

Capsule Summary of 127 Market Street (AA-609)

Constructed between 1891 and 1895, the house at 127 Market Street is one of several late 19th century freestanding dwellings located on this stretch of residential Market Street. Originally part of a large tract of land that was associated with the 18th century dwelling at 139 Market Street, this land was subdivided and improved with several single family dwellings between 1891 and the first years of the 20th century. This particular lot of land was sold in 1895 to Henry and Mary Valentine, a black steward and his wife. The Valentine's were one of only a few blacks who owned and occupied real estate in this predominantly white residential community.

Built in a vernacular urban form, the house is a frame building set upon a brick pier foundation and clad with wood shingles. The building originally stood two-stories in height but was raised to three stories by the addition of a false mansard roof in the period between 1903 and 1908. A single-story hipped roof front porch is set upon a brick pier foundation and has sawn brackets on turned posts and spindles with a wooden railing.

The dwelling at 127 Market Street provides important insight into the architectural, social and cultural development of this area of Annapolis and is an important contributor to the Annapolis Historic District.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-609

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
other names 127 Market Street

2. Location

street & number 127 Market Street not for publication _____
city or town Annapolis vicinity _____
state Maryland code _____ county _____ 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 _____

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Multiple Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Wood Shingles

walls Wood Shingles

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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1891-1895

Significant Dates 1891-1895

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

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 2,204 square feet

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

The property comprising 127 Market Street occupies Parcel 711 on Tax Map 32.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Parcel 711 has been associated with 127 Market Street since the building's construction during the late 19th century.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kim Williams & L. Trieschmann/Architectural Historians
organization Traceries date April 14, 1993
street & number 1606 20th St., N.W. telephone (202) 232-6870
city or town Washington, D.C. state zip code 20009

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12. Property Owner
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name Arabella Smith
street & number 1994 Fairfax Rd telephone
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
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The building at 127 Market Street was constructed between 1891-1895 as a freestanding, single-family residence which has since been converted into apartments. Located on the north side of Market Street between Union and Duke of Gloucester Street, the house faces south and is typical of the late 19th century architecture found in the surrounding area of Annapolis. It is separated on the east and west from 125 and 129 Market Street by approximately four-foot paths. The path on the west leads to the rear yard through a wooden vertical board fence and gate. A one-story deck covered with a shed roof, constructed between 1921 and 1930, extends the full width of the rear of the dwelling.

Built in the vernacular urban form, the house is a frame building set upon a brick pier foundation and clad with wood shingles. The building originally stood two-stories in height but was raised to three stories by the addition of a false mansard roof, similarly clad with wood shingles, in the period between 1903 and 1908. A single-story hipped roof front porch is set upon a brick pier foundation and has sawn brackets on turned posts and spindles with a wooden railing. The porch roof is sheathed with standing seam metal. The original roofline cornice now serves as a beltcourse separating the second floor from the mansard roof addition.

The three-bay-wide south (front) elevation features, on the first floor, a single side-passage entry with two 2/2 window openings. The front entry features a projecting cornice with a single-light transom above a glass and wood paneled replacement door. The second floor is pierced by three 2/2 window openings. All of the windows on the first and second stories have architrave surrounds with a slightly projecting cornice. Two gable dormers with 6/1 windows project from the mansard addition.

The west elevation extends approximately 50 feet in depth; it was originally two bays deep with a one-story rear ell. Between 1897 and 1903, this rear ell was extended the full width of the building and was raised to a full two stories. After 1954, when the house was converted into apartments, an enclosed, outside stair was built against this west wall. This stair, entered from Market Street, features a wood paneled door with the address 127 1/2 marked on it. The erection of this outside stair obscures the originally fenestration pattern on this west elevation. Today only two 2/2 windows with plain architrave surrounds survive in the mansard roof addition of this elevation.

The north (rear) elevation at one time had two symmetrically placed

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windows on the second and third floors, and a door and window on the first floor. The window on the first floor has been enclosed and covered with wood shingles, while the entry was enlarged to accommodate double sliding glass doors. The east window openings on both the second and third floors have been similarly enclosed, leaving only one 1/1 windows on the west side of each floor.

The interior of 127 Market Street originally featured a side-passage double-pile plan. The door opens onto the front parlor with the straight-flight stair directly in front. The front parlor opens to the original rear parlor. The fireplace mantel within the rear parlor is the only remaining element of the original interior decoration. Built of polychromatic stone, this mantel features an arched fireplace opening with a central keystone supporting the flat mantel shelf.

Beyond the parlor is the kitchen within the expanded ell. Double glass sliding doors lead to the modern wood deck which lead down to the narrow back yard, measuring 22 feet wide. The rear deck is covered with a shed roof, clad with standing seam metal. Under the deck, the original brick pier foundation and brick infill is visible. The back yard is surrounded by a picket fence, five feet in height.

Only the first floor of 127 Market Street was accessible as part of this survey.

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Constructed between 1891 and 1895, the house at 127 Market Street is one of several late 19th century freestanding dwellings located on this stretch of residential Market Street. Originally part of a large tract of land that was associated with the 18th century dwelling at 139 Market Street, this land was subdivided and improved with several single family dwellings between 1891 and the first years of the 20th century.

The land upon which 127 Market Street sits was originally part of the large tract of land which belonged to James Carroll. In 1729, the property passed to Charles Carroll, the Settler. Following these initial transactions, the land passed through the hands of various owners in the 18th and 19th centuries and can be traced by examining the property transactions of 139 Market Street (AA-616).¹

By 1853, the land on which the buildings 125-139 Market Street and 128-138 Conduit Street now stand, was acquired by Henrietta Magruder. Mrs. Magruder owned the large tract of land until her death in 1890. Following Henrietta Magruder's death, her land was subdivided by a Deed of Partition between her three sons, John R. Magruder, Richard R. Magruder and Daniel R. Magruder. A plat accompanying the Deed of Partition² indicates that the land was subdivided into a series of 9 lots, according to a survey conducted by John Duvall, Surveyor, May 26, 1890. Lot 9, measuring 108 1/2'6" x 118', was conveyed to John R. Magruder and comprised the properties now designated 125, 127, 129 and 131 Market Street. Lot 1, measuring 111 feet x 118 feet, included the property at 139 Market Street.

In an equity case involving John and Richard Magruder, some of these lots were subdivided into smaller parcels and sold off to clear previous debts incurred by John and Richard's company, called Magruder and Brother.³ As a result, Lot 9 was further subdivided

¹ For a detailed outline of these transactions, see the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for 139 Market Street.

² Deed of Partition, July 29, 1891. Liber SH 39. Folio 275.

³ Equity Case No. 535. John and Richard Magruder were both merchants and operated a partnership called Magruder and Brother. The partnership was dissolved in 1871, at which time the brothers were in debt. After inheriting land from their mothers, the brothers agreed, in Equity Case No. 535, to sell part of their inherited lands.

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into smaller lots. The property at 125, which was already improved by a dwelling, was sold as a single-family residence, while the properties at 129 and 131 Market Street were purchased by the Annapolis Land and Improvement Company and the houses on them erected ca. 1903. The property at 127 Market Street, located between 125 and 129, was sold in 1895 to Henry Valentine and his wife for \$550.00.⁴ Henry Valentine, a black steward, and his family were one of only a few black families who owned real estate and lived in this otherwise white residential neighborhood. Other black families lived next door at 125 Market Street and at the Maynard-Burgess house at 163 Duke of Gloucester Street.

In 1896, Henry Valentine was assessed for a lot and house on Market Street. The value of the land was listed as being \$300.00 and the value of the house, \$600.00.⁵ Based upon these findings, it appears that the house was built prior to the sale of the property to the Valentines in 1895.⁶ From 1900 to at least 1920, Henry and Nancy Valentine owned the property and lived there with their children. It is currently owned by Arabella Smith who operates it as rental apartments.

⁴ Equity Case No. 535. The equity papers indicate that this property was sold to Henry Valentine, but make no mention of whether the property was improved with buildings or not.

⁵ Anne Arundel County Assessment Records, 1876-1896.

⁶ Since this property was purchased at auction, the \$550.00 sale price was most likely less than the actual price determined by the assessment records the following year. This would indicate that the house stood on the site in 1895 when it was purchased by the Valentines.

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Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and
Community Planning

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial / Urban
Dominance, 1870-1930

Resource Type(s): Standing Structure

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Chain of Title for 127 Market Street:

This land is part of a larger piece of land which originally belonged to James Carroll and William Bladen. The two parcels of land which these two men owned became one large lot when James purchased 1/2 of William's lot from his son Thomas Bladen. After James' death the land passed on to his cousin Charles Carroll (1729, Wills Liber 19, Folio 797). Charles Carroll sells the land to John Hall in 1762 (Liber BB 2 Folio 680). In 1809, Dr. Joseph Hall, nephew of John Hall, sells the land upon which 125 sits as well as adjoining land to James N. Weems (Liber 15, Folio 457).

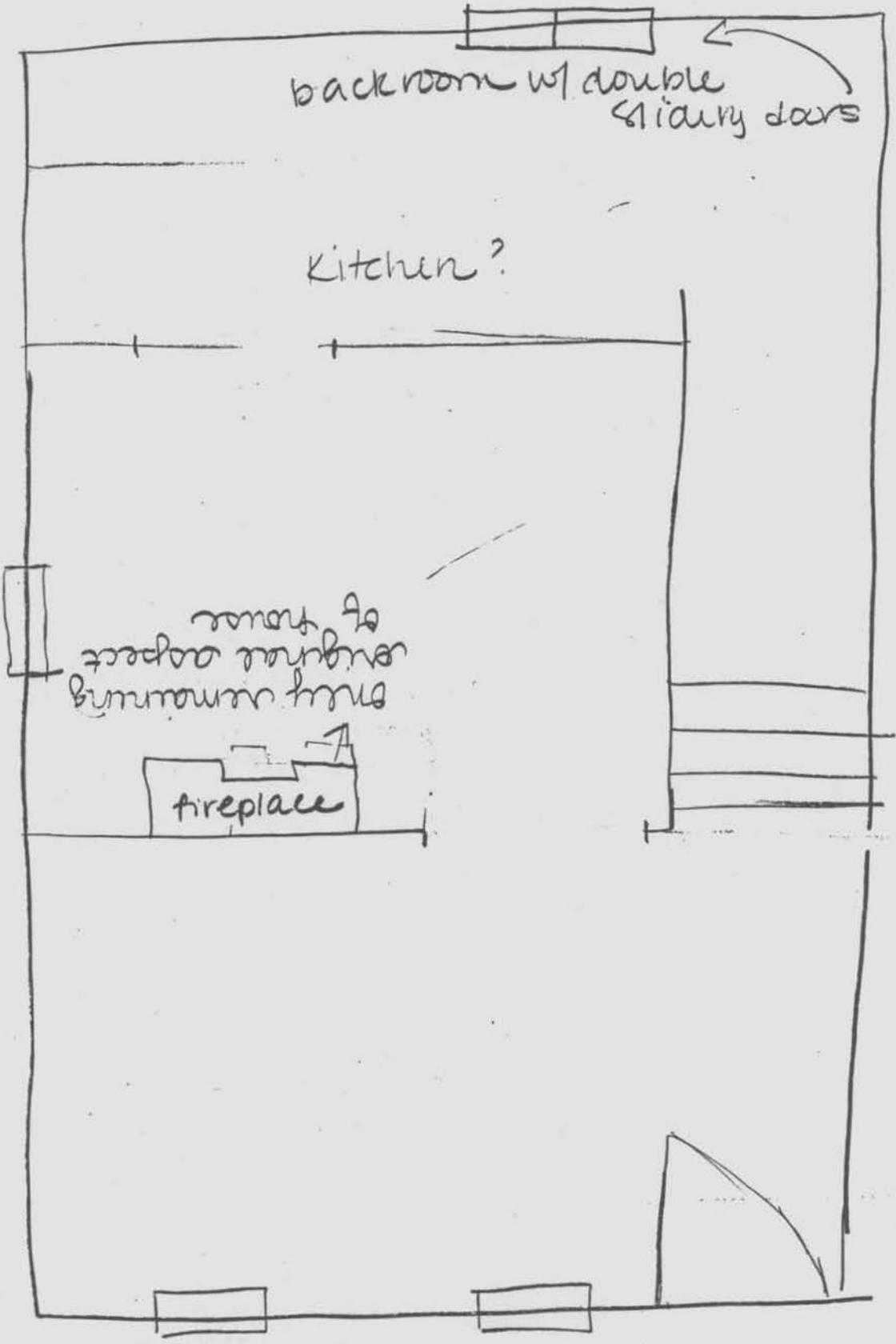
- 1810: James N. Weems to Henry Maynadier
Liber NH 16 Folio 268
- 1823: Richard I. Jcnes to John Miller
Liber WSG 9 Folio 528
- 1825: Henry Maynadier to Nicholas Brewer, Jr., Trustee for
George Medkiff
Liber WSG 11 Folio 470
- 1829: Nicholas Brewer, Jr., Trustee to John Miller
Liber WSG 14 Foil 225
- 1841: John and Margaret Miller to William W. Seeders
Liber WSG 26 Folio 9

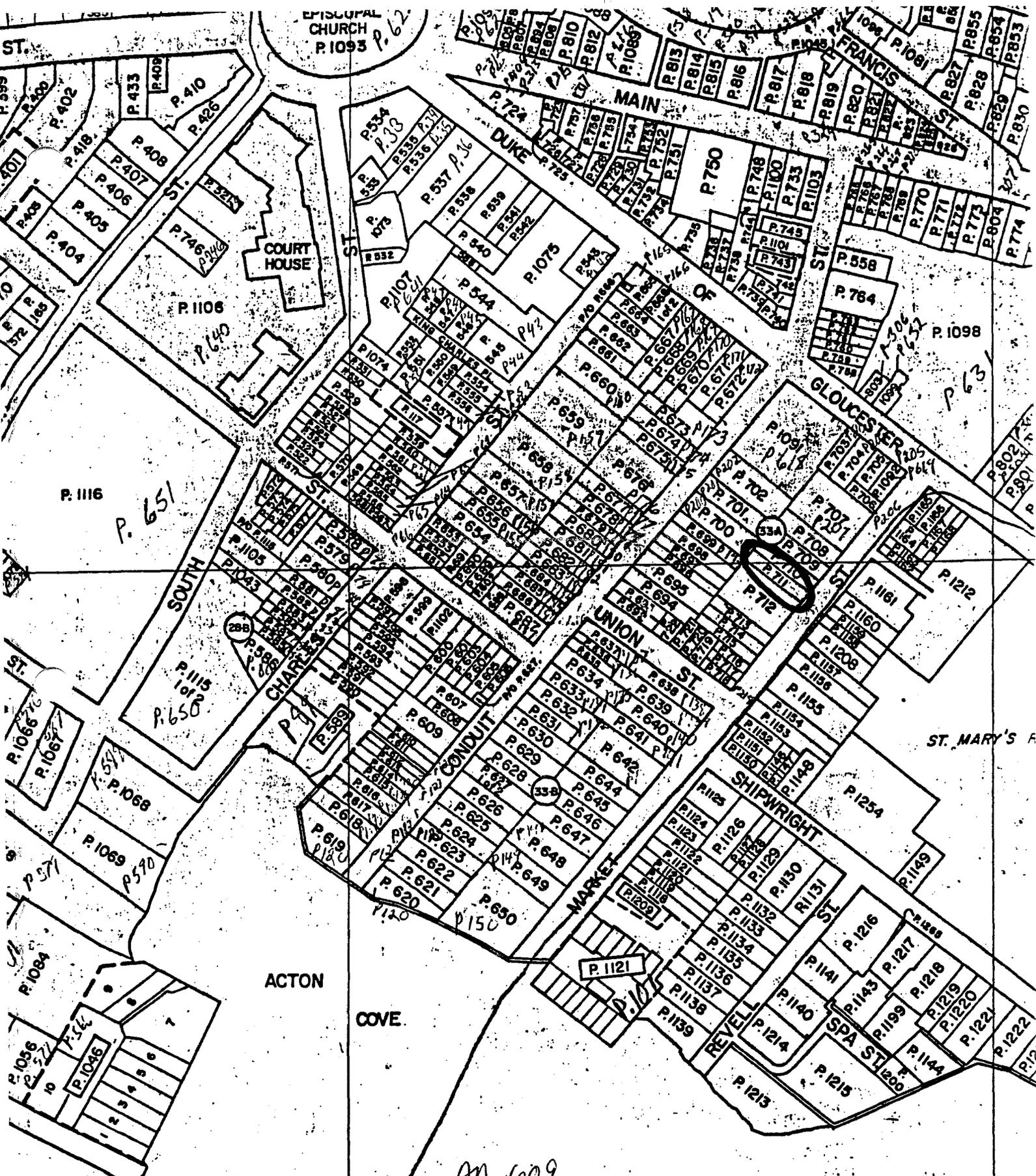
Following William Seeders' death, Alexander B. Hagner, trustee, sold the land.

- 1852: Alexander B. Hagner, Trustee, to Alexander Randall,
Trustee, for Henrietta Magruder
- 1891: Deed of Partition dividing Henrietta Magruder's land
among her sons.
Liber SH 39 Folio 275
- 1900: Charles A. Dubois, Edwin D. Pusey and Richard R.
Magruder, Trustees for the Trust Estate of John R. and
Richard R. Magruder to Henry and Mary Ellen Valentine.
Equity Record GW 40, Folio 199-267

Floor: 1st Floor

FLOOR PLAN
Address: 127 Market St.





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City of Annapolis
 Property Tax Map Number 32
 Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
 Revised 1991
 Scale: 1"=200'



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127 Market Street

Annapolis

groceries

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Southeast alteration

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127 Market Street
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Views of southwest and southeast elevations
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127 Market Street

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Detail of front entrance

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27 Market Street

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Northwest elevation

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127 Market Street

Annapolis

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Northwest elevation

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127 Market Street

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Interior view of mantles

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 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 609</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: <u>Single Family Residence</u>
ORIGINAL USE: " " "
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: <u>Victorian Mansard</u>
DATE BUILT: <u>1891-1897</u>

COUNTY: <u>Anne Arundel</u>
TOWN: <u>Annapolis</u>
LOCATION: <u>127 Market</u>
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <u>Res Map 32 Par 111</u>
OWNER: <u>Smith Arabella W</u>
ADDRESS: <u>1994 Fairfax Rd.</u> <u>Annapolis, MD 21401</u>
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State () National () <input checked="" type="radio"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick (X) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- 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: _____
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle (X) Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 3x2 Entrance Location: Right

Approximate Dimensions: 15x50

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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Gabled dormers at false Mansard roof, simple boxed cornice, molded caps at windows and transom lit door, excellent full width porch with turned square columns and sawn brackets.

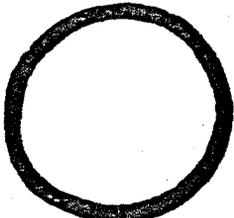
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Good example of late 19thC Vernacular with Second Empire detailing, important to streetscape as part of a diverse row.

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. 127 Market Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE residence WALL CONSTRUCTION wood shingle NO. OF STORIES three	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD Post Civil War STYLE Victorian ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no

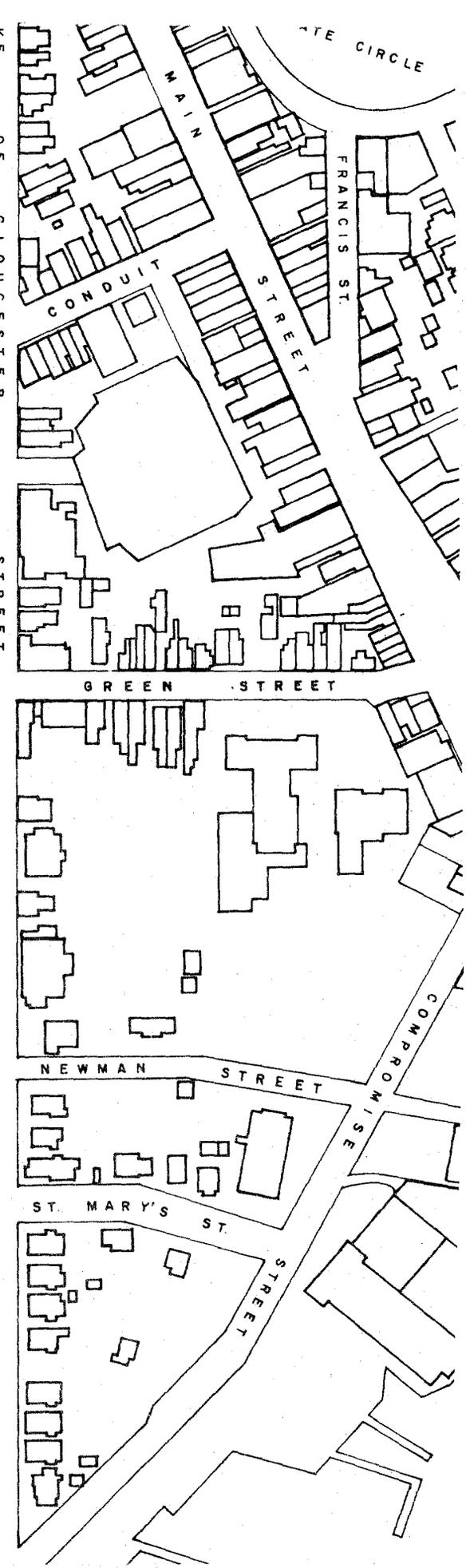
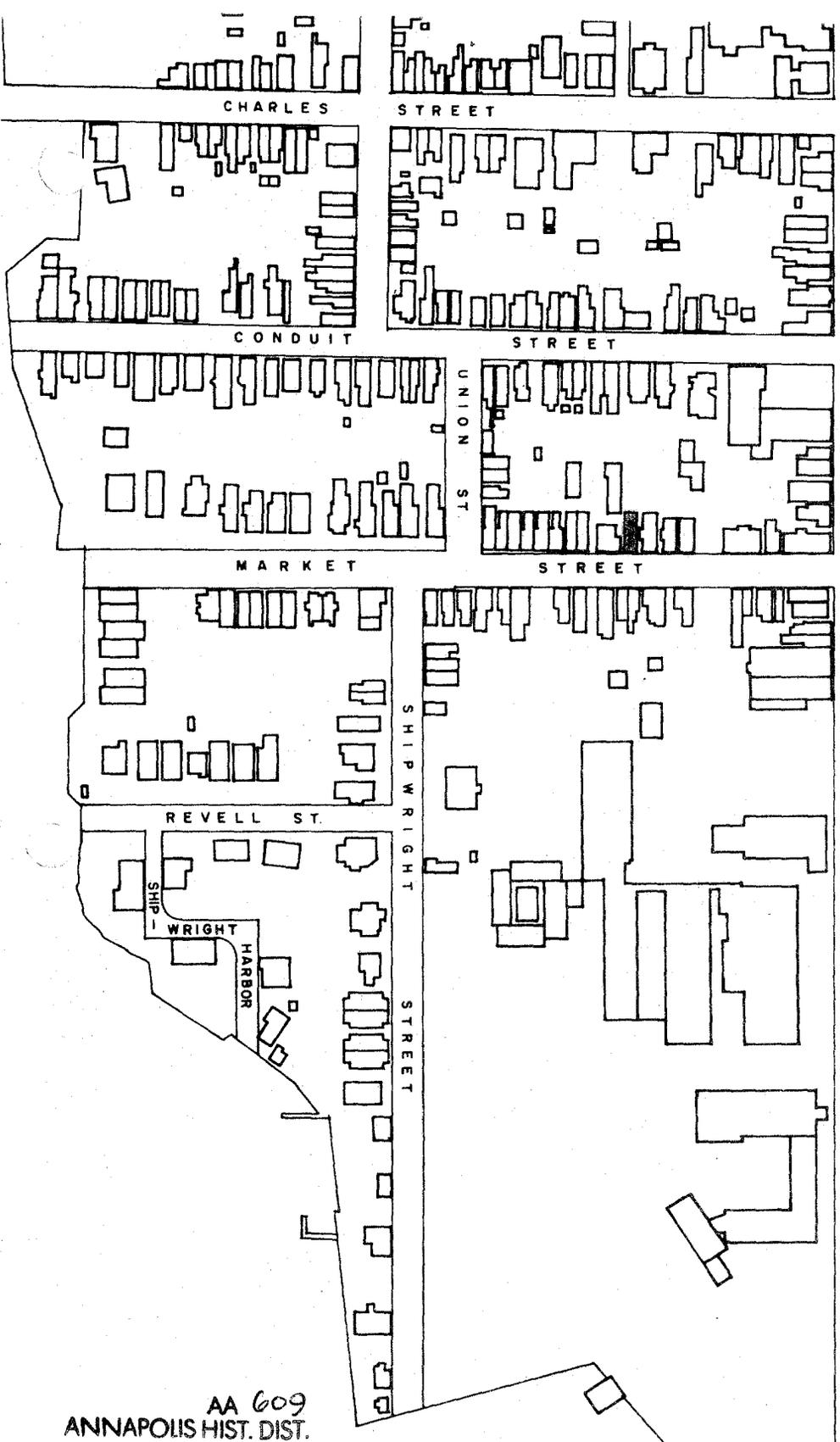
127 Market Street is a transitional house, typical 19th C. Annapolis residential and early high Victorian. The 1st and 2nd storeys are almost identical to 129 and 133, however, above the cornice there is an additional mansard roof with two flat (6/1)dormers. Same color and scale as 129 and together they add a picturesque quality to this side of Market Street.

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

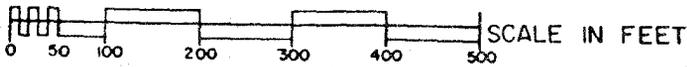


5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	good
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City DATE OF RECORD July 21, 1967



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Russell Wright July, 1982

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SE Elevation/camera facing NW

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