

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 572
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: Theatre/Offices
ORIGINAL USE: residences (2) before Theatre
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good (x) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Commercial
DATE BUILT: Rear- c1900. Front-1913-1921

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 189 Main St.
COMMON NAME: The Playhouse Theatre
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Theatre Map 32 Par 249
OWNER: Playhouse Partnership ADDRESS: 122 Main St. Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (x) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone(x) Brick() 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() Sheet Metal()
 Built Up() Rolled() Tile() Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches() Towers() Cupolas() Dormers() Chimneys() Sheds() Ells()
 Wings () Other:

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

Number of Stories: 2 @ front, 3 @ rear
 Number of Bays: 4
 Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 120

Entrance Location: 3 in front

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (x) Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Basically three buildings, two at the rear united by full width lobby addition at street. Front facade has modillioned cornice with plain frieze panel, paired casements with round headed windows in the center bay flanked by 4/4 sash at the second floor, belt course separates floors; ground floor altered for theatre entrance but exterior bays are probably original with later doors; marquee later. Rear buildings exposed at third floor only, with parapet wall at left structure and simple cornice, building at right has modillioned cornice.

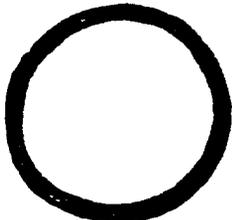
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Minor example of early 20thC Commercial building appended to two late 19thC Commercial style structures, only of passing interest as a type but important to the streetscape and as a use in the business district.

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

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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 187 Main Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE commercial PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE movie house WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2 front, 3 rear	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Playhouse Theater DATE OR PERIOD Late 19th C. STYLE Victorian commercial ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC yes

A fairly standard type of Victorian period commercial structure, the Playhouse Theater's facade is marred only by recent alterations (doorways, box office) and by the marquee. The front two storey section is topped by a very elaborate, fine modillioned cornice, with a whole row of reeding, plus swags. A third storey rises 10' or so back - two period cornices adorn it, Though not outstanding architecturally, could make good period building, etc. with removal of marquee, etc. (Back section looks older - is finer).

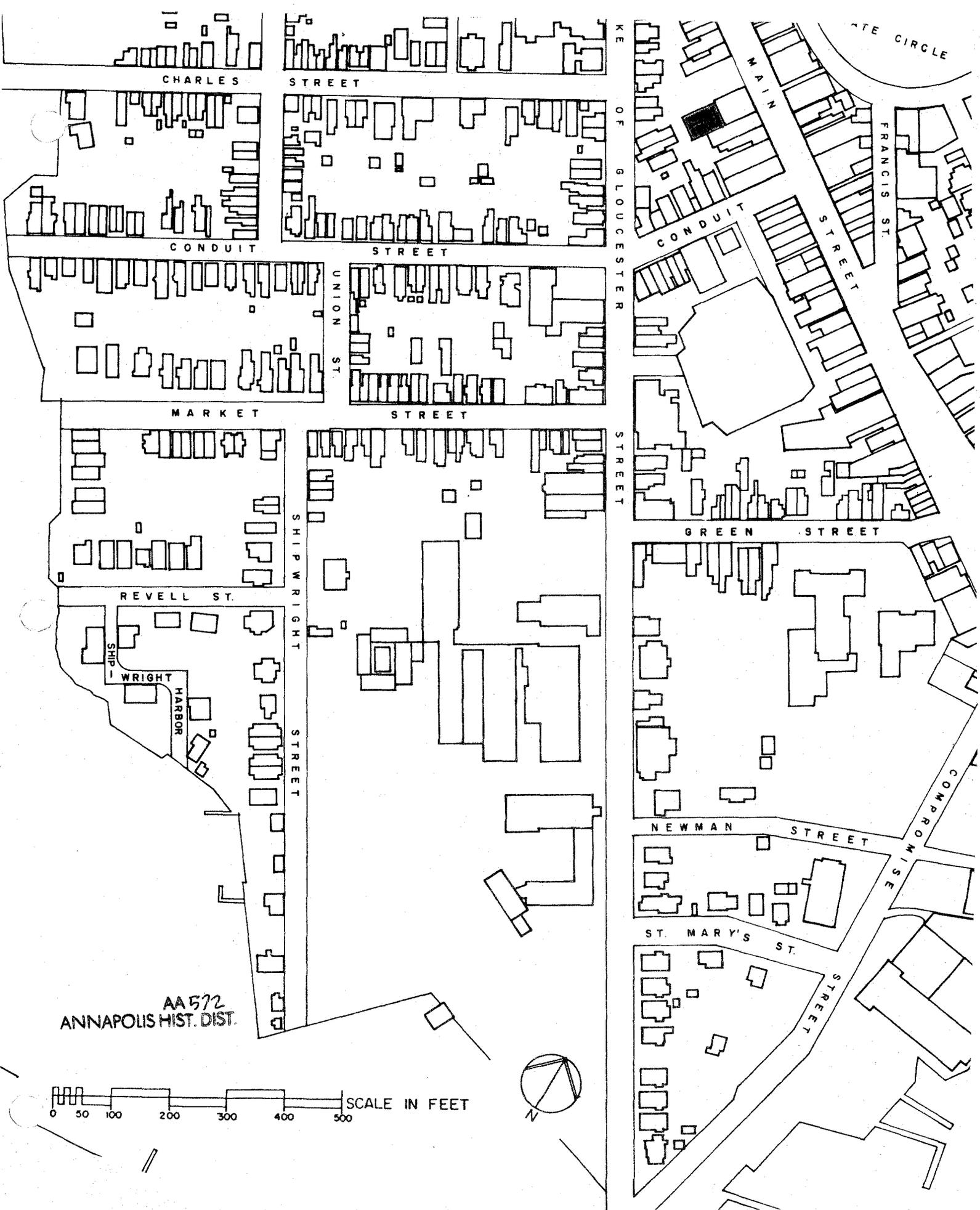


5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
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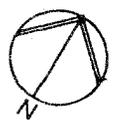
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City DATE OF RECORD July 3, 1967
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



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THE PLAYHOUSE
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A 3 PART PLAY SEPT 17 18



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