Courthouse folio 883

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

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7. Description

Survey No. AA-472

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

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

The Daniel M. Sprogle house is located at 184 Duke of Gloucester Street in the center of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The three-story, five-bay stuccoed brick dwelling faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Estimated to date around 1860-1870, the three-story, five-bay center hall brick dwelling rests on a minimal foundation without a cellar. The entire exterior is stuccoed and scored to imitate ashlar construction. A layer of slate covers the steeply pitched cross gable roof. Attached to the back of the brick structure is a three-story stuccoed shed addition that stretches the full length of the rear wall.

The southwest (main) elevation follows a symmetrical five-bay fenestration with a center entrance. The first floor wall is finished with a bold rustication, which contrasts with the finer line ashlar decoration on the second and third floors. The third quarter of the nineteenth century six-panel front door is flanked by three-light sidelights and a panel below. Mid nineteenth century panels with ogee inset moldings finish the door reveals as well. The doorway is accented with a period crown molding that drops slightly on each side. Flanking the entrance are pairs of six-over-six sash windows fitted with working louvered shutters. Segmental arched lintel moldings accent each opening. Fixed to the outside corners of the building are sections of cast iron downspouts labeled, "J. Blake." The second floor is defined by five evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows fitted with louvered shutters. A segmental arched lintel molding highlights each opening. The third floor is distinguished by the center cross gable and a centrally positioned Venetian window. The center portion of the tripartite design is filled with a nine-over-six round arched sash window, while narrow two-over-two sash windows are fixed on each side. The entire window composition is accented with a projecting drip molding that extends part way down each side. Pairs of six-over-six sash windows pierce the wall to each side and each opening is fitted with louvered shutters and segmental arched crown moldings. The eave features a bold cornice embellished with a combination of heavy console brackets, modillion blocks, and a bold crown molding. Rising through the center of the house is a pair of stuccoed brick chimney stacks. The roof is also defined by a pair of segmental arched dormers fitted with six-over-six sash windows. The top sash has a slight segmental arch. A layer of slate covers the sides of each dormer.

The northwest gable end is a single room deep with a single, off-center, six-over-six sash window marking the first floor and pairs of six-over-six sash windows lighting the second and third floors. The gable end stucco is finished with a light ashlar scoring like the front of the house. The gable end is defined as pediment, and it is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window.

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The south gable end is partially covered by an adjacent two-and-a-half story mansard roofed structure. The gable end is the only portion of the wall exposed, and it is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window. The edge to the roof is finished with a molded bargeboard.

The rear wall of the main block is fully covered by the three-story, shed-roofed stuccoed frame addition. Fixed atop the slate roof of the main block is a pair of segmental arched dormers with the north dormer converted to a door. The south dormer survives with a six-over-six sash window. The rear wall of shed addition is marked by a combination of modern six-over-six sash windows and fire doors that provide access to a salt-treated fire escape.

The interior follows a center hall floor plan with the dog-leg stair rising continuously six flights. A third quarter of the nineteenth century turned newel post and a series of turned balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. The doors throughout the first floor have been replaced and the door and window frames have been retrimmed. A plain mid nineteenth century mantel survives in the south room, while a period columned mantel is located in the north room. Each mantel is topped by a thick board shelf. The second floor follows in the same manner as the first floor with the doors replaced and the window and door surrounds retrimmed. A mid nineteenth century marble mantel is located in the northwest room, while the southeast has been subdivided into two offices. There is no mantel. The third floor has been remodeled with modern materials. The staircase continues to the attic, which has been remodeled as well.

8. Significance

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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Footnotes

- 1 Anne Arundel County Equity Record, SH 5/263, April Term 1871, John DuBois et al. vs. Daniel M. Sprogle, et al., Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 2 Anne Arundel County Equity Papers, Case #200, April Term 1871, Maryland State Archive.
- 3 *Ibid.*
- 4 Anne Arundel County Land Record, transfer documented in later deed detailing chain of ownership, GW 16/190, 12/9/1899, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 5 G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Anne Arundel County*, 1878, Annapolis, Maryland State Archive.
- 6 Anne Arundel County Land Record, SH 17/151, 12/22/1880, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 7 Anne Arundel County Land Record, GW 16/190, 12/9/1899, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.
- 8 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1897, Annapolis; Sanborn Insurance Map, 1903, Annapolis, Maryland State Archives.
- 9 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1913, Annapolis, Maryland State Archives.
- 10 Anne Arundel County Land Record, 2395/741, 3/22/1971, Anne Arundel County Courthouse.

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Map 4-6, Parcel 739

3443/883 John H. Kelbaugh, Jr.
 Wallis Y. Kelbaugh

to

10/1/1981 184 Duke of Gloucester Associates, Maryland General
 Partnership, c/o Mr. Robert Wood

Containing 1835 square feet according to a survey by
J. R. McCrone, Jr., February 1971

2395/741 Mary Peyton Ritchings

to

3/22/1971 John H. Kelbaugh, Jr.
 Wallis Y. Kelbaugh

Containing 1835 square feet according to a survey made by
J. R. McCrone, Jr. Inc. February 1971

RGP 1/353 Last Will and Testament of Isabella W. Welch

Administration
Account #5892

to

10/22/1942 Mary Peyton Ritchings

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GW 16/190

Manelia W. Hodges, Anne Arundel County
James H. Rowland, Cecil County

to

12/9/1899

Isabella W. Welch, wife of Dr. William S. Welch

\$2,000.00 Whereas under certain proceedings had in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County in a case therein settled, DuBois et al. vs. Daniel S. Sprogle, No. 200 Equity (SH 5/263) one Frank H. Stockett surviving trustee in said case appointed sold and conveyed to the James H. Rowland the lot of ground with the improvements thereon situate on the north east Side of Duke of Gloucester Street near the corner of Conduit Street in said City of Annapolis and whereas afterwards the said William Black made application for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws in the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City and under proceedings had in said case, the said lot of ground aforementioned with its appurtenances was sold by George F. Beall trustee to the said Manelia W. Hodges and was conveyed to her by said trustee by deed dated 12/22/1880, SH 17/151

And whereas in said distribution of the proceedings of sale of said Insolvent estate the said James H. Rowland was fully paid all the balance of purchase money due him by William Black

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Equity Papers SH 5/263

John DuBois, Samuel Burns, George F. Sloan, Jr.
et al.

vs.

April Term 1871

Daniel M. Sprogle, Rebecca Sprogle his wife, Susan Sprogle, John E. Brown, Daniel Hart, Elisha C. Taylor Thomas Hickey, Washington D. Basil, et al.

John DuBois, orator, documented in July term 1869 recovered judgement against Daniel M. Sprogle for the sum of \$5,968.64

This is one of many debts levied against the Sprogle estate forcing the sale of houses, lots, mills and all property

Trustees' hand bill advertisement for sale found in Equity papers at the Maryland State Archives, Case 200

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, in equity, dated 18th of July, 1871, and passed in a cause in said court, wherein John DuBois and others, were complainants and Daniel M. Sprogle and others were defendants, the undersigned, as trustees, will offer to public sale on

Wednesday, the 25th of October next,

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2. The Warehouse Lot on the south side of the City Dock, fronting 136 feet on deep water, and 87 feet on Craig street, improved by a large two story BRICK WAREHOUSE. This property offers the best location in the city of oyster and fruit packing business and is valuable for any other occupation needing water carriage, and especially as a coal and lumber yard.
3. The Saw Mill Lot adjoining No. 2, fronting on deep water, and as described in deed in Liber SH No. 2, folio 374, etc. and approached by a 20 foot alley from Craig street. This property is improved by a FRAME BUILDING used as a Steam Saw Mill, with Machinery complete. The interest in this property hereby offered for sale is only one undivided half. The undersigned are authorized to say for the owner of the other moiety, that his half can be purchased on very favorable terms.
4. The Marine Railway Lot, adjoining Lot No. 3, and also on deep water, frontage about 161 feet, and approached by the 2(0) foot alley from Craig

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6. Wharf Lot at the foot of Prince George's street, with a front on deep water of 67 feet, and fronting 50 feet on said street, improved by a substantial Wharf and a new Warehouse.

7. Ten Lots fronting on Prince George's street, designated on the said plat as Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, each improved by a new two story FRAME DWELLING.

8. Two Lots fronting on Holland street, and each improved by a new two story FRAME DWELLING.

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10. All that valuable Lot of ground fronting on Prince George's street about 72 feet, and running about 88 feet to the line of the street fronting on the Wharf, divided into 3 Lots as described in exhibit No. 7, filed in said cause, of which Lot Nos. 5 and 6 fronting each 26 feet, are improved by a large

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OF

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The Terms of Sale as prescribed by the decree are, as to the personal or mixed property, cash on the day of sale, or at the option of the trustees, on a credit of six months from the day of sale; and as to the real estate, one-fourth in cash on the day of sale, or at the option of said trustees, on the ratification of the sales by the Court, and the residue in two equal installments in one and two years from the day of sale, the whole to bear interest from the day of sale; said interest on the entire purchase money unpaid to be paid yearly, and retained as far as matured from any payment as made, and the payments thereof to be secured by the bonds of the purchasers, with security to be approved by the trustees.

The decree directs that at the time of advertising the sale of said property, the trustees give notice to the creditors of the said Daniel M. Sprogle, to file their claims, with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of this Court within four months from the day named for such sale, if they desire to participate in the proceeds of the sale of the property in this cause decreed to be sold.

The attention of all persons is particularly directed to the property so offered for sale, and they are invited to examine the same, and for all information apply to the trustees.

FRANK. H. STOCKETT,
JAMES R. HOWISON,
Trustees.

P. S. Should the weather on the day named for the sale prove unfavorable, the sale will take place at the same place and hour on Friday, the 27th day of October.

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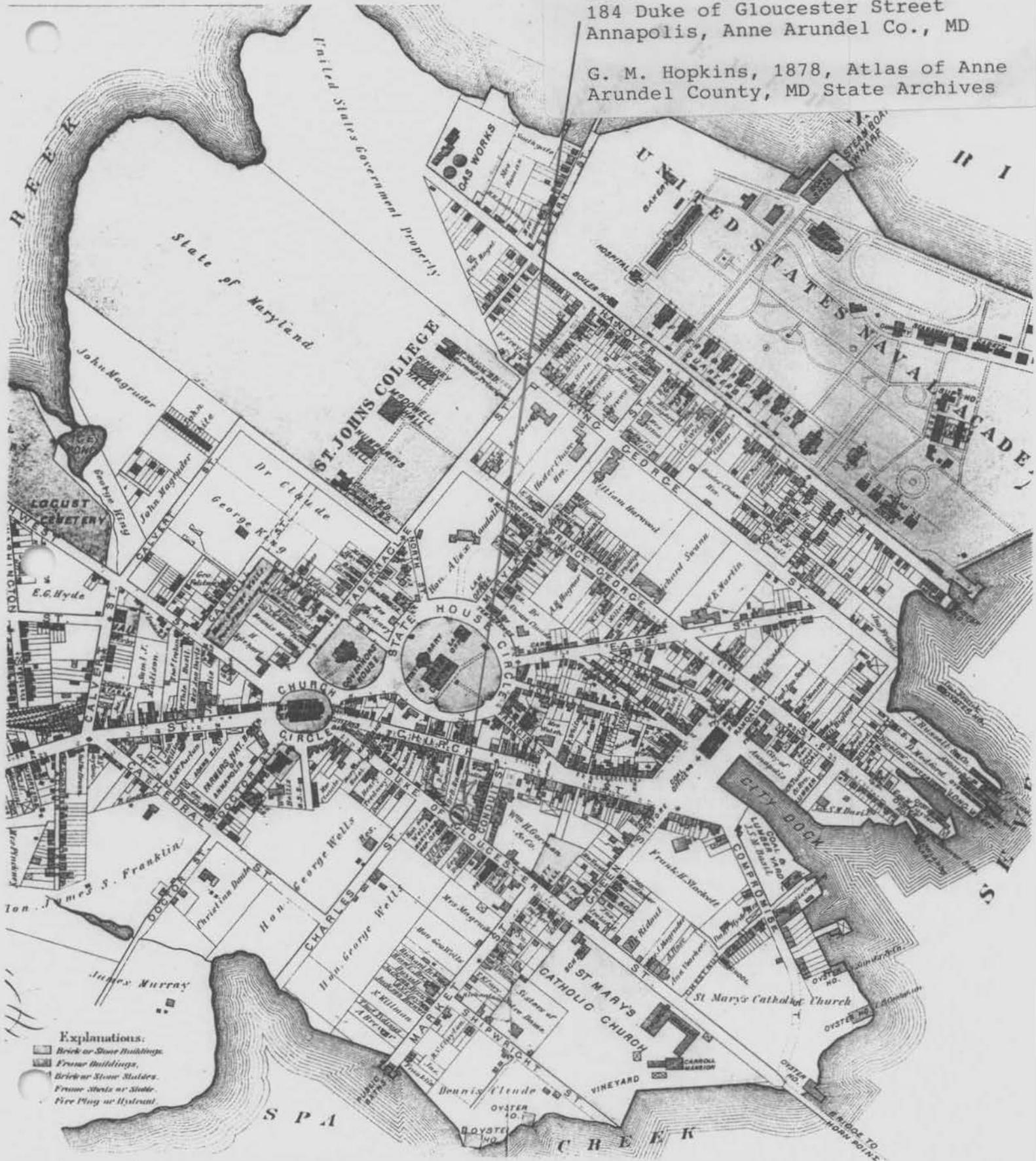
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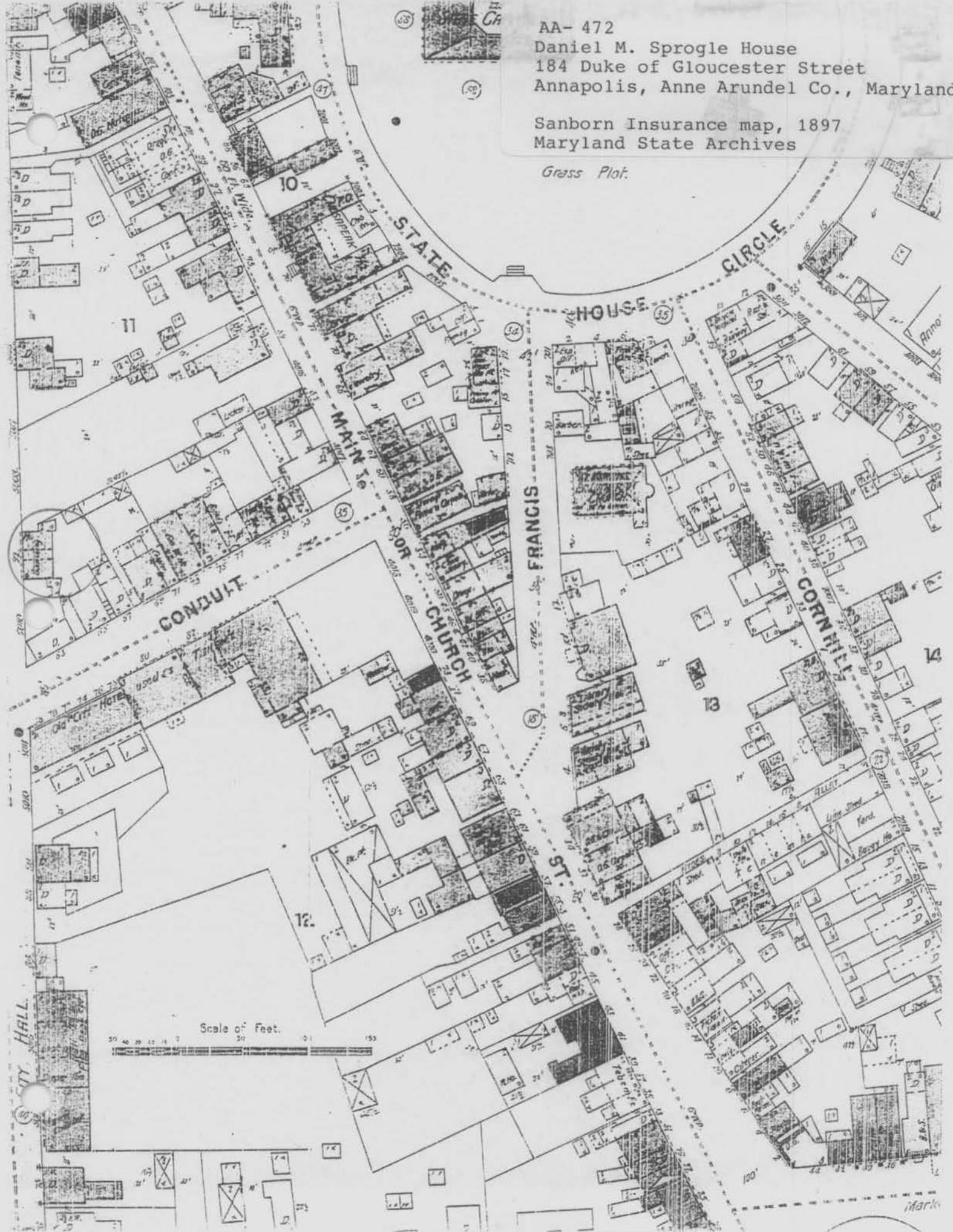
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Sanborn Insurance map, 1897
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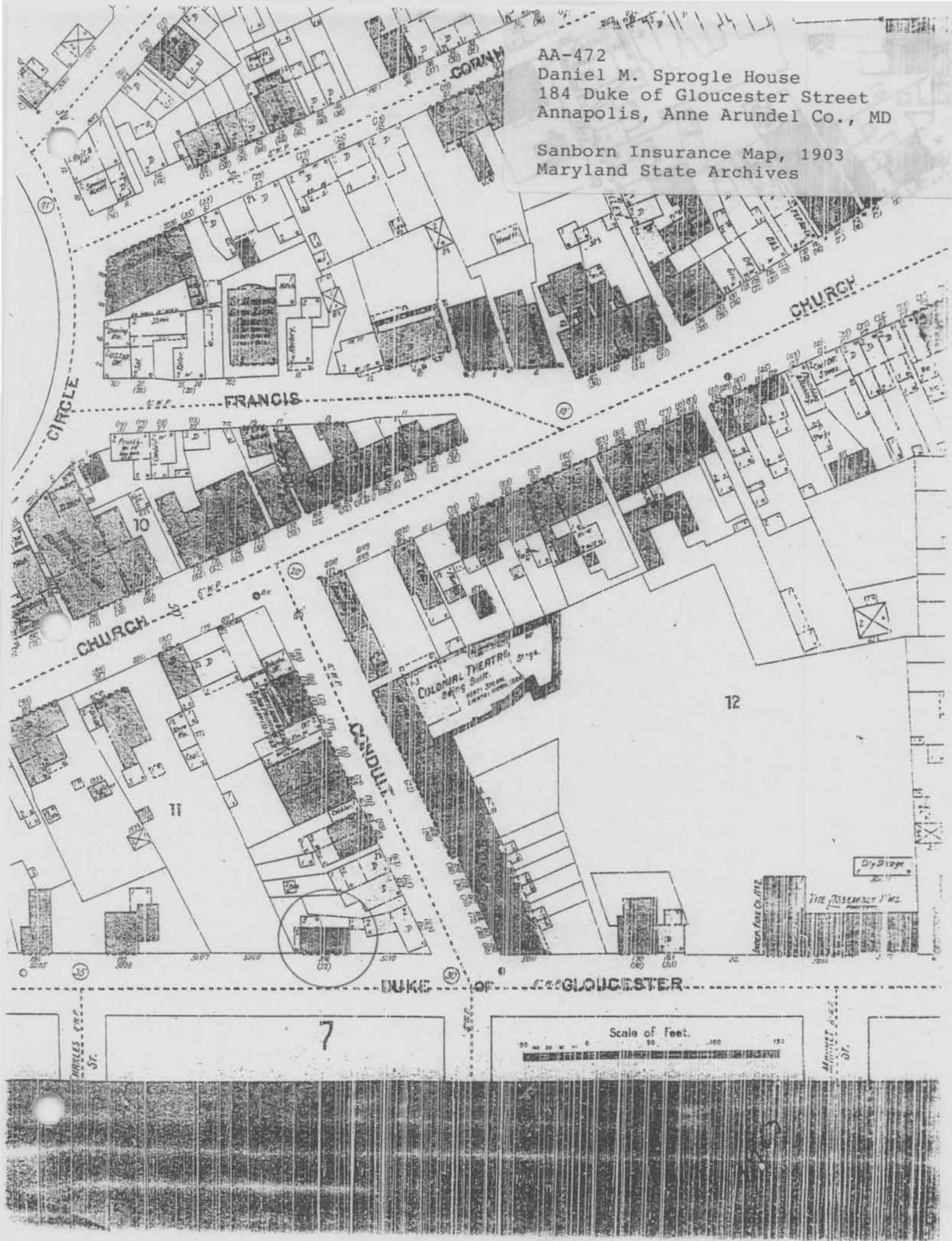
Grass Plot.



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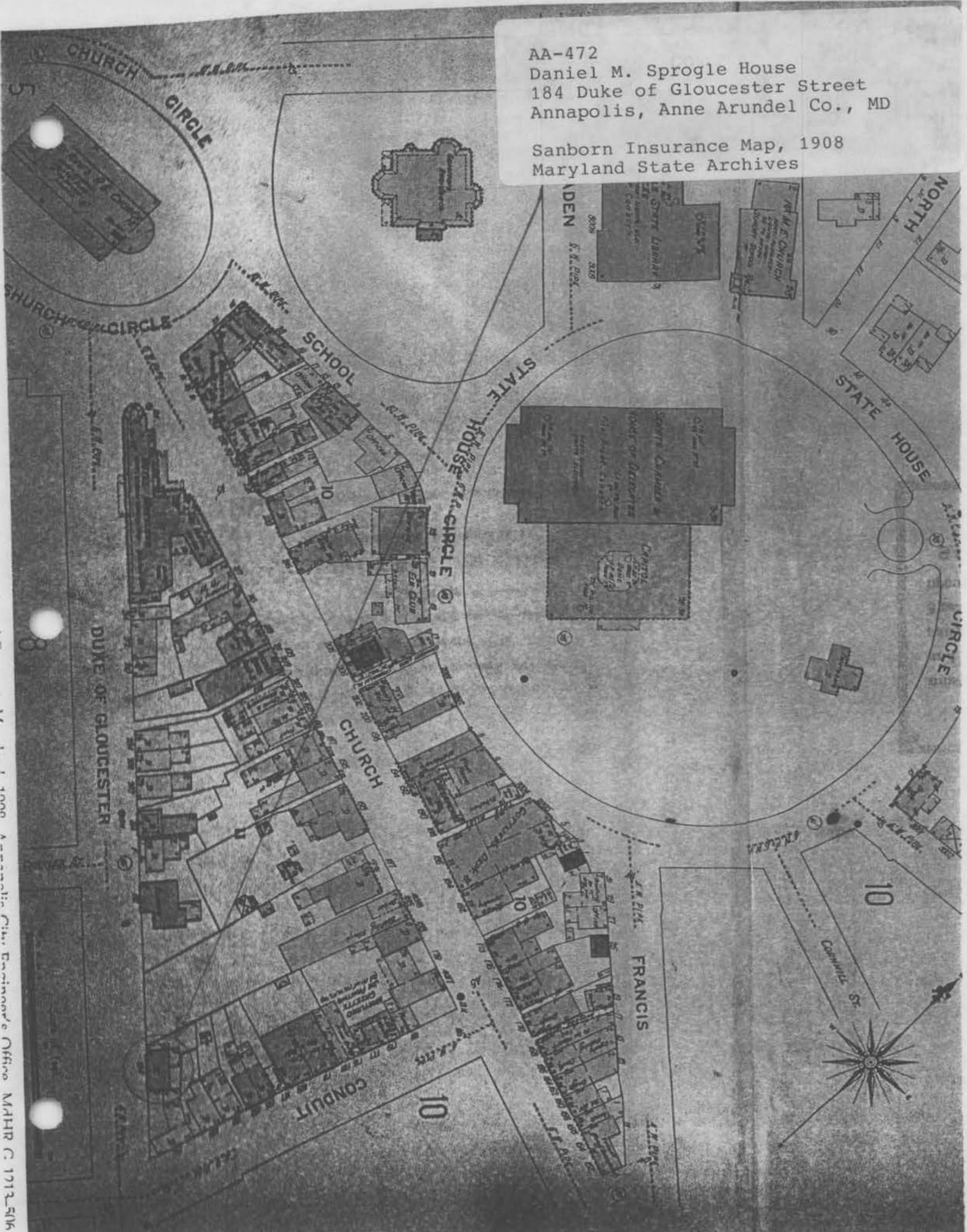
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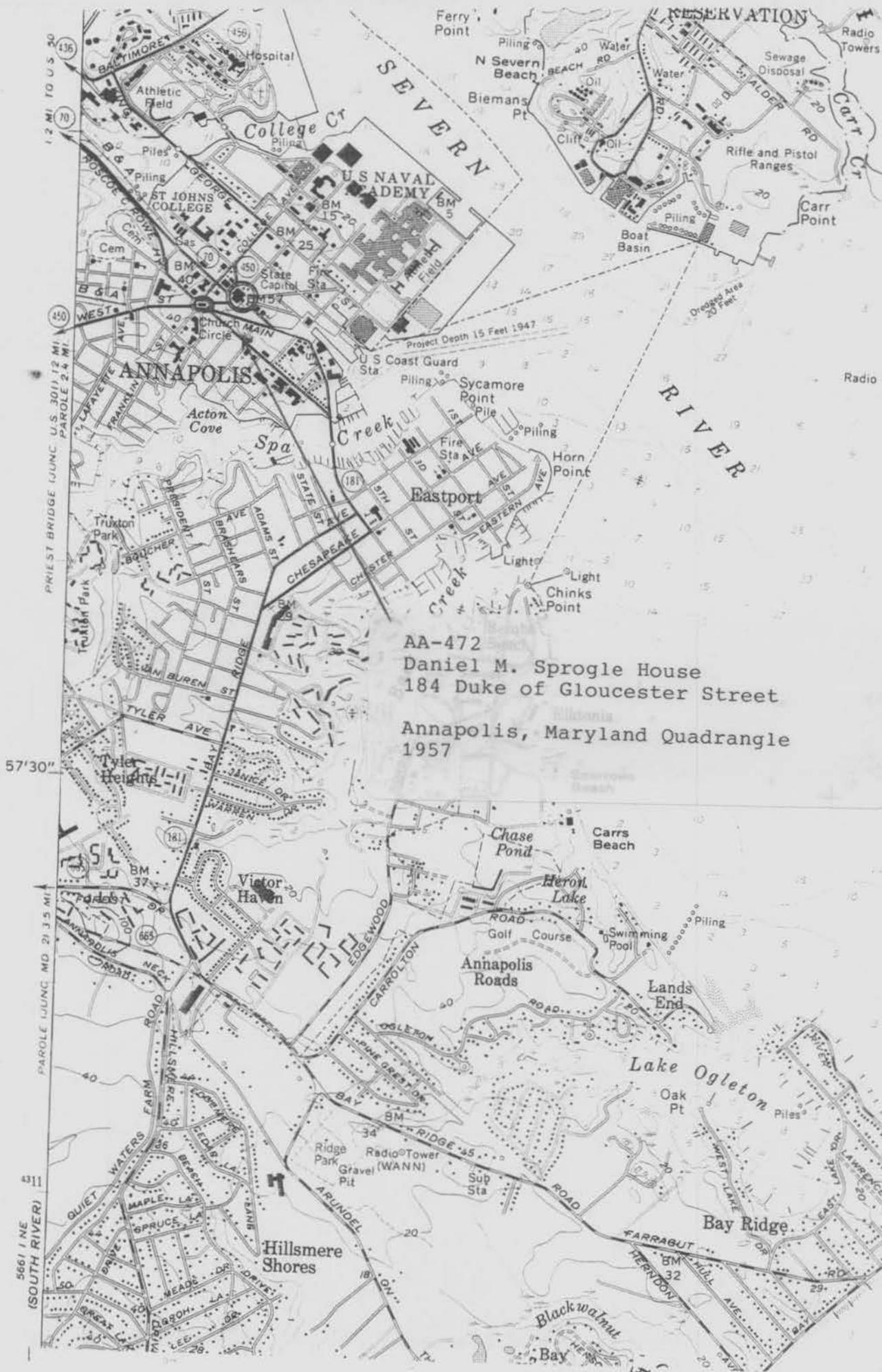
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1908
Maryland State Archives



1000 Annapolis City Engineer's Office MHR C 1712-516



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 Daniel M. Sprogle House
 184 Duke of Gloucester Street
 Annapolis, Maryland Quadrangle
 1957

57°30"
 1.2 MI TO U.S. 30
 70
 450
 WEST
 40
 181
 665
 4311
 5661 (NE SOUTH RIVER)



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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Elliptical roofed dormers at gable roof, end walls have stuccoed simple cornice to create pediments; front elevation has excellent brackets and modillioned cornice and cross gable at center bay with modified Palladian window at third level; all windows in flat arched openings but those at the front facade enriched with segmental molded edge wood caps; water-table and belt course stuccoed as is entire exterior, scored to simulate ashlar, with the first floor of the front rusticated; recently restored.

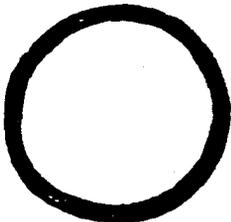
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Exceptional example of Gothic Revival with Italianate overtones, important as a rare type and critical to streetscape. Excellent restoration of exterior, interior recycled as offices, retaining much of interior fabric.

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D.C. 20243



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: "Gray Stone"
Address of property: Street 184 Duke of Gloucester Street
City Annapolis County Anne Arundel State Maryland Zip Code 21401
Name of historic district in which property is located Annapolis Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See Reverse Side

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)

See Reverse Side

Date of construction (if known): 1839-1841 Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known): 1897, 1903, 1921

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name 184 Duke of Gloucester Associates c/o Robert E. Slavitt
Street 1120 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Suite 1124
City Washington State D.C. Zip Code 20036
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (201) 785-2800

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature Ronald S. Shepero Date 6/11/82

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60)

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Signature [Signature] Date 6-25-82
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

is hereby certified a historic structure
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet:

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

The building is a three story stuccoed masonry structure with a slate roofed attic with 4 dormers. See the attached development lineage of the house as detailed in the Sanborn maps from 1885-1951.

The building is served by a center stairwell of no real significance. All the hardware, save hinges, have been replaced with 20th century locksets. Interior trim has undergone 3 or 4 renovations with some original trim in place on the second floor only. The house was converted to a boarding house in 1897 and underwent some partitioning and plumbing alterations at that time, as well as a partial renovation to the facade with the addition of a wood cornice.

In 1903, the small 2 story porch at the northwest side corner of the building was removed and replaced with a 2 story porch the width of the house. At the same time a three story addition was built to the northwest rear corner. It appears these renovations and additions were made simultaneously with conversion from a boarding house to a dwelling.

The building remained virtually unchanged, as determined from the records, until 1913 when a doctor's office was opened on the first floor. In 1921, the building was again altered to apartment use. At that time, the 1903, three story addition to the northwest rear was enlarged the entire length of the house. It has remained in that status until now with the exception of a very rough coat of cement stucco applied around 30-40 years ago and now in bad condition.

3. Statement of Significance:

The significance of this structure can be summarized by quoting from the archives of the Historic Annapolis, Inc. "one of the most puzzling houses in Annapolis, 184 Duke of Gloucester is none the less one of the city's most magnificent. The roof chimneys, elliptical Philadelphia dormers (2), window arrangement and shape of the house are Georgian, however, the windows all have 1865 vintage drip mouldings. There is a Palladian window that breaks the Victorian cornice. Similar to the one on the Garden front of the Ridout House. Extensive research should be done on this house; in the meantime, 184 Duke of Gloucester should most definitely be preserved."

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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 184 Duke of Gloucester Street	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE apartments WALL CONSTRUCTION stucco NO. OF STORIES 3 plus dormer attic	2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD Late 18th, early 19th C.? STYLE Victorianized Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

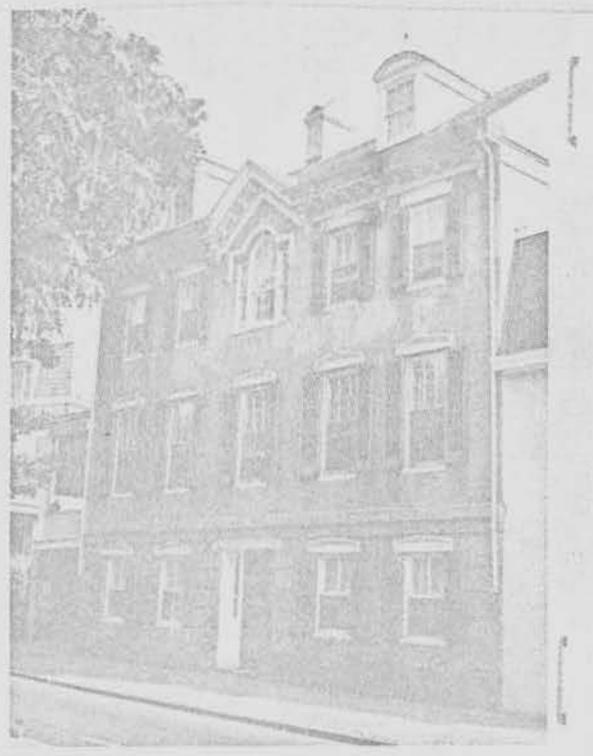
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

One of the most puzzling houses in Annapolis, 184 Duke of Gloucester is nonetheless one of the City's most magnificent. The roof chimneys, elliptical Philadelphia dormers (2), window arrangement, and shape of the house are Georgian, however, the windows all have 1865 vintage drip moldings. There is a Palladian window that breaks the Victorian cornice similar to the one on the garden front of the Ridout House. Extensive research should be done on this house; in the meantime 184 should most definitely be preserved.

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

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

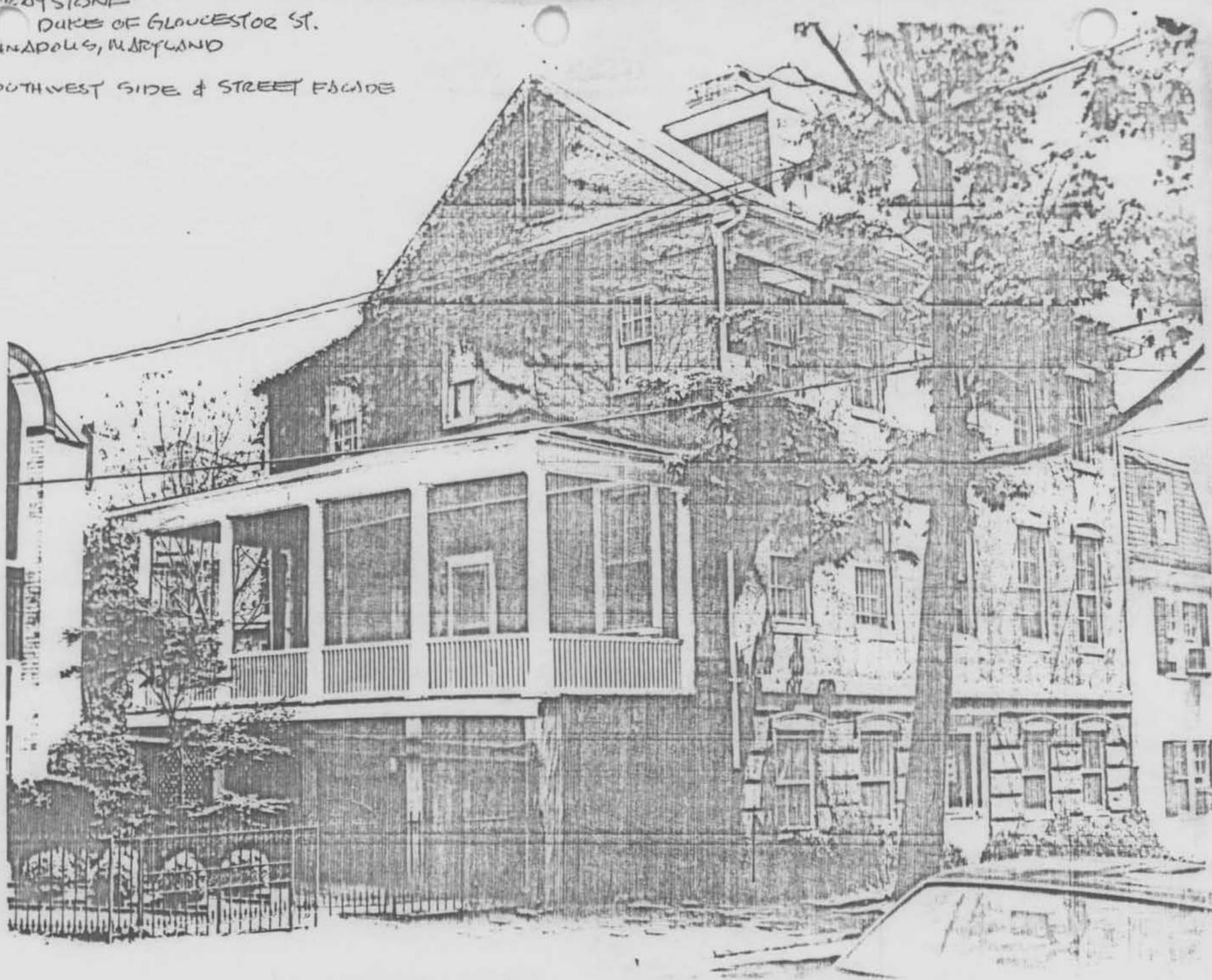
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
William D. Morgan
Columbia University
New York City

DATE OF RECORD August 9, 1967

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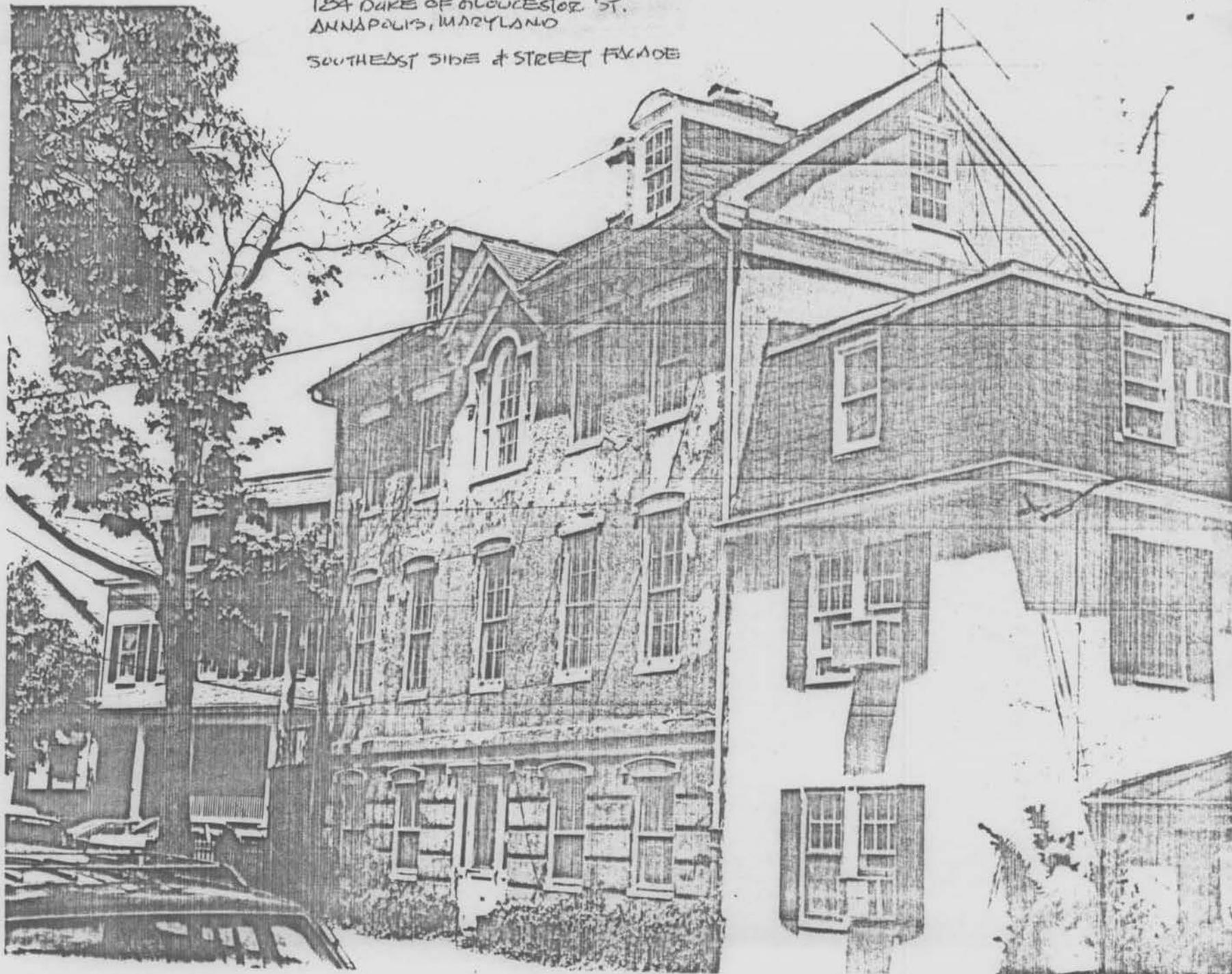
SOUTHWEST SIDE & STREET ESCAPE



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SOUTHEAST SIDE & STREET FACADE



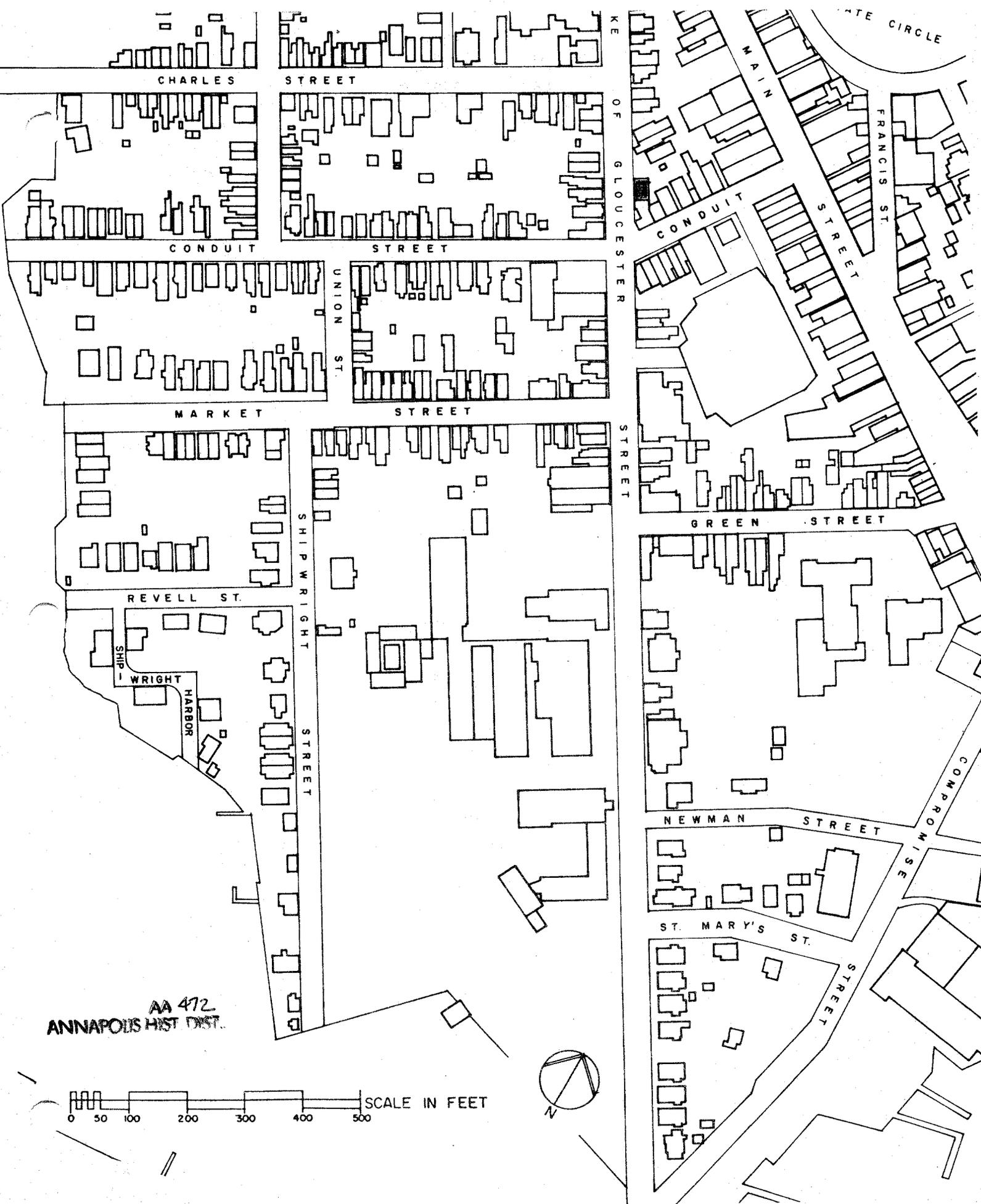
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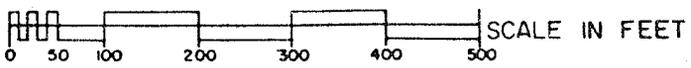
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