

CAPSULE SUMMARY

AA-502

Admiral Harry Knox House

61 Franklin Street

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

1908

Private

The building at 61 Franklin Street was constructed in 1908 for Rear Admiral Harry Knox after his retirement from the United State Navy. The property historically was part of a two-acre estate improved by a late 18th century dwelling that was owned by John Gwinn and then James Shaw Franklin, neither of whom occupied this original three-story building. By the latter part of the 19th century, the property was subdivided and individual lots offered for sale by trustees for the Franklin family. One of the last improvements on this portion of the two-acre parcel along Franklin Street was the imposing Shingle-style wood frame building at 61 Franklin Street. The house, occupied for thirty-six years by Harry and Mary Knox, was sold in 1944 to Judge William McWilliams, who raised ten children in the single-family dwelling that has had only three owners since its construction.

Designed in the Shingle Style, the two-and-a-half-story structure is constructed of wood frame clad in wood shingles and is covered with a character-defining gambrel roof, clad with a combination of wood and asphalt shingles (asphalt on the top slopes, wood on the sides). The gambrel roof features two brick chimneys on the end walls and an interior chimney, and two shed roof dormers on each of the sides of the roof. The house is sited with its end wall facing the street, with the brick end chimney on center. The principal entry is recessed into an integrated porch at the north corner of the house. A one-story open porch on the southwestern corner of the house was converted into an enclosed "sunroom," but retains the original footprint, roof and walls.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Admiral Harry Knox House (preferred); Judge William McWilliams House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 61 Franklin Street ___ not for publication

city, town Annapolis ___ vicinity

county Anne Arundel County

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

name Paula A. and Mohammad A. Sedghi

street and number 61 Franklin Street telephone _____

city, town Annapolis state Maryland zip code 21401-2723

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 9803 folio 454

city, town Annapolis tax map 4Z tax parcel 371 tax ID number 05369000

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- X Contributing Resource in National Register District
- X Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- _____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- _____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- _____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- _____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- _____ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ district	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ public	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>X</u> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ structure	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ both	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ defense	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>X</u> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ object		<input type="checkbox"/> _____ education	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____ funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____ government	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____ health care	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____ industry	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The single-family dwelling at 61 Franklin Street, constructed in 1908, sits upon a steep hill above Franklin Street overlooking Spa Creek. Designed in the Shingle Style, the two-and-a-half-story structure is constructed of wood frame clad in wood shingles and is covered with a character-defining gambrel roof, clad with a combination of wood and asphalt shingles (asphalt on the top slopes, wood on the sides). The gambrel roof features two brick chimneys on the end walls and an interior chimney, and two shed roof dormers on each of the sides of the roof. The house is sited with its end wall facing the street, with the brick end chimney on center. The principal entry is recessed into an integrated porch at the north corner of the house. A one-story open porch on the southwestern corner of the house was converted into an enclosed "sunroom," but retains the original footprint, roof and walls.

Exterior Description:

The southeast elevation facing Franklin Street is the two-bay-wide gambrel-roofed end wall of the house. The elevation features a brick chimney on center of the wall, with a variety of windows flanking the chimneystack on all floors. The chimney itself is laid in Flemish bond and has rusticated stone shouldering. The chimney cap has been rebuilt from a point below the roofline, clearly discernible in terms of brickwork and mortar color.

On the first story, semi-polygonal projecting bays with multi-paned oriel windows atop shingled bases are located to either side of the central chimney. These partial bays have a single canted side wall of multi-paned windows, and a principal, multi-paned window surface. Rather than terminating with another canted wall of windows, the oriel unexpectedly abuts the side wall of the chimney. To the right of the oriel on the right side of the chimney, is an open entry porch, integrated under the gambrel roof, and leading to a recessed entry door. To the left of the oriel on the left side of the chimney is a door next to which is the enclosed porch wing, projecting off of the southwestern elevation of the house. This porch wing is covered with a gable roof, clad with asphalt shingles, and has wood shingled wall surfaces with large banks of plate glass windows filling in what had originally probably been screened.

The first-story windows fit snugly under an extended eave of the gambrel roof, created by a kick in the gambrel. On the second story, two single 6/3 wood windows with narrow molded trim flank the chimney. Small narrow 6/3 windows to either side of the brick shaft light the attic level.

The southwest side elevation of the house is asymmetrical both in terms of massing and fenestration. The western corner of the elevation has been cut away, such that only three of the four bays are covered by the gambrel roof, and the fourth bay terminates in a gable. This detail, which provides for a small corner courtyard area, gives the building its L-shaped footprint. The three bays of the gambrel-roofed section are defined on the first story by what appears to be a bank of 1/1-replacement windows, and on the second story by 6/3 shed dormers in the gambrel roof. A brick chimney stack rises above the dormers on center of the gambrel roof. The western end bay has a single window in the first story and no opening above. The end wall of the gambrel-roof section has a single 6/3 window on both stories.

The truncated northwest end wall of the house features a half-gambrel/half-gable roofline, with a brick end chimney at the ridge line. A small, one-story porch wing projects off this end wall. Single 6/3 windows are located on all three floors on either side of the chimney.

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The northeast elevation is five bays long, with four of the bays encompassed under the gambrel roof, and one formed by the gable-roofed extension. The first story has single 6/3 windows cut into the otherwise shingled wall surface, while the second story (in the gambrel) consists of a large central shed dormer with four single windows, flanked by two shingle shed dormers. All of the dormer windows have 6/3 sash.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1908-1944 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1908

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Property History

The building at 61 Franklin Street is located on Lot 62, which was originally owned by J. Sampson. After Sampson's death, Sarah Paul received title to the land, which she sold to Samuel Ogle in 1740. Ogle, who was appointed to a third non-consecutive term as governor of Maryland, lived in a large dwelling at 247-251 King George Street (AA-539). The governor died in office in 1752, bequeathing his Annapolis personal property to his wife, Anne Tasker Ogle. Anne Ogle, retaining full title to the property on King George Street, did not claim right to the Cathedral Street property denoted as Lot 62. Rather, as documented by the Hemphill Notes, Daniel Dulaney of Daniel eventually obtained ownership to the property. Daniel Dulaney of Walter owned the adjoining Lots 63 and 64.

In 1781, Samuel Chase purchased Lots 62, 63 and 64. The sale to Chase was not completed, because the American government had confiscated the property during the Revolutionary War. Accordingly, in 1791, the court ordered the lots be resold. William Bayly, who was appointed by the court, assigned the rights to the property to John Gwinn in 1794. Gwinn was charged in 1798 with a wood frame dwelling on Southwest Street that was leased to Elizabeth Nowels and a second dwelling with outbuildings on two acres at an unspecified location that is believed to be the Cathedral Street property. Further, the Federal Direct Tax of 1798 recorded that Gwinn lived in a brick dwelling on Church Street (now Main Street) that was owned by James H. Stone.

The property at Cathedral Street, which extended southward to Second Street (now City Gate Lane), included an imposing late 18th century dwelling, a stable, and several sheds. The wood frame building was located in the northern corner of the property (present site of 1-7 Dean Street), closer to Cathedral Street, but facing Franklin Street. It stood three stories in height, augmented by a one-story wood frame wing with porch, a one-and-a-half-story wood frame addition, and a brick addition. The two-and-a-half-story, rectangular brick addition with overhanging cornice stood along Cathedral Street. Visible on the 1858 Sachse *Birds Eye View of the City of Annapolis*, the building was five bays wide and crowned by a steeply pitched side gable roof with interior end chimneys. A long straight drive extended from the facade of the building to Franklin Street. It was flanked by two freestanding buildings of wood frame with side gable roofs. The original use of the two-story buildings is not known, although the 1885 Sanborn Maps indicated they were later used as single-family dwellings.

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John Gwinn died in 1809 and the heirs offered the property at Cathedral Street and what is now Franklin Street for sale. The advertisement in the *Maryland Gazette* described the property as having two enclosures with a stable, dwelling, carriage house, gardens, and orchard.¹ Eventually, in 1823, Gwinn's heirs sold Lots 62, 63, and 64 to Ninian Pinkney for \$847. Pinkney, born in 1771, was educated at St. John's College and worked as clerk for the Executive Council for thirty years. James Miller purchased the property from Ninian Pinkney in 1839. In 1844, James Iglehart, who had been appointed trustee and charged with selling the property of James Miller, sold the land with improvements. Richard J. Cowman, the son of Thomas Cowman and Henrietta Harwood, purchased the property with its imposing Federal-style dwelling. Originally from Ireland, the Cowman family, which included three sons, lived in the late-18th-century dwelling.

In April 1867, the heirs of Richard J. Cowman conveyed title of the property to James Shaw Franklin for \$3,350. Franklin, the son of Thomas Franklin (a cashier with the Farmers National Bank), was born in December 1827. James Franklin graduated from St. John's College in 1847, and went on to become State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County sometime prior to 1853. He eventually served as clerk of the Court of Appeals. Descendants of cabinetmaker John Shaw, the Franklin family owned and occupied the imposing dwelling at 21 State Circle (AA-689) throughout the 19th century. Additionally, Franklin had a one-story wood frame law office constructed in the 1850s at 17 State Circle (AA-688).

James Shaw Franklin lived in the family home at 21 State Circle, leasing the dwelling at Cathedral Street and Bishop Street (now Franklin Street). The *Hopkins Map* of 1878 supports the deeds in documenting that the Honorable James S. Franklin did own the property. Census records from 1880 indicate the Cowman family continued to reside on Cathedral Street, possibly renting their former home, after selling the property.² The Sanborn Maps for 1885 and 1891 indicate the land surrounding the house, prior to the laying of Acton Lane by 1897, was used as cultivated farmland.

After James Shaw Franklin's death in 1881, the court assessed the property at Franklin and Cathedral Streets. Franklin's will indicated this property was to be bequeathed to his sister, Anne Franklin, for life with the remainder in fee to be granted to his nieces and nephews. The will was disputed and resulted in a drawn out court battle (Equity 1189: Franklin versus Franklin). Accordingly, J. Wirt Randall was appointed trustee in 1887. The dispute continued well into the 20th century and, with the 1901 death of Anne Franklin, the court requested the trust be continued under the direction of Randall. The late-18th-century dwelling, which had continued to be used as rental property by the Franklin family until it was sold, was razed between 1903 and 1908. The building had been located at what is today 1-3-5-7 Dean Street, where two twin dwellings stood by 1908. Ultimately, decades before the equity was settled in 1936, Randall began to partition the estate at Franklin and Cathedral Streets and convey the lots individually.

Building History

Lots 5 and 6 were among the first lots sold by J. Wirt Randall on Franklin Street between Cathedral Street and Shaw Street. They were purchased by Annie M. and William Kershaw in June 1901. Annie M. Wiegand Kershaw was born in 1852 and married Kershaw in 1894. William F. Kershaw was born in Fairport, New York in 1864 and worked as a saloonkeeper on College Avenue.

¹ *Maryland Gazette*, June 12, 1811.

² House numbers changed a number of times on Cathedral Street during this period. Further, the house numbers used by the census takers in 1880 do not correspond with those on the Sanborn Maps, rendering it difficult to determine who was living in the late 18th century dwelling at this time. The Cowman family is noted at 18 Cathedral Street, a house number that does not exist on the 1885/1891/1897 Sanborn Maps. However, the late 18th century dwelling is noted on the maps as 20 Cathedral Street, a house number that is not registered in the 1880 census.

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In September 1908, the Kershaws sold the unimproved property on Franklin Street to Rear Admiral Harry Knox. Born in Ohio, Knox was a graduate the United States Naval Academy (class of 1867). He married Mary Gard in 1875. Upon retiring from the Navy in 1905, Knox settled with his family in Annapolis and commissioned the construction of the Shingle-style dwelling at 61 Franklin Street. In 1908, Knox was assessed for a wood frame house (\$7,570) and one lot (\$1,125). The 1908 Sanborn Maps indicate the wood frame building, which overlooked Spa Creek to the southeast, stood two stories in height and had a rectangular plan. The recessed entry was accessed by a one-story open portico on the east corner, which was balanced by a one-story open porch on the south corner. A one-story open porch extended along the northern end of the rear elevation.

Knox lived in the dwelling with his wife until his death in August 1923. He died while enroute to St. Louis from Greenville, Ohio, on a train. Although widowed, Mary Gard Knox remained in the single-family dwelling until her own death in June 1943. Mary Knox's will devised the property at 61 Franklin Street to her only child, Harry Gard Knox. Born in 1885, Knox also graduated from the United States Naval Academy (class of 1906) and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (class of 1911). Knox resigned his commission as commander in 1920. One year after receiving ownership of 61 Franklin Street, Knox sold the property to Nancy L. and William J. McWilliams in 1944.

William James McWilliams, born in 1904 in Hudson, New York, graduated from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1926 and the University of Maryland Law School in 1930. A prominent citizen of Annapolis, McWilliams served as city counselor from 1935 to 1937, Secretary of State for Maryland from 1943 to 1945, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court and Associate Judge for the Court of Appeals. He was chairman of the Selective Service Board from 1942 to 1947, served on the Maryland Constitutional Convention Commission in 1967, and was president of the board of Anne Arundel General Hospital from 1958 to 1964.³ Together with his first wife, Helen C.A. Disharon of Charleston, WV, McWilliams had three children. After the 1939 death of his wife, McWilliams married Nancy Butler Leighton of Ardsley, New York in 1940. William and Nancy McWilliams raised their six children in the dwelling at 61 Franklin Street. Judge McWilliams died in March 1998, devising his property equally among his ten children. The heirs sold the property in May 2000 to the present owners, Mohammad A. and Paula A. Sedghi.

Chain of Title

1740:	Sarah Paul, heir of J. Sampson to Samuel Ogle Provincial Court Deed Liber RB 1 Folio 80 Samuel Ogle to Walter Dulaney and Daniel Dulaney
1781:	Estate of Daniel Dulaney of Walter and Daniel Dulaney of Daniel to Samuel Chase Sale of Property Confiscated by Government
1791:	William Campbell, agent, to William Bayly after voiding of previous sale to Chase
1793:	William Bayly to John Gwinn Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber NH 7 Folio 91

³ Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr., "In memoriam: Judge William J. McWilliams," *The Barrister*, April 1998. Down loaded from the internet (www.aabar.org/barrister_newsletter/1998%20Newsletters/april%201998.htm).

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- 1823: Heirs of John Gwinn to Ninian Pinkney
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 9 Folio 584
- March 25, 1839: Ninian Pinkney, with Somerville Pinkney as Trustee, to James Miller
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 23 Folio 598
- July 10, 1844: James Iglehart, Trustee for James Miller, to Richard J. Cowman
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 27 Folio 384
- August 1854: Richard J. Cowman bequeathed to Harriet, Frederick, Richard II, and Edward
- April 16, 1867: Frederick Cowman and Rosa Cowman, Harriet Cowman, Edward Cowman, and Richard Cowman, II to James S. Franklin
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GEG 3 Folio 26
- June 25, 1901: James S. Franklin Trustees under Equity Case 1189 (Franklin versus Franklin) to Anne M. Kershaw
Lots 5 and ½ of 6
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 21 Folio 265
- February 28, 1906: Commander Austin M. Knight to Admiral Harry Gard Knox
Lot fronting Dean Street
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 48 Folio 131
- September 23, 1908: Anna M. and William T. Kershaw to Admiral Harry Knox
Lot fronting Franklin Street
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber GW 63 Folio 179
- August 29, 1923: Admiral Harry Knox devised to wife, Mary Gard Knox
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber OBD 3 Folio 290
- June 26, 1943: Mary Gard Knox devised to son, Harry Gard Knox
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber RGP 1 Folio 418

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May 6, 1944: Harry Gard Knox to Nancy L. McWilliams and William J. McWilliams, Sr.
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber JHH 307 Folio 81

June 2, 2000: William J. McWilliams and Hugh L. McWilliams, representatives for William J. McWilliams, Sr. (estate
number 41553), to Mohammad A. and Paula A. Sedghi
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber 9803 Folio 454

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Melvin, Jr., Ridgely P., "In memoriam: Judge William J. McWilliams," *The Barrister*, April 1998. Downloaded from the internet (www.aabar.org/barrister_newsletter/1998%20Newsletters/april%201998.htm).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 Acre
Quadrangle name Annapolis

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 61 Franklin Street has been associated with Parcel 371 as denoted on Map 4Z Grid 15 since its construction in 1908.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Laura Trieschmann and Kim Williams, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	April 28, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

MAP OF ANNAPOLIS, No.4-6
Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
1967; Revised 1991
Scale 1' = 200'



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61 FRANKLIN STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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SE ELEVATION, LOOKING NW

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61 FRANKLIN STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
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NE ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH

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61 FRANKLIN STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

WEST CORNER, LOOKING EAST

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TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

NW ELEVATION, LOOKING SE

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61 FRANKLIN STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

SOUTH CORNER LOOKING NORTH

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61 Franklin Street
Annapolis
Private

c.1908-13

An excellent American Queen Anne-Shingle Style house, 61 Franklin Street is two and one-half stories high, two by four bays and is basically rectangular in plan, 40' x 50'. The large gambrel roof faces the street, with a brick exterior chimney separating the facade into two equal parts, each with a small 6/1 window in the attic level, a large 6/6 window at the second floor, and a three part projecting bay unit consisting of triple 9/9 sash. There is an entrance at the left corner of the front facade, and an enclosed porch appended to this area, possibly original. The gambrel roof extends over the first floor at the right side, with an open porch occupying the first bay. The eaves line of the gambrel is expressed at the front facade through the use of a pent roof as a hood over the first floor. The side elevations have shed dormers, one 6/6 sash in the end bays, triple sash in the center bay. The frame on brick foundation structure is shingled, walls and roof.

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 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA-502

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: SF Res

ORIGINAL USE: SF Res

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (X) Good ()

Fair () Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE: Shingle

DATE BUILT: 1908-1913

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION: 61 Franklin Street

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 30 Par 574

OWNER: Nancy L. & Wm. J. McWilliams

ADDRESS: 61 Franklin Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State (X) 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 (X) Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () 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 (X) Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

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

Wings (X) Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel (X) Jerkinhead ()

Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()

Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 2 x 4

Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 50

Entrance Location: Right side elevation

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Broad gambrel roof to the street with massive central chimney flanked by single windows at the second and attic levels and by three part 9/9 bay windows at the first; side elevations have shed roof dormers. Entrance is inset at right under the bell cast lower part of the roof that returns across the end wall; excellent use of materials; wing to left in scale and is compatible.

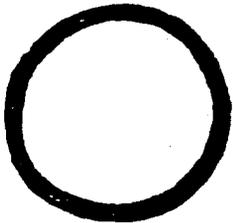
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Excellent example of American Shingle style of great importance to the city; with double Shingle style residence to east creates one of the more important streetscapes in Annapolis,

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

DATA SHEET: ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

Site: 61 Franklin Street

Tax Map 30 parcel 574

Deed Reference (current/82): JHH 307:81 (1944)

Fabric:
Height:
Outbuildings:

Beard Lot # (if known):
Stoddert Lot #: _____
property owner at time of Stodert survey:

1798 Federal Direct Tax:

Appears on:

- Sachse print (1860) _____
- Hopkins Atlas (1878) _____
- 1885 Sanborn _____
- 1891 Sanborn _____
- 1897 Sanborn _____
- 1903 Sanborn _____
- 1908 Sanborn _____
- 1913 Sanborn _____
- 1921 Sanborn _____
- 1930 Sanborn _____
- Other _____

Specify _____

Chancery or Equity Cases: Equity 1189 Franklin vs Franklin

Real Estate Advertisements:

Plats:

1939 City Directory: Mrs. Mary G. Knox

Inventories of improved premises: RAdm Harry Knox

first owner of improved property: RAdm Harry Knox

Date of construction: 1906

Notes: William J. McWilliams is an Associate Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals

CHAIN OF TITLE:

Note: This is part of the James Shaw Franklin property left to Mr. Franklin's sister Anne for her lifetime and then to his nieces and nephews

GW 25: 428 (8/7/1902) J. Wirt Randall, Trustee, to Elizabeth H. Knight this is in resolution of Equity #1189 instituted after the death of Anne Franklin

GW 48: 131 (2/28/1906) Commander Austin M. Knight and wife Elizabeth H. Knight to RAdm Harry Knox

will of Harry Knox (OBD 3:290; 9/29/1923) leaves property to wife Mary Gard Knox

will of Mary Gard Knox (RGP 1:418; 6/26/1943) leaves property to Harry Gard Knox

JHH 307:81 (5/6/1944) Harry Gard Knox to Nancy L. and William J. McWilliams

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 61 Franklin Street	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
ORIGINAL OWNER REAR ADM HARRY KNOX, USN ORIGINAL USE residence <i>CLASS of 1867</i> PRESENT OWNER Wm. J. McWilliams PRESENT USE residence WALL CONSTRUCTION shingle NO. OF STORIES two plus attic	2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD c. 1880 built c 1903 STYLE Shingle Style ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

A magnificent house - and a very nice example of the American Shingle style. Basically a barn-like gambrel roof with end to the street - the street end does have small bell cast roof above first floor. A large, spacious, and gracious house, it has original shingling, woodwork, etc. Massive chimneys - the whole house puts forth a strong masculine air. Not only is the house important by itself, it is importantly located next to a shingle style house. A good example of one of America's best, and fastest disappearing styles.

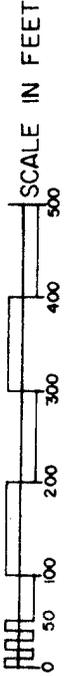


5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior good

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 June 26, 1967

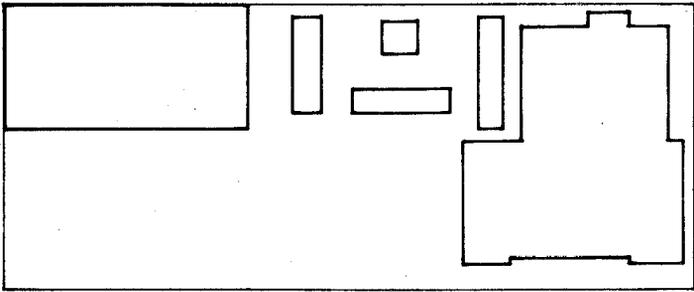
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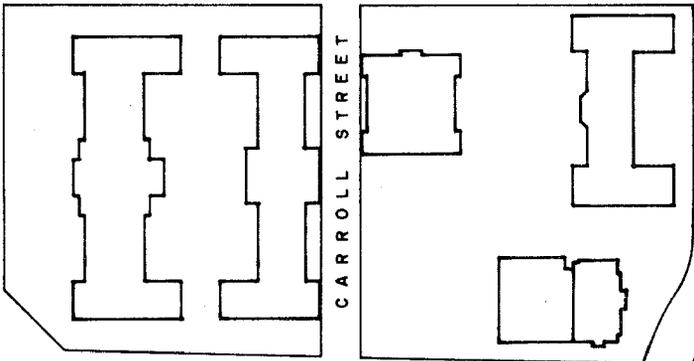


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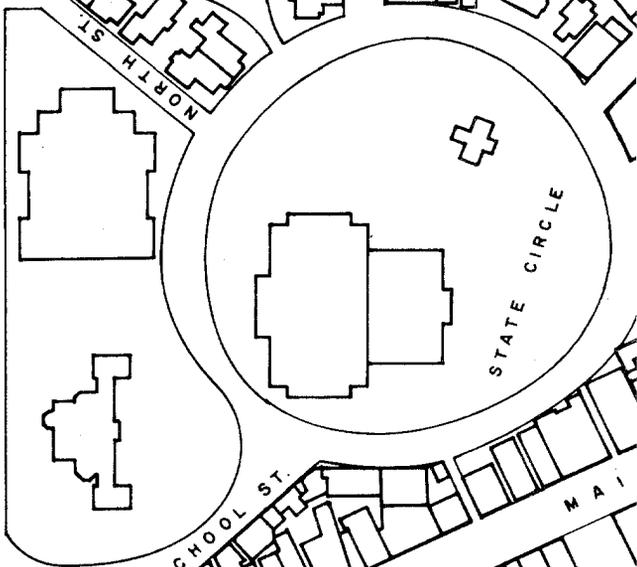
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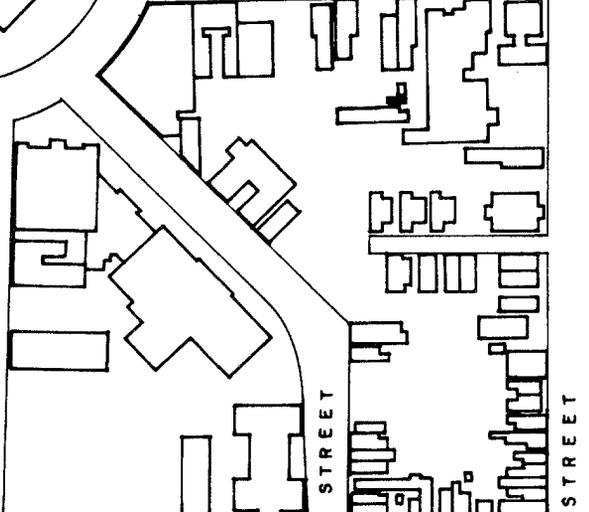
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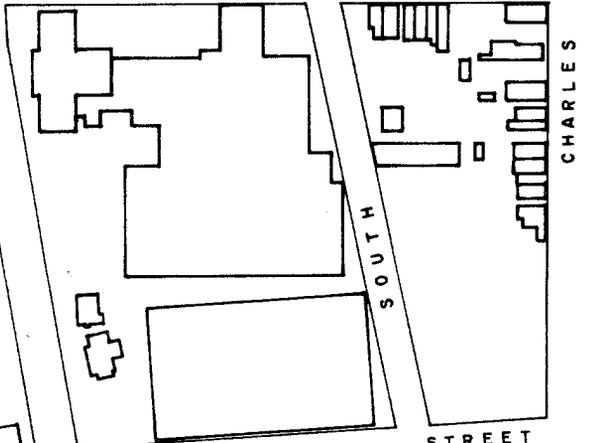
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SHAW DEAN STREET

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