

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling
55 East Street
AA-486

The Italianate-style Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling at 55 East Street was built between 1864 and 1878. The building is located on part of a large tract of land that was owned by Charles Carroll of Carrollton in the 1770s, and subdivided and developed by him in the early 19th century. Historically serving dual uses as a grocery store and dwelling, the building is used today exclusively as a single-family dwelling. The Italianate building stands as an excellent example of its type and style and is important for its architectural and cultural contribution to the Annapolis Historic District.

The Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling is a horizontally-massed, two-story, four-bay frame building designed in an Italianate style. It is distinguished from the other buildings on East Street by its angled orientation to the street and its Italianate-style detailing, including a bracketed wood cornice and chamfered window and door lintels.

In 1864, the property was purchased by Charles H. Russell and the present building on the site erected as a store and dwelling. Russell opened a retail grocery on the first floor of the building, while residing on the second floor with his large family. Between the years 1919 and 1921, the building was apparently renovated and converted it into a single dwelling by Andrew J. and Mary F. Stinchcomb.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 55 East Street not for publication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>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u>2</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: Commerce/Trade Sub: Specialty Store
Domestic 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)

Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
roof Asphalt Shingles
walls Stucco
other Vinyl Siding

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

Period of Significance 1864-1878

Significant Dates 1864-1878

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation undefined

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Warfield, J.D. *The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland*. Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1990.

Maps and Drawings

Bird's Eye View of Annapolis, Edward Sachse, ca. 1858.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1885, 1891, 1896, 1897, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, 1954.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 2540 Square Feet

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

The building at 55 East Street is located on Parcel 1005 as designated on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building has been associated with Parcel 1005 since its construction in the years between 1864 and 1878.

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11. Form Prepared By
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12. Property Owner
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name Laura M. Simmons and Michael R. Roblyer, Trustees
street & number 55 East Street telephone _____
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
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The Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling was constructed in the years between 1864 and 1878.¹ It is a horizontally-massed, two-story, four-bay frame building designed in an Italianate style. Historically serving dual uses as a grocery store and dwelling, the building is today used solely as a single-family dwelling. It is distinguished from the other buildings on East Street by its angled orientation to the street and its Italianate-style detailing.

EXTERIOR

Set at a 90 degree angle to the street, the freestanding building is set back from the street with yards on three sides. The building faces directly to the northeast, with two rear ell additions which extend 75 feet southwest to Pinkney Street. The building was originally rectangular in plan, but the rear ell, added by 1885, gives the building its present L-shaped footprint.

Designed in an Italianate style, the two-story, four-bay, side-passage building is set upon a brick foundation and is covered with a gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles, and featuring an elegant projecting bracketed wood cornice with acorn drops. Of wood frame construction, the building is clad with a smooth stucco finish on the front elevation and vinyl siding on the remaining elevations.

The northeast facade of the building is currently fenestrated with a side-passage door and two window openings on the first story and four windows on the second story. This irregular alignment of windows, their architectural detailing, and the stucco finish of this front elevation suggest that the first story was altered by 1921, following the change in the structure's primary function. A storefront or show window which probably projected from the first story of the building was replaced by the present windows, built into the wall surface.

The first story side-passage entry, located at the eastern end of the facade, contains a single entry surrounded by the original and elegant three-light transom, side-lights, and side panels. The entry is finished with a chamfered lintel, similar to those found around the second story windows. The door itself is a 15-light

¹ In 1864, the property was conveyed unimproved to Charles H. Russell; however, by 1878 a building appears at the site, according to the G. M. Hopkin's Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1878, Plate of the City of Annapolis.

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wood replacement door. Next to the door are two single 2/2 windows. These windows have flat, plain capped lintels with square-edged surrounds which differ from the surrounds found around the entry door and second story windows.

The second story of the front elevation has four equally placed single window openings. Filled with 6/6 windows, the openings are finished with chamfered lintels, square-edged surrounds, and slightly projecting wood sills.

Directly above the second story windows rises the exuberant overhanging wood bracketed cornice. This cornice is ornamented with 15 equally spaced wood brackets, each decorated with acorn drops.

The northwest side elevation, extending approximately three bays, is covered with vinyl siding. The first story has a double 2/2 window and a single 2/2 window, each finished with square-edged surrounds. Located to the southwestern end of the elevation, on the second story, is a single 2/2 window with square-edged surrounds.

Obscured by the two-story rear ell, only one bay of the original portion of the southeast rear elevation is currently visible. The first story features an original single entry, containing an aluminum 9-light over two panel door. The door is encompassed by plywood that attempts to infill the original opening, which was possibly adorned by a transom. A single 6/6 window on the second story is symmetrically placed above the door.

The southeast side elevation of the original block of the building, clad in vinyl siding, has no openings on the first story and one single 6/6 window on the second story.

A two-story rear ell, added in the early 1880s, is constructed of brick, set upon a solid brick foundation, and is clad with vinyl siding. The sloped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a boxed cornice on the northwest elevation. The addition is two bays wide and four bays deep with a centrally placed brick chimney. A contemporary wood deck extends along the northwest elevation of the two story addition.

The northwest elevation of the addition has four 6/6 windows on

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both the first and second stories. The southwest rear elevation, visible only at the second story, has a single 6/6 window. The first story of the southeast side elevation has a three-light awning window and a square opening infilled with an air conditioning unit. The second story has a single 6/6 window located directly above the air conditioner opening.

A one-story open-porch, projecting from the rear of the two-story ell, was enclosed by 1908. The raised brick pier foundation was infilled with hollow tile and parged with concrete. The enclosed porch, one-bay deep and two-bays wide, is currently clad with vinyl siding and covered with a shed roof with standing seam metal. The northwest elevation features a single entry door, accessible from Pinkney Street by wooden stairs to a deck. The southwest elevation, fronting directly on Pinkney Street, has two single 2/2 windows with wide wood surrounds and molded lintel caps. The western bay of the elevation has a small rectangular window in the foundation wall. The southeast elevation has no openings.

Located in the western corner of the property is a one-story rock-faced concrete block garage that was constructed between 1921 and 1930. Covered by a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles, the garage is one bay wide and features an 18-panelled garage door. A single entry wood door is located on the northwest elevation.

INTERIOR

The interior of the Charles Russell Store and Dwelling appears to have been altered by 1921 following the change in the structure's primary function from store and dwelling to single-family dwelling. Though few structural changes were made, several walls were added, fireplace openings were enclosed and some of the mantels removed, and the quarter-flight stair located in the rear of the two-story addition was partially removed and sealed from view. Despite these alterations, American Victorian detailing predominates.

In plan, the original section of the side-passage building is two rooms deep and consists, on the first floor, of front and rear parlors with a side stair hall. The side entry hall, originally providing private access to the living space on the second story, extends the depth of the original building. A square entry vestibule was created by the present owner in the 1980s,

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establishing closet space to the northeast of the main entry. The slightly altered entry is finished with multi-beaded wood trim and baseblocks. A false brick veneer has been applied over the original flooring. Located in the southeast corner of the side hall is a grand dog-legged stair. The open stair is ornamented with a fancy-turned newel, wall stringer, open stringer brackets, and turned balusters. Padded wall-to-wall carpeting has been installed over the original wood floors, which are trimmed by an eight-inch high, ovolo-molded baseboard. The plaster ceiling is adorned with a simple, circular medallion made of plaster.

Two interior end chimneys were originally located on the northwest wall in both the front and rear parlors. The fireplace openings were enclosed and the original mantels removed. A wood burning stove was installed in the front parlor. The floors of the front parlor are made up of two-inch wide replacement floor boards, edged with cyma recta capped baseboards. The window and door openings are trimmed with multi-beaded surrounds mitered at the corners. The rear parlor has the same replacement wood floor as the front parlor, although it is edged with five-inch square-edged baseboards. While several of the door openings are finished with multi-beaded surrounds that are mitered, the opening leading to the two-story ell features the original square-edged lug trim. The four-panelled door found in this opening has a metal lockbox and knob.

The first floor of the two-story ell is two rooms deep with a central chimney. The first of the rooms is the dining room, which features an enclosed fireplace opening and mantel. The mantel consists of Doric order pilasters supporting a plain frieze and mantel shelf above. The window and door openings have multi-beaded surrounds. The carpeted floor is edged with three-inch high square-edged baseboards. A closet with louvered bi-fold doors has been added next to the mantel.

The rear room of the two-story ell contains the contemporary kitchen. The opening to the enclosed quarter-flight stair, originally located in the southern corner of the kitchen, has been sealed. The stairs, although removed at the second floor, are visible above the basement stairs, which are situated at the center of the southeast wall. The rear one-story addition serves as a pantry/mudroom and contains contemporary detailing.

The second floor of the original section of the building is two

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rooms deep with a side hall. Although altered by the addition of interior walls to create baths and closet space, the original plan is visible. Historically, the hall extended to the front bedroom, accentuated at the end by a curved wall. The entry doors into the bedrooms have been relocated to a centrally located small hall.

The front bedroom has a projecting chimney breast with an enclosed fireplace opening and mantel. The mantel is similar to the one in the dining room and features pilasters supporting a plain frieze board and mantel shelf. The large window openings along the northeast wall have reeded and concave pilaster surrounds. The large bathroom space was altered by the addition of a closet that extends the length of the room. The rear bedroom, similarly detailed, features a projecting chimney breast. The mantel and fireplace opening were removed.

The rear two-story ell is two rooms deep with a wide side hall. Featuring reeded and concave pilaster surrounds, the rooms are simply detailed. Closet space and a half-bath have been added to the rear bedroom. Any fireplace openings, if any did in fact exist, are concealed.

A crawl space is situated under the original portion of the building. The exposed wood floor joists of this portion have vertical saw marks. A full basement, with brick wall and a poured concrete floor, is found under the two-story ell. The one-story addition also has a full basement with hollow tile walls and a poured concrete floor.

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SITE HISTORY

The portion of property where 55 East Street stands was once part of a large parcel owned in the 1780s by Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Carroll began to subdivide and lease lots on his property. In 1772, he leased the property for 40 years to Charles Bryan, a shoemaker and innkeeper. When Bryan died in 1775, the executors of his estate sold the lease, valued at L80, to jeweller William Whetcroft.² Whetcroft immediately subleased the property to John Reas for seven years at an annual fee of L40. Two years after Reas' death, Whetcroft leased the "lot and dwelling houses" to Joseph Stevens, a storekeeper in partnership with Nielson³ on Duke of Gloucester Street. In 1782, the *Maryland Gazette* published an advertisement warning against vandalism to the house where Johnson lived or the adjacent gardens tended by Stevens himself. This indicates that Stevens leased the dwelling house to William Johnson prior to 1782.⁴

Stevens sold the lease "including tenements" to Allen Quynn in 1784.⁵ The following years, Quynn officially leased the property for 99 years directly from Charles Carroll.⁶ Carroll sued Quynn

² Liber IB 5 Folio 251

³ To date, no documentation has been discovered indicating the first name of Nielson.

⁴ *Maryland Gazette*. March 28, 1782.

⁵ Liber NH 2 Folio 17

⁶ Liber NH 11 Folio 341

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in 1787 for failure to pay ground rents for two years prior.⁷ By 1798, Quynn sold the lease to Thomas O'Conner with the agreement the O'Conner would pay the L20 annual rent, rendering Quynn "harmless from prosecution for the rent." The agreement was dissolved by 1801, forcing the estate of Quynn to pay L160 in back rent and surrender the lease to Carroll.⁸

PROPERTY HISTORY

Charles Carroll began to subdivide and lease the property in the early part of the 19th century. At that time, East Street existed only in part. A segment of the street ran from State Circle to its intersection with Fleet Street (approximately). The street resumed after Prince George Street and ran to King George Street. By 1820, the City of Annapolis decreed an "Act to Open and Extend East Street...and to close up that part of said street leading to Prince George Street." The property owners for that segment, Charles Carroll and Delilah Holland, were awarded damages for the confiscation of their unimproved property to extend East Street through to Prince George Street.⁹

According to the 1831 Real Property Assessments, Charles Carroll of Carrollton had four unimproved lots assessed at \$800 and three improved lots assessed at \$5,500 in the City of Annapolis. That same year, Carroll sold the portion of the property designated today as 55 East Street, measuring 43' by 109,' to John Randall. Randall, born in 1788, was a local merchant. As indicated by the 1860 Real and Personal Property Assessments, John and Eliza Randall were assessed for an unimproved lot on East Street and two houses on Carroll's Alley (now Pinkney Street).

BUILDING HISTORY

When Randall died in 1861, the estate was bequeathed to his wife,

⁷ Anna Arundel County Court, 1788, Folio 104.

⁸ Liber NH 11 Folio 341

⁹Annapolis Plats. "Report to the Committee on the Return of the Commissioners to Open East Street." (Maryland State Archives, March 27, 1820).

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Eliza Hodges Randall (1798-1881). Eliza Randall sold the unimproved lot in 1864 to Charles H. Russell.¹⁰ Born in 1830, Russell worked as a ticket agent for the Washington, Baltimore, Annapolis Railroad, and as judge for the Orphan's Court.

Following his purchase of the Randall property, Charles Russell erected the two-story frame building that currently stands at 55 East Street. Constructed between the years 1864 and 1878, the first floor of the building was used by Russell as a retail grocery, while the second floor provided living space for the large Russell family.

The construction of buildings serving this dual purpose of store and dwelling was a common phenomenon during the 19th century. While many of the combination store/dwellings were located along strictly commercial strips, such as Main Street in Annapolis, others were located in predominately residential neighborhoods to serve the local residents. These commercial buildings were often sited at strategic locations, such as corner lots and offered corner entries to the passersby. For this reason, these buildings are often referred to as "corner stores" even if they were not located on a corner. Architecturally, these commercial concerns blended in with the surrounding residential buildings with only corner entries or show windows providing telltale signs of their first floor commercial use. In Annapolis, corner stores in residential areas have been identified thus far in several locations: the Jacob Blum Store and Dwelling at 6-8 Fleet Street (AA-1265); the Roger Williams Barber Shop and Dwelling at 6-8 Cornhill Street (AA-38); the store and dwelling at 114 Conduit Street (AA-1697); and the Charles H. Russell Store and Dwelling at 55 Fleet Street (AA-46).

Thomas Sands sold Russell a triangular shaped piece of property to the northwest, thus expanding the already ample lot by an additional twelve feet.¹¹ The building, along with the grocery business, was sold by trustee Frank H. Stockett in 1894 to Mary

¹⁰ Liber NHG 12 Folio 353

¹¹ Liber SH 14 Folio 125

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Johnson.¹² Mary Slavin Johnson was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1846 and came to the United States in 1868.

As noted in the 1900 U.S. Census Records, the residence was leased to German-born George Engle and his family. Having immigrated to the United States in 1861, Engle served as a Marine at the Naval Academy. By 1910, Johnson and her second husband, Edward Quinlan, were living in the second floor of the building. Quinlan was born in England in 1845 and immigrated to the United States in 1870. In 1918, one year after the death of Mary Johnson in 1917, her children and Edmund Quinlan were unable to come to an agreement regarding the subdivision of the property, causing the estate to enter into Equity.¹³ Appointed by the courts, Nicholas Green sold the property to W. Meade Holladay.

William Meade Holladay, born in 1869, was the publisher for the *Anne Arundel Advertiser*, president of the State Capital Bank, and president of the school board, in addition to his duties as state delegate and Register of Wills. Holladay sold the property to Andrew J. and Mary F. Stinchcomb in 1919, after only one year of ownership. Andrew Stinchcomb (1861-1942) was a produce salesman at the city market. Between the years 1919 and 1921, as noted on the Sanborn maps, the building at 55 East Street was apparently renovated and converted it into a single dwelling by the Stinchcombs. However, the 1928-1929 city directory shows that the building was occupied by the grocery store of Edward and Tony Alvino. The discrepancy in the building's use may relate to the commercial use of the first floor and the domestic use of the second floor.

In 1923, the building was purchased by the Italian-born, Joseph and Amelia Tomaino who leased the building to Eddie J. Estess, an Officer at the Naval Academy. Sarah Eva Jarrell purchased the rental property in 1933. Mrs. Jarrell lived in the dwelling for over thirty years, while providing furnished rooms for out-of-town visitors. In 1958, Jarrell transferred ownership of the single dwelling to her children equally, although she continued to reside in the building. Following the death of Jarrell in 1967, the

¹² Liber SH 47 Folio 120

¹³ Equity Case 4313.

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building was sold to Frank and William Fuller. While owning an equal interest in the property, the Fullers leased it to Richard A. Hinton.

Following a few conveyances in the early 1970s, the single dwelling was purchased by Jefferson D. and Laura Simmons. Laura Simmons obtained sole ownership in 1988 and currently resides in the building.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
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
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Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title for 55 East Street:

1772: Charles Carroll of Carrollton leased to Charles Bryan for 40 years
Liber IB 3 Folio 230

1775: Charles Bryan's executors sold lease to William Whetcroft
Liber IB 5 Folio 250

1775: William Whetcroft leased to John Reas for 7 years
Liber IB 5 Folio 251

1777: Whetcroft leased to John Stevens
Liber DD 6 Folio 258

1784: John Stevens sold lease to Allen Quynn
Liber NH 2 Folio 17

1785: Allen Quynn leased directly from Charles Carroll for 99 years
Liber NH 11 Folio 341

1798: Allen Quynn sold lease to Thomas O'Conner

1799: Thomas O'Conner returned lease to Charles Carroll

December 8, 1831: Charles Carroll sold to John Randall
Parcel 1: measuring 43' by 109'
Liber WSG 16 Folio 531

October 16, 1837: Washington Sands to Thomas Sands
Parcel 2: south side of East Street,
12'5"
Liber NHG 22 Folio 234

February 7, 1861: John Randall willed to wife Eliza Randall
Parcel 1: measuring 43' by 109'
Will Liber BEG 1 Folio 455

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May 11, 1864: Eliza Randall to Charles H. Russell
Parcel 1: measuring 43' by 109'
Liber NHG 12 Folio 353

April 12, 1879: Thomas Sands to Charles H. Russell
Parcel 2: south side of East Street,
12'5"
Liber SH 14 Folio 125

May 16, 1894: Frank H. Stockett, Trustee for Charles H.
Russell, to Mary Johnson
Containing both parcels
Liber SH 47 Folio 120

September 19, 1918: Nicholas H. Green, Trustee appointed to
sell by the heirs of Mary Johnson, to W.
Meade Holliday
Equity Case 4313: Thomas Johnson, et al,
versus James Johnson, et al
Liber GW 149 Folio 346

September 3, 1919: W. Meade Holliday, widower, to Andrew J.
and Mary F. Stinchcomb
Liber WNW 12 Folio 255

November 26, 1923: Andrew J. and Mary F. Stinchcomb to
Joseph and Amelia Tomaino
Liber WNW 81 Folio 201

August 9, 1933: Joseph and Amelia Tomaino to S. Eva
Jarrell
Liber FSR 112 Folio 308

April 30, 1958: S. Eva Jarrell, widow, to her children
Liber GTC 1200 Folio 558

November 8, 1967: Addie Noble Travers, Orvill Travers,
Robert and Ray Jarrell, Miriam J. and
Page N. Riddleberger, Alexander and
Elizabeth Jarrell and John Jarrell to
Frank E. and Townley S. Fuller and
William Lee and Ruby Fuller
Liber MSH 2120 Folio 575

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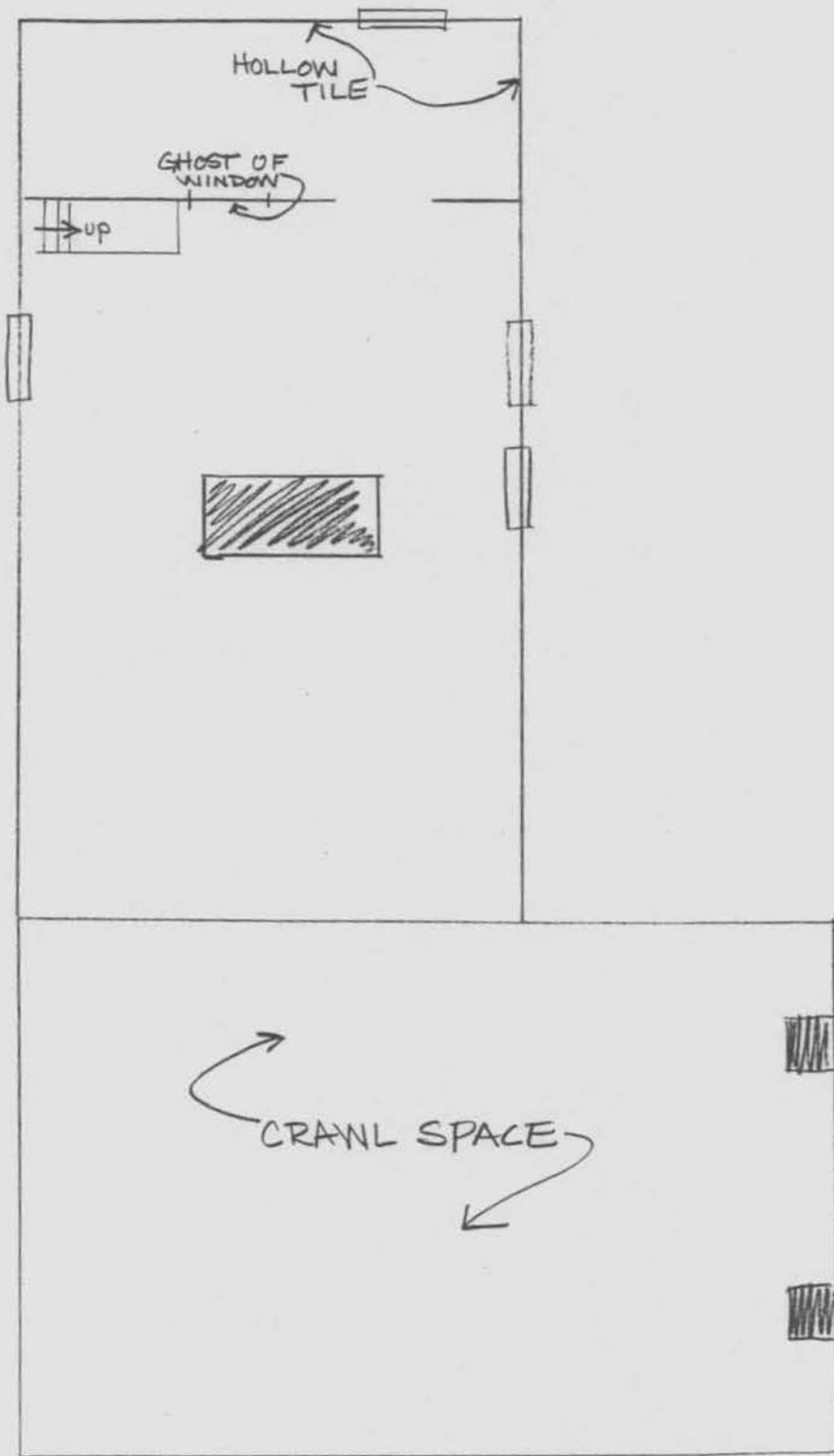
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November 13, 1970: Frank E. and Townley S. Fuller and
William Lee and Ruby Fuller to William E.
and Maureen T. Lamb
Liber MSH 2374 Folio 491

December 2, 1971: William E. and Maureen T. Lamb to Harlow
D. and Lillian Osborne
Liber MSH 2454 Folio 675

October 21, 1976: Harlow D. and Lillian Osborne to
Jefferson D. and Laura M. Simmons
Liber 2901 Folio 226

November 15, 1988: Jefferson D. Simmons to Laura M. Simmons
and Michael R. Roblyer, Trustees
Liber 4813 Folio 421

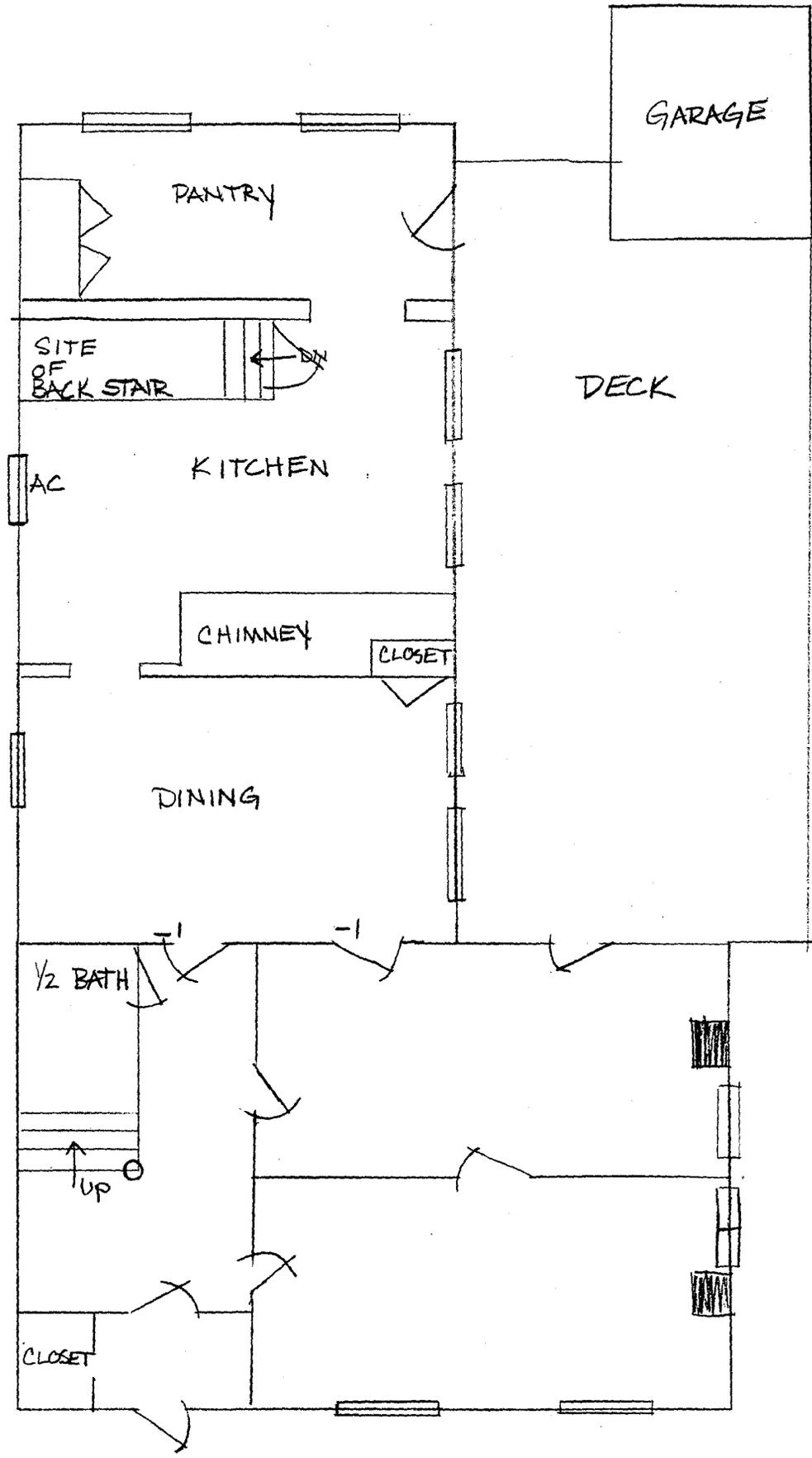


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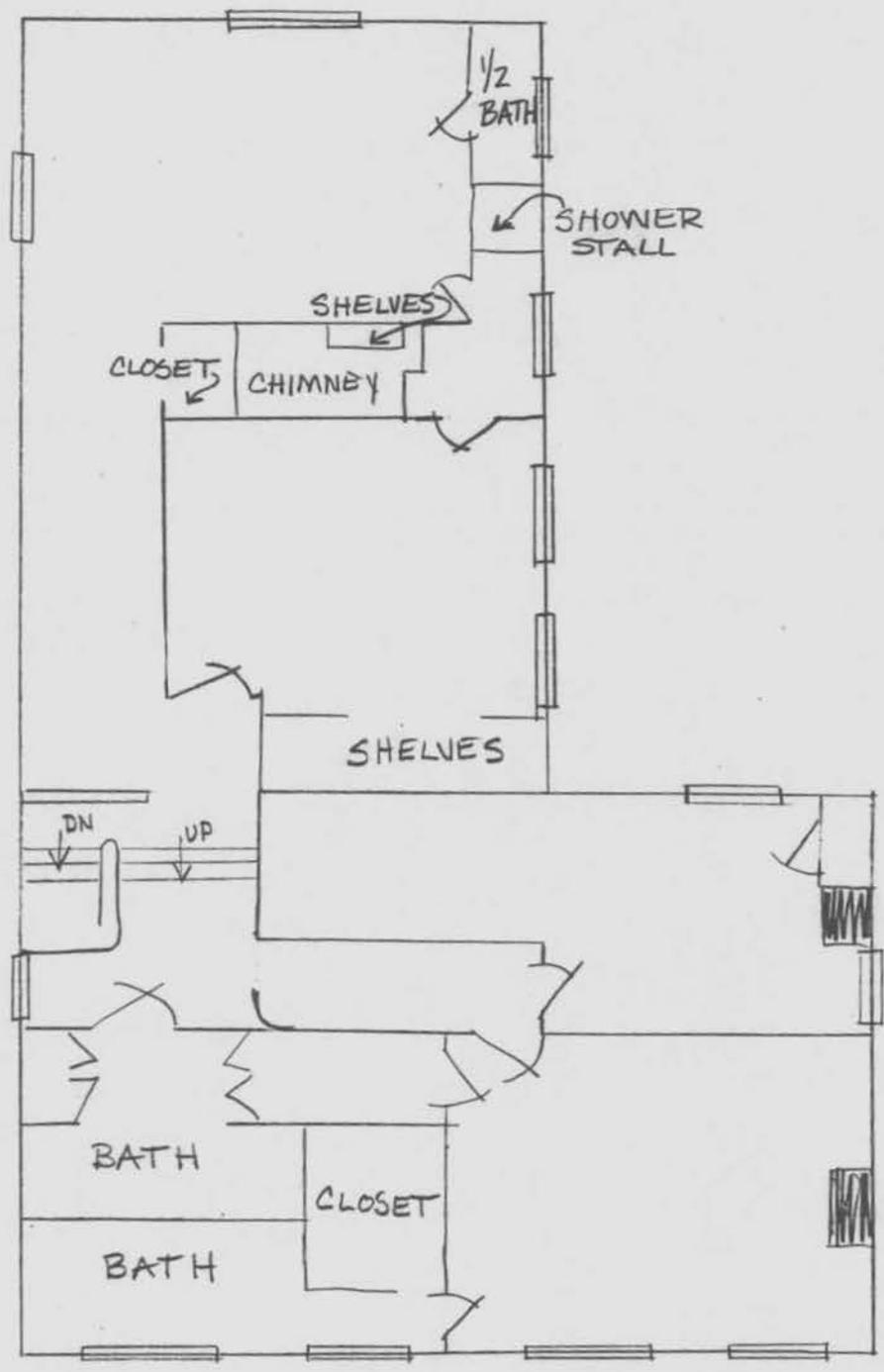
BASEMENT

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55 EAST STREET
FIRST FLOOR

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NORTH
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NORTH

55 EAST STREET

SECOND FLOOR

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GARAGE AND REAR ADDITION,
VIEW LOOKING NORTH
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SW ELEVATION OF REAR ADDITIONS, LOOKING NE

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SOUTH ELEVATION OF MAIN BLOCK
AND NW ELEVATION OF REAR
ADDITION, LOOKING NE
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FIRST FLOOR, MAIN ENTRY, VIEW
LOOKING, NORTHEAST

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SECOND FLOOR, CHIMNEY BREAST,

VIEW LOOKING WEST

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FIRST FLOOR MANTEL, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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FIRST FLOOR DOOR, VIEW

LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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FIRST FLOOR STAIR, VIEW LOOKING
SOUTH

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SECOND FLOOR, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

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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: AA 486
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: Apartments
ORIGINAL USE: SF Res
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Victorian on Greek Revival
DATE BUILT: mid 19th C. Altered

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 55-57 East Street
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 516
OWNER: Jefferson D. & Laura Simmons ADDRESS: 55 East Street 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 (X)
 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 (X) Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
 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 () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () 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
 Number of Bays: 4 Entrance Location: Left
 Approximate Dimensions: 28 x 80

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:

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Bracketed cornice; triangular window caps at second floor, flat molded lintels at first triangular cap at transom and sidelit entrance.

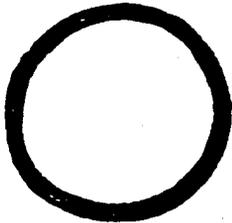
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Sited at an angle to East Street, house is a good example of Victorianized Greek Revival, valuable as a type and important to the streetscape.

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

Form 10-445
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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 55 East Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT OWNER Eva Janell (for sale) PRESENT USE residence WALL CONSTRUCTION stucco NO. OF STORIES two	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD Mid 19th C. STYLE Victorianized Greek ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

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

55 East Street faces the street diagonally to the street line, but in addition to visual effect, the house is rather fine architecturally. 2nd storey windows are (6/6) shuttered and have pointed molded caps. 1st storey windows have straight cap lintels and 2/2 windows. The cornice has elaborate brackets, each with pendants - very fine. House needs some work but worth it - attractive, unique situation on lot.

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

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

fair



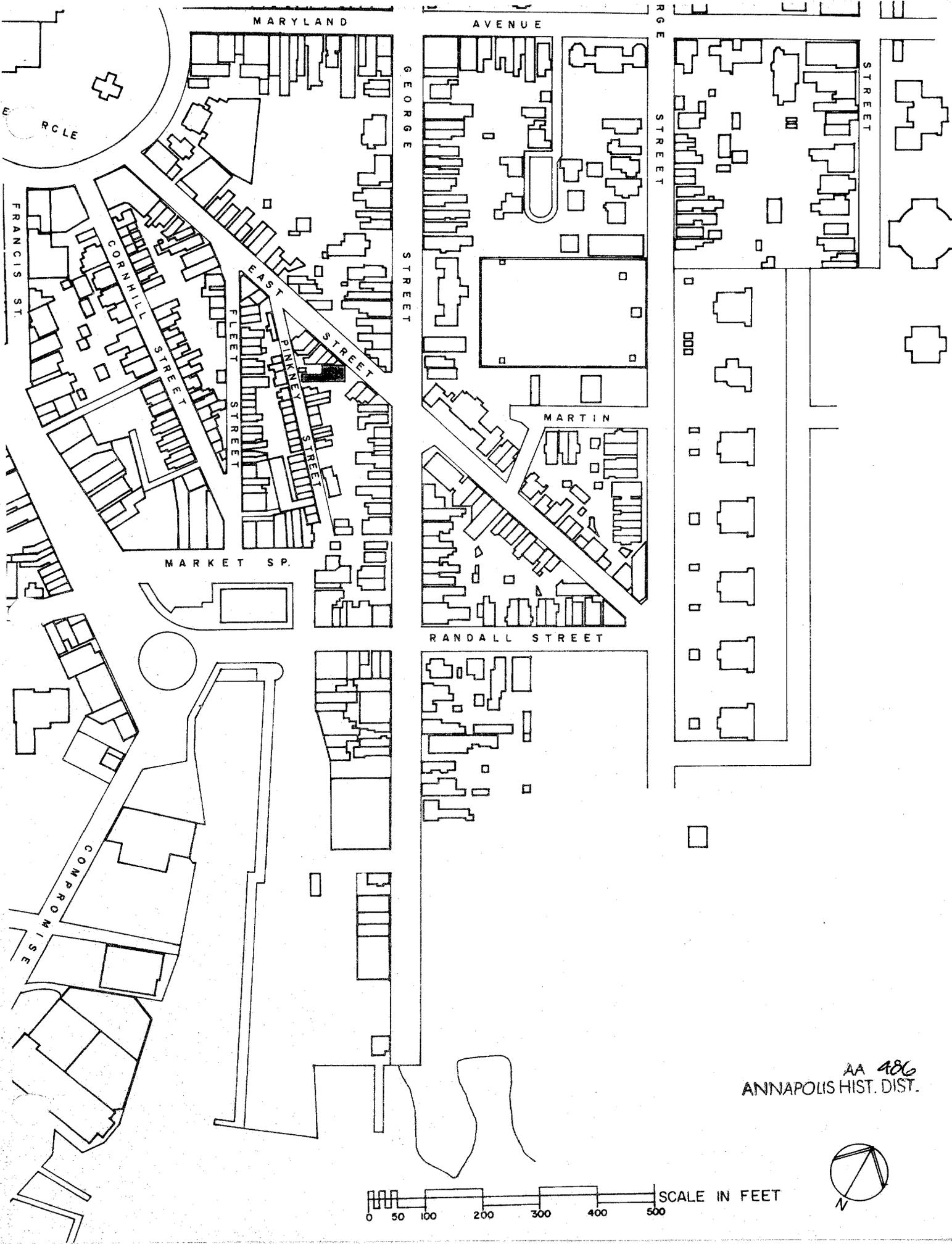
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

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 16, 1967



MARYLAND

AVENUE

GEORGE STREET

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STREET

CORNHILL STREET

EAST STREET

FLEET STREET

PINNEY STREET

MARKET SP.

MARTIN

RANDALL STREET

FRANCIS ST.

COMPRISE

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SCALE IN FEET
0 50 100 200 300 400 500





55-57 East

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

NW Elevation/camera facing SE

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