

Capsule Summary for Maryland Avenue at State Circle
AA-642 -~~(AA-1835)~~

Built in the period between 1820 and 1840, the building located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle is prominently sited on property that was originally part of the large tract of land associated with the home of the Honorable Charles Calvert. During the early-to-mid 19th century, this large tract of land was subdivided and built upon with commercial structures that provided service the State House. The building at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle was one of the first commercial buildings constructed on the lot, providing a market and meeting hall.

The two-story, brick structure is an imposing temple-form building with an implied temple front formed by the enclosed end gable and long, three-bay deep side walls. The temple-form, a common form for public buildings of this era, in this case lacks the direct use of classical orders often applied to them. Instead, the building is designed with implied orders and is characterized by its reduced use of ornamentation giving the building a distinctly industrial and vernacular appearance. The building, sited to take advantage of its prime location at the intersection of the circle and Maryland Avenue, faces Maryland Avenue with its temple-front end and extends its long side wall along State Circle. The building is covered with a gable roof and features a corner entry with storefronts facing both the Circle and Maryland Avenues. The brick has been repaired and openings infilled over the years.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-642 (~~AA-1835~~)

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1. Name of Property

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historic name (79 Maryland Ave.)
other names Maryland Avenue at State Circle; Johnson's

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2. Location

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street & number Maryland Avenue at State Circle not for publication
city or town Annapolis vicinity _____
state Maryland code _____ county Anne Arundel code _____
zip code 21401

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commercial

Sub: Commercial

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commercial

Sub: Commercial

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Standing Seam Metal

walls Five course American bond Brick

other _____

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

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8. Statement of Significance
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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 1820-1840

Significant Dates 1820-1840

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

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county and state

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Prominently sited at the intersection of State Circle and Maryland Avenue, the imposing brick market hall and later YMCA building was originally constructed in the period 1820-1840.¹ Although no longer a free-standing building, as it is attached on both the State Circle and Maryland Avenue sides and well-integrated into the later 19th century building fabric, the one-time market is distinguished by its large size and unique (to its immediate area) building form.

The two-story, brick structure is an imposing temple-form building with an implied temple front formed by the enclosed end gable and long, three-bay deep side walls. The temple-form, a common form for public buildings of this era, in this case lacks the direct use of classical orders often applied to them. Instead, the building is designed with implied orders and is characterized by its reduced use of ornamentation giving the building a distinctly industrial and vernacular appearance. The building, sited to take advantage of its prime location at the intersection of the circle and Maryland Avenue, faces Maryland Avenue with its temple-front end and extends its long side wall along State Circle. The building is covered with a gable roof and features a corner entry with storefronts facing both the Circle and Maryland Avenues. The brick has been repaired and openings infilled over the years.

The two-bay northwest elevation, fronting on Maryland Avenue, contains a projecting storefront display window. The windows are supported by a concrete foundation covered with black glass tiles. The storefront is capped by a thin triple-beaded cornice, set above the wide recessed frieze and scalloped canvas awning. The cornice terminates within approximately five-feet the northeastern corner of the building. Below the cornice are four florentine-figured glass transoms. The corner entrance consists of a single entry commercial-style door of wood and glass with single-light sidelights. Framed by a wide plain surround, the entry is set upon a granite sill. Above the entrance is a multi-beaded frieze supporting a single-light transom with florentine figured glass at the corners. The second story of the elevation has two 6/1 windows. Set within close proximity to the corners of the building, the windows have a large projecting wood lintel and sill. A pediment is formed by header and stretcher brickwork and the gable end is pierced by a single rectangular opening, containing a

¹ The date of construction has been determined based upon the on-site visit. The building appears on the 1858 Sachse's Birds Eye View of Annapolis.

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louvered panel.

The western elevation, fronting on State Circle, contains three recessed-bays. The storefront extends around the corner of the building, within the first bay of the elevation. The second bay has a single 6/1 window, narrower than the original windows. This window has been constructed within an infilled door entry. The third bay consists of a wide 8/1 window and a Greek Revival style entrance with a granite sill. The double wood and glass commercial-style doors and two-light transom are framed by thin Tuscan pilasters with a wide entablature and cyma recta cornice. The second story of the elevation contains six equally spaced 6/1 windows with projecting wood lintels and sills. Deeply recessed within the southern-most corner pier is a small narrow two-light casement window. The window is trimmed with a single wood bead and slightly projecting lintel and sill.

The southern elevation of the building, as seen from the rear courtyard of 66 State Circle, has a single 6/6 window on the second story. The window has a segmental jack-arched lintel and wide wood surrounds and slightly projecting sill.

The interior of the building located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle consists of a large open room with numerous utility rooms located at the southern end of the building. The main commercial space is ornamented with Greek Revival style built-in display cabinets and shelves. Running along the center of the room is a wooden main beam covered with textured metal and supported by thin fluted, metal columns with acanthus leaf capitals. The pressed tin ceiling is comprised of a square-in-square pattern with a bead and reel border. The textured filler is edged by an egg and dart molding. The cove molding has nebuly and chevron with bead. Semi-indirect replacement lighting fixtures have been evenly spaced on the ceiling. Hanging from chain links are acorn-shaped white glass bowls pendants, several with fans. The floor is made up of replacement three-inch pine boards, trimmed with square-edged baseboard.

The rear utility room, running the width of the main building, features beaded board walls and ceiling with a torus-style crown molding and astragal-style chair rail. The window and door openings are trimmed with square-edged molding. A long narrow hall, located south of the utility room, opens onto a storage room under the second floor straight-flight stair. The southern wall of

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the room is exposed 5-course American bond brick. The six-panelled doors, located along the hall, have wide square-edged surrounds.

Extending to the east, the hall continues into the rear of 79 Maryland Avenue, which contains storage space. The space features beaded wainscotting, projecting ovolo chair rail, a concrete floor, square-edge surrounds, and quadrant bead baseboard. The commercial space of 79 Maryland Avenue contains little historic ornamentation. The ceiling is covered with acoustical tile with the same replacement light found in the main building on the corner. The space contains a Greek Revival style cabinet that covers the display window. The glass of the four-light windows of the cabinet have been replaced with mirrors. The original exterior wall of 79 Maryland Avenue, to the west, was partially opened to provide interior access to the building at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle.

The second floor of the building, accessed by a straight-flight enclosed stair with double railings, contains several meeting rooms. The rooms contains little historic ornamentation. The window and door openings have original beaded or square-edge surrounds and 4- or 6-panelled doors.

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Designated as part of lot 82 and all of lot 83 on the Stoddert Map of 1718, the Calvert property originally was bounded by Maryland Avenue, State Circle and East Street. Governor Charles Calvert purchased the property after his term as governor was finished. The large brick dwelling, constructed in the 1720s and altered over the years, was the major structure on the lots. The Calvert family owned the property until 1810, when Governor Charles Calvert's grandson, Edward Henry Calvert sold it to Robert Denney. According to the tax assessment records of 1798, the two lots contained only a two-story brick dwelling. However, when Robert Denney purchased the property in 1810, the deed of sale listed the conveyance of "part of lot 82, all of lot 83, other buildings, and houses."² In 1819, all of the Denney property was sold to printer Jonas Green, grandson of Jonas Green, printer to the colony of Maryland in the 18th century who activated the Maryland Gazette. It was during the ownership of Jonas Green that the building on the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle was possibly constructed between 1820 and 1840. In 1842 the large tract of land was sold to Robert Welsh of Ben.³

Although Dr. Abram Claude purchased most of the large tract from Welch in 1854, parcel 919 had been sold earlier to Philip Clayton and George Jones, sometime between 1842 and 1849. Clayton and Jones, who owned several parcels of property along Maryland Avenue, conveyed the entire parcel to the Annapolis Division #10 of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.⁴ Between 1880 and 1891, a square one-story frame building was constructed on the northeastern portion of the property at 77 Maryland Avenue. According to the

²Liber NH 11 Folio 508, dated 1810.

³Liber WSG 26 Folio 175

⁴Liber JHN 4 Folio 202

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Sanborn Maps of 1891, this building was used by a marble/stone cutter, while the larger building at the corner of Maryland Street and State Circle was used as a grocery, market and meeting hall. In 1895, the Trustees for the Sons of Temperance conveyed the property to the Young Men's Christian Association.⁵ The building located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle had several additions on the northeast elevation, connecting it to the square building at 77-79 Maryland Avenue. In 1903 and 1908, the Sanborn Maps indicated that a tin shop, as well as the YMCA and grocery occupied the building. The 1913 Sanborn Maps show that the building contained a grocery, plumber, pipe fitter, and photography gallery.

In 1917, the YMCA sold the property at 77 Maryland Avenue and the building at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle to Elizabeth F. Howard.⁶ It was during this period of time that the existing square one-story marble/stone shop was demolished and replaced by a two-story brick building, located at 77-79 Maryland Avenue. Elizabeth Fuller Johnson Howard, born in 1876, was the wife of Charles Amos Howard. Howard, born in 1877, worked as a steamfitter.⁷

Charles A. and Elizabeth F. Howard defaulted on the mortgage in 1926 and James M. Munroe was appointed Trustee.⁸ According to the City Directories for 1928-1929, the property at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle was occupied by Calvert Photography Studio, the Christian Science Reading Room, plumber C.A. Howard, tailor J.A. Welch, and the Board of Education. Both 77-79 Maryland Avenue and the building at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle were purchased by Richard M. Johnson at a public auction in 1935 for \$16,825.⁹ Richard Montgomery Johnson, born in 1907, was a Corporal with the United States Marine Corps in World War II. He owned and operated Johnson's "On the Avenue," a

⁵Liber JCB 1 Folio 219

⁶Liber GW 136 Folio 220

⁷McIntire, p. 344.

⁸Equity 6995 Liber WMB 18 Folio 498

⁹Liber FAM 142 Folio 188

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men's clothing and accessories shop. In 1937, he married Opal Wells, the daughter of Dr. George M. Wells of Bowling Green, Kentucky.¹⁰

The 1949 and 1954 City Directories indicate that the building at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle, referred to as the Johnson Building, was occupied by a Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Calvert Photography Studio. According to the 1954 updated Sanborn Maps, the store located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle expanded into the first floor shop area of 79 Maryland Avenue with storage space on the second floor.

In 1987, Richard M. Johnson transferred all the buildings to his wife, Opal Wells Johnson.¹¹ In January 1993, Opal Johnson conveyed a "deed of gift" to one of her twin daughters, Jean Johnson Held.¹² Jean Held, born in 1943, attended the University of Maryland and married in 1967.¹³ Ms. Held currently owns and maintains the buildings under the Jean J. Held Family Trust. She operates Johnson's "On the Avenue," the men's clothing and accessory shop established by her father, in the building located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and State Circle. The second floor of both the corner building and 79 Maryland Avenue are currently used as meeting/office space and storage.

¹⁰McIntire, p. 370.

¹¹Liber 4529 Folio 151

¹²Liber 5898 Folio 355

¹³McIntire, p. 370.

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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

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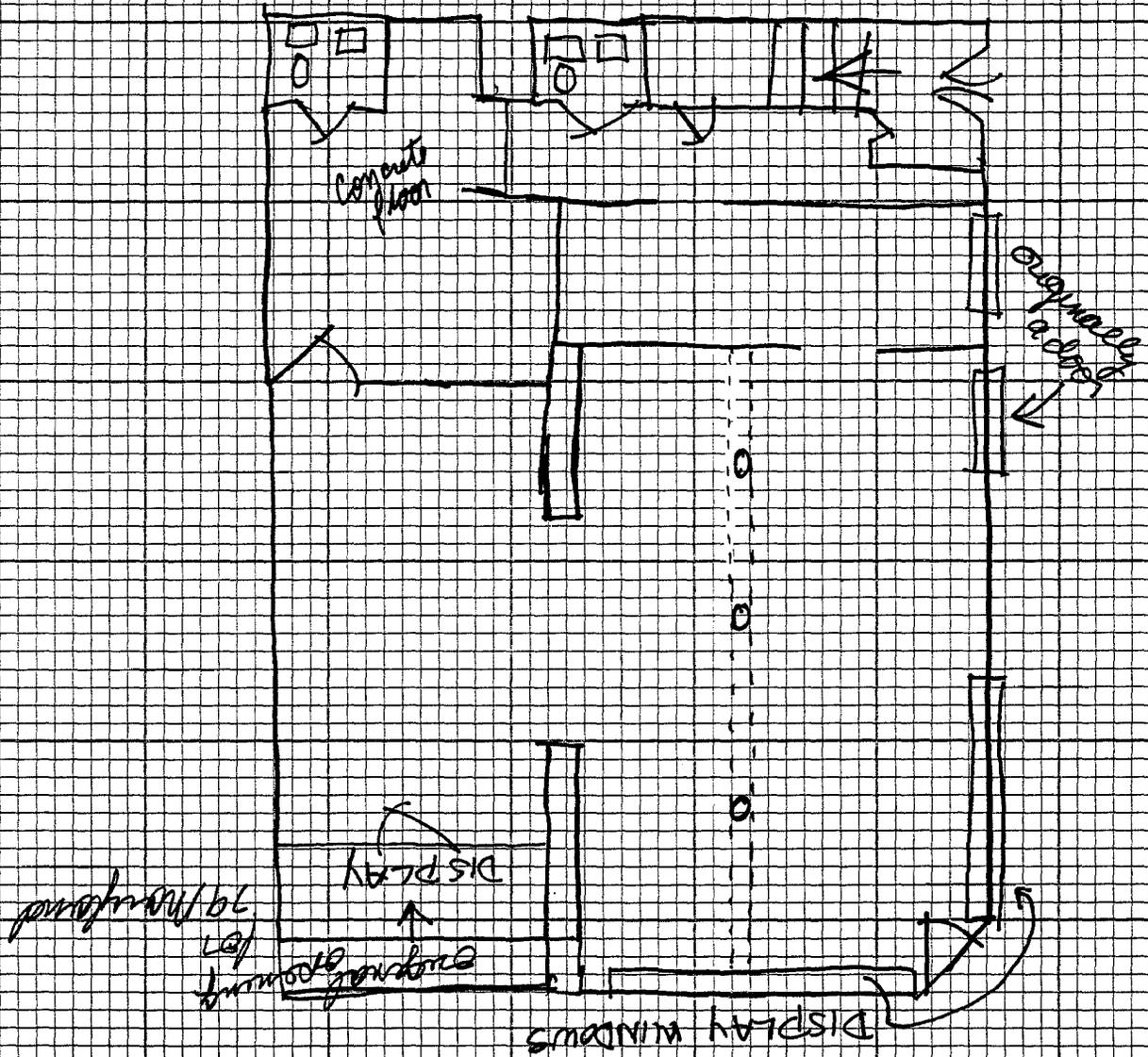
- 1718: Part of lot 82 and all of lot 83 surveyed by Stoddert for Richard Bickerdike
- pre 1723: Richard Bickerdike to William and Mary Rogers
- 1723: William and Mary Rogers to Thomas Larkin
Lot 83 and house
Liber RCW 2 Folio 197
- 1723: Thomas Larkin to William Rogers
Liber RCW 2 Folio 200
- 1727: William Rogers to Honorable Charles Calvert
Rogers to retain house until mortgage paid
Liber SY 1 Folio 286
- 1728: Richard Bickerdike to Honorable Charles Calvert
except 60 square feet sold to Daniel Larke, Sr.
Liber RD 1 Folio 84
- 1728: William Rogers to Honorable Charles Calvert
mortgage on property paid, Rogers vacates house
Liber RD 1 Folio 155
- c. 1734: Honorable Charles Calvert wills to wife Rebecca and two daughters.
- 1747: Daniel Larke, Jr. to Elizabeth Calvert
Sale of 60 square feet
Liber RB 2 Folio 566
- 1788: Benedict Calvert, husband of Elizabeth Calvert, wills to son, Edward Henry Calvert
- 1810: Edward H. Calvert to Robert Denney
Liber NH 11 Folio 508

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- 1819: Ramsey Waters, Trustee for Robert Denney to Jonas Green
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- 1842: Jonas Green to Robert Welch of Ben and Martha Welch and
Mary Green
Liber WSG 26 Folio 175
- pre 1849: Robert Ben of Welsh to Philip Clayton and George Jones
- 1849: George and Mary Jones and Philip and Mary Ann Clayton to
Annapolis Division #10 of the Order of the Sons of
Temperance
Liber JHN 4 Folio 202
- 1895: Annapolis Division #10 of the Order of the Sons of
Temperance to the Young Men's Christian Association by
Riley and Magruder, Trustees
Liber JCB 1 Folio 219
- 1917: Young Men's Christian Association to Charles A. and
Elizabeth F. Howard
Liber GW 136 Folio 220
- 1926: Charles A. and Elizabeth F. Howard default on mortgage.
James M. Munroe appointed Trustee to sell at public
auction
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Liber WMB 18 Folio 498
- 1935: James M. Monroe, Trustee to Richard M. Johnson
Liber FAM 142 Folio 188
- 1987: Richard M. Johnson to Opal Wells Johnson
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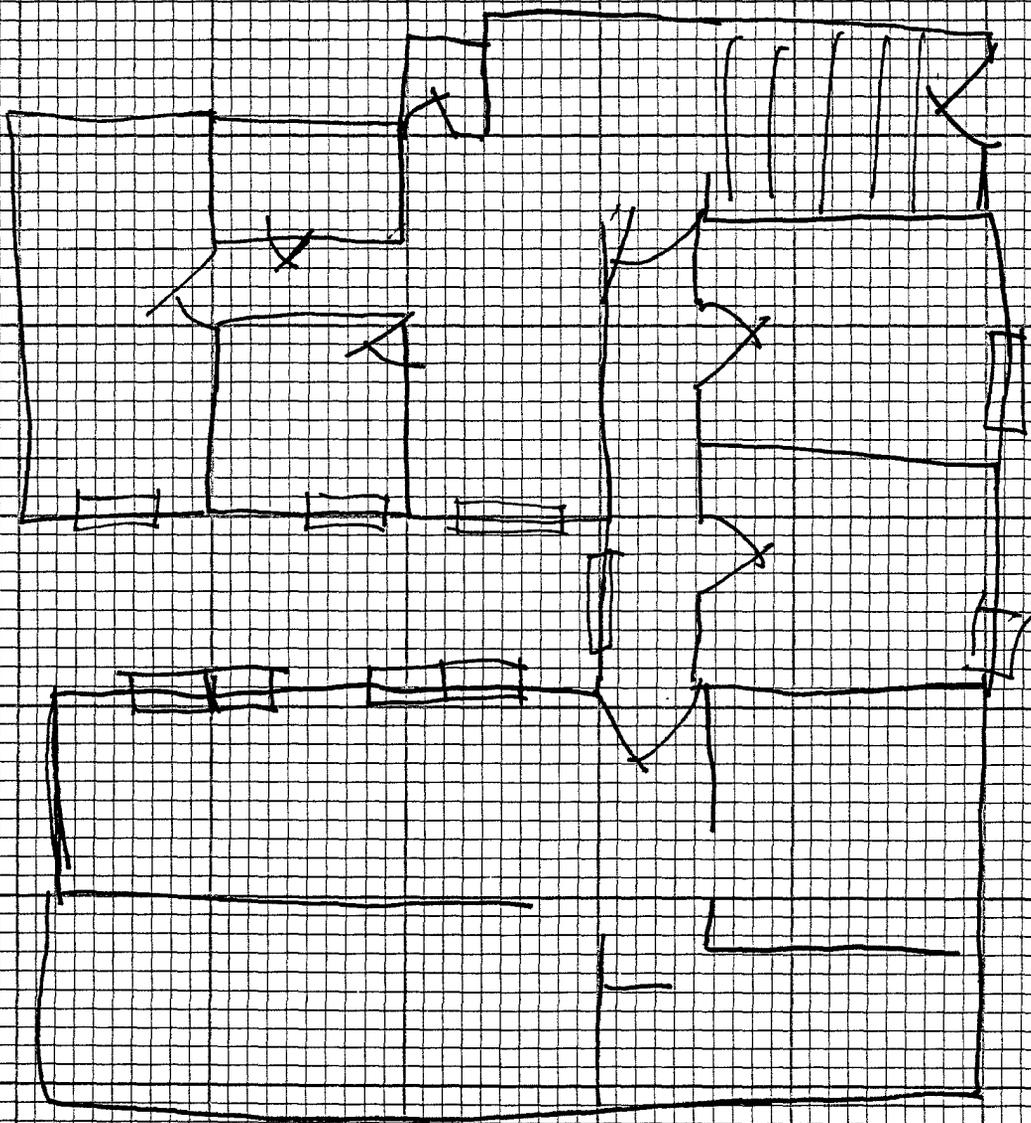


MARYLAND AND STATE CIRCLE

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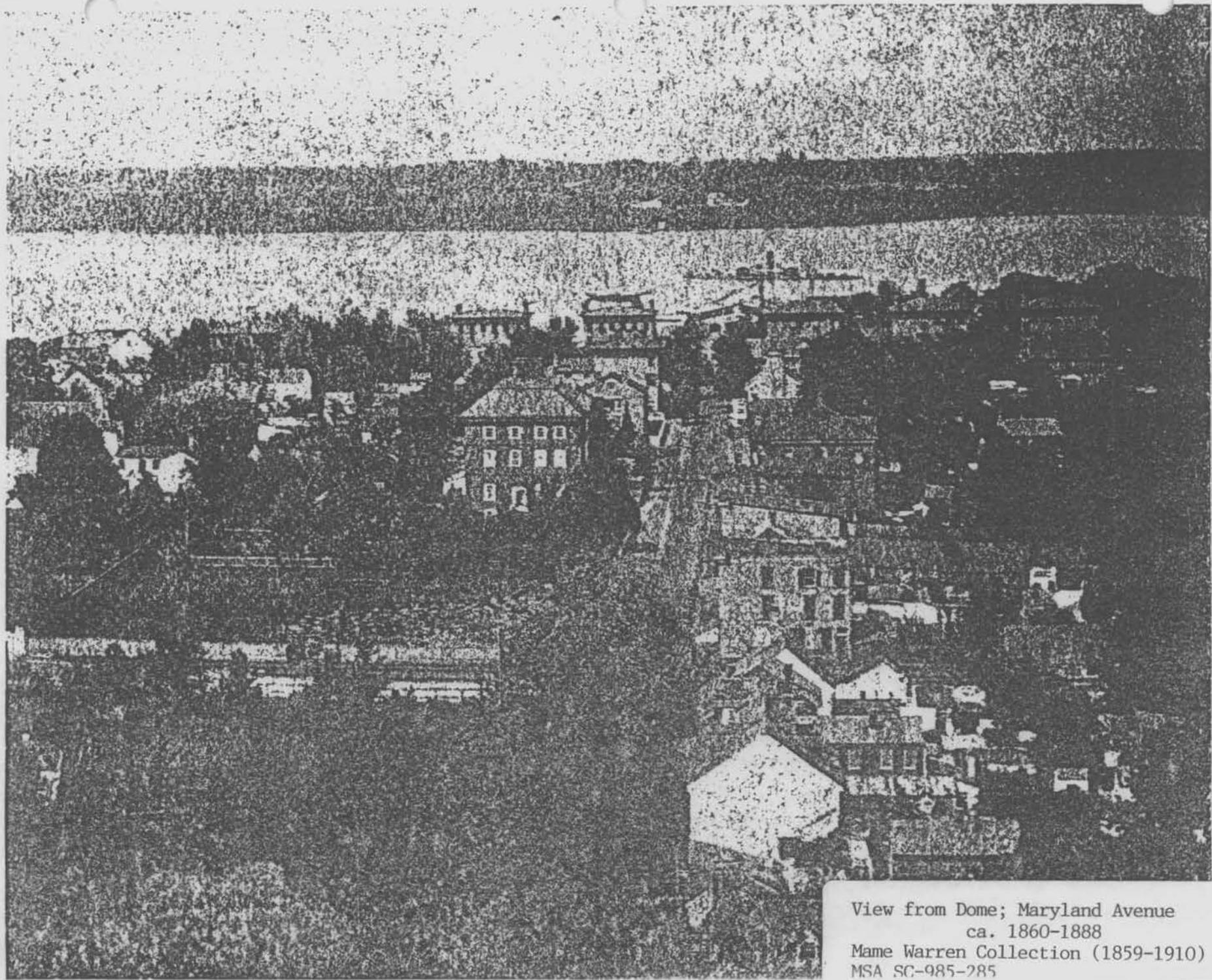


STATE CIRCLE

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View from Dome; Maryland Avenue
ca. 1860-1888
Mame Warren Collection (1859-1910)
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View from Dome; Maryland Avenue ca. 1890
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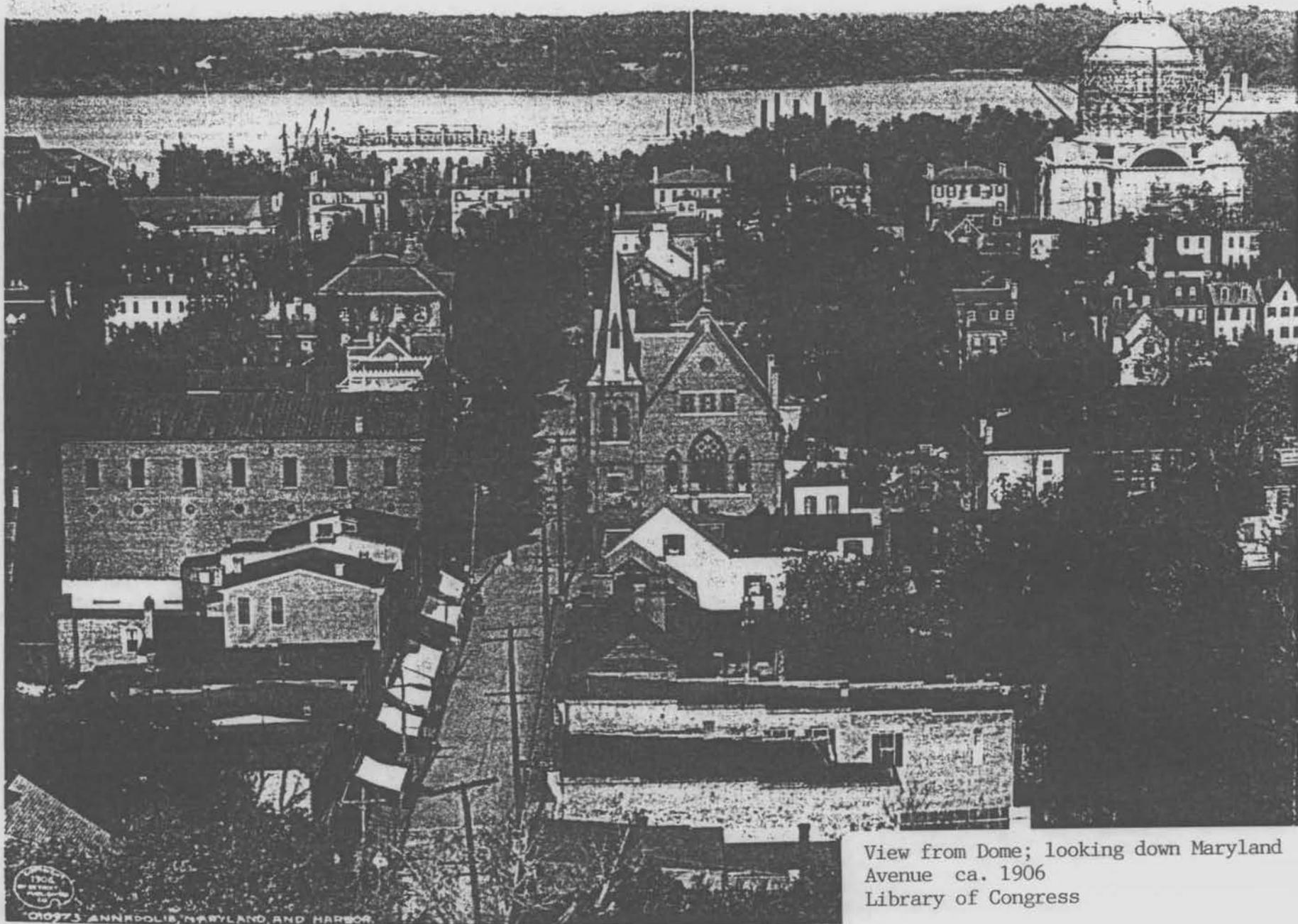
View from Dome; Maryland Avenue
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View looking down Maryland Avenue to
State House
ca. 1900

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View from Dome; looking down Maryland Avenue ca. 1906
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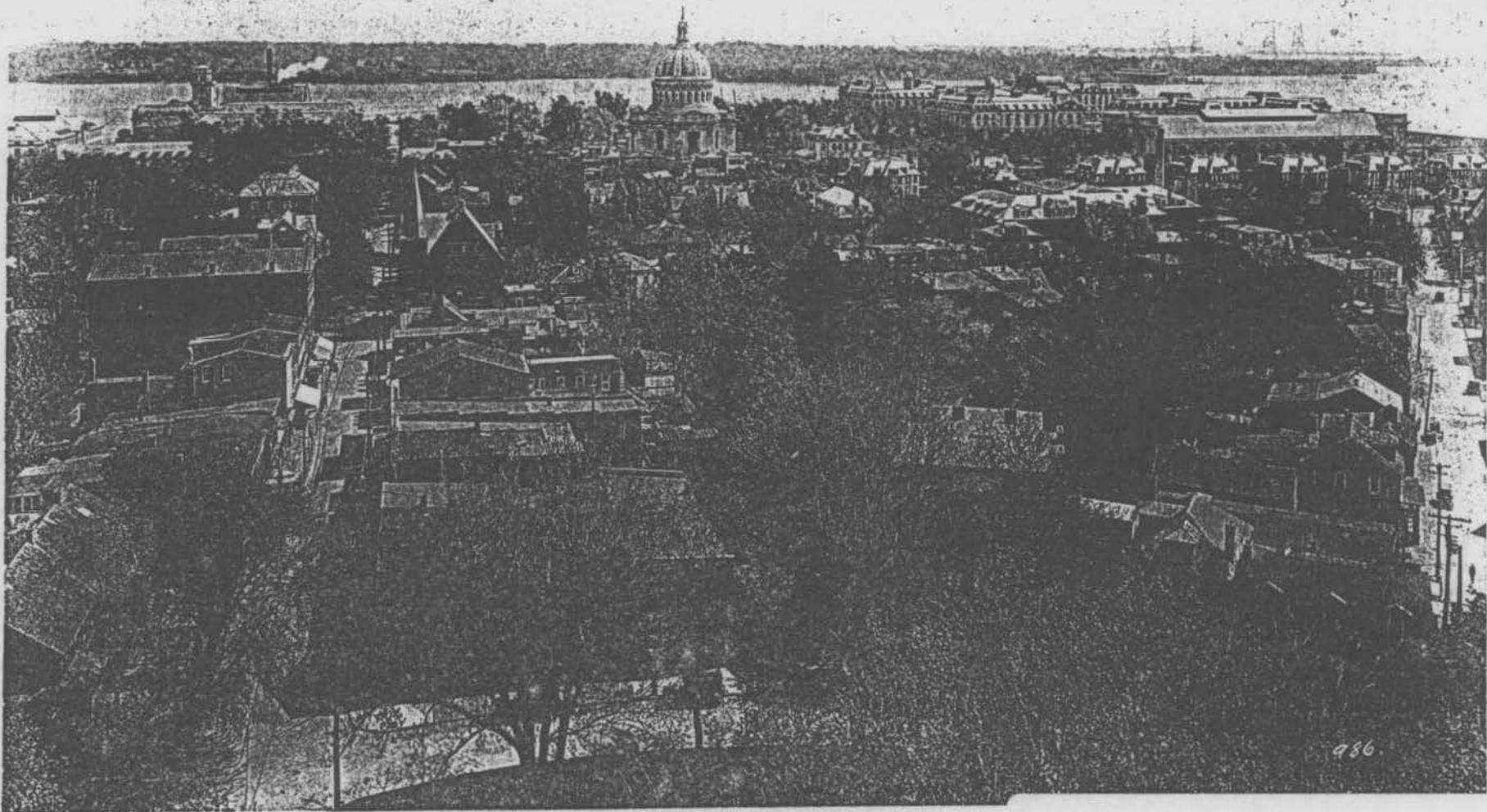
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Postcard: Maryland Ave from State House
ca. 1910-1920

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View from Dome; Maryland Avenue to
East Street ca. 1924-1925
Hayman Collection (1920 ca.-1930 ca.)
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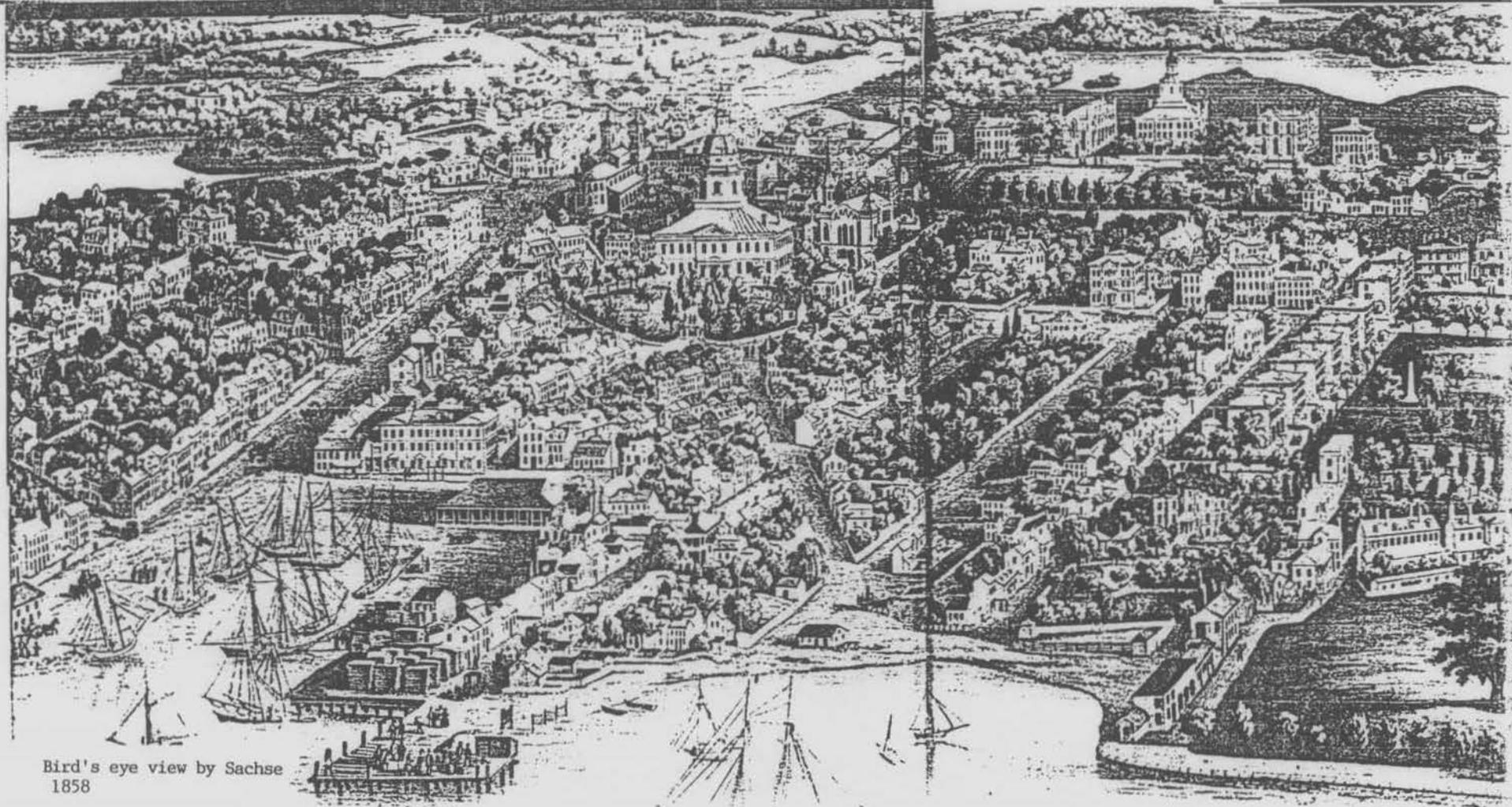
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View looking down Maryland Avenue to
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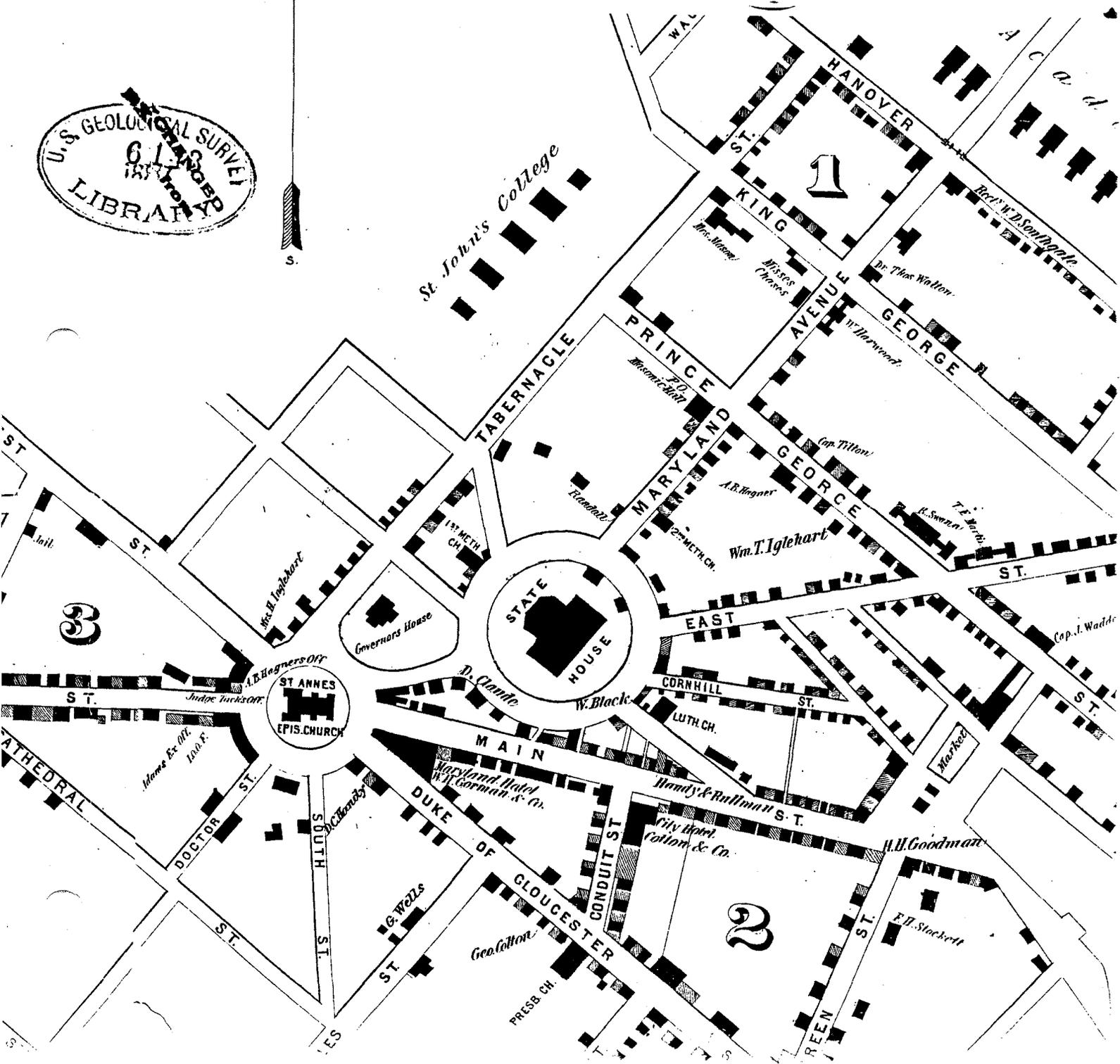
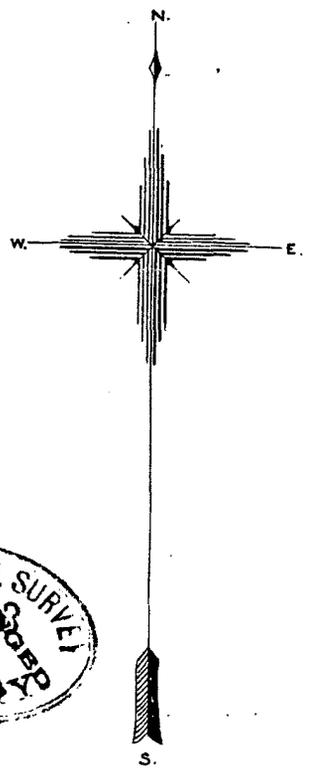
GRAY'S NEW MAP

OF

ANNAPOLIS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

Drawn from Special Surveys
1877.



St. John's College

TABERNACLE

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MARYLAND

GEORGE

STATE HOUSE

ST. ANNES EPIS. CHURCH

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DUKE OF

GLOUCESTER

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Handy & Rollman S. T.

City Hotel Cotton & Co.

H. H. Goodman

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Cap. J. Wadd

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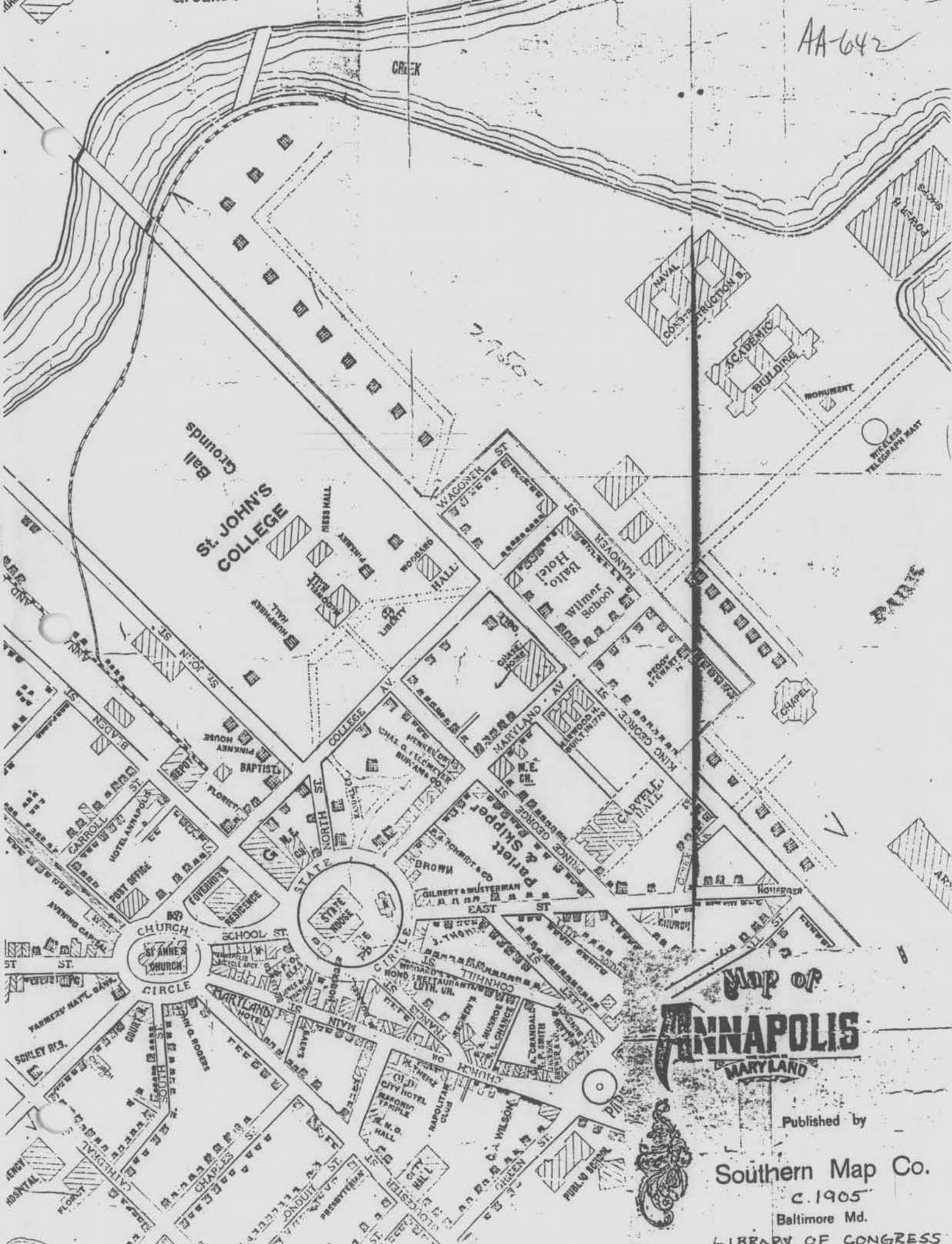
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St. JOHN'S COLLEGE

STATE HOUSE

CHURCH ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Map of
ANNAPOLIS
 MARYLAND

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TRACERIES

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MARYLAND SHPO

FACADE, WEST CORNER

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MARYLAND SHPO
NORTHWEST ELEVATION
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A black and white photograph of a two-story brick building. The upper story has a single window with white horizontal shutters. A dark horizontal band runs across the second story, containing a white sign. The sign features the name 'Johnson's' in a cursive script on the left and 'HABERDASHERY UNIFORMS' in a bold, sans-serif font on the right. Below the sign is a striped awning with a scalloped edge. To the right, a street lamp is visible against a light sky.

Johnson's HABERDASHERY
UNIFORMS

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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MARYLAND SHPO

FACADE, WEST CORNER 2ND STORY

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Johnson's HABERDASHERY UNIFORMS

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WINDOW, ORIGINAL DOOR ENTRY

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1ST FLOOR LOOKING EAST

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1st FLOOR LOOKING SOUTH

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1ST FLOOR REAR ROOM LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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1ST FLOOR CLOSET UNDER STAIRS LOOKING

SOUTH

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1ST FLOOR REAR HALL LOOKING NORTH-
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1ST FLOOR WALL DETAIL, REAR HALL

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1ST FLOOR LOOKING NORTHWEST

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 1835 642
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 (X) Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Greek Revival
DATE BUILT: c.1850

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 79 Maryland Avenue
COMMON NAME: Johnson's
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Comm. Map 32 Par 429
OWNER: Richard M. Johnson ADDRESS: 79 Maryland Ave. Annapolis, MD 21401
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 () Sheet Metal (X)
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () 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

Number of Bays: 2 x 6

Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 60

Entrance Location: at corner

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:

Corbeled brick cornice and full return at pediment gable end to street; louver in gable end was probably a window; pilaster strips at ends bridge by a deep brick band under pediment; limestone lintels and sills at second floor windows; first floor at Maryland Avenue and first third of State Circle elevation altered with well designed Carrera glass shop front. State Circle facade repeats window details at second floor and corbeled cornice, with similar but smaller windows at the first floor and a later entrance at the extreme right bay.

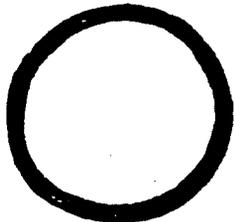
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Excellent Greek Revival temple form structure of great importance to streetscape and State Circle, critical to area and important as a type.

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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Form 10-445
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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland
 COUNTY
 TOWN VICINITY
 STREET NO. Maryland Ave. & State Circle
 (707)
 ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE commercial
 PRESENT OWNER Mr. Johnson
 PRESENT USE clothing store
 WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
 NO. OF STORIES two

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY
 2. NAME
 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1845
 STYLE Greek Revival
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER
 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

This corner building housing Johnson's clothing store is basically a Greek temple in form, and as such, it is a valuable piece of Annapolis architecture. End and side walls have recessed panels in which 6/6 windows with plain wood Greek lintels. The cornice is 3 double courses of corbeled bricks; the same marking the end pediment, the center of which has a square window (now louvred). Only major alteration is store which chopped off the corner. Building occupies important corner location.

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



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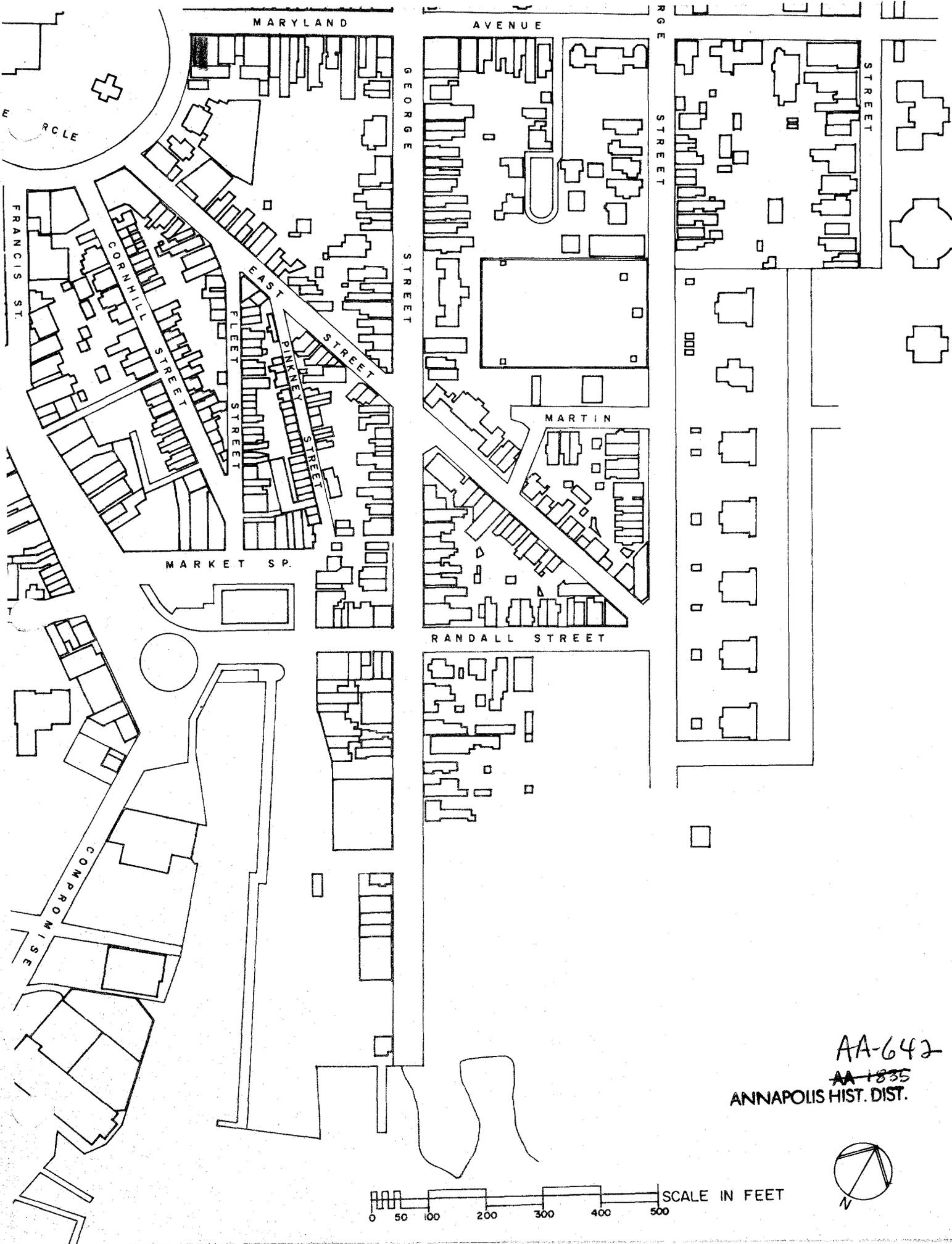
Exterior good

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 August 21, 1967



MARYLAND

AVENUE

GEORGE

STREET

RANDALL STREET

STREET

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MARTIN

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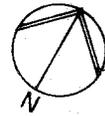
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COMPROMISE

STREET

SCALE IN FEET
0 50 100 200 300 400 500



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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

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Annapolis, Maryland

SE Elevation/camera facing NW



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July, 1966

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Annapolis, Maryland

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division/collection

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