

# Easement

Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	AA-680
COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY DATE	

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
John Callahan House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Pinkney-Callahan House

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
164 Conduit Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fourth

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

COUNTY:  
Anne Arundel

CODE:  
003

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mayor and City Council of Annapolis

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall, Duke of Gloucester Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
11

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Callahan House originally stood on a corner lot at the intersection of College and Bladen Streets. In its original location the house was situated adjacent to the intersection corner of its lot, so that what is now the southeast corner of the building was directly on the property line with a sidewalk built up against it. At its next location the house was so closely hemmed in on three sides by neighboring buildings that obtaining a favorable view of it was nearly impossible. Now, however, it has been moved to Conduit Street in front of the new city parking garage adjacent to the Lloyd Dulaney House. In its present location it is easily viewed from all directions.

In spite of its two movings, the main portion of the house has suffered few irremediable alterations, and it survives in generally sound structural condition. The Callahan House is 2 1/2 stories high, covered by a steep gable roof pierced by dormers apparently of a later date. The chimneys at the east and west ends feature a hound's tooth course around the top. The east chimney has been reduced in width at a later date. The four-bay north front and the three-bay west, or entrance front are laid up in very fine Flemish bond while the south, or rear, facade is laid in English bond (one course headers to one of stretchers) as is the east wall. The water table is capped with a course of molded brick; the water table itself has been covered with scored stucco. The windows on the north and west walls are capped with finely executed gauged brick lintels undercut with segmented curves. Most of the windows in the house amazingly retain their original sashes. The decorative window on the third floor of the west wall has a round headed top and has interlacing mullions. The Callahan House's noted doorway occupies the southern bay on the main facade. It is similar to Plate XLVII of Batty Langley's The City and Country Builders and Workmans Treasury of Designs, (London, 1750). A Doric pediment crowns the doorway supported on a Doric entablature and fluted Doric pilasters. The doorway also has panelled reveals and its original panelled door.

A photograph taken circa 1890 reveals a porch running the entire length of the (now) south side. The south wall is plastered on the first floor, in the area which was bounded by the porch. This same photograph shows a two story service wing that was attached to what is now the southeast corner of the house. A 2 1/2 story addition was added after the move to St. John's Street which greatly disfigured the house at the corner where the service wing used to stand. When this addition was removed some of the original walls of the house came with it. This section is now filled in with cinder block prior to restoration.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian!       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                      |   |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | osophy                                  | <u>local history</u>                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____   |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Callahan House is one of the few remaining upper-middle class Annapolis houses dating from the mid-1780's.<sup>1</sup>

The builder was John Callahan, a prominent late eighteenth century Annapolitan. He served as Register of Land Records for the western shore of Maryland during the Revolution and was a lieutenant colonel in the militia from 1794 to 1795. He was well thought of in Annapolis, for he served as a trustee of the estates of William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and of Samuel Middleton, owner of the recently restored Middleton's Tavern at the Annapolis dock.

Callahan married a daughter of architect William Buckland, who came to Annapolis in the 1770's to work on what is now the Hammond Harwood House.

The Callahan House originally stood on Bladen Street across from the State House. At the turn of the century the construction of State buildings threatened the continued existence of the building. A new site was found on St. John Street and the house was moved (from November 1900 through January 1901) with its owners, the Misses Pinkney, in residence.

In 1928 St. John's College purchased the house for a dormitory. Four decades later the State again wanted the site of the house for new construction. The Maryland Historical Trust saved the building from certain demolition by finding it a third site. In the fall of 1972 the house was moved through downtown Annapolis to its new location on Conduit Street. The State of Maryland conveyed title to the property to the City of Annapolis; the Maryland Historical Trust holds an interior and exterior easement to insure its preservation.

<sup>1</sup>Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798. Anne Arundel County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

(See continuation sheet)

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Brown, Ann Interview. June 18, 1971. Historic Annapolis, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland.

Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798. Anne Arundel County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

John Callahan House files. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland, and Historic Annapolis, Inc. Annapolis, Maryland.

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Anthony Oliver James and Nancy Miller**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust**      DATE: **July, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National [ ]      State [ ]      Local [ ]</p> <p>Name <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer for Maryland</u></p> <p>Date <u>July 3, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE	
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COUNTY	
Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

## #8 - Significance (Continued)

The Conduit Street location places the Callahan House in an appropriate setting. The structure compliments its neighbor, the Lloyd Dulaney House, and helps to restore an historic character to the street.

## # 9 - Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

McWilliams, Jane. Interview. June 18, 1971. Weems Creek, Annapolis, Maryland.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
John Callahan House	Pinkney-Callahan House	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maryland	Anne Arundel	Annapolis
STREET AND NUMBER		
164 Conduit Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map Annapolis Quadrangle	1957	1:24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

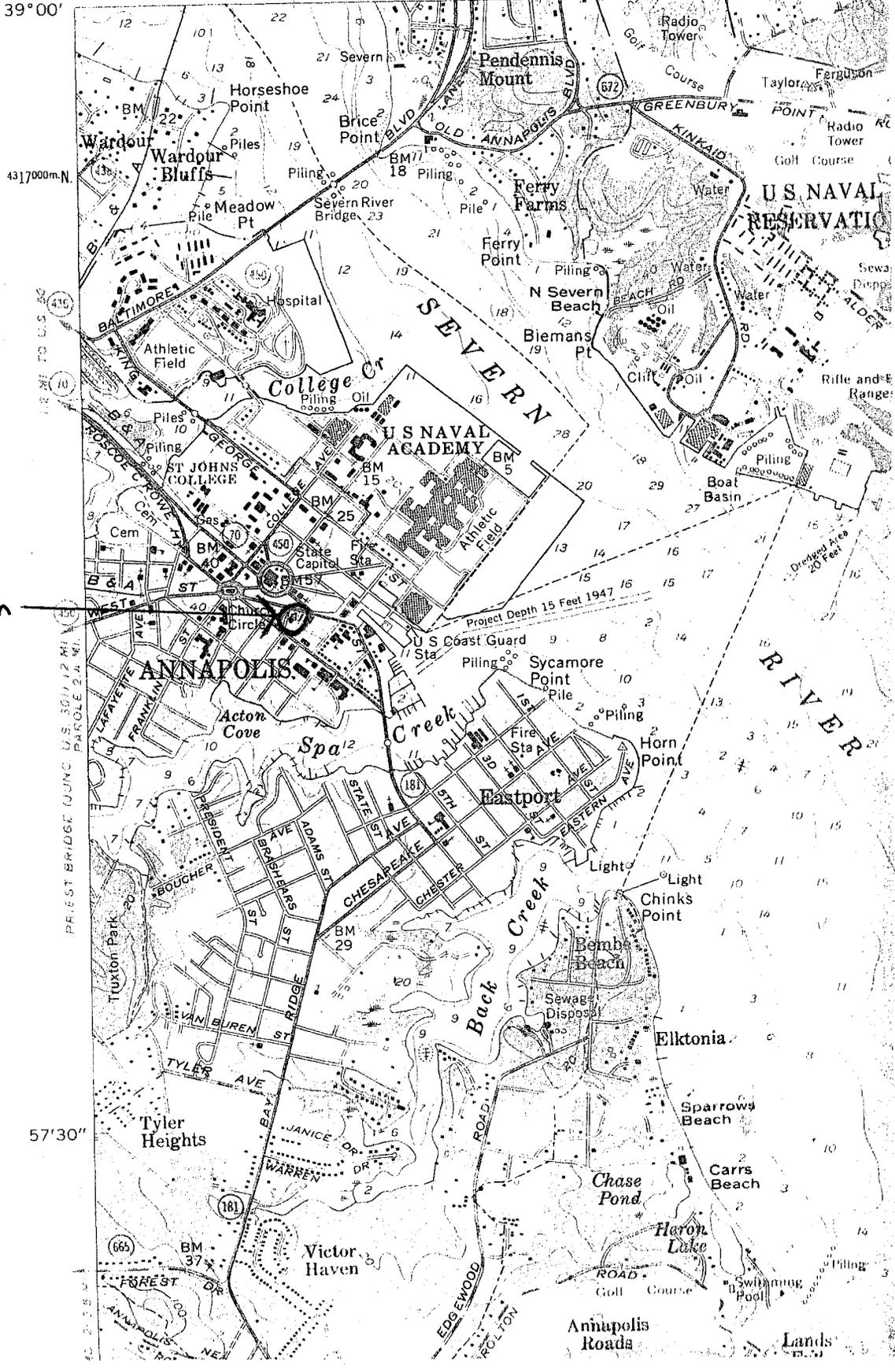
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(ROUND BAY)

76°30'  
39°00'

1 MI TO U.S. 50 & MD 2  
1.3 MI TO U.S. 50

1730000 N



John Callahan House

PRELST BRIDGE (JUNC U.S. 50/1.2 MI PAROLE 2.4 MI)

57°30"

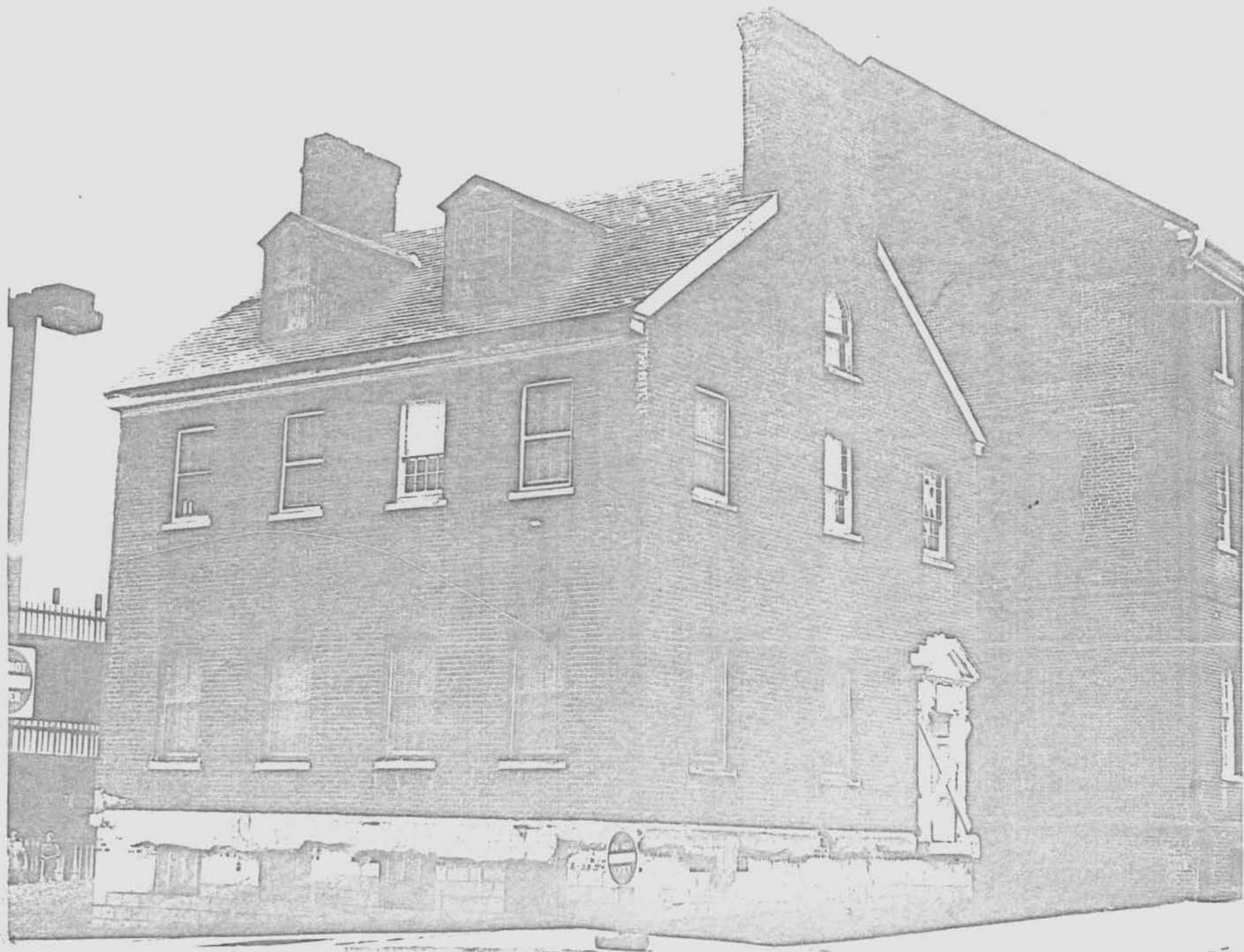
Annapolis Roads  
Lands

FORM 10-301 A  
(6/72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
John Callahan House	Pinkney-Callahan House	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maryland	Anne Arundel	Annapolis
STREET AND NUMBER		
164 Conduit Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Anthony James	6/73	Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Road Annapolis, Maryland 21401
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

North Elevation



# Easement

AA-680  
John Callahan House  
Annapolis  
Private

c. 1785-1790

Distinguished in the City of Annapolis for its unusual gable-end principal facade and its largely intact Georgian/Federal interior finishes, the John Callahan house, built around 1785-90, has been moved twice in efforts to prevent its demolition. Originally erected on the corner of Tabernacle (College) and Lawyer (Bladen) streets, the house was relocated to St. John's Street in 1900-01, and then to its present site on Conduit Street in 1972. The well-crafted Flemish and English bond elevations are marked by regularly spaced twelve-over-twelve and twelve-over-eight sash window openings featuring brick jack arches undercut with a segmental arch. The pedimented front entrance is particularly noteworthy with its fluted pilasters that rise to a Doric frieze articulated with triglyphs. Fixed in the upper gable end is a round arched window with interlacing muntins. The house is significant also for its intact interiors of 1780s Georgian-Federal woodwork. The first and second floors follow a four-room disposition with the stairhall located in the front, southwest corner. The cylindrical turned newel post and three rectangular balusters per tread support a molded handrail that ramps as it meets the first landing. The stringer is embellished with a Federal scroll decoration. Also distinguishing the interior are built-in shutters on the first floor and original six-panel doors, ogee backband surround moldings, and several original mantels.

Credit for the construction of this well appointed brick house is awarded to John Callahan (c. 1754-1803), a prominent and wealthy Annapolitan who served as the Register of the Western Shore Land Office between 1778 and 1803. John Callahan married Sarah Buckland, architect William Buckland's daughter, on June 22, 1783. Shortly afterwards Callahan acquired portions

of Lot 75 in two transactions, the first in January 1785 and a second in November 1787. The architectural character of the interior woodwork combines baroque robustness evident in the ogee backbands and deeply set raised-panel doors with the neoclassical refinements found in the stair and mantel designs. These elements strongly point to the mid 1780s as a construction date. Parallel woodwork is also found at George Mann's tavern house (AA-437), also erected during the mid 1780s.

John Callahan was assessed for his property in 1798, and the federal officials described the property as

One Brick Dwelling House Two Story 35 by 32, one Brick Kitchen 24 by 20,  
Single Story Brick Smoak House, 10 by 10, Milk House 5 by 5, and Frame House  
25 by 20, One Frame Stable 32 by 15

The brick house, five outbuildings, and the ½ acre lot were valued at \$1,300. John Callahan owned 2 slaves as well. John Callahan remained at the corner of Tabernacle and Lawyer streets until his death in 1803, when the property passed to his wife Sarah and their children. He made an unusual stipulation in his will that no inventory was to be made until Sarah Callahan's death. As a result, the estate remained open for several decades to follow. Finally, in 1831, Sarah Callahan petitioned the Chancery Court in order to settle her husband's unresolved legacy by obtaining clear title to the property in order to sell it. The court ordered that the real estate described in the testimony was Sarah Callahan's and that she had the right to dispose of it. Two years later, on October 31, 1833, Sarah Callahan sold the two-and-a-half story brick house and part of Lot 75 to Somerville Pinkney for \$2,500. The property remained in the Pinkney family through the balance of the nineteenth century. Somerville and Mary Pinkney's two maiden

daughters were the residents when the house was relocated to St. John's Street in 1900-01.

Following the deaths of the Pinkney sisters, the property was acquired by St. John's College and used as a dormitory and infirmary until the late 1960s when it was threatened with demolition.

Historic Annapolis, Inc. intervened in order to save the house, and the preservation group worked out an long-term lease with the understanding that Historic Annapolis would restore the house on its new, city-owned site on Conduit Street. This arrangement lasted until 1983 when the property was sold to the present owner.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: John Callahan House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: AA-680

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
  
2. Geographic Orientation: Western Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Rural Agrarian Intensification  
1680-1815
  
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

*Easement*  
MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-680

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Callahan House

and/or common Pinkney-Callahan House

## 2. Location

street & number 164 Conduit Street  not for publication

city, town Annapolis  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jan and Nancy Chandonnet

street & number 216 Norwood Drive telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Clerk of Court liber 3676

street & number Anne Arundel County Courthouse folio 374

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1967 and 1983  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-680

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move 1900 and 1972
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Callahan house, also known as the Pinkney-Callahan house, is located at 164 Conduit Street in the heart of the central business district of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The house faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. In efforts to preserve this important late eighteenth century house, it has been moved twice; first during late 1900 when it was moved from its original site on the southeast corner of Bladen and College Avenue to St. John's Street about a block away, and second, when it was relocated from St. John's Street in 1972 to its current location on Conduit Street.

Estimated to date around 1785-90, the John Callahan house is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay by four-bay Flemish bond brick dwelling with a gable end elevation serving as the principal entrance facade. The four-room plan house is supported on a raised block foundation sheathed with an English bond brick veneer and a beveled watertable. The front (Conduit Street) wall is laid in Flemish bond as is the north side (Gorman Street) elevation. The mortar is struck with a grapevine joint. The south (side) and east (rear) walls are laid in English bond. The walls rise to a steeply pitched, dormered gable roof covered with slate.

The west (main) elevation is a balanced three-bay facade with the principal entrance fixed in the southern bay. The raised six-panel door is framed by a classical pedimented surround. Fluted pilasters rise to Doric frieze articulated by triglyphs. Fixed atop the frieze is a triangular pediment accented with fine dentil bed moldings. Enhancing the entrance as well are raised panel reveals. The two adjacent bays are filled with twelve-over-twelve sash windows surmounted with finely laid brick jack arches undercut with a segmental arch. The second floor is marked by three evenly spaced twelve-over-eight sash windows accented with brick jack arches and undercut with a segmental arch. Distinguishing the gable end is a round arched window featuring interlacing muntins. The gable end is dominated by a narrow proportioned chimney stack finished with a corbelled cap.

The north (Gorman Street) elevation is a four-bay facade with four twelve-over-twelve sash windows lighting the first floor and four twelve-over-eight sash windows illuminating the second floor. The windows feature brick jack arches with undercut segmental arches. Piercing the foundation are four segmental arched window openings recreated after the house was moved. The window frames have horizontal diamond cross-sectioned bars. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice, and a pair of gabled nineteenth century dormers light the attic. The six-over-six sash windows are framed by paneled pilasters. The sides of the dormers are covered with slate.

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## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

John Callahan House, AA-680  
164 Conduit Street  
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

The south side elevation is three bays across with a center entrance flanked by twelve-over-twelve sash windows. The eastern (right) portion of the wall has been rebuilt. Three twelve-over-eight sash windows light the second floor. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with bold bed and crown moldings. The roof is marked by a pair of gabled six-over-six sash dormers. The sides of the dormers are sheathed with slate, and the edge of the dormer roof is trimmed with a crown molding with short returns on the front face.

The rear (east) wall is a symmetrical three-bay facade with twelve-over-twelve sash windows lighting the first floor and twelve-over-eight sash windows illuminating the second floor. A series of three, four-over-four sash windows light the attic. Rising through the gable end is an interior end chimney stack of smaller proportions than the front stack. It is finished with a corbelled cap.

The floor plan follows a four-room disposition with an entrance hall located in the front, southwest corner. North of the hall are the two principal downstairs rooms of approximately equal size, while a third room is located in the southeast corner. The hall contains a quarter turn staircase distinguished with late eighteenth century Federal finishes. The cylindrical turned newel post and three rectangular balusters support a molded handrail that ramps as it meets the first landing. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. The cellar stair is located beneath the main stair, although the door to the cellar stairwell has been removed. The window and door surrounds feature a boldly molded three-part surround with a robust ogee backband, a lower profile ogee middle molding and a beaded edge. The walls are also trimmed with heavy chair rail and baseboard moldings. The chair rail, embellished with a repeating triglyph motif, stretches around the room at window sill height. The windows also feature built-in folding shutters with paneled fronts. Six-panel doors, framed by ogee backband surrounds, open into the adjacent rooms.

The northwest (front) parlor is a squarish space with a large double door opening on its east wall. Ten-panel double-leaf doors are framed by a molded surround. The outside window openings feature ogee backband surrounds and built-in shutters. Trimming the walls as well is a plastered cornice, triglyph decorated chair rail, and a baseboard molding. Centered on the west wall is a projecting chimney breast accented with a mid-nineteenth century black marble mantel. Plain pilasters rise to a plain frieze, which is topped by a thick shelf.

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## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

John Callahan House, AA-680

164 Conduit Street

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

The room behind is of equal size and is entered through a raised six-panel hall door or by way of the large double doors that pierce the center partition. The raised panel double doors have large inset throw bolts with brass knobs. The room is generously lighted by four large size twelve-over-twelve sash windows designed with built-in shutters and framed by ogee backband surrounds. The triglyph embellished chair rail stretches around the perimeter of the room, which is also trimmed with a molded baseboard and a plaster cornice. Centered on the north wall is a Federal mantel that features paneled pilasters, fluted frieze blocks, and a broken profile mantel shelf. The small room that occupies the southeast corner of the first floor is entered from the hall by way of a new six-panel door accented with a late eighteenth century ogee backband surround.

The second floor is divided in a similar fashion with the upstairs hall providing access to two large rooms on the north side of the house and a smaller space (now bathrooms) located in the southeast corner. The upstairs hall contains the attic stair, which continues with a closed stringer to the next landing and a series of square balusters support a molded handrail. The upper portion of the attic stair is enclosed, however a small four-pane window pierces the side wall allowing natural light to illuminate the landing. Trimming the second floor hall wall is a less elaborate chair rail and a simple beaded baseboard molding. The windows and doors are framed by a less complex ovolo molded backband surround, which has a beaded inner edge. There are no built-in shutters on the second floor.

The main rooms on the north side of the house are finished in the same fashion with six-panel doors opening into each space. Federal mantels with paneled pilasters and fluted frieze block also feature broken profile mantel shelves with a dentil bed molding. The southeast corner of the second floor is divided into two modern bathrooms.

The attic has been partitioned with new walls and door finishes. There is a second quarter of the nineteenth century Greek Revival mantel in the northwest room that frames the fireplace.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-680

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Distinguished in the City of Annapolis for its unusual gable-front principal facade and its largely intact Georgian/Federal interior finishes, the John Callahan house, built around 1785-90, has been moved twice in efforts to save it from demolition. Originally erected on the corner of Tabernacle (College) and Lawyer (Bladen) streets, the house was relocated to St. John's Street in 1900-01, and then to its present site on Conduit Street in 1972. The well-crafted Flemish and English bond elevations are distinguished by regularly spaced twelve-over-twelve and twelve-over-eight window openings featuring brick jack arches undercut with a segmental arch. The pedimented front entrance is particularly noteworthy as well with fluted pilasters that rise to a Doric frieze articulated with triglyphs. Fixed in the upper gable end is a round arched window with interlacing muntins. The house is significant as well for its intact interiors of 1780s Georgian/Federal woodwork. The first and second floors follow a four-room disposition with the stairhall located in the front, southwest corner. The cylindrical turned newel post and three rectangular balusters per tread support a molded handrail that ramps as it meets the first landing. The stringer is embellished with a Federal scroll decoration. Also distinguishing the interior are built-in shutters on the first floor and original six-panel doors, ogee backband surround moldings, and several original mantels.

Credit for the construction of this well-designed brick house is awarded to John Callahan (c. 1754-1803), a prominent and wealthy Annapolitan who served as the Register of the Western Shore Land Office between 1778 and 1803.(1) John Callahan married Sarah Buckland, architect William Buckland's daughter, on June 22, 1783.(2) Shortly afterwards Callahan acquired portions of Lot 75 in two transactions, the first in January 1785 and a second in November 1787.(3) The architectural character of the interior woodwork combines a baroque robustness evident in the bold ogee backbands and deeply set raised-panel doors with neoclassical refinements found in the stair and mantel designs. These elements strongly point to the mid 1780s as a construction date. Parallel woodwork is also found at George Mann's Tavern house, also erected during the mid 1780s.

(Continued)

## 8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

John Callahan House, AA-680  
164 Conduit Street  
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

John Callahan was assessed for his property in 1798, and the federal officials described the property as

One Brick Dwelling House Two Story 35 by 32, one Brick Kitchen 24 by 20, Single Story Brick Smoak House, 10 by 10, Milk House 5 by 5, and Frame House 25 by 20, One Frame Stable 32 by 15

The brick house, five outbuildings, and the ½ acre lot were valued at \$1,300. John Callahan owned 2 slaves as well.(4) John Callahan remained at the corner of Tabernacle and Lawyer streets until his death in 1803, when the property passed to his wife Sarah and their children.(5) He made an unusual stipulation in his will that no inventory was to be made until Sarah Callahan's death. As a result, the estate remained open for several decades to follow. Finally, in 1831, Sarah Callahan petitioned the Chancery Court in order to settle her husband's unresolved legacy by obtaining clear title to the property in order to sell it.(6) The court ordered that the real estate described in the testimony was Sarah Callahan's and that she had the right to dispose of it. Two years later, on October 31, 1833, Sarah Callahan sold the two-and-a-half story brick house and part of Lot 75 to Somerville Pinkney for \$2,500.(7) The property remained in the Pinkney family through the balance of the nineteenth century. Somerville and Mary Pinkney's two maiden daughters were the residents when it was relocated to St. John's Street in 1900-01. An article published on January 24, 1901 in the *Evening Capital* detailed the events of the relocation.

The Pinkney House, the moving of which was begun two months ago, and which has been a wonder to the citizens and visitors of Annapolis, now rests over its new foundation on North street extended, on the Claude property, next to the new residence of Dr. W. C. Claude.

The lot on which this house formerly stood has been purchased by the State as part of the site of its new State Building, and the owners, the "Misses Pinkney," reserved the house. About the 10th of November, the contractors, Thomas S. Spicknall & Co. of 541 North Fulton street, Baltimore, began to underpin the house to remove it from the corner of Bladen street and College Avenue to a lot on St. John's street, a distance, including the turning of the house around to bring the front door on St. John's street, of 300 feet. (8)

## 8.2 SIGNIFICANCE

John Callahan House, AA-680  
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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Following the deaths of the Pinkney sisters, the house was acquired by St. John's College and used as a dormitory and infirmary until the late 1960s when it was threatened with demolition. Historic Annapolis, Inc. intervened in order to save the house, and the preservation group worked out a long-term lease with the understanding that Historic Annapolis would restore the house on its new, city-owned site on Conduit Street. This arrangement lasted until 1983 when the property was sold to the present owner.(9)

### Footnotes

- 1 McIntire, Robert Harry. *Annapolis Maryland Families*. (Baltimore, Md: Gateway Press, Inc. 1979), p. 110.
- 2 *Ibid.*
- 3 General Court of the Western Shore Land Record, TBH 1/310, January 29, 1785, and Anne Arundel County Land Record, NH 3/135, 11/20/1787.
- 4 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, 1798, Annapolis, Maryland State Archives.
- 5 Anne Arundel County Will Book, JG 2/253, proved 11/30/1803, Maryland State Archives.
- 6 Chancery Record 144/94, July Term 1831, Sarah Callahan vs. Richard Harwood of Thomas, Sarah his wife, Samuel Maynard and Anna his wife.
- 7 Anne Arundel County Land Record, WSG 18/269, 10/31/1833, Maryland State Archives.
- 8 *Evening Capital*, January 24, 1901.
- 9 Anne Arundel County Land Record, 3676/374, 12/12/1983, Maryland State Archive.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-680

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant date 2/9/96

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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AA-680  
John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
164 Conduit Street  
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Chain of title for original house lot on corner of Tabernacle (College) and Bladen streets

1900                      A search was made for a deed transferring the corner  
portion of Lot 75 from the Pinkney sisters to the  
State of Maryland. It was not found.

WSG 18/269              Sarah Callahan

to

10/31/1833              Anne Franklin, Trustee  
(Under a deed of trust from Somerville Pinkney  
and Mary F. Deale, now Mary F. Pinkney, bearing date  
12/3/1828)

\$2,500. Lot No. 75

Bounding with Tabernacle Street 60 feet thence running  
across the whole of Lot 75 to the Public or State House  
Circle to Lawyer Street to the beginning

AA-680  
John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Chain of title

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Chancery Record  
144/94

Sarah Callahan

vs.

July Term 1831

Richard Harwood of Thomas, Sarah his wife, Samuel  
Maynard and Anna his wife

Somerville Pinkney, her solicitor

John Callahan died seized and possessed of a house and  
lot in the City of Annapolis and also a large personal  
estate

the said John Callahan left the following persons his  
heirs and legal representatives, Sarah, who married  
Richard Harwood of Thomas, Anna, who intermarried  
with Samuel Maynard, Harriet who intermarried with  
John Ridgely, Elizabeth Callahan, James Callahan, and  
Maria Callahan, who intermarried with Thomas W.  
Lendrum, the said Harriet Ridgely hath departed this  
life leaving said John Ridgely her husband surviving  
and the following children viz. Mary Ridgely, Ann  
Ridgely, John Ridgely (who is also dead without issue)  
Absolom Ridgely, Richard Ridgely, William Ridgely,  
and Harriet Ridgely, which said Mary, Ann, Absalom,  
Richard, William, and Harriet are infants under the age  
of twenty one years....

Sarah Callahan petitions for a conveyance of the house  
and lot

Court ordered and decreed that the real estate in the  
proceedings mentioned be conveyed to the complainant

David Ridgely was appointed trustee

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John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Chain of title research continued

JG 2/253

Will of John Callahan

Proved

11/30/1803

I John Callahan of the City of Annapolis

....requests that no inventory to be made unless Sarah  
Callahan dies....

McIntire, Robert Harry. *Annapolis Maryland Families*, (Baltimore, Md: Gateway Press, Inc., 1979) p. 110 John Callahan, born about 1754, Register of Land Office of Western Shore, 1778-1803, died 10/26/1803 married June 22, 1783 Sarah Buckland, who died in Baltimore June 1839, Had Callahan, a. Sally, born about 1783, b. Anna, c. Harriet.

NH 3/135

Onner Wilkens, widow, City of Annapolis

to

11/20/1787

John Callahan

Whereas Joseph Wilkens late of the City of Annapolis aforesaid deceased was in his lifetime seized and possessed of part of a lot of ground in the said City distinguished on the plat thereof by No. 75 and being so thereof seized and possessed made his last will and testament then dwelling on his part of the said Lot which is contained in the following devise to wit:

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Onner Wilkens all my lot of ground with the houses and other improvements thereon where I now live, lately purchased of a certain Colonel Thomas Dorsey (except the fifty feet fronting the Stadt house, though to the said lot sold to a certain John Callahan Esq. of Annapolis) to the said Onner....



AA-680  
John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
Chain of title research

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment (Maryland State Archives M 860)

City of Annapolis

Owner-John Callahan

Occupant-John Callahan

One Brick Dwelling House Two Story 35 by 32, one Brick Kitchen 24 by 20, Single  
Story Brick Smoak House 10 by 10, Milk House 5 by 5, and Frame House 25 by 20,  
One Frame Stable 32 by 15

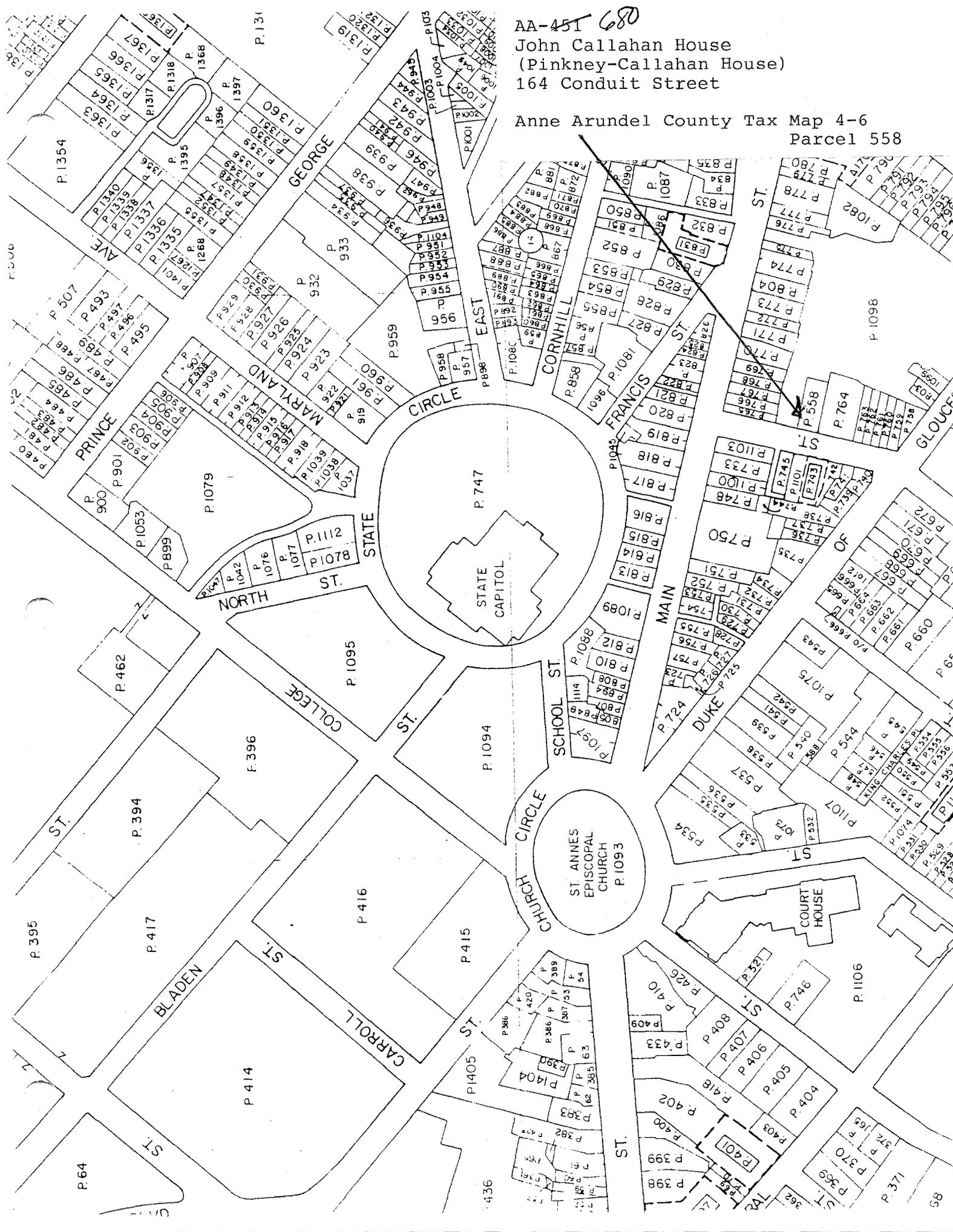
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½ acre

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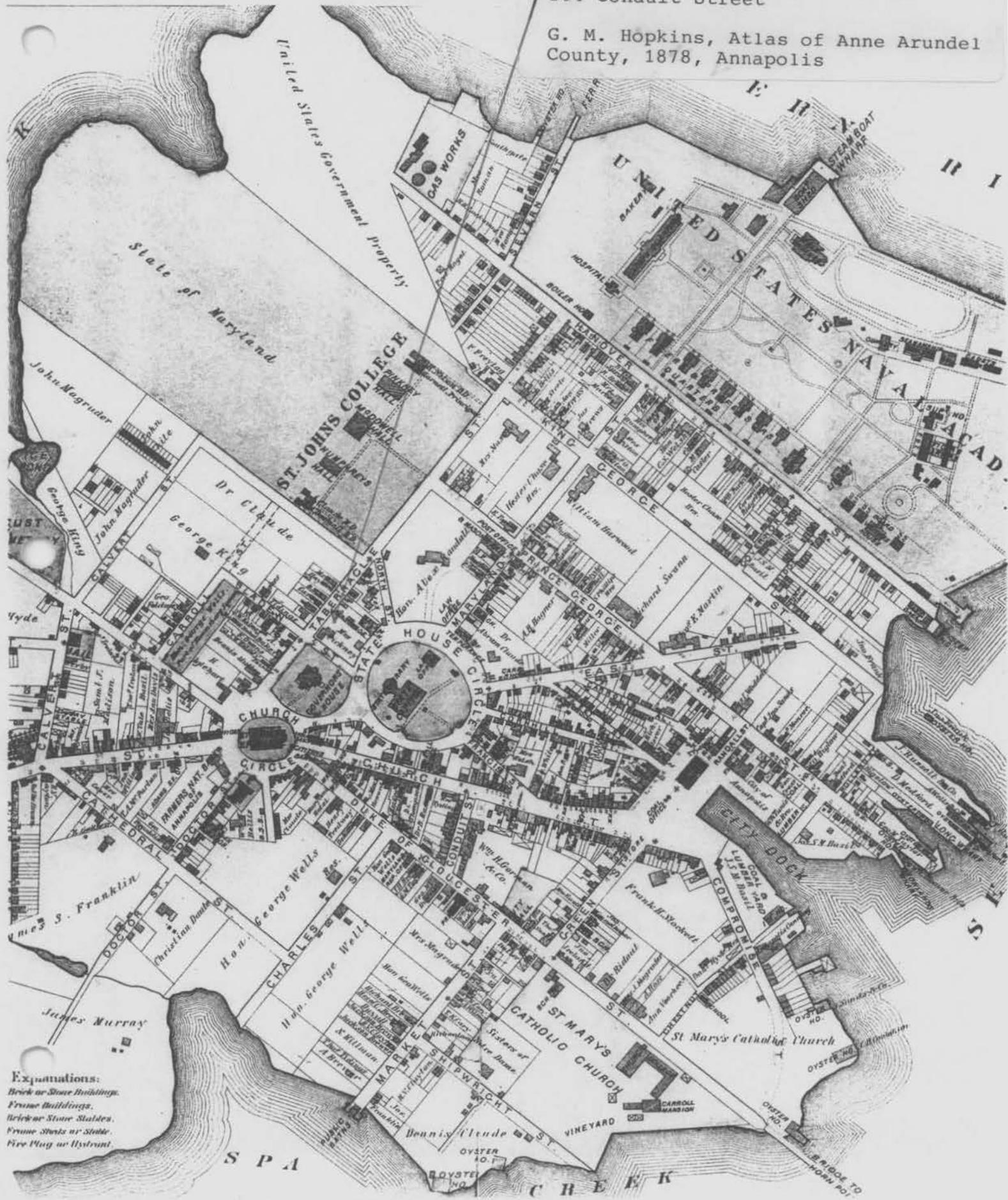
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John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
164 Conduit Street

Anne Arundel County Tax Map 4-6  
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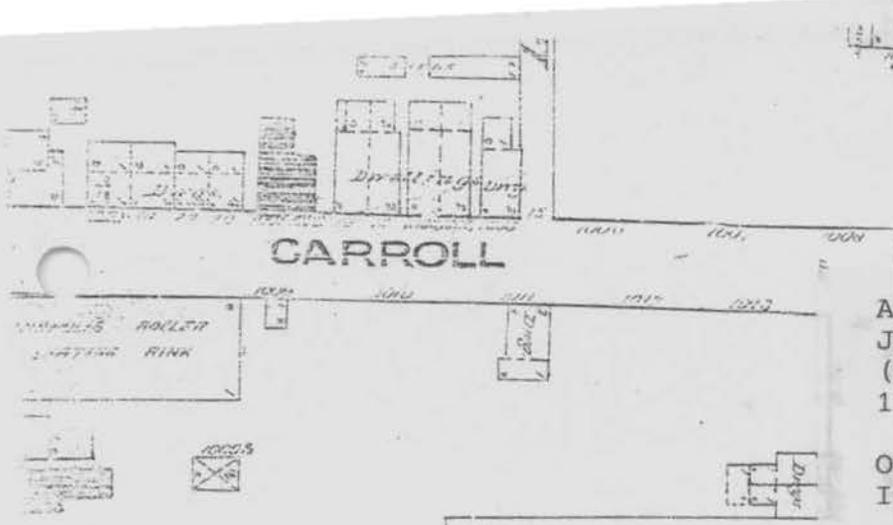


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John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
164 Conduit Street

G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Anne Arundel  
County, 1878, Annapolis



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 Brick or Stone Stables.  
 Frame Sheds or Stables.  
 Fire Plug or Hydrant.

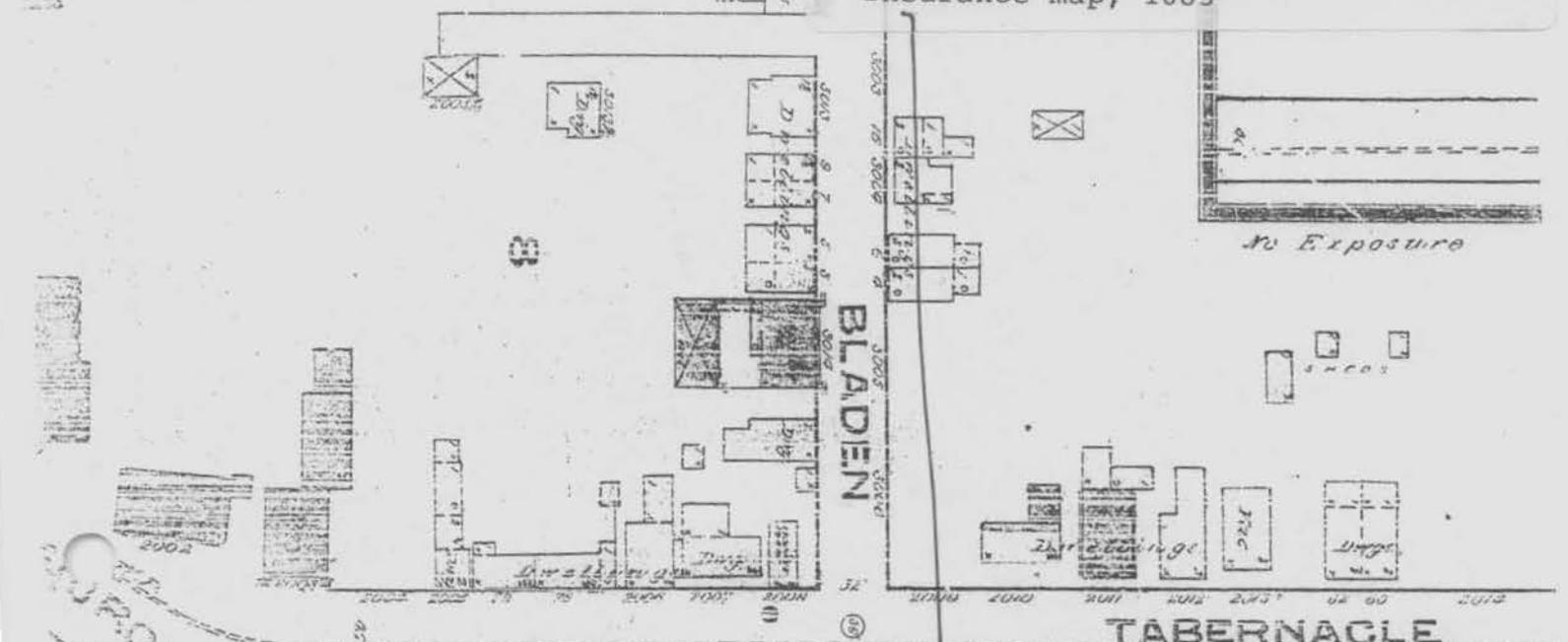


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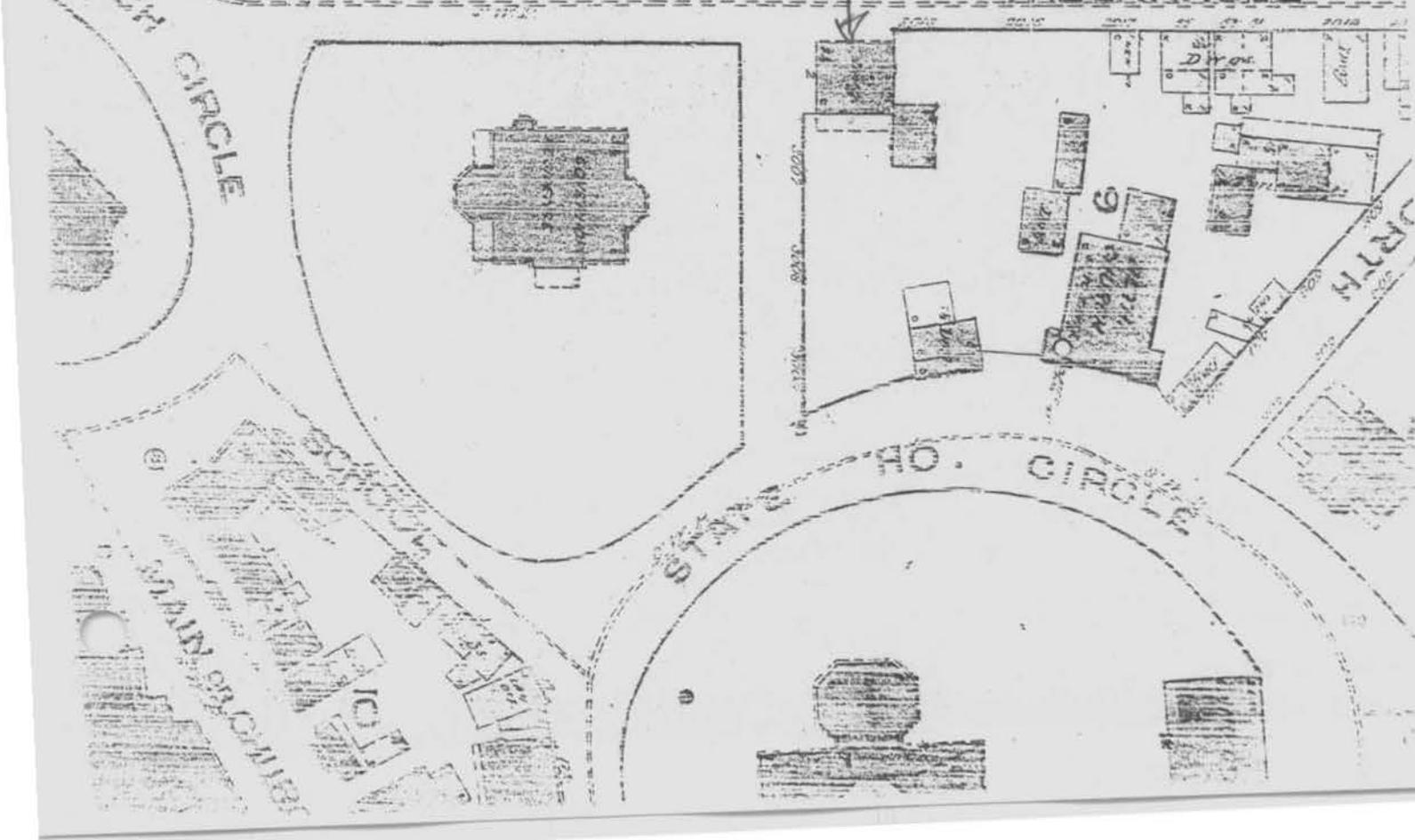
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(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
164 Conduit Street

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Insurance map, 1885



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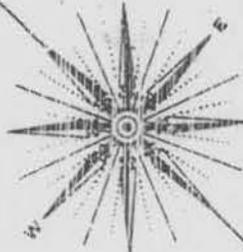
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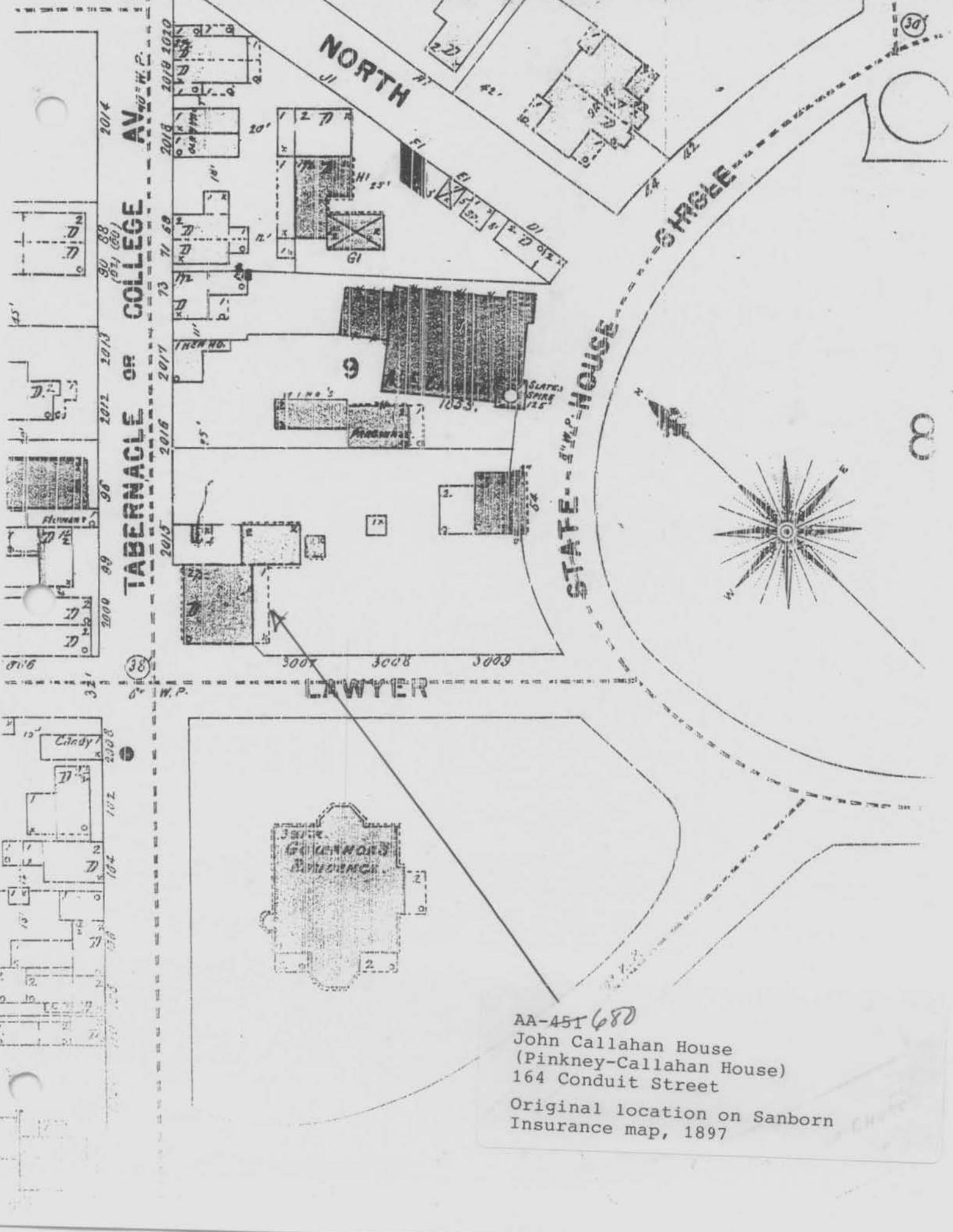
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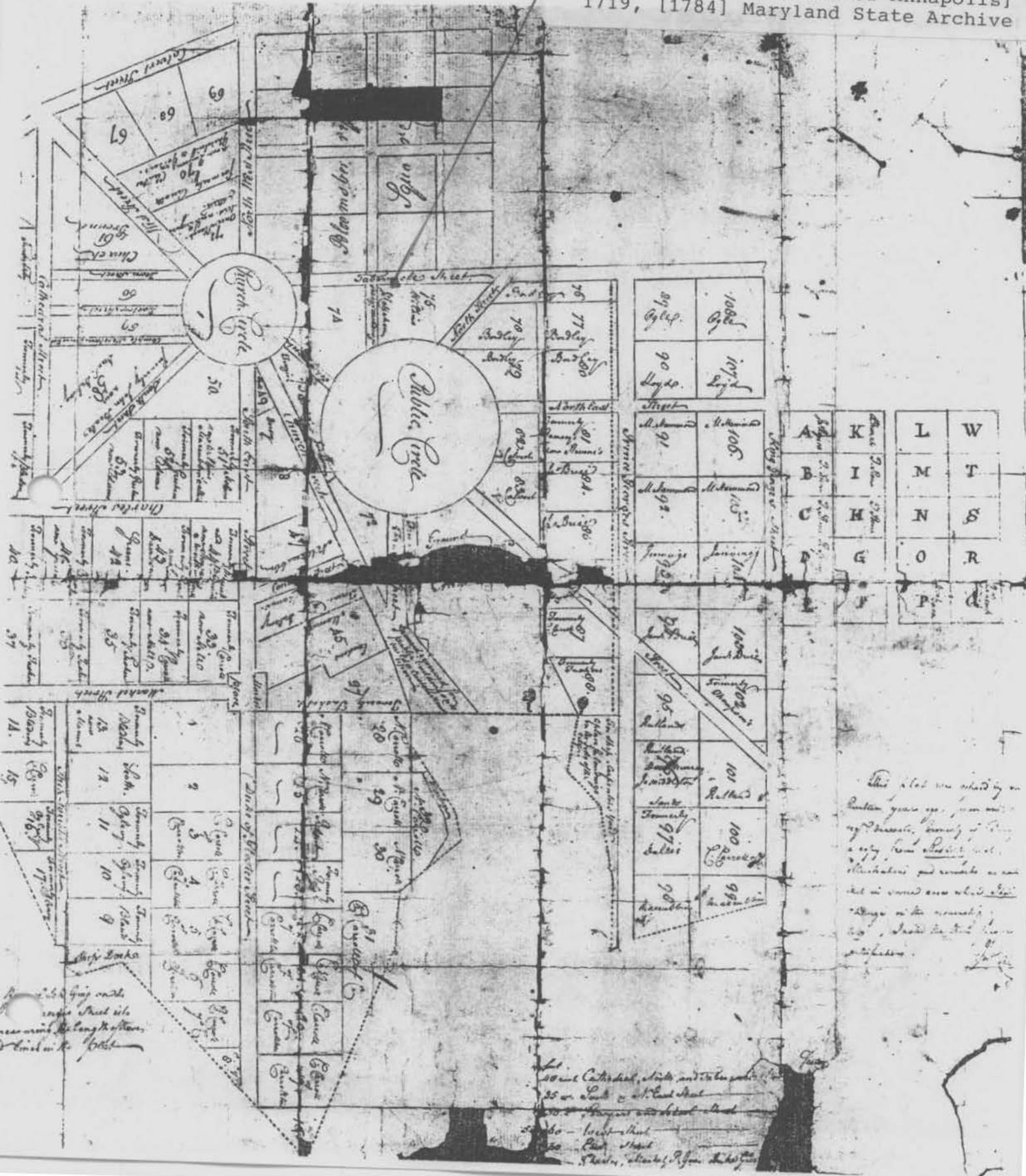
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164 Conduit Street  
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Insurance map, 1897



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John Callahan House  
(Pinkney-Callahan House)  
164 Conduit Street

James Stoddert, [Plat of Annapolis]  
1719, [1784] Maryland State Archive



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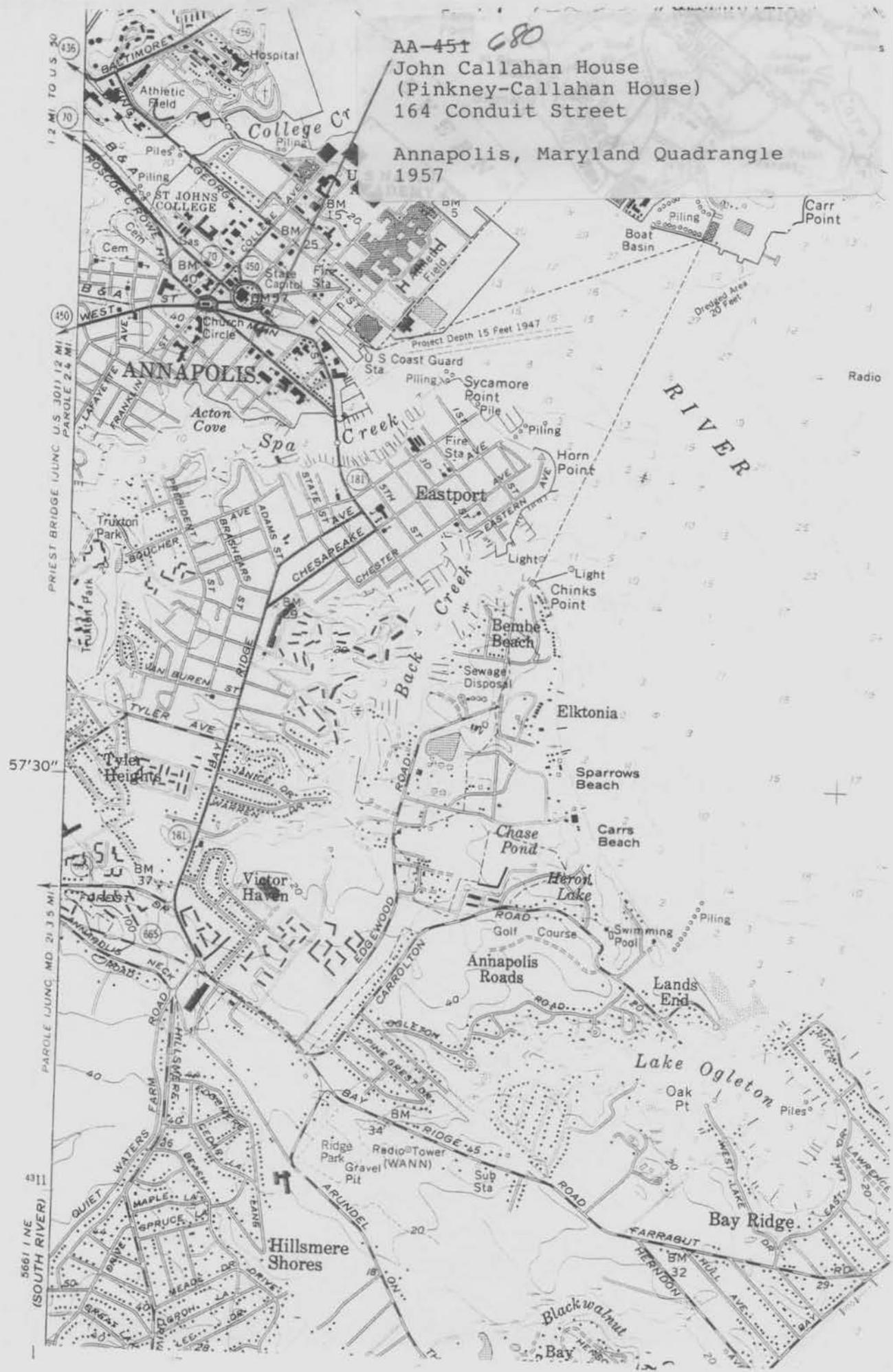
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Carrs Beach

Chase Pond

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Golf Course

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Piling

Lands End

Oak Pt

Lake Ogleton

Piles

Hillsmere Shores

Black Walnut Bay

Bay Ridge

ARUNDEL

OGLETON

ANNAPOLIS ROADS

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JOHN CALVERT HOUSE  
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Form 10-300 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland	
COUNTY:	Anne Arundel	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON: St. John's College Infirmary, John Callahan House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Pinkney-Callahan House, Callahan House, Pinkney House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 5 St. John's Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Anne Arundel CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: St. John's College

STREET AND NUMBER: College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle and South Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic American Buildings Survey

STREET AND NUMBER: Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Anne Arundel ENTRY NUMBER: FOR NPS USE ONLY DATE:

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pinkney-Callahan House originally stood on a corner lot at the intersection of College and Bladen Streets. In its original location the house was situated adjacent to the intersection corner of its lot, so that what is now the southeast corner of the building was directly on the property line with a sidewalk built up against it. In its present location the house is so closely hemmed in on three sides by neighboring buildings that obtaining a favorable view of it is nearly impossible.

In spite of the moving, the main portion of the house has suffered few irremediable alterations, and it survives in generally sound structural condition. The rectangular brick building stands 2 1/2 stories high and is covered by a steep gable roof pierced by dormers that are probably not original. At the base of each side of the roof is a simple, molded cornice and at each end is a wide interior-end chimney featuring a hound's-tooth course around the cap. The west chimney has been reduced in width at a later date. The four-bay south front and the three-bay east, or entrance front, are laid up in very fine flemish bond, while the north, or rear wall, is laid in English bond. The west wall is completely hidden in vines so that it is impossible to determine either the brick bond or any alterations to the openings. The beveled water table around the base of the house has been covered over with scored stucco. The windows on the south and east wall are embellished with finely executed gauged brick lintels undercut with segmented curves. Most of the windows in the house amazingly retain their original sash. The decorative window on the third floor of the east wall has a round-headed top and features interlacing tracery in the upper portion. In the first floor north bay of the east wall is the Pinkney-Callahan House's noted doorway. The composition of this doorway incorporates a Doric pediment and entablature supported on fluted Doric pilasters. The doorway also has paneled reveals and its original paneled door.

On the rear wall of the house is a portion of an early one story porch which at one time extended across the entire first floor, of that side. A photograph of the house taken prior to its moving shows that there was a two-story service wing located at what is now the northwest corner of the house. Portions of this wing apparently were moved with the house, but the corner where it originally joined the main section has been much disfigured by a twentieth century, 2 1/2 story addition being placed there. Sections of the service wing's original English bond walls can be seen, but the floor levels have been raised along with the over-all height of the walls.

The plan of the Pinkney-Callahan House is similar to that of Ogle Hall, having the entrance and stair hall located against the rear wall, and the two principal rooms located against the

(see Continuation Sheet)

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although not widely known because of its obscure location, the Callahan-Pinkney House is a significant example of colonial craftsmanship and design, and ranks among the major architectural monuments of Annapolis. The construction date of this notable Georgian house is unknown, but stylistic evidence indicates that it was probably built in the mid-eighteenth century. Its many architectural similarities to Ogle Hall (built circa 1740), such as the side entrance, the steep gable roof, the wide interior-end chimneys, and the treatment of the brickwork all serve to support a mid-eighteenth century construction date. Also, the nearly identical treatment of the Pinkney-Callahan House's Doric style doorway to the doorway on the west front of Montpelier, Prince George County (circa 1751), further suggests a mid-eighteenth century date. One of the most handsome in the city, this doorway is probably based on plate XLVII of Batty Langley's The City and Country Builders and Workman's Treasury of Designs, (London, 1750).

The builder and the first owner of the Pinkney-Callahan House is also uncertain. It is known, however, that the house was acquired in the 1770's by John Callahan (1750-1803). A prominent Annapolitan, Callahan is mentioned in the accounts of Christopher Richmond in connection with services rendered the Maryland troops during the Revolutionary War.

John Callahan married Sarah, the second daughter of William Buckland, the architect (1734-1774). The John Callahan's daughter, the William Bucklands' granddaughter, Sally, married Richard Harwood on March 29, 1803, Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland. Harwood owned and resided in the Hammond-Harwood House on Maryland Avenue, Annapolis. The Hammond - Harwood House was designed by Sally Callahan Harwood's architect grandfather, William Buckland, and is considered by architectural historians to be one of the finest examples of Georgian-style mansions in this country. Three portraits, one of John Callahan, one of his wife, and one of his children, by Charles Wilson Peale, are exhibited at the Hammond-Harwood House (1971).

John Callahan also served as Commissioner of the Land office (see Continuation Sheet)

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BASTORAN 9/23/83  
Richard Harwood did not live in FH - his grandson, William, did!

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Calder Loth, Architectural Historian, Virginia Landmarks Commission, 9th. Street Office Building, Richmond, Virginia.  
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 Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1958, pp 110 & 111

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	38	58	49
SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "	76	29	31

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/8 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc. DATE: 8/23/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 18 Pinkney Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date 8/31/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Continuation Sheet)

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Maryland Register of Historic Sites & Landmarks  
94 College Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

#7. DESCRIPTION

front wall. The interior retains much original woodwork, including a number of doors and a handsome stair. The stair ascends around an open wall to the third floor and is decorated with scrolled stair ends, molded handrail, and square balusters. The principal first and second floor rooms are treated with a simple cornice, chair rail and baseboard. What may be original mantels are very plainly treated. It is hoped that further, more detailed study of the interior of this significant house can reveal more of its exact original appearance.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE

and was the intimate of several important Annapolis figures. He is listed as being a trustee of the estates of William Paca, Samuel Middleton, and George Mann. Following Callahan's death in 1803 ownership of the house passed to his widow, Sarah Buckland Callahan. Thirty years later she sold it to Somerville Pinkney, a local attorney. Pinkney's two maiden daughters inherited the house following the deaths of their parents, and retained ownership until their deaths in the early twentieth century.

During the winter of 1900-1901 the house was moved from its original location on Bladen Street, some 300 feet east, to a lot on St. John's Street, in order to make way for the construction of the Court of Appeals Building. The Pinkney sisters are said to have remained lining in the house during the six weeks move, and even to have served tea there one afternoon.

In 1928 the house was acquired by St. John's College and since that time it has been used as a dormitory and infirmary. At the present time the house is threatened with demolition by the State of Maryland which has an option on the property and intends to use it for further expansion of state office buildings.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: St. John's College Infirmary, John Callahan House			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Pinkney-Callahan House, Callahan House, Pinkney House			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 5 St. John's Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Anne Arundel	CODE 003
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Marion Warren and Delse Smith			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1918			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Marion Warren, Box 1508, Annapolis, Md. 21401			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Northeast gable end, fronting on St. John's Street. On its original site on Bladen Street this doorway served as a side entrance. St. John's College campus and the Hall of Records may be seen from the front of the house.			

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Anne Arundel	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: St. John's College Infirmary, John Callahan House  
AND/OR HISTORIC: Callahan-Pinkney House, Callahan House, Pinkney House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
5 St., John's Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland 21401	24	Anne Arundel	003

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
Historic Annapolis, Inc., 18 Pinkney Street, Annapolis, Md.

SCALE: 1" equals 100'

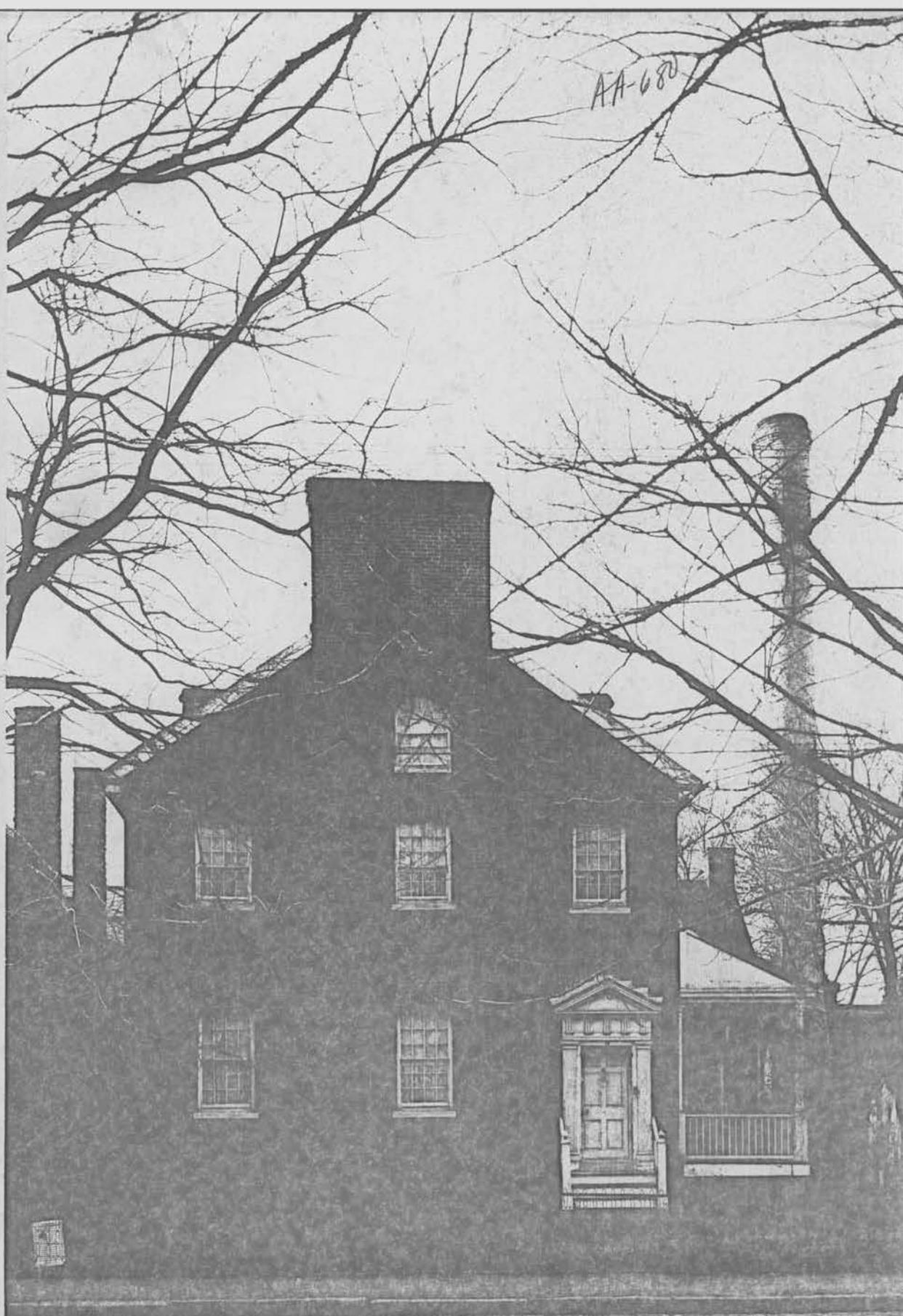
DATE: 1969 Inventory prepared by Carl Feiss and Russel Wright

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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DATE OF PHOTO: ca. 1890  
NEGATIVE FILED AT:  
#2570 Marion E. Warren, Box 1508, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
View of Callahan-Pinkney House on its original site at the corner of Bladen Street and College Avenue. Facade with porch (facing southeast here) faces northwest at St. John's Street site. The gable end, fronting Bladen Street. (foreground in this photo). Now faces St. John's Street to provide entrance.



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# Easement

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 680</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Pinkney-Callahan House
PRESENT USE: Office
ORIGINAL USE: SF Res
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent (X) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: Georgian
DATE BUILT: c.1760

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: <u>164</u> Conduit Street  moved here from St. John's College
COMMON NAME: Pinkney-Callahan House
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 631
OWNER: ADDRESS: City of Annapolis
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local ( ) State (✓) Nat. Reg./HABS National (x) <input type="radio"/>

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: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3 x 4

Approximate Dimensions: 30 x 35

Entrance Location: Right and at right side

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( ) Development ( ) Deterioration ( ) Alteration ( ) Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive ( ) Negative ( ) Mixed ( ) Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Massive end wall chimneys, simple boxed cornice, later dormers, round arched window in attic level of end wall to the street; windows have elliptical arches, molded watertable; Flemish bond on north and west elevations, English on south and east; pedimented entrance at Conduit Street elevation with Doric pilasters; simple architrave entrance at east elevation.

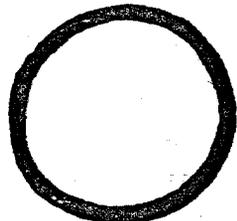
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Built by John Callahan, Commissioner of the Land Office of the Western Shore, later residence of Somerville Pinkney. Moved 1901 across College Avenue to St. John's campus, and 1972 to its present site. Important as a type and critical to streetscape.

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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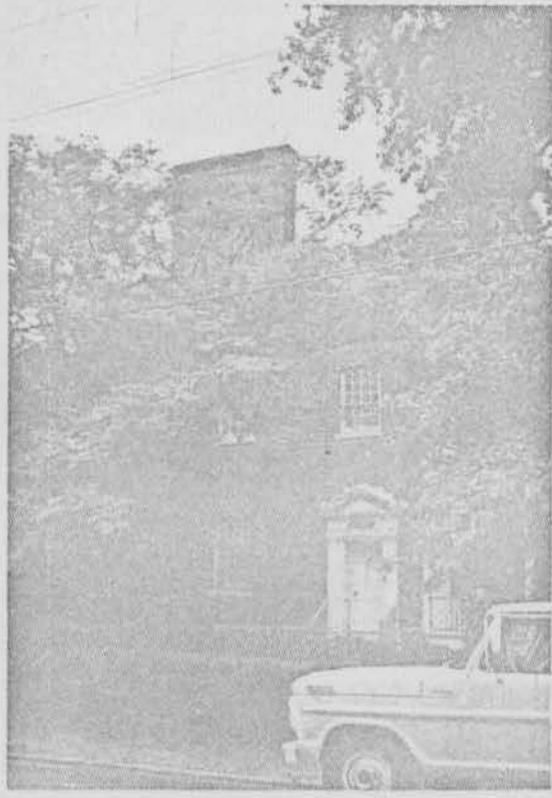
Form 10-445  
(5/62)

1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 5 St. John's Street  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Residence PRESENT OWNER St. John's College PRESENT USE Infirmary WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2 plus dormer attic	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME Pinkney House (Callahan House) John Callahan House  DATE OR PERIOD c. 1780 STYLE Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

Obscured by the Baptist Church on College Avenue and by heavy (summer) foliage, the Pinkney House, moved onto St. John's, is a good example of a Georgian Maryland town house -- Flemish bond, massive end chimneys, 6/6 roof dormers, arched windows (12/9 and 9/9) with splayed brick lintels and a 3rd storey Venetian window with Gothic sash. This window, as well as the classical, pedimented doorway complete with metapes, triglyphs, frieze, dentils, and fluted pilasters show refined nature of the Pinkney House. Preservation important, though could be better located for greater appreciation and contribution.

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



*is within the boundaries of the Colonial Annapolis Historic District.*

Interior	Exterior
SOURCES: 7. PHOTOGRAPH M. Pei, H. A., Inc.	

INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.:	NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City  DATE OF RECORD August 22, 1967
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THOMAS ST. 48'

76° 29' 30"

BLADEN ST.

58° 58' 48"

F. JOHNS' ST.

COLLEGE AVE

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FORMER  
SITE

SCHOOL STREET

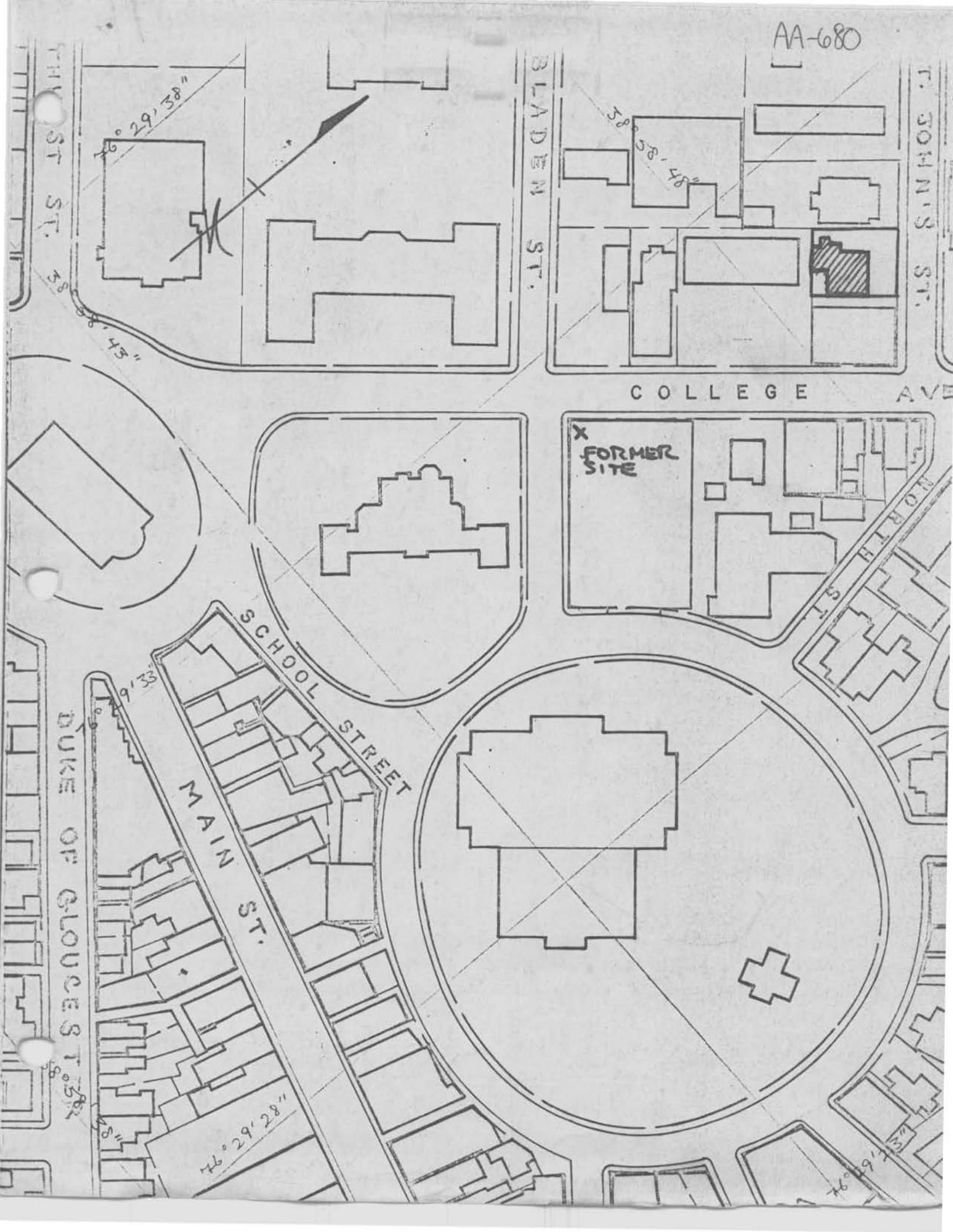
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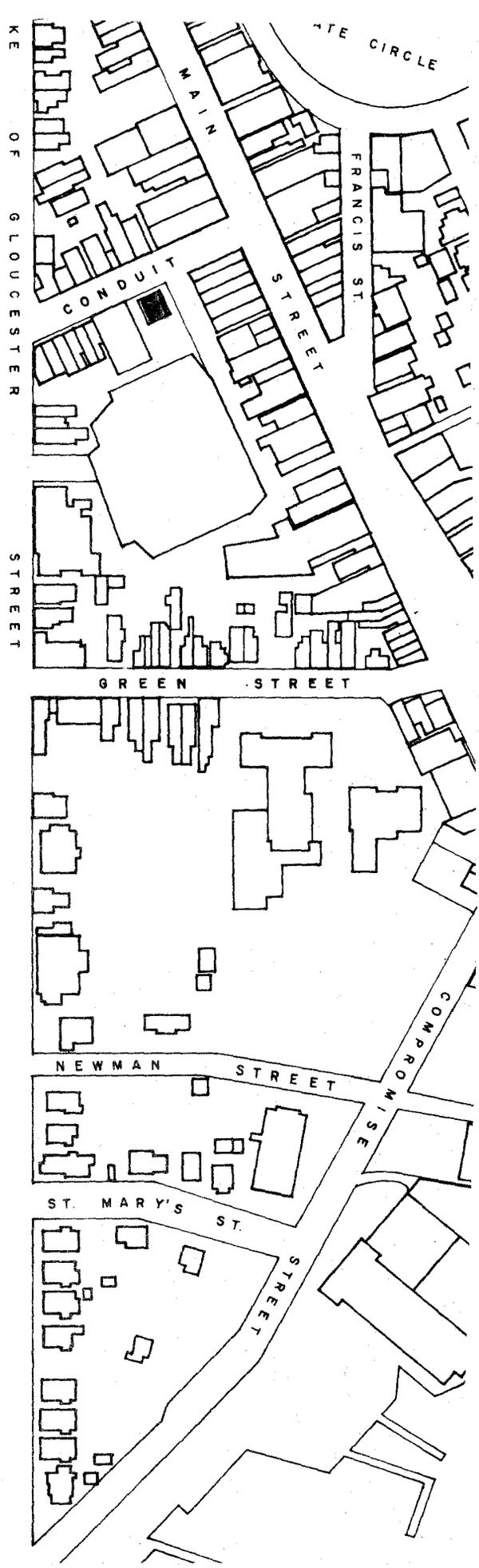
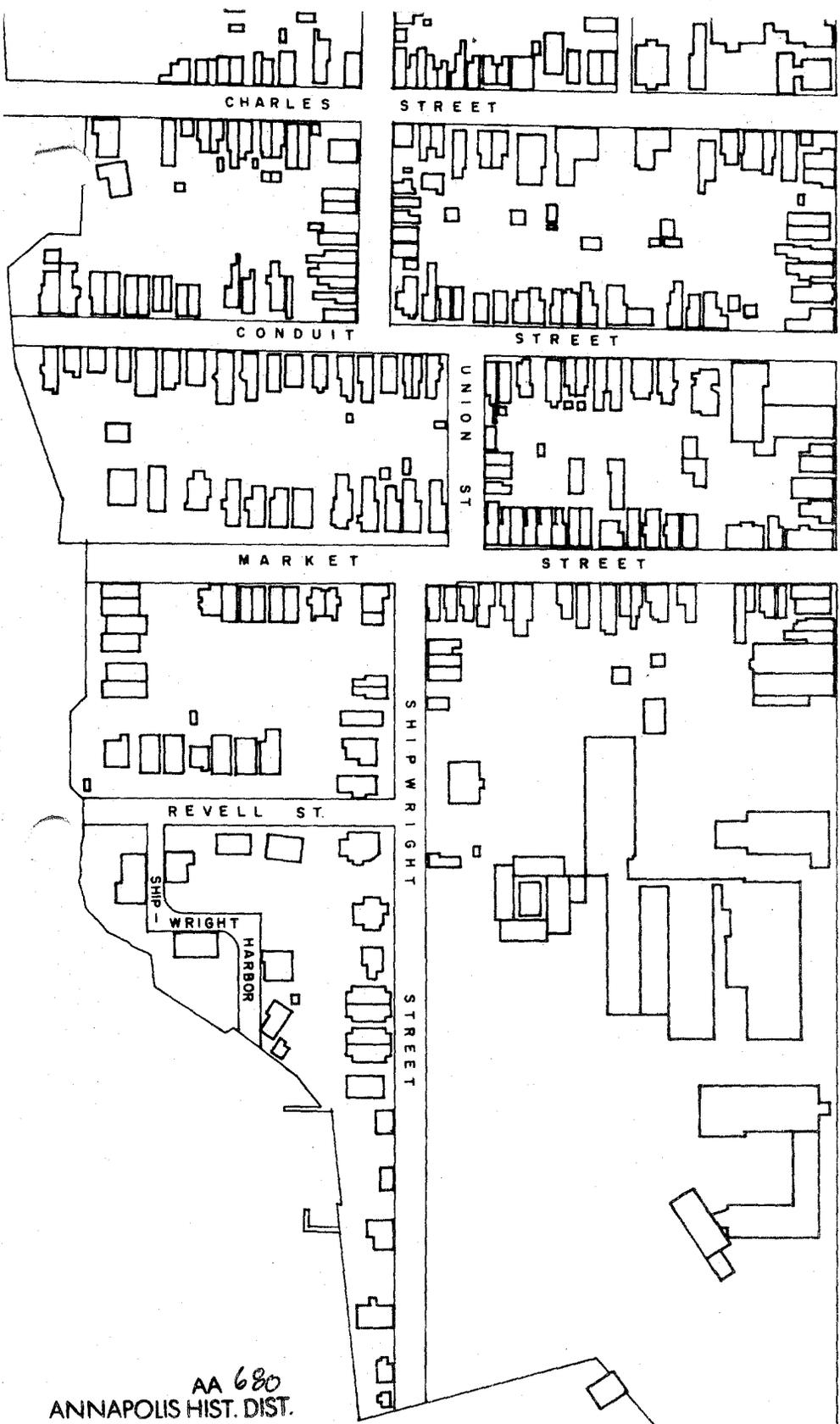
MAIN ST.

76° 29' 33"

76° 29' 28"

76° 29' 43"







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John Callahan House



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EAST ELEVATION  
JOHN CALLAHAN HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS

ANTHONY O. JAMES

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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

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Annapolis, Maryland

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