

### Capsule Summary of 137-139 Main Street (AA-550)

Located on the southwest side of Main Street, at the corner of Gorman and Main Streets, 137-139 Main Street was constructed as a single-family dwelling, originally owned and occupied by Basil Sheppard.<sup>1</sup> Constructed circa 1840, the two-story brick building stood on property originally owned by Benjamin Tasker, former Mayor of Annapolis. As one of the oldest extant structures on Lot 27, the building at 137-139 Main Street significantly contributes to the historic district of Annapolis.

The building is semi-detached; its southeast elevation extends along Gorman Street via a one-story concrete block addition, while its northwest elevation abuts the modern infill building next to it at 141 Main Street. Although it has undergone several alterations and no longer has its original side-passage plan or interior materials, the 2-1/2-story brick building still retains its original Federal massing. Set upon a brick foundation, the two-bay-wide, flat-fronted commercial building is constructed of brick, laid in 6-course bond, and is covered with a gable roof with a central gable dormer. A brick end chimney, located against the northwestern wall, is no longer intact.<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup>Sheppard is also spelled Shephard.

<sup>2</sup> A brick end chimney with a corbelled cap is visible in historic photographs showing 137-139 Main Street (MIF 507; MIF 3063).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-550

=====

1. Name of Property

=====

historic name \_\_\_\_\_

other names 53-55 Main or Church Street

=====

2. Location

=====

street & number 137-139 Main Street not for publication

city or town Annapolis vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county Anne Arundel code \_\_\_\_\_

zip code 21401

=====

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

=====

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

=====

5. Classification

=====

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>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes  Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District

No \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties  
Annapolis Survey  
137-139 Main Street  
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Inventory No. AA-550  
Page 2

=====  
6. Function or Use  
=====

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Commerce/Trade Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Store

=====  
7. Description  
=====

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
roof Asphalt shingles  
walls Six-course brick  
Random course brick  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

=====  
8. Statement of Significance  
=====

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.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties  
Annapolis Survey  
137-139 Main Street  
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Inventory No. AA-550  
Page 4

=====  
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance ca. 1840  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates ca. 1840  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

=====  
9. Major Bibliographical References  
=====

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

Articles, Books, Published and Unpublished Resources

Anderson, Elizabeth B. Annapolis: A Walk Through History.  
Centreville, MD: Tidewater Publishers, 1984.

Anne Arundel County Assessment Records. 1876-1896; 1896-1905.  
Maryland State Archives. Record Group C35.

Anne Arundel County Land Records. Anne Arundel County Courthouse  
and Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Baltz, Shirley. The Quays of the City, An Account of the Bustling  
Eighteenth Century Port of Annapolis. Annapolis, MD: The Liberty  
Tree, Ltd., 1975.

Cromley, Elizabeth and Stephen Calloway. The Elements of Style, A  
Practical Encyclopedia of Interior Architectural Details. New  
York: Simon and Schuster, 1991.

Jennings, Jan and Herbert Gottfried. American Vernacular Design,  
1870-1940. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1985.

----- American Vernacular Interior Architecture,  
1870-1940. Ames, IW: Iowa State University  
Press, 1988.

Longstreth, Richard. The Buildings of Main Street. Washington,  
D.C.: The Preservation Press, 1987.

Lounsbury, Carl R'. An Illustrated Glossary of Early Southern  
Architecture and Landscape. New York: Oxford University Press,  
1994.

The Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan. Maryland  
Historical Trust. Department of Economic and Community  
Development, June 1986.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee McAlester. A Field Guide to American  
Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

McIntire, Robert Harry. Annapolis Maryland Families. Baltimore:  
Gateway Press, Inc., 1979.

=====  
National Register Bulletin: How to Complete the National Register  
Registration Form 16A. Washington, D.C.: National Park Service,  
1991.

Papenfuse, Edward. In Pursuit of Profit, The Annapolis Merchants  
in the Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1805. Baltimore, MD:  
The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1975.

----- . "Southern Urban Society after the Revolution:  
Annapolis, Maryland, 1782-1786." Final Report for NEH Grant  
#H69-0-178, Historic Annapolis Foundation, 1969.

Radoff, Morris L. Buildings of the State of Maryland at Annapolis  
Publication No. 9. Annapolis, MD: The Hall of Records Commission,  
1954.

Record Group 29 "Records of the Bureau of the Census." 1900, 1910  
and 1920 Census; Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

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

Warren, Mame. Then Again...Annapolis, 1900-1965. Annapolis, MD:  
Time Exposure Limited, 1990.

#### Maps and Drawings

Bird's Eye View of the City of Annapolis, Charles Magnus, 1864,  
Reproduced, 1967. Bird's Eye View of the City of Annapolis, Edward  
Sachse, ca. 1858. (Maryland Hall of Records, MdHR G 1213-349)  
Church Circle, Annapolis, MD, ca. 1790. Watercolor by C. Milburn.  
Gray's New Map of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD., 1877.  
Hopkins, G.M. Map of Annapolis, 1878.  
Map of Annapolis, Southern Map Company, Baltimore, MD., 1905.  
Plan of Annapolis, Geo. H. Shafer, 25 July 1718.  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1885, 1891, 1896, 1897, 1903, 1908,  
1913, 1921, 1930, 1954.

#### Photographs

Hayman Collection, 1920ca-1930ca. Record Group SC1406. Annapolis,  
Maryland: Maryland State Archives.

Mame Warren Collection, 1859-1910. Record Group SC985. Annapolis,  
Maryland: Maryland State Archives.

Photographic Collection at the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

=====  
City Directories

Mullin-Kille and Capital-Gazette City Directory of Annapolis, MD.  
Ohio: Mullin-Kille; Evening Capital; and the Maryland  
Gazette, 1949.

Polk's City Directory of Annapolis, MD. New York: R.L. Polk and  
Co., 1928, 1954.

=====  
10. Geographical Data

=====  
Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

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

The property designated as 137-139 Main Street occupies Parcel 775  
on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building designated as 137-139 Main Street has been associated  
with Parcel 775 since its construction in circa 1840.

=====  
11. Form Prepared By

=====  
name/title Kim Williams & L. Trieschmann - Architectural Historians  
organization Traceries date May 18, 1994  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone (301) 656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
=====

12. Property Owner

=====  
name Sheldon J. Wollman et al  
street & number 520 River Landing telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Edgewater state MD zip code 21037  
=====

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

Section 7 Page 1

137-139 Main Street

name of property

Anne Arundel County, MD

county and state

=====  
Located at the northwest corner of Main and Gorman Streets, the building at 137-139 Main Street was originally constructed circa 1840. The building is semi-detached; its southeast elevation extends along Gorman Street via a one-story concrete block addition, while its northwest elevation abuts the modern infill building next to it at 141 Main Street. Although it has undergone several alterations and no longer has its original side-passage plan or interior materials, the 2-1/2-story brick building still retains its original Federal massing. Set upon a brick foundation, the two-bay-wide, flat-fronted commercial building is constructed of brick, laid in 6-course bond, and is covered with a gable roof with a central gable dormer. A brick end chimney, located against the northwestern wall, is no longer intact.<sup>1</sup>

The northeast elevation of 137-139 Main Street consists of a storefront on the first story, two bays of single windows on the second story and a gable dormer in the attic level. Unlike the typical storefront of Main Street, which are generally designed in an Italianate style and feature projecting show windows, the storefront of 137-139 Main Street consists of four elongated openings, placed flush with the brick facade, and aligned symmetrically across the wall. The storefront was constructed in 1985. The two southern bays and far northern bay are filled with plateglass show windows, while the remaining bay contains the entry door. This entry holds a single-pane door, surmounted by a single-light transom. Immediately above the show windows and forming the top edge of the storefront is an applied wooden frieze with the name of the shop painted across it.

The second story of the northeast facade, which consists of two bays of windows, has been restored most recently to reflect the original mid-19th century window type and configuration. The replacement 6/6 sash, currently located in the original window openings, are imitations of the period. A long brick lintel as well as brick infill between the two windows, indicates that one large window opening, probably from the mid-20th century, previously pierced the second story elevation.

The attic level of the building rises above the two-brick corbelled cornice and features a centrally-placed dormer window. The dormer consists of a 6/6 segmentally-arched window set within an implied

---

<sup>1</sup> A brick end chimney with a corbelled cap is visible in historic photographs showing 137-139 Main Street (MIF 507; MIF 3063).

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

Section 7 Page 2

137-139 Main Street

name of property

Anne Arundel County, MD

county and state

=====

pedimented surround, formed by corner returns in the gable cornice.

The southeast elevation has also been altered, as evidenced by the infill and changes in brickwork. The first story of this elevation currently lacks either window or door openings; however, a jack-arched lintel and brick infill located near the southeast corner of the building indicates that a window or door once opened onto the alley. Although no jack-arched lintel survives, brick infill towards the south corner of the wall surface indicates that another door or window was located here.

The second story of the southeast elevation has two 6/1 windows located in their original openings with intact wood sills and jack-arched lintels. Above the second story, located in the gable end of the wall, is a 6/1 window with a header lintel and sill.

Extending the building to the southwest, and abutting the original block of the building, is a one-story rough-faced concrete block addition with a flat roof. The southwest elevation of the original building, exposed above this addition, features three altered window openings on the second story. These windows, with jack-arched lintels, have all been infilled; the northern bay window has been entirely filled with brick, the central window holds an air conditioning unit, and the southern bay window has been fitted with a three-light window set upon brick. The attic level dormer window on this southwest elevation has been covered with sheet metal.

The interior of the building on the first floor has been renovated; no historic detailing survives. Based on the Planning and Zoning files for the city of Annapolis, the panelling was installed on the first floor in 1978. The second floor, although not surveyed, is currently used for office and storage space for the store.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY Inventory No. AA-550  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 1 137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====  
Located on the southwest side of the street, at the corner of Gorman and Main Streets, 137-139 Main Street was constructed as a single-family dwelling, originally owned and occupied by Basil Sheppard.<sup>2</sup> Constructed circa 1840, the two-story brick building stood on property originally owned by Benjamin Tasker, former Mayor of Annapolis. As one of the oldest extant structures on Lot 27, the building at 137-139 Main Street significantly contributes to the historic district of Annapolis.

The building at 137-139 Main Street was originally part of Stoddert Lot 27, which had been subdivided and passed through various hands during the 18th and early 19th centuries.<sup>3</sup> According to the Federal Direct Tax of 1798, Ann Gaither was charged as owner of 1/4 acre on Church Street consisting of a frame dwelling house, measuring 24 x 12. The frame dwelling house stood at 135 Main Street, now the entry to Gorman Street. In her will, dated 1808, Ann Gaither bequeathed her portion of Lot 27 to Colonel Henry Gaither.<sup>4</sup> Between 1819 and 1840, Basil Sheppard purchased several of the subdivided sections of Lot 27 from Henry C. Gaither, Susannah Lingan, Jeremiah Hughes, and Samuel Ridout. In circa 1840, Sheppard constructed a two-story brick dwelling on the section of the lot purchased from Ridout, and presently known as 137-139 Main Street.<sup>5</sup>

Upon the death of Basil Sheppard, Juliet Sheppard Murdock inherited all of her father's property, including Lot 27, which she subdivided between herself and her sister, Margaret C. Busford. The census records for 1880 show that the building was leased to John G. Taylor and his family. Taylor, born in 1822, worked as a clerk.

In 1889, a deed of mortgage documents the sale of the lot from Margaret C. Busford to Philemon H. Tuck.<sup>6</sup> Philemon Hallam Tuck,

---

<sup>2</sup>Sheppard is also spelled Shephard.

<sup>3</sup> The existing lot history for Lot 27 is not comprehensive or completely accurate. Further research needs to be conducted before the early history of this site can be affirmed.

<sup>4</sup>Will Liber UG 2 Folio 451

<sup>5</sup>Liber WSG 25 Folio 23, consisting of a vacant lot.

<sup>6</sup>Liber SH 34 Folio 573

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY Inventory No. AA-550  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 2 137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====

born about 1854, attended St. Johns College and the University of Maryland Law School.<sup>7</sup> By March of 1892, Tuck defaulted on the mortgage and was forced to sell the property. William C. Volans purchased Lot 27 from Tuck for \$5,200.00.<sup>8</sup>

Martha E. Volans, having inherited her husband's property, began to subdivide Lot 27. The census records for 1900 indicate that the building at 137-139 Main Street was leased to John A. Martin and his family. Martin, born in New Jersey from English decent, was an unemployed painter. In 1904, Martin M. Smith purchased the property designed as 137-139 Main Street for \$1,500.00.<sup>9</sup> According to the plat map that was filed with the deed of conveyance, the property was 19'75" wide and 86' deep with an alley to the southeast.

Martin M. Smith, born in Liebenspin, Germany on February 2, 1843, came to the Washington, DC area in 1860. Smith, following his relocation to Annapolis in 1863, operated a bakery and confectionery at 130-132-134 Main Street. In July 1867, he married his brother's widow, Catharina (Peters) Smith, who was born about 1839.<sup>10</sup>

Shortly after the death of his wife in 1915, Smith conveyed the building at 137-139 Main Street to Samuel and Yettie Hyatt.<sup>11</sup> Samuel Hyatt was a proprietor of a shoe store located on West Street. Yettie Hyatt, born in Latvia about 1888, was the sister of Mrs. Louis Cohen.<sup>12</sup>

The Hyatts owned the building until 1922 when it was conveyed to

---

<sup>7</sup>Robert Harry McIntire. Annapolis Maryland Families. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1979), p. 720.

<sup>8</sup>Liber SH 40 Folio 651

<sup>9</sup>Liber GW 35 Folio 253

<sup>10</sup>McIntire, p. 649.

<sup>11</sup>Liber WNW 14 Folio 14

<sup>12</sup>McIntire, p. 353.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

Section 8 Page 3 137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====  
George E. and Elsie Minnie Hambruch.<sup>13</sup> George Ernst Hambruch, born November 11, 1886, was a florist with greenhouses located on Tyler Avenue and a retail store on Main Street. He married Elsie Minnie Cox, the daughter of John and Frances (Thompson) Cox, who was born in Baltimore County in 1887. Following his divorce, Hambruch married Jennie W. Sauble, born about 1906.<sup>14</sup> In 1937, the Hambruch property was entrusted to George Woelfel and H. Courtenay Jenifer.<sup>15</sup> Following the default on the mortgage, the estate of George Hambruch, deceased, was sold at a public sale for \$6,800.00 in 1940 to Harry and Ester Wollman.<sup>16</sup>

Harry Wollman, the son of Frank and Rebecca (Schumacher) Wollman, was born in Baltimore about 1904. Wollman operated a shoe store on Main Street for 33 years until his death in 1970. His wife Esther I. Cheplowitz, the daughter of Morris Cheplowitz of Lithuania, continued to own the store until 1981 when she conveyed it to her son Sheldon Joel Wollman, a graduate of the University of Maryland Dental School.<sup>17</sup> In January 1992, Sheldon Wollman conveyed ten percent interest to his brother Robert F. Wollman and his sister-in-law, Roselie Wollman. Wollman also gave each of his two nieces, Shari J. Gaister and Jodi L. Stengel five percent interest in the building located at 137-139 Main Street. The Wollman family currently owns the building, leasing it as a retail space to Laura Ashley.

---

<sup>13</sup>Liber WNW 49 Folio 372

<sup>14</sup>McIntire, p. 301.

<sup>15</sup>Liber FAM 168 Folio 166

<sup>16</sup>Equity 7963; Liber JHH 217 Folio 117

<sup>17</sup>Liber 3414 Folio 117; McIntire, p. 301 and 780.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====

**Historic Period Theme:** Architecture, Landscape Architecture  
and Community Planning

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period:** Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition, 1815-1870

**Resource Type(s):** Standing Structure

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====  
**Chain of Title for 137-139 Main Street:**

- 10/15/1759: Benjamin Tasker to Samuel and Ann Gaither  
Liber BB 2 Folio 312
- 1808: Ann Gaither bequeathed to Henry C. Gaither  
Will Liber UG 2 Folio 451
- 1/13/1819: Henry C. Gaither to Basil Sheppard  
Portion of Lot 27  
Liber WSG 6 Folio 364
- 12/3/1829: Susannah Lingan to Basil Sheppard  
Portion of Lot 27  
Liber WSG 15 Folio 322
- 6/14/1830: Jeremiah Hughes to Basil Sheppard  
Portion of Lot 27  
Liber WSG 15 Folio 344
- 2/22/1840: Samuel Ridout to Basil Sheppard  
Portion of Lot 27  
Liber WSG 25 Folio 234
- Juliet Sheppard Murdock inherited all of Lot 27  
from her father, Basil Sheppard
- 5/16/1864: Juliet Sheppard Murdock to Margaret C. (Sheppard)  
Busford  
One-half interest in Lot 27  
Liber NHG 12 Folio 257
- 4/30/1889: J. Frank Kramer, Basil A. Kramer, and Margaret C.  
Busford to Philemon H. Tuck  
Liber SH 34 Folio 573 (mortgage)
- 3/12/1892: Philemon H. Tuck to William C. Volans  
Liber SH 40 Folio 651
- William C. Volans bequeathed to wife, Martha E.  
Volans
- 2/6/1904: Martha E. Volans to Martin M. and Catharina Smith  
Liber GW 35 Folio 253

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. AA-550

137-139 Main Street  
name of property  
Anne Arundel County, MD  
county and state

=====  
6/11/1919: Martin M. Smith, widower, to Samuel and Yettie  
Hyatt  
Liber WNW 14 Folio 14

1/31/1922: Samuel and Yettie Hyatt to George E. and Elsie  
Minnie Hambruch  
Liber WNW 49 Folio 372

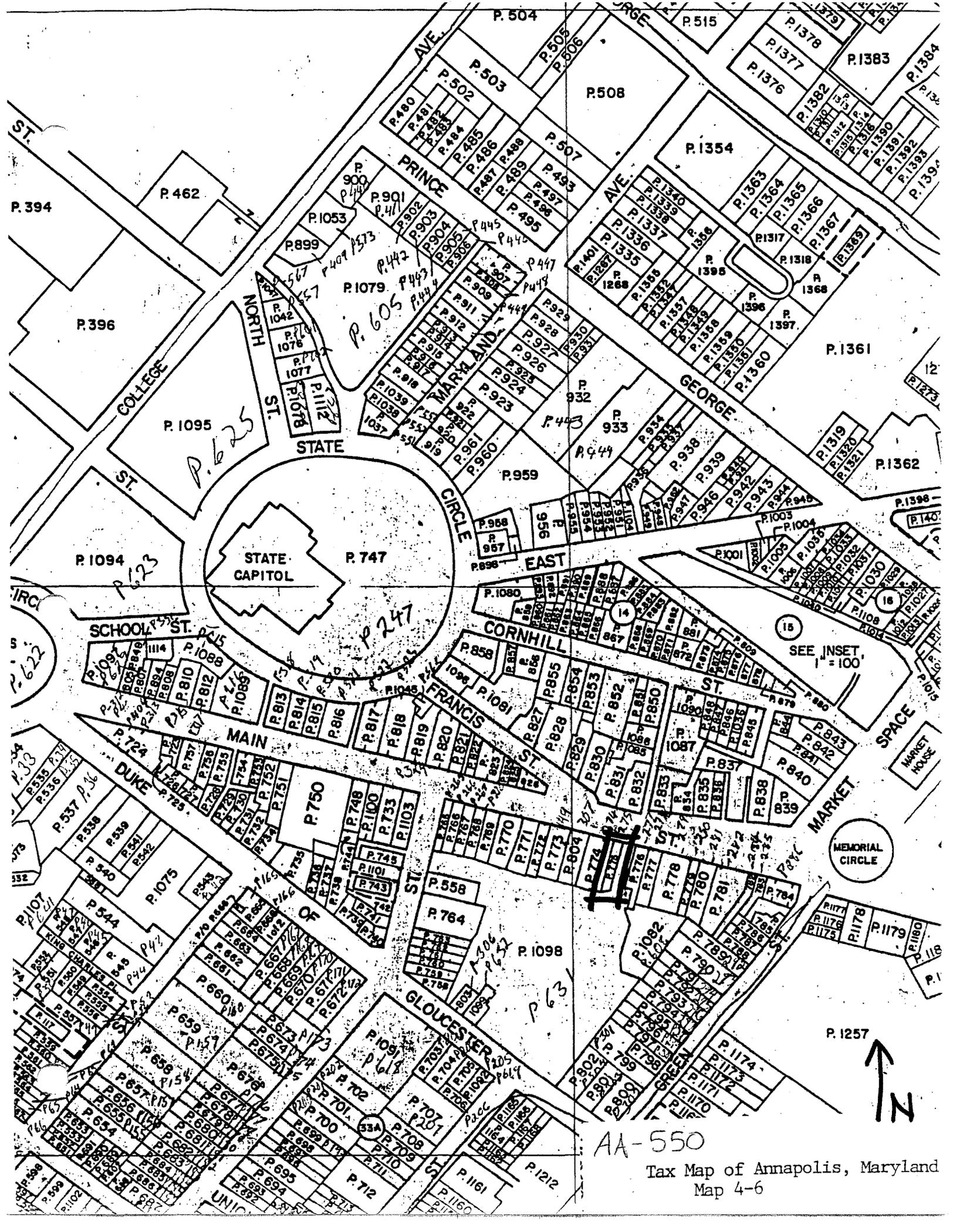
8/17/1937: George E. and Elsie Minnie Hambruch to George  
Woelfel and H. Courtenay Jenifer, Trustees  
Liber FAM 168 Folio 166

12/17/1937: George B. Woelfel and H. Courtenay Jenifer,  
Trustees, mortgage property and appointed George E.  
Rullman assignee.  
Equity 7963  
Liber FAM 175 Folio 385

6/10/1940: George E. Rullman, Assignee by mortgage of George  
B. Woelfel, to Harry and Esther Wollman  
Liber JHH 217 Folio 430

5/26/1981: Esther Wollman to Sheldon J. Wollman, D.D.S.  
Liber 3414 Folio 117

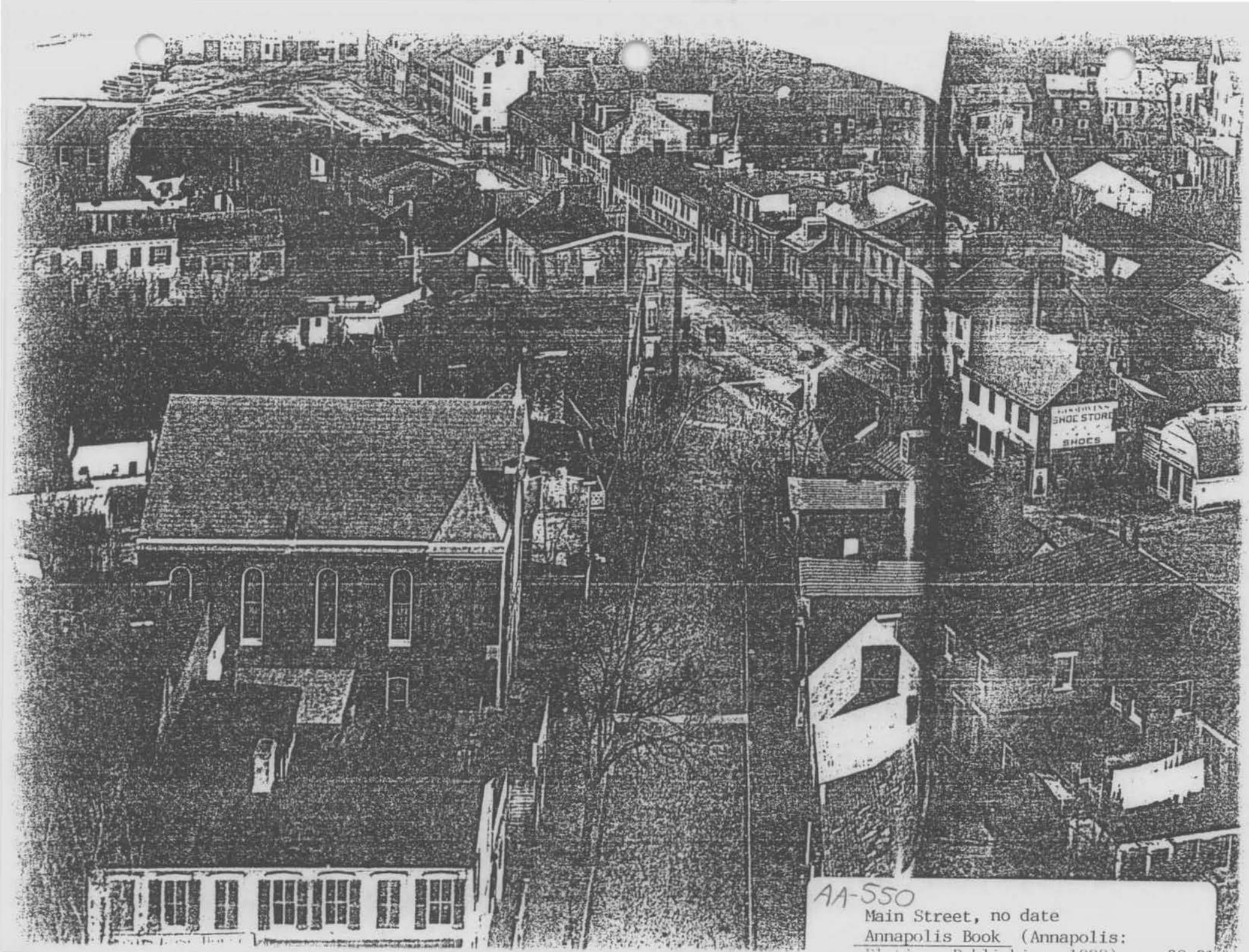
1/31/1992: Sheldon J. Wollman, D.D.S. conveyed a portion to  
Robert F. and Rosalie Wollman, Shari J. Gaister,  
and Jodi L. Stegel  
Liber 5614 Folio 697



Tax Map of Annapolis, Maryland  
Map 4-6

AA-550

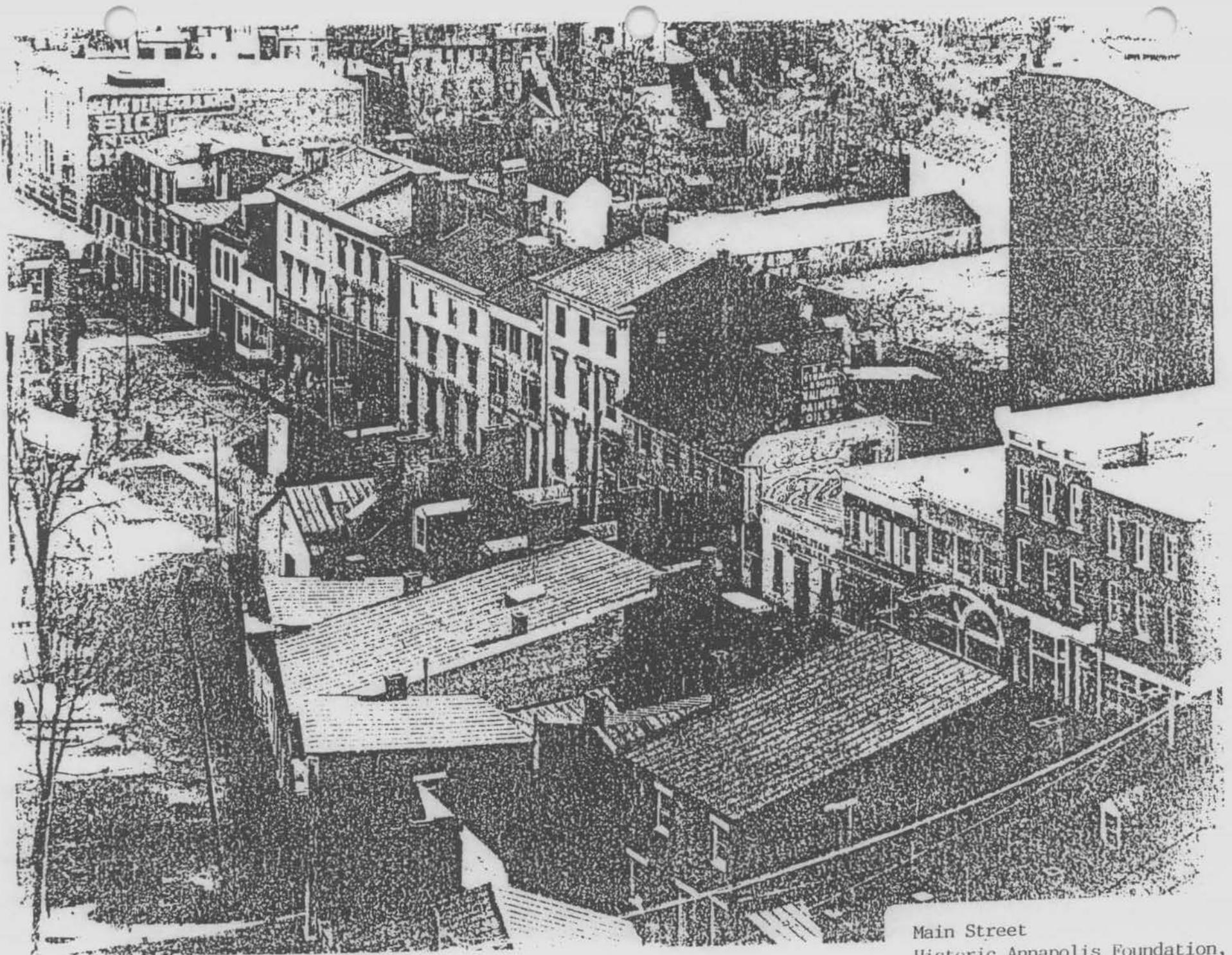




AA-550

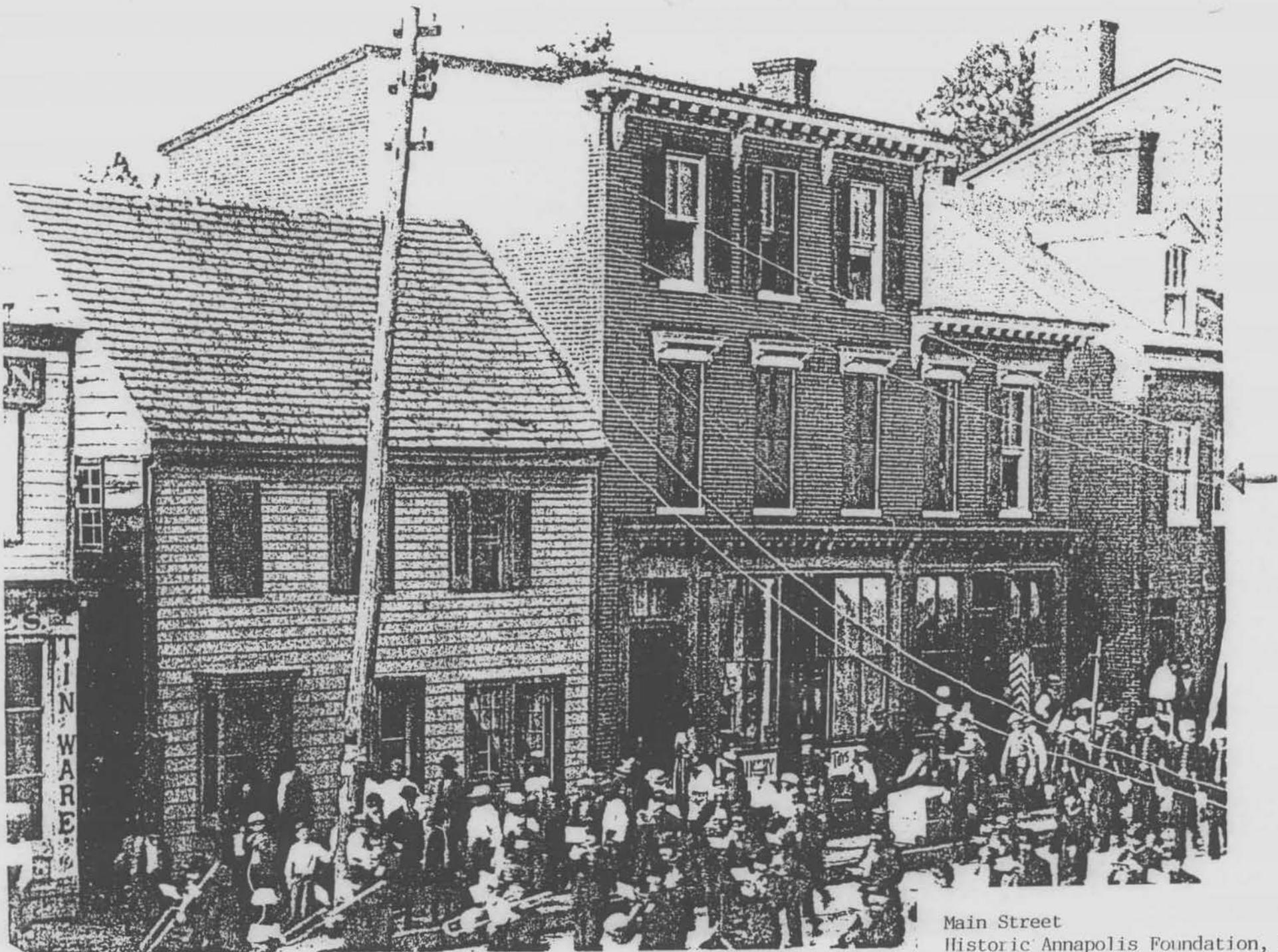
Main Street, no date

Annapolis Book (Annapolis:



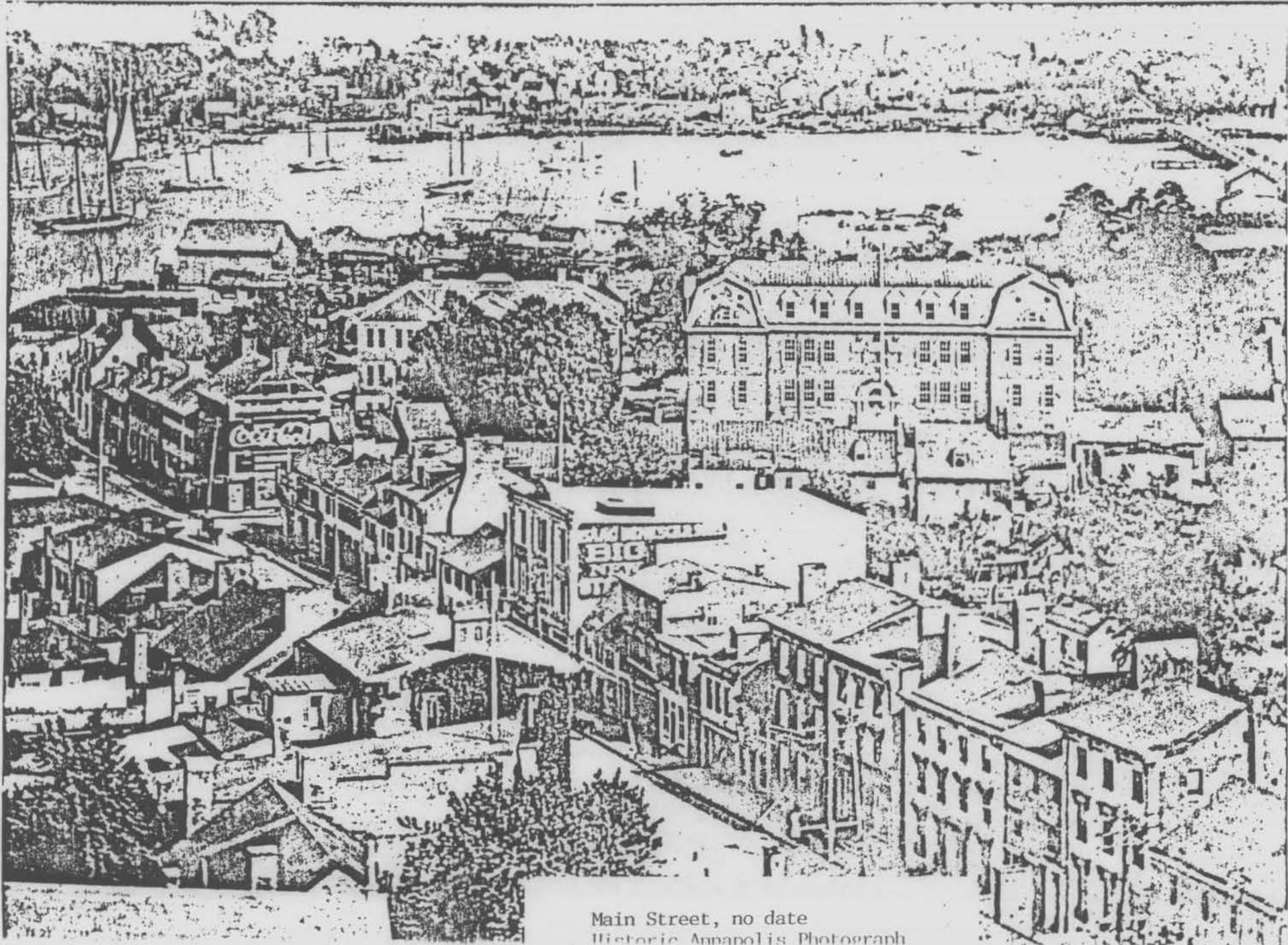
Main Street  
Historic Annapolis Foundation, Inc.  
1967

AA-550



Main Street  
Historic Annapolis Foundation, Inc.  
MIF-507

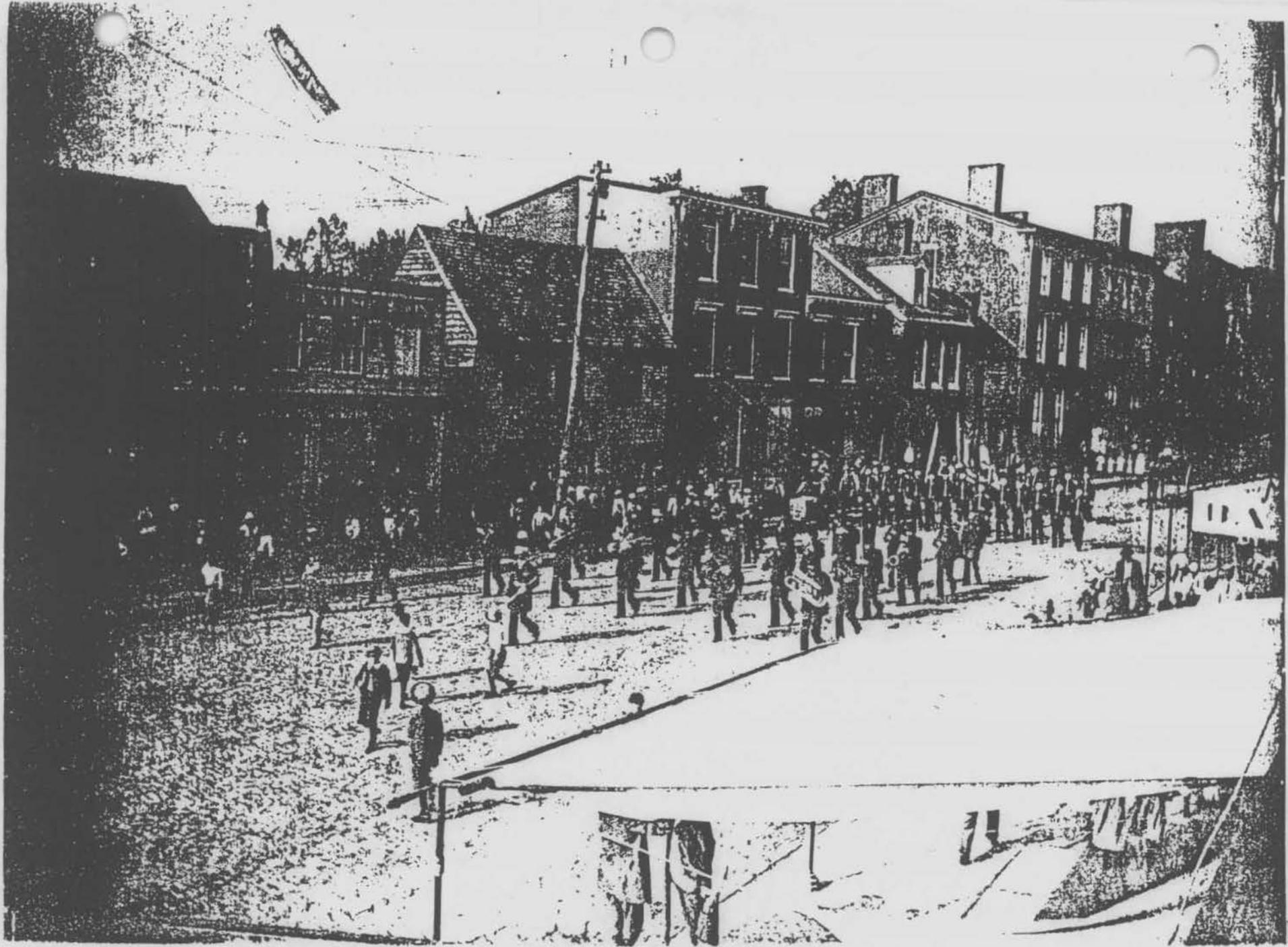
AA-550



#114  
20

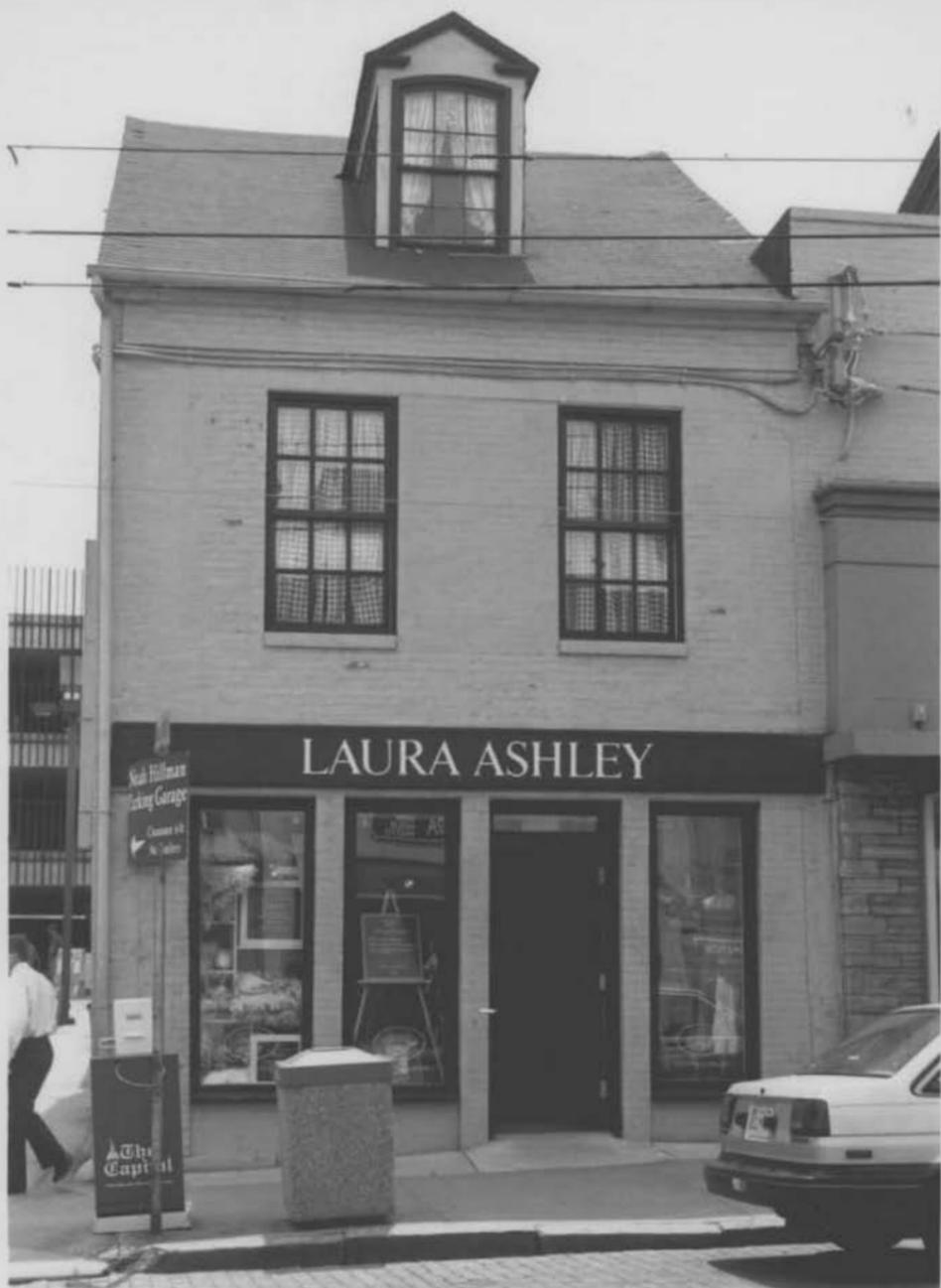
AA-550

Main Street, no date  
Historic Annapolis Photograph



101-151 Main Street, no date  
Historic Annapolis Photographic  
Collection

AA-550



LAURA ASHLEY

North Hillman  
Parking Garage

Corner 4th  
& Hillman

The  
Capital

AA-550

137-139 MAIN STREET  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

MAY 1994

MARYLAND SHPO

FACADE, LOOKING SW

1/4



AA-550  
137-139 MAIN STREET  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND  
TRACERIES  
MAY 1994  
MARYLAND SHPO  
SE ELEVATION  
2/4



AA-550

137-139 MAIN STREET

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

MAY 1994

MARYLAND SHPO

REAR AND SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

3/4



AA-550

137-139 MAIN STREET  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

MAY 1994

MARYLAND SHPO

SE ELEVATION OF REAR ADDITION

4/4

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <b>AA 550</b>	
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing	
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	
PRESENT USE: Retail	
ORIGINAL USE: Retail	
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (x) Poor: ( )	
THEME:	
STYLE: Federal (Altered)	
DATE BUILT: E 19th c.	

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 139 Main St.
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: COMM Map 32 Par 275
OWNER: Wollman, Sheldon & Esther
ADDRESS: % Sheldon J Wollman 530 Powell Dr/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 ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (x) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. 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: 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 (x) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
 Wings (x) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
 Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
 Number of Bays: 2  
 Approximate Dimensions: 17 x 80

Entrance Location: right

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (x) Zoning ( ) Roads ( ) Development ( ) Deterioration ( ) Alteration ( ) Other:
--

LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive ( ) Negative ( ) Mixed ( ) Other:
---

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

AA-550

Gabled dormer with elliptical window and returns, corbeled brick cornice, altered front facade but left side elevation retains much of its Federal character.

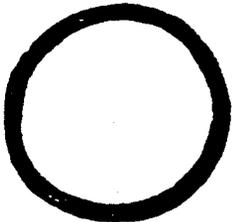
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Altered Federal townhouse in important location with potential for accurate restoration. Important to streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( ) Densely-Built Up(X)  
Residential( ) Commercial(X)  
Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983

025501 311

Form 10-445  
(5/62)

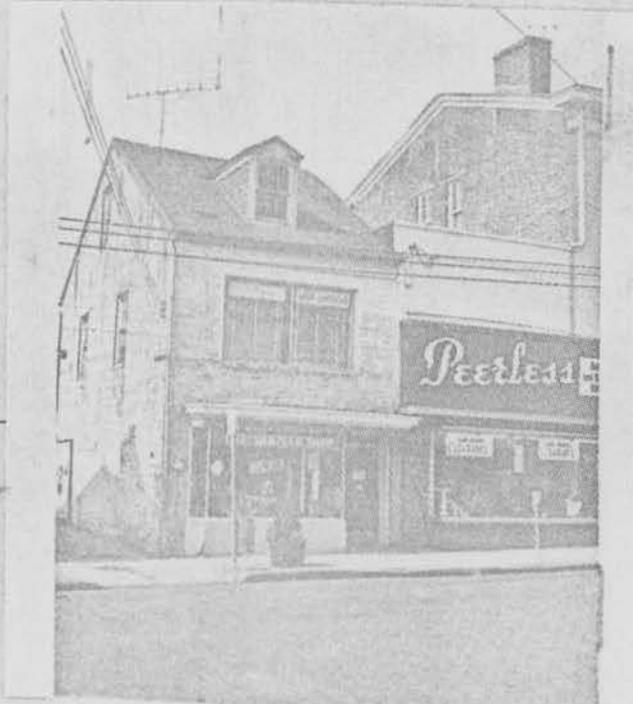
<p>1. STATE <b>Annapolis, Maryland</b>          COUNTY          TOWN VICINITY          STREET NO. <b>139 Main Street</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE          PRESENT OWNER <b>Harry Wollman</b>          PRESENT USE <b>Sampler Shop</b>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>two plus dormer attic</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME <b>Singer Building</b></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>Early 19th C.</b>          STYLE <b>Federal</b>          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
--	---

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **yes**

This small building has been altered on the 1st floor and somewhat on the second, however, handsome shape, scale, and brickwork haven't been obscured. The single dormer is very fine, triangular with returns, and an elliptical window with 6/6 panes. There is a simple brick cornice and a raised brick panel of 5 courses beneath the cornice. Important because of age, location, and scale same as 101 - 109, etc.

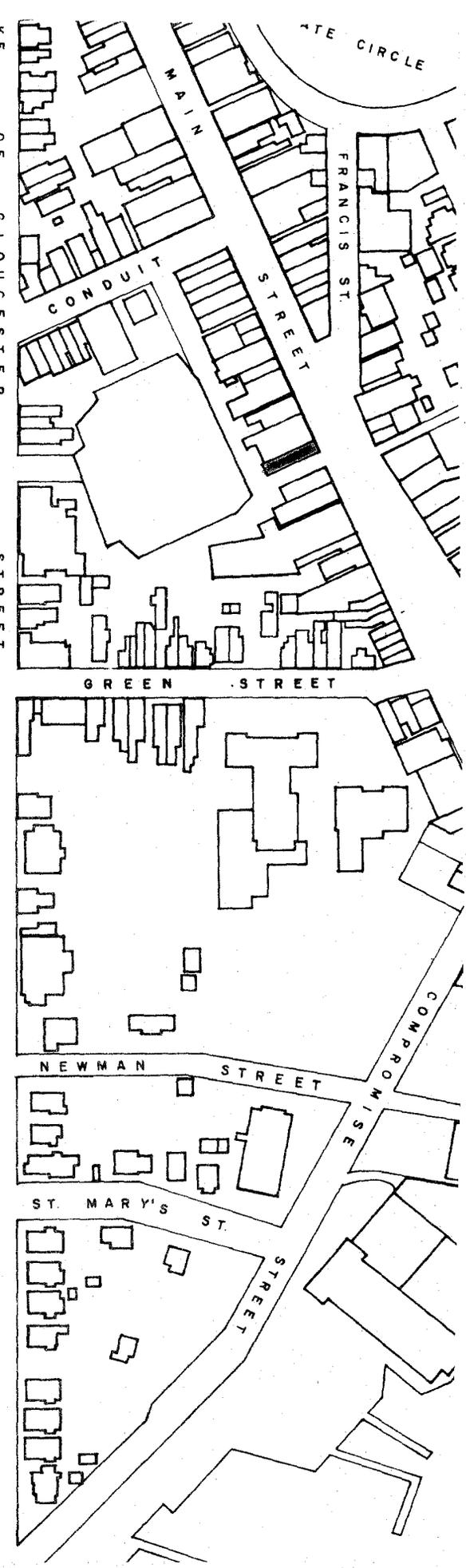
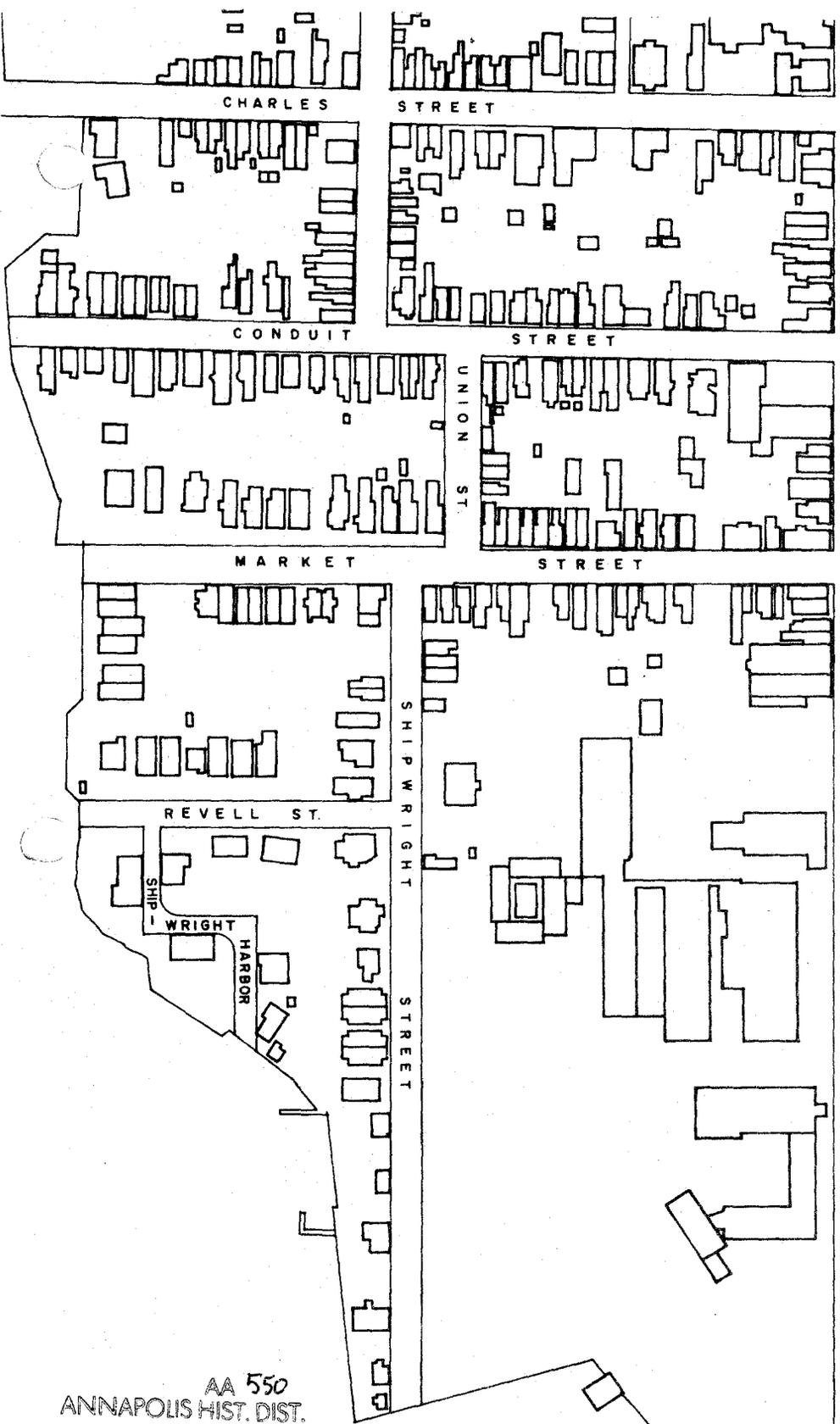
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND "PHOTO" CAPIONS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE **good**



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p><b>Orlando Ridout IV</b></p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p><b>William D. Morgan</b>  <b>Columbia University</b>  <b>New York City</b></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <b>July 12, 1967</b></p>
---	--



AA 550  
ANNAPOLIS HIST. DIST.

