

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 526</u>
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 ( ) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: Greek Revival
DATE BUILT: c 1840s

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 237 Hanover
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: RES Map 31 Par 42
OWNER: Esman John R & Mary A
ADDRESS: 7 Porter Rd Annapolis MD 21402
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer (X) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( ) Bonding Pattern: Common Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( ) Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) 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: 3 x 4

Approximate Dimensions: 15 x 55

Entrance Location: Left

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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Later bracketed cornice; flat lintels at all windows and door, which is transom lit; end wall chimney.

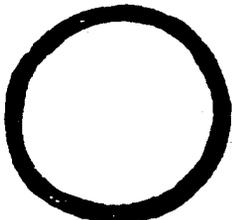
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Important Greek Revival residence, rare in Annapolis; significant as a type and important to the streetscape as related to the pair of Federal houses to the north.

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  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
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:**

Address of property: Street 237 Hanover Street  
City Annapolis County Anne Arundel State MD Zip Code 21401  
Name of historic district in which property is located: Colonial Annapolis Historic District

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

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

Mid-late 19th century Greek Revival facade.

Date of construction (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  Original site  Moved Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:**

Name John R. & Mary A. Eshman  
Street 7 Porter Road  
City Annapolis State MD Zip Code 21402  
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-267-2391/2491

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 John R. Eshman Date 2/13/81

**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).

The structure is located in a district which  appears  does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6),  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and  appears  does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [Signature] Date 3-4-81  
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

John R. Eshman  
7 Porter Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402

### General Statement

Small two story free standing brick house. Dissimilar setback of commercial structure on left detracts from overall appearance. Front was painted at some time in past. General condition of brick work is poor. Two story frame addition at rear in poor condition.

### Technical Description of the Exterior

Approximately 17' wide by 13' deep with 13' x 13' ell at rear. Two stories high. Foundation and walls: two course brick. Two interior chimneys: one on right side, one at rear. Rear addition, 13' x 30', is frame, two story. Original front door missing. Existing door is four panel with two-light transom over. Two windows on first floor, three on second. All are six-over-six double hung wood sash. Shutters are louvered wood. Cracks in mortar joints evident above all lintels and under all sills. Eight courses of brick on west side of main structure are badly spalled. Frame addition has settled out of plumb and shows evidence of dry rot and termite attack.

Roof on main structure is gable, ridge running east-west; roof on ell is flat, sloping to rear. Main roof is composition, shingle. Ell roof is metal standing seam, as is frame addition.

Basement under front structure, 66" high. Crawl space under ell. Portions of frame addition rest on earth.

### Technical Description of Interior

First floor contains living room, stairway and hall in main structure. Dining room in ell. Evidence suggests cooking was done in basement until frame structure was added. Frame structure contains kitchen and utility room. Stairway is original, on east side of house, running from first to second floor. Stair is wood with curved handrail and turned balusters. There is scroll work on exposed end of treads. Second floor has master bedroom over main structure with bath and bedroom in ell structure. Frame structure contains two bedrooms. Fire place in living room is black marble. Master bedroom fire place fitted with plain wooden mantle. Walls and ceilings are plastered. There is no insulation installed.

All floors in original structure sag and deflect excessively due to improper joist spacing and improper header construction. Plaster has separated from lathe on ceilings and walls. Chimney construction does not meet building codes, nor does electrical wiring.

There are no flooring, trim or hardware features worthy of note. Heat is central oil with radiators.

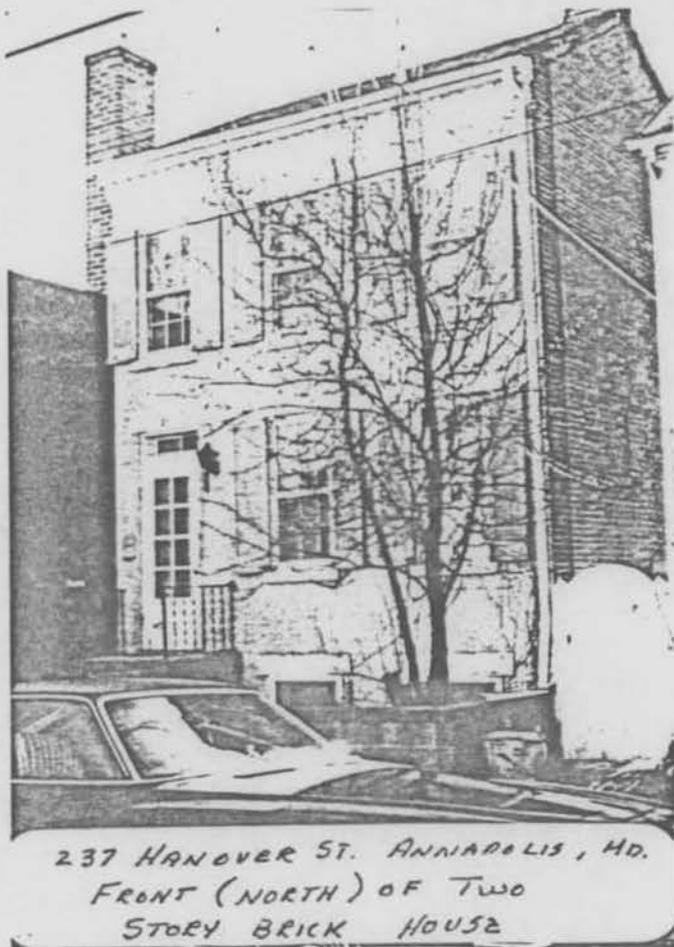




237 HANOVER ST. ANNAPOLIS, MD.  
WEST SIDE SHOWING TWO STORY  
FRAME ADDITION.



237 HANOVER ST. ANNAPOLIS, MD.  
REAR (SOUTH) OF TWO STORY  
FRAME ADDITION



237 HANOVER ST. ANNAPOLIS, MD.  
FRONT (NORTH) OF TWO  
STORY BRICK HOUSE

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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland  
 COUNTY  
 TOWN VICINITY  
 STREET NO. 237 Hanover Street

ORIGINAL OWNER  
 ORIGINAL USE residence  
 PRESENT OWNER John R. Adams  
 PRESENT USE residence  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION brick  
 NO. OF STORIES two

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

2. NAME

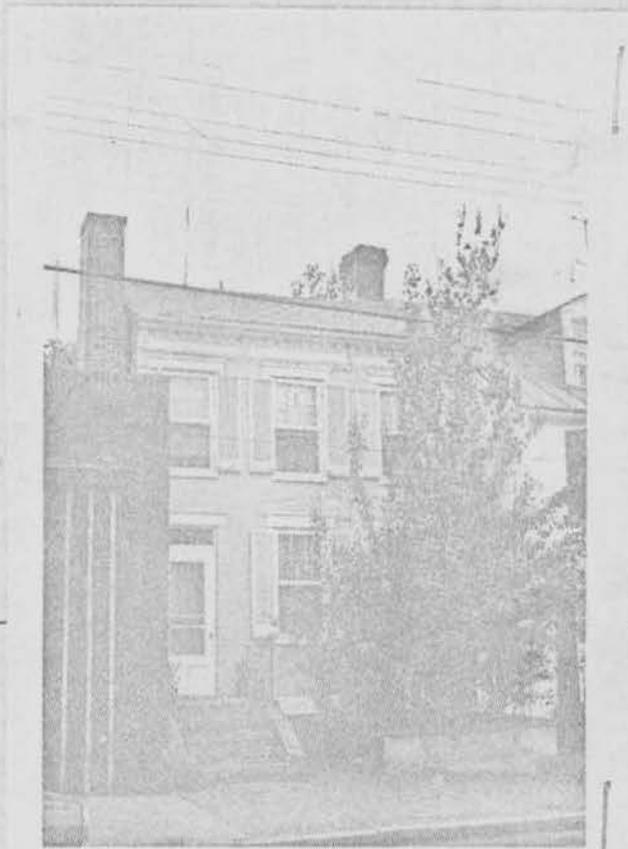
DATE OR PERIOD c. 1835  
 STYLE Greek Revival  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

237 Hanover Street is an excellent example of a Greek Revival town house; it is in an unaltered state except for the addition of a Victorian cornice with simple brackets and modillions. All windows are 6/6 with molded cap lintels and shutters; the front door has single light, transom and identical cap lintel. There is one end chimney and two cellar windows that have simple lintels. Almost perfect example of type; next door to two Federal (?) structures.

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



5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

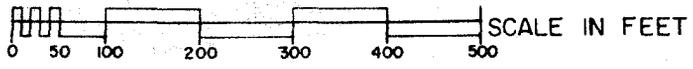
7. PHOTOGRAPH

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

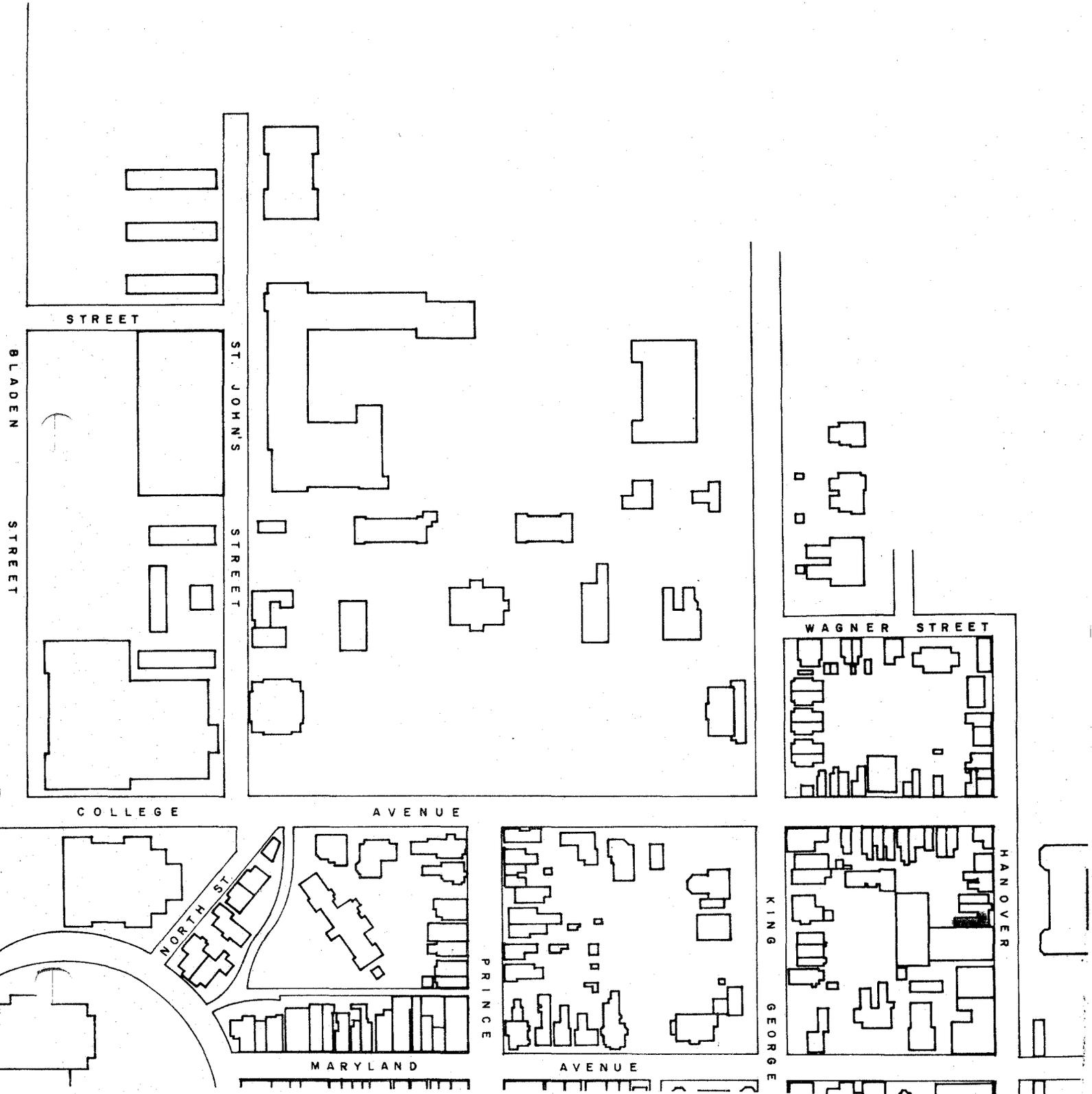
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

William D. Morgan  
 Columbia University  
 New York City

DATE OF RECORD August 21, 1967



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Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

NW Elevation/camera facing SE