

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 688</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Franklin Law Office
PRESENT USE: Office
ORIGINAL USE: Office
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent (X) Good () Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:
STYLE: Greek Revival
DATE BUILT: c.1850

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 17 State Circle
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 616
OWNER: State of Maryland/% Historic Annap ADDRESS: 194 Prince George St. Annapolis, MD, 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: HABS Local () State () National (X) <input checked="" type="radio"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick (X) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty (X) Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

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

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: 1
 Number of Bays: 3 x 2
 Approximate Dimensions: 10 x 20
 Wing = 20 x 20

Entrance Location: Centered

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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Greek Temple form with full pediment at end wall, heavy molded cornice and rakes, fluted pilasters separating the three bays of the front facade, transom lit door, novelty siding, later stoop.

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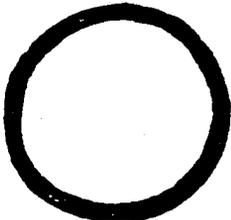
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Excellent example of small scale Greek Revival, rare in Annapolis, important to streetscape, especially in relation to the Shaw House to the right.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983

Form 10-445
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1. STATE **Annapolis, Maryland**
 COUNTY
 TOWN VICINITY
 STREET NO. **17 State Circle**
 ORIGINAL OWNER **James Shaw Franklin**
 ORIGINAL USE **Law Office**
 PRESENT OWNER **State of Maryland**
 PRESENT USE **shop**
 WALL CONSTRUCTION **wood**
 NO. OF STORIES **one**

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME **Franklin Law Office**

DATE OR PERIOD **1850's**
 STYLE **Greek Revival**
 ARCHITECT **No Record**
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC **Yes**

According to the Historic American Building Survey "This handsome Greek Revival style frame building is the best-known example of a 19th Century law office standing today." The Franklin Law Office, regardless of early use, is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. Built prior to the Civil War, this small structure is a small Greek temple with the pediment end facing the circle. On the facade, 2 6/6 shuttered windows are flanked by fluted pilasters. Stylistically and historically an important structure, the Franklin office occupies an important location on the circle-- next to the Shaw House, forming part of Chancery Lane and backed up to a larger Greek temple structure on Main Street.

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Interior

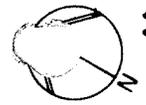
Exterior

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7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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Columbia University
New York City

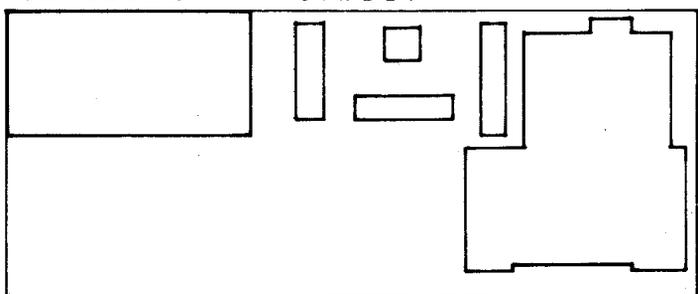
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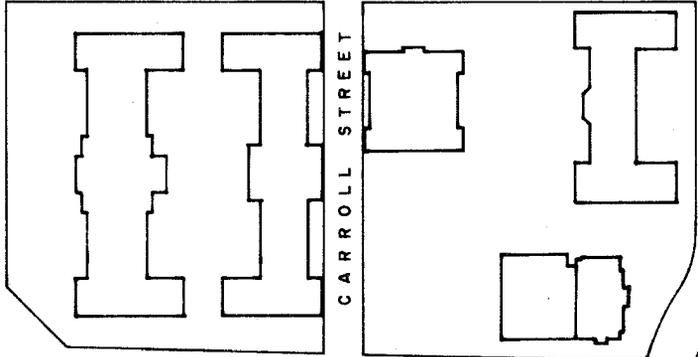
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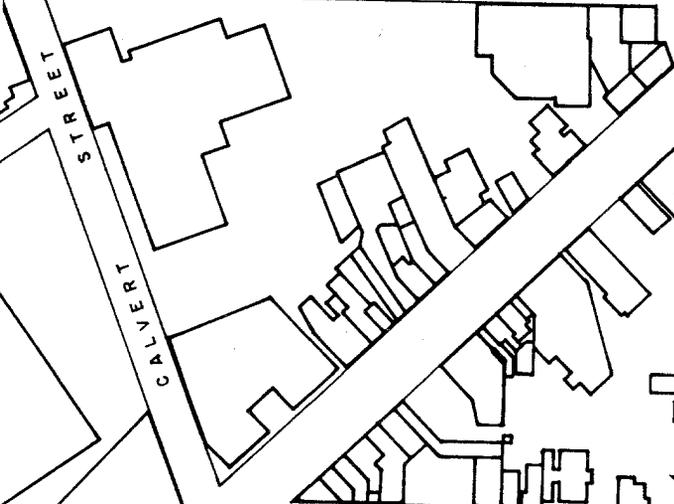
ST. JOHN'S STREET



BLADEN STREET

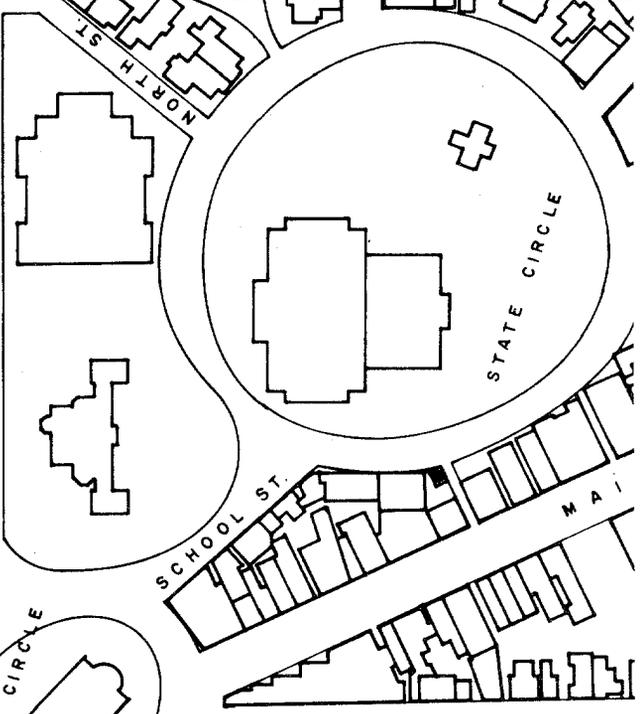


NORTHWEST STREET



CATHEDRAL STREET

COLLEGE

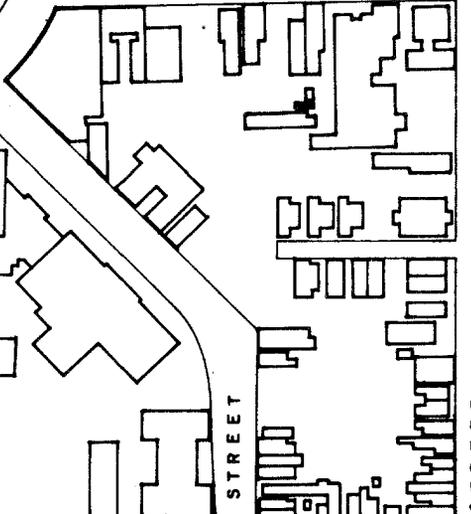


STATE CIRCLE

CHURCH CIRCLE

SCHOOL ST.

DUKE



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WASHINGTON

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MARK ST.

WATER ST.

CITY GATE LANE

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SHAW DEAN STREET

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NW Elevation/camera facing SE