

**Capsule Summary for 50 State Circle  
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The original structure is constructed of brick, laid in a five-course American bond, while the additions, on the northern elevation, are weatherboard, and, on the southern elevation, are stucco. The front elevation, measuring 50 feet in width, is five bays wide, two bays deep, and features a central-passage entry door. A wide overhanging cornice, with banded cyma recta brackets, continues around the building. The heavy slate shingle mansard roof, capped by a straight cornice, has projecting gable dormers. The dormers, which do not line up with the five bays on the lower floors, have a substantial pedimented gable with a beaded cornice and lintel. The 6/6 windows have a plain surround and modest sills. A large corbel capped brick chimney exists on the interior of the north corner. The top of the mansard roof is covered in standing seam metal.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
other names 50 State Circle

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2. Location

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street & number 50 State Circle not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  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  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  
Cat: Commercial/Domestic Sub: Store/Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  
Cat: Commercial/Domestic Sub: Store/Apartment  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)  
Vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Brick  
roof Slate Shingles/Standing Seam Metal  
walls Brick  
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other \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1833-1834  
1913-1921  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1833-1834  
1913-1921  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

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

The property designated 50 State Circle occupies the entire Parcel 957 on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel was originally part of a larger tract of land belonging to the Honorable Charles Calvert and his heirs and has been associated with the property since the construction of the building on the site between 1833 and 1834.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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12. Property Owner  
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street & number 50 State Circle telephone 410/268-3341  
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Located on the northern corner of State Circle and East Street, the building at 50 State Circle was constructed between the years 1833 and 1834 as a two-and-a-half story brick structure. The two-and-a-half story building was the second structure constructed on the Calvert lots. When originally constructed, the building was front gable with a stepped parapet fronting on State Circle and a corner entrance<sup>1</sup>. Between the years 1913 and 1921, the vernacular building at 50 State Circle was renovated and a mansard roof was added.<sup>2</sup>

The facade faces State Circle, while the side elevation extends along East Street. The north elevation is flush, at the rear additions, with its neighbor at 54 State Circle.

The original structure is constructed of brick, laid in a 5 course American bond, while the additions, on the northern elevation, are weatherboard, and, on the southern elevation, are stucco. The front elevation, measuring 50 feet in width, is five bays wide, two bays deep, and features a central-passage entry door. A wide overhanging cornice, with banded cyma recta brackets, continues around the building. The heavy slate shingle mansard roof, capped by a straight cornice, has projecting gable dormers. The dormers, which do not line up with the five bays on the lower floors, have a substantial pedimented gable with a beaded cornice and lintel. The 6/6 windows have a plain surround and modest sills. A large corbel capped brick chimney exists on the interior of the north corner. The top of the mansard roof is covered in standing seam metal.

The facade features a central-passage entry with two sets of double doors.<sup>3</sup> The exterior and interior doors are comprised of nine-

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<sup>1</sup>The original configuration of the roof is documented by a photograph dated c. 1889-92, located in: Marion E. and Mame Warren. "The Train's Done Been and Gone." (Annapolis: M.E. Warren, 1976), p. 28. A copy of the photograph is located at the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

<sup>2</sup>The Sanborn Maps of 1913 and 1921 document the alteration dates of the roof.

<sup>3</sup>Oral documentation by the present owner and the photograph of the building from c. 1889-92, suggest the relocation of the entry. The photograph, although not entirely visible, shows the position of two entries in the two bays on the south corner. Upon examination of the building, the repair of bricks in the two southern bays is evident. The interior has been altered and no evidence remains

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lights and a single panel. The interior entry is surrounded by side lights. A three-light transom is above the exterior door. The entry and the windows of the original building have beaded trim surrounds. The 6/6 windows have a large projecting painted brick sill.

The southeast elevation of the building, approximately 30 feet in depth, has two 6/6 windows on all three stories, with the same molding and sills that appear on the facade. The windows located on the first story are aluminum-tract replacement windows. A one-bay deep, flat roof ell has been added to the rear of the building, allowing for the ell of the present stairway to the second floor.<sup>4</sup> The ell is brick on the East Street elevation. The first story has a single 9-light wood and glass entry door, leading to the interior stairway. The second story of the East Street has a 6/6 window, similar in detail to the original windows only smaller in size.

A one-and-a-half story addition was added between 1913 and 1921 to the rear of the structure. The three bay deep addition has a flat roof and is decorated with a projecting cornice. The cornice, approximately three feet below the parapet with plain brackets. There are two 1/1 windows.

The northern elevation, on the first story, has a double 4-light casement window. This window has been covered from the interior. The second story has two 9/6 windows. The detail and sills of all the windows of the northern elevation are similar to those on the facade. The second story has two 9/6 windows with the same detailing as those windows located on the facade. The rear ell of the building, covered with weatherboard on the northern elevation, faces the dwelling at 54 State Circle. It contains a 6/6 window on the second story.

The original interior of the 50 State Circle is comprised of a

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to document the placement of the entry. The 1891 Sanborn Maps document that the building was used as three separated dwellings, each with its own entry. There is no other evidence documenting the building's use as a dwelling.

<sup>4</sup>The 1903 Sanborn Map indicates the existence of a rear one-story addition, located in the central bays. By 1913, the Sanborn Maps show one-story shed roof additions at the rear corners of the building as well. A one-story metal clad structure was constructed at the northern corner of the site. By 1921, all rear additions and the metal clad structure were demolished.

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single room, running the width of the building. The original historic fabric of the room has been removed over the years. The window trim, a plain square block with a projecting cornice and lintel, remains intact. These are obscured from view by the drop ceiling. The renovations of the room include the addition of flower refrigerators, counters, removal of the mantel and concealing of the chimney breast, and a straight flight of stairs, in the center of the room, leading to the basement.

An opening in the brick wall, approximately four feet wide, provides access to the rear stairway addition. The double-L stairway, with a double-entry, is located in the eastern corner of the addition. The open/closed stairway has a beaded baseboard and metal railing. Halfway up the stairway is an enclosed window, indicating the wall was once an exterior wall.<sup>5</sup> Directly opposite the stairway is a small office with rounded molding and a drop ceiling. Between the stairway and the office, the ceiling consists of pressed tin with a square-in-square pattern and egg and dart cove molding. The ceiling continues through to the rear one-and-a-half-story addition.

This addition provides work and shelf space for the current occupant of the building. The walls of the work room are covered with drywall or shelf space. Office space is provided in the eastern corner of the room and is decorated in vertical beaded board. Two small bathrooms are located in the western corner of the work room. A straight-flight stair, leading to the basement, is located in the northern corner.

The basement is comprised of three large rooms. The original basement has a stone floor, with brick and stone walls. The wide cross beams are exposed and provide space for hanging dried flowers. The second room, reached through an opening in the 6 feet brick foundation wall, is a narrow room running the width of the building. The rear room, with a concrete floor, has a quarter-turn flight of stairs in the southern corner. Office and work space has been created in the west corner. The straight flight of stairs, leading from the first story work room, has a wood balustrade.

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<sup>5</sup>The rear addition, as indicated by the existence of the enclosed window, was constructed before 1921, according to the Sanborn Map of 1921, but after the addition of the ell containing the stairway.

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The second floor, consists of a large living room, located in the original portion of the building. The room has exposed rafters, original window trim similar to the trim on the first story, and a straight flight of stairs leading to the third floor. The stairs from the first floor are sectioned off from the living room by the use of wood and glass doors, providing privacy for the apartment. To the west of the living room, two walls with a central entry were installed to create kitchen space. The original chimney breast exists on the western wall, however, the mantel has been removed. A porch addition with glass and wood double doors is located at the foot of the third floor stairs. The bay window has a beaded trim. The walls are wood paneling, except for the exposed brick walls that were the exterior walls of the original building.

The third floor contains two bedrooms and a bathroom. The rooms all have drop ceiling, thin cove molding, 5 panel doors, and plain block trim. The hall has beaded baseboard. The straight flight of stairs is finished with a stained mortis and tenon balustrade.

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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, now the Governor Calvert Hotel, was constructed in the 1720s and altered over the years. The Calvert family owned the property until 1810, when Governor Charles Calvert's grandson, Edward Henry Calvert sold it to Robert Denney, son-in-law to Jonas Green. According to the tax assessment records of 1798, the two lots contained only a two-story brick dwelling. 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."<sup>6</sup> In 1819, all of the Denney property was sold to Jonas Green, grandson of Jonas Green, who revived the Maryland Gazette and was printer to the colony of Maryland. The building located at 50 State Circle was constructed in 1833-1834 by Jonas Green. As per deed documentation the building was used as a printing office. Aaron Duvall, a local carpenter and contractor, was chosen to construct the building, while the wood, especially the yellow pine joists, was supplied by John and Adam Miller. The brickwork was completed by Philip Clayton, who owned several parcels of property in the late nineteenth century on Maryland Avenue. The first floor of the building, measuring 30-feet by 28-feet and 10-inches, was used as a post office and private office for Jonas Green. The second floor served as the printing shop.<sup>7</sup>

Aaron Duvall financed most of the construction of the building, a total cost of \$700.00. Jonas Green, having borrowed from the banks

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<sup>6</sup>Liber NH 11 Folio 508, dated 1810.

<sup>7</sup>"The Printing Office." 50 State Circle., p. 1. A report located at the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

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since 1812 offered to sell Duvall the rear portion of the lot as payment. Green, unable to raise funds, mortgaged the lot to his brother as security for promissory notes taken out at the Farmers Bank. By the end of 1835, the Bank sued to recover the debt and Duvall, having never received his portion of the land, sued for title of the property. In a 1843 Chancery court case, Aaron Duvall obtained title to most of the land he claimed, while the printing office was sold to satisfy creditors. It was described as "new of brick two stories high and well known as having contained for many years, the printing office of the Maryland Gazette for eight years and the city Post Office and for sometime past the printing office of the Messers. Johnston."<sup>8</sup>

The property was sold in 1842 to William and George Johnston, printers who had been renting the building from Jonas Green. George Johnston, who survived his brother William, took over ownership of the printing establishment, printing the last volume of a series entitled, Johnston-Gill Reports. Johnston willed his estate to his mother and sister, both women named Catherine Johnston. The sister, Catherine Johnston Hurst sold the property to Dr. Abram Claude for \$1,700.00.<sup>9</sup>

Dr. Abram Claude purchased the property from Welch in 1854. Dr. Abram Claude was the grandson of a watchmaker from Switzerland and son of Dr. Dennis Claude, who served as the Mayor of Annapolis (1828-1836 and 1853) and State Treasurer (1854-1860). Abram Claude was born in Anne Arundel County on December 4, 1818. He attended St. John's College in 1838. A physician by profession, he served as Mayor in 1847-1850, 1854, 1867-1868, and 1883-1889. During the years 1871 and 1883 he was a professor of natural sciences at St. John's College. Between 1895 and 1899, Abram Claude was postmaster. Abram and Rachel Ann Tuck Claude were the parents of seven children.<sup>10</sup>

During Abram Claude's ownership of the Calvert house, he renovated

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<sup>8</sup>"The Printing Office," p. 1.

<sup>9</sup>"The Printing Office," p. 1-2.

<sup>10</sup>Robert Harry McIntire. Annapolis Maryland Families. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1979), p 139.

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the two-story brick dwelling, creating a three-story on a raised basement, brick dwelling. He used the existing frame building, located to the northwest of dwelling as a physician's office. The 1854 mortgage for the property, between Welch and Claude, states the existence of "a frame office, large three-story and attic house, a two story and attic brick building at corner of East Street, now used as a school house, frame stable and two other frame buildings, used as carpenters shops."<sup>11</sup> The 1885 Sanborn Map indicates the building was vacant at that time, and subsequently provided space for three separate dwellings by 1891.

Upon his death, in 1901, the property was willed to his children. In 1909, the children sold the property located at 50 State Circle to J. Newton Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert, born in 1869, was a druggist who occupied the building, as a renter, as early as 1897.<sup>12</sup> During the ownership of Mr. Gilbert, the building was altered to include the present mansard roof and rear additions. Upon the death of Gilbert in 1940, the building was willed to several druggists who worked in the building. L. Albert Crandall, Charles R. Crandall and Alton B. Welch formed Gilbert's Pharmacy in 1942. Over the years the property was reconveyed between the three men, and subsequently sold to John. W. F. and Anna M. Gilbert in 1973.<sup>13</sup> In 1974, James R. Potter purchased the property. The building currently is used as a flower shop, "Flowers by James, Inc.," on the first and basement levels, while the second and third floors provide apartment space.

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<sup>11</sup>Liber SH 25 Folio 606

<sup>12</sup>The 1897 Sanborn Map indicates the building was used as a drug store and the 1900 Census documents that J. Newton Gilbert leased and occupied the building prior to his purchase of 50 State Circle in 1909.

<sup>13</sup>The updated Sanborn Maps of 1954 indicate the building was continuously used as a drug store.

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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

Industrial/Urban Dominance,  
1870-1930

**Resource Type(s):** Standing Structure

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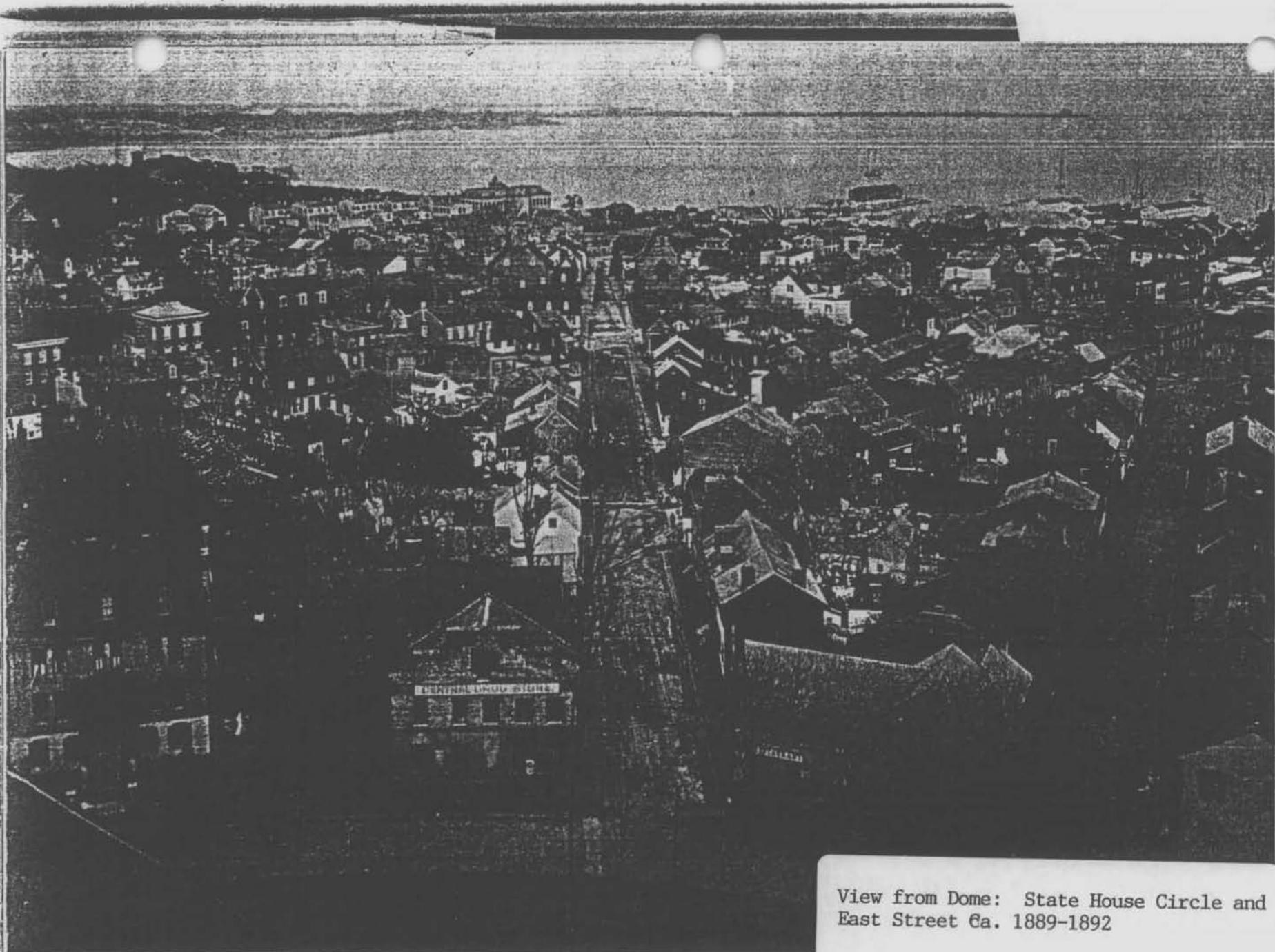
- 1718: Part of lot 82 and all of lot 83 surveyed by Stoddert for  
Richard Bickerdike
- pre 1723: Richard Bickerdike to William and Mary Rogers
- 1723: William and Mary Rogers to Thomas Larkin  
Lot 83 and house  
RCW 2 Folio 197
- 1723: Thomas Larkin to William Rogers  
Liber RCW 2 Folio 200
- 1727: 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
- 1819: Ramsey Waters, Trustee for Robert Denney to Jonas Green  
Liber WSG 6 Folio 421
- 1842: Jonas Green to Robert Welch of Ben and Martha Welch and  
Mary Green  
Liber WSG 26 Folio 175

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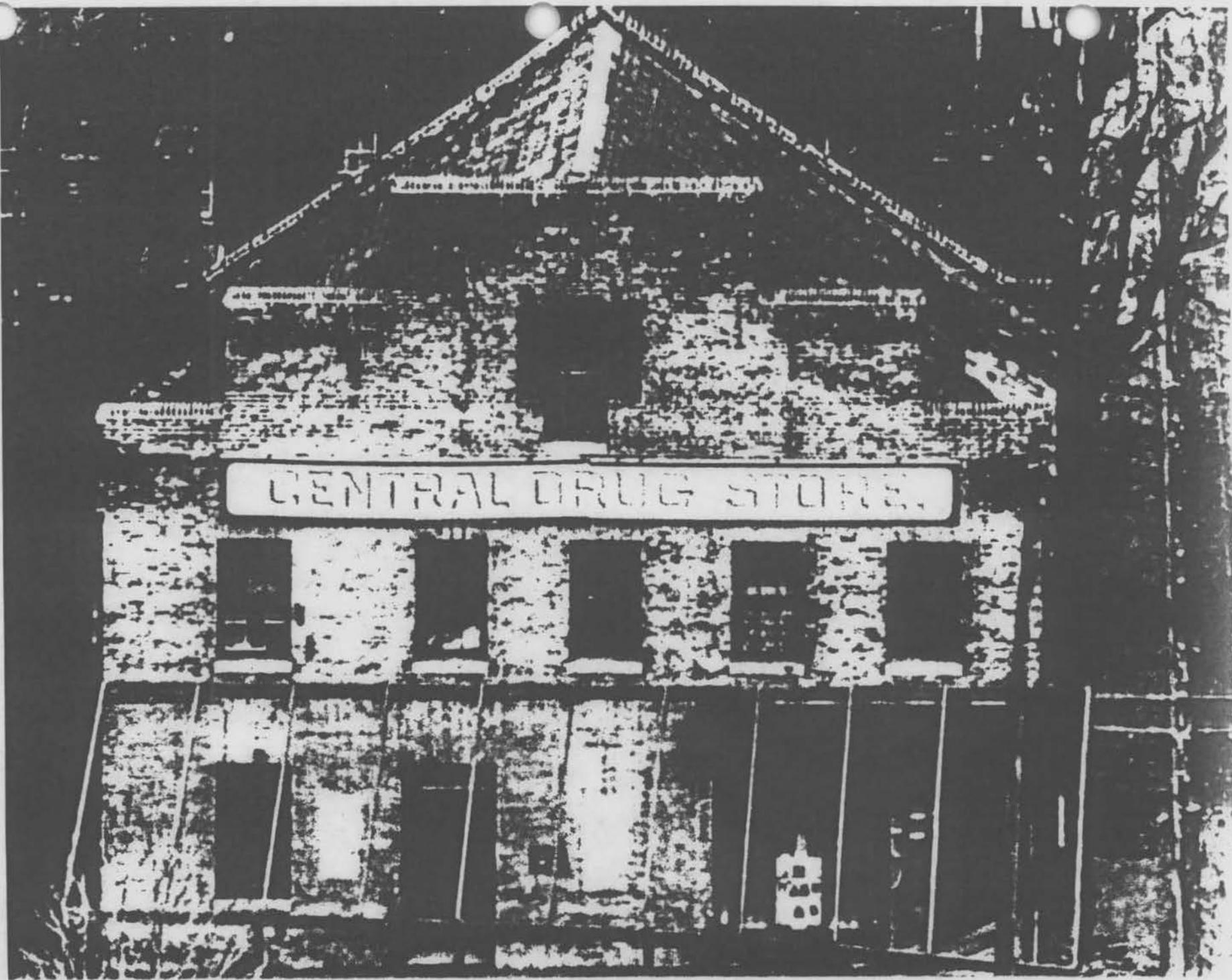
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- 1854: Robert Welch of Ben to Dr. Abram Claude  
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- 1898: Will of Abram Claude to his children  
Will Liber RB 1 Folio 59
- 1909: Children of Abram Claude to J. Newton Gilbert  
Liber GW 66 Folio 336
- 1940: J. Newton Gilbert wills to employees who worked for him
- 1942: L. Albert Crandall, Charles R. Crandall, and Alton B.  
Welch to Gilbert's Pharmacy  
Liber JHH 264 Folio 171
- 1942: Gilbert's Pharmacy to L. Albert Crandall, Charles R.  
Crandall, and Alton B. Welch  
Liber JHH 273 Folio 155
- 1956: George Rullman, Trustee for Crandalls to Alton B. Welch  
Liber GTC 1054 Folio 164
- 1973: Alton B. Welch to John W. B. Gilbert and Anna M. Gilbert  
Liber 2590 Folio 162
- 1974: Anna M. Gilbert, widow, to James R. Potter  
Liber 2684 Folio 297



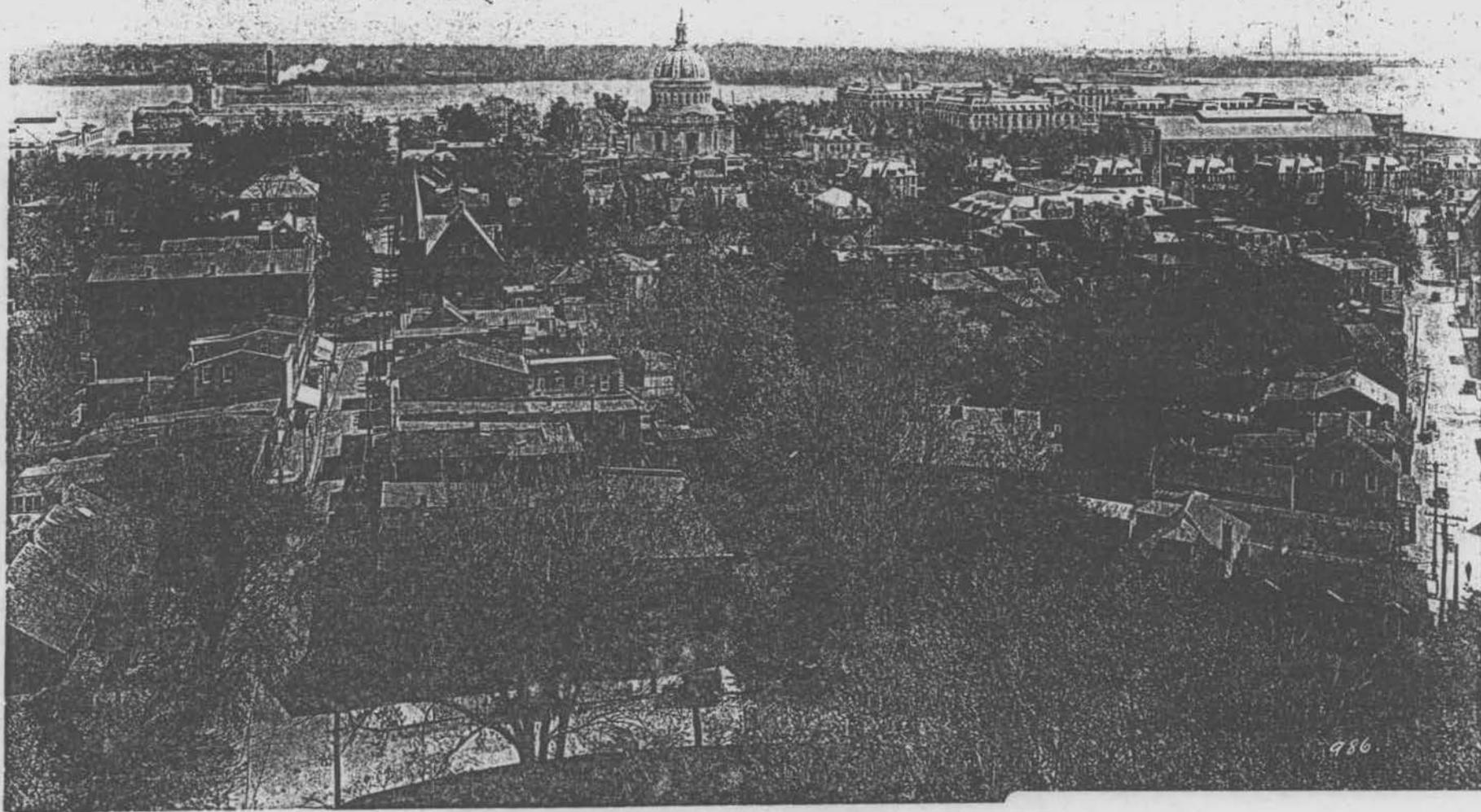
View from Dome: State House Circle and East Street Ca. 1889-1892

East Street, center, Cornhill Street, right [c. 1889-92]

(preceding pages) Extremely harsh winters often caused the oyster fleet to be frozen into Annapolis' harbor, bringing that industry, and commerce in general, to a standstill.



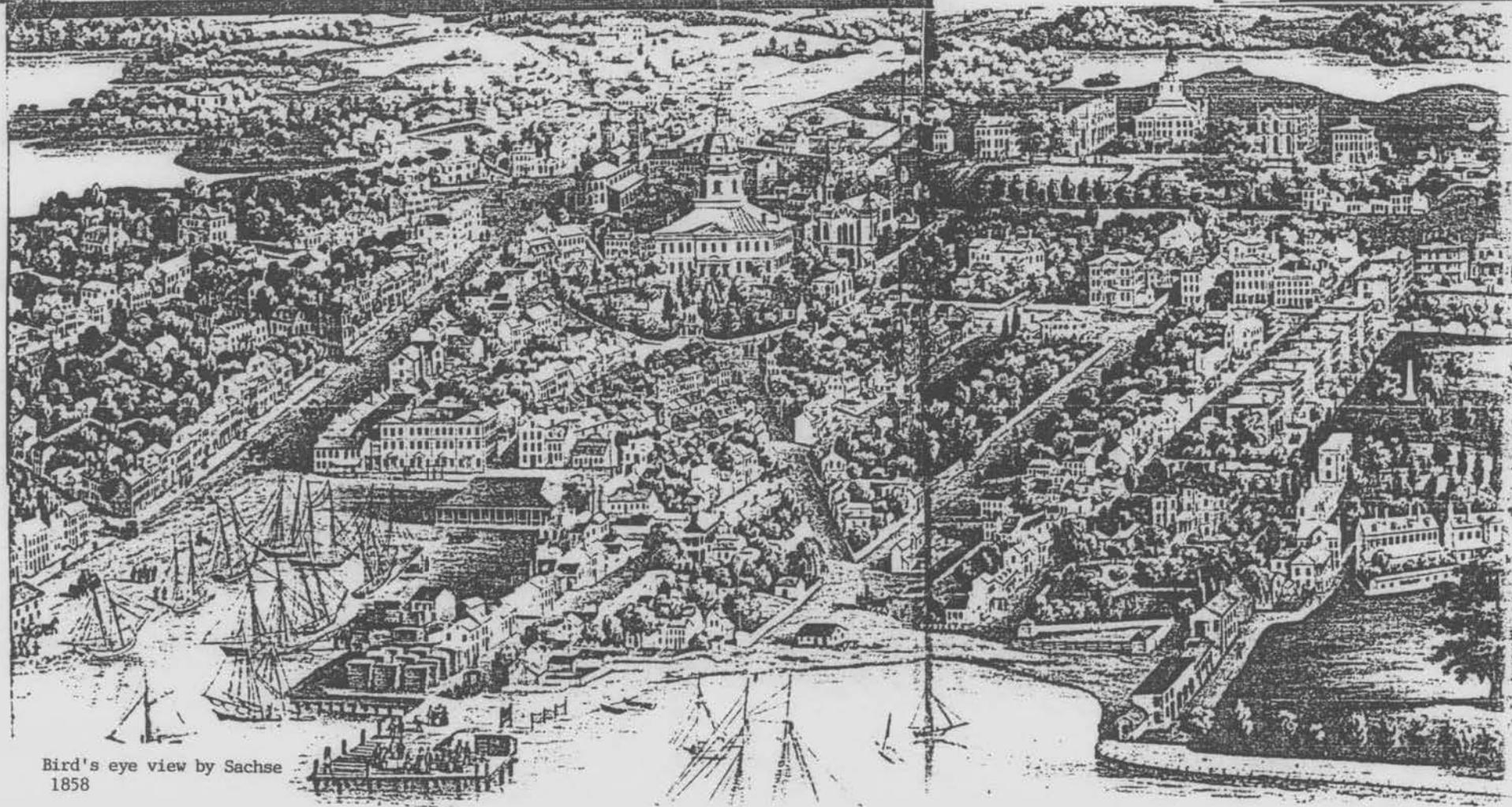
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View from Dome; Maryland Avenue to  
East Street ca. 1924-1925  
Hayman Collection (1920 ca.-1930 ca.)  
MSA SC-1406-125, 1924-1925

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Bird's eye view by Sachse  
1858

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# GRAY'S NEW MAP

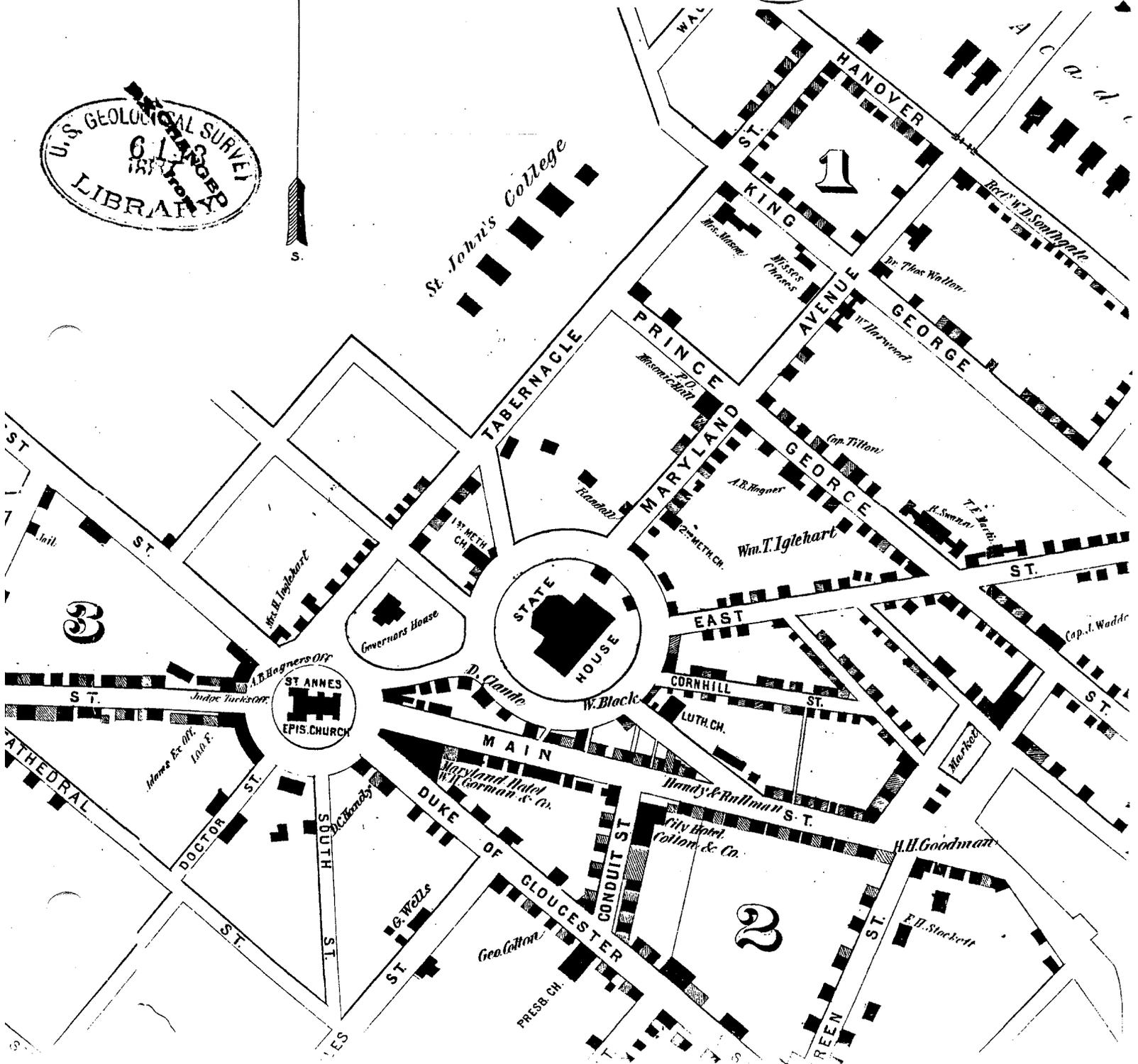
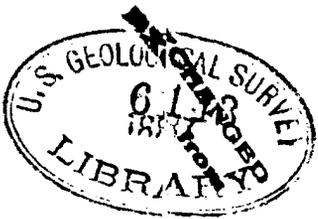
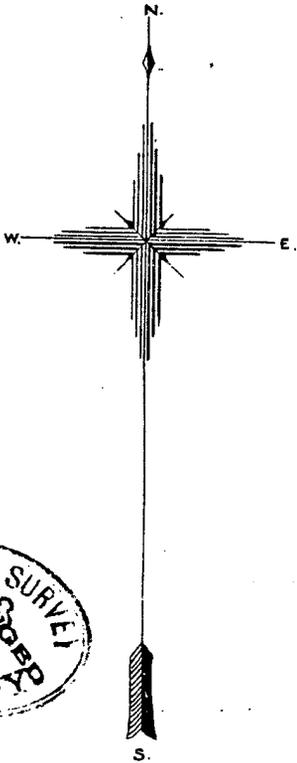
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**EXPLANATIONS:**  

 Solid black square: Hotel or Dining Room  
 Square with diagonal lines: Restaurant  
 Square with horizontal lines: Bar or Billiard Parlor  
 Square with vertical lines: Fancy Store or Shop  
 Square with dots: New Shop or Outfit

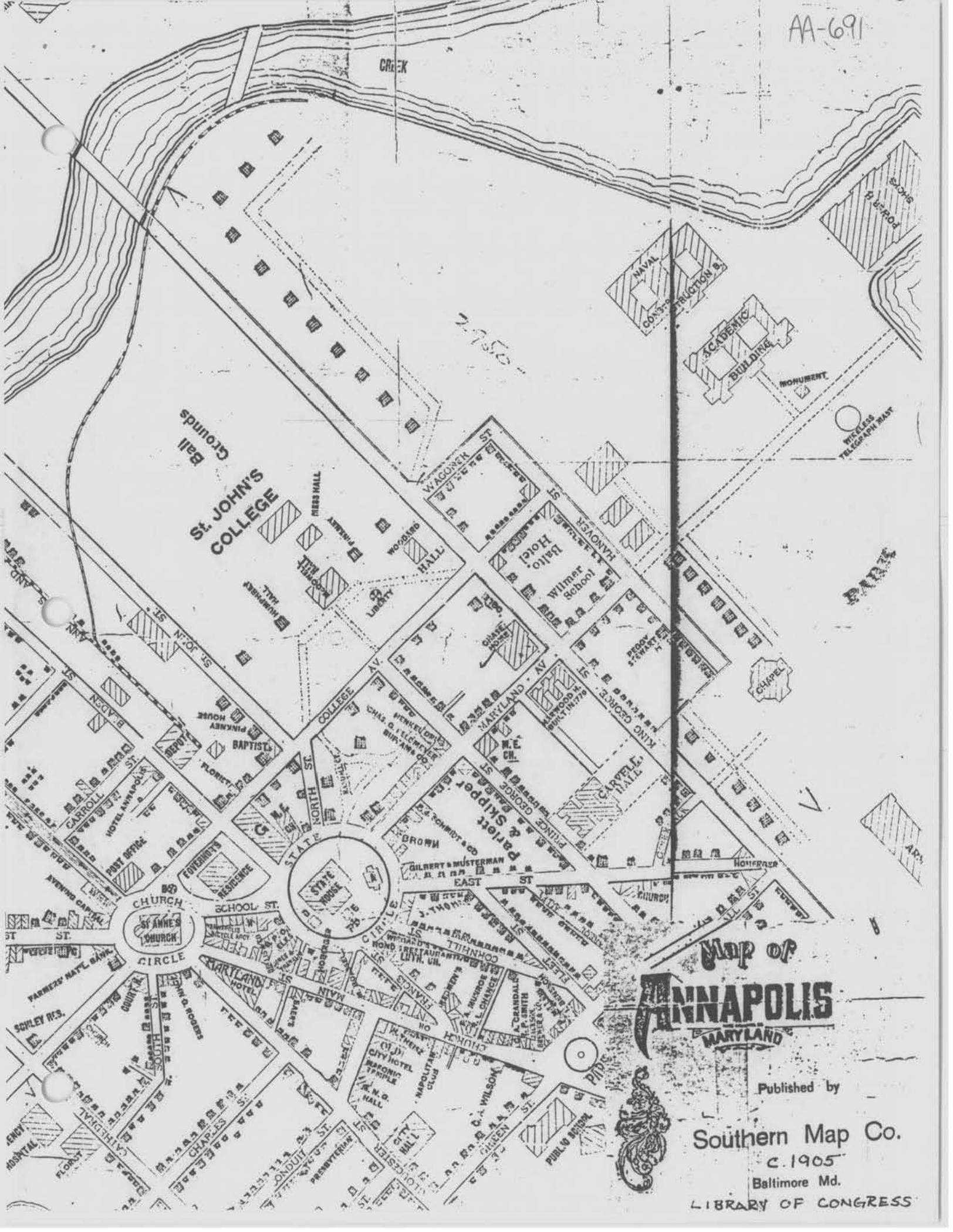
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Hopkin's Map of Annapolis  
1878



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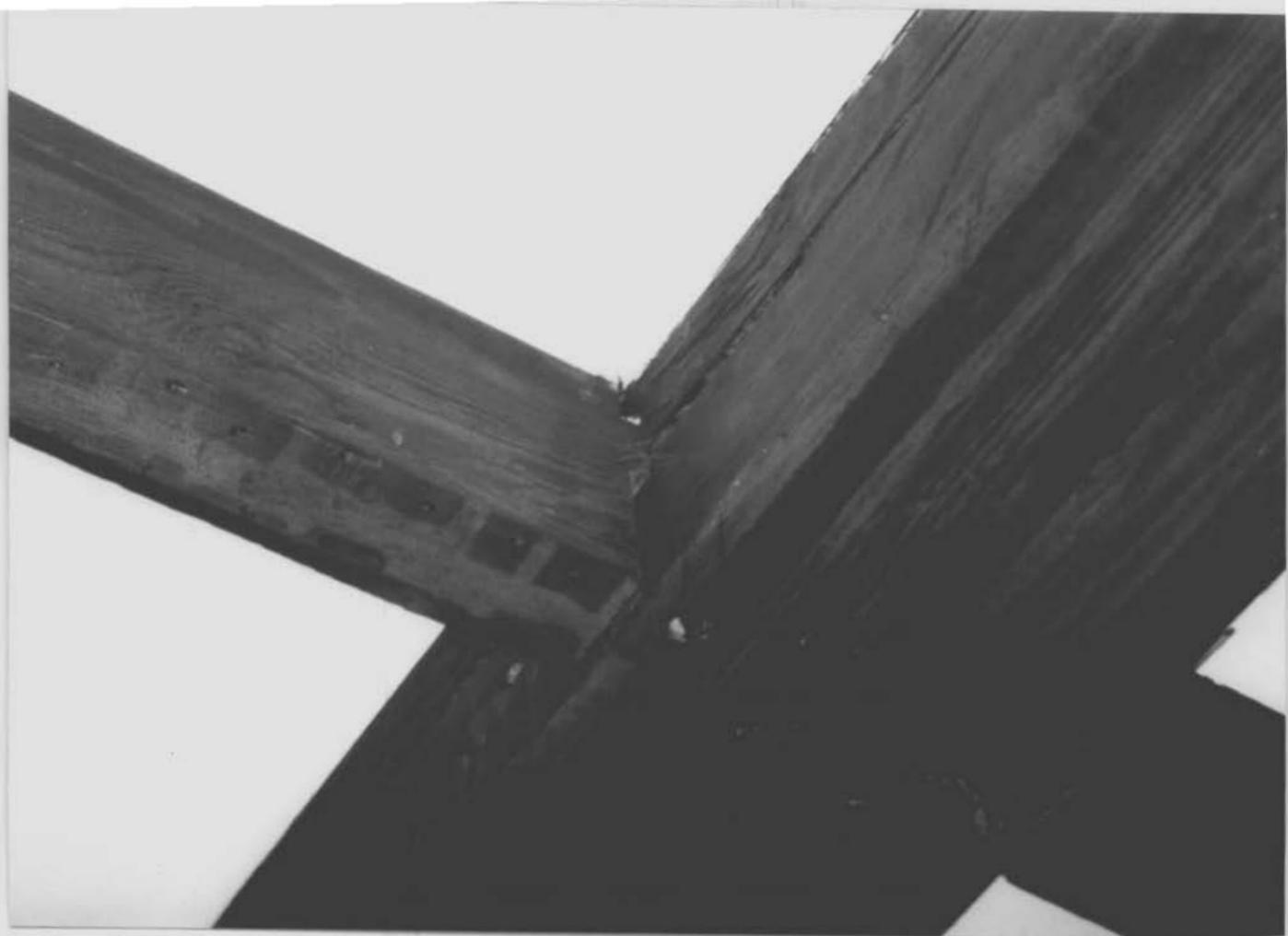
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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <u>AA 691</u>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Central Drug Store in 1889
PRESENT USE: Retail
ORIGINAL USE:
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent (X) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME: STYLE: Vernacular Altered to Second Empire
DATE BUILT: c.1850; c.1880

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 50 State Circle
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Comm. Map 32 Par 469
OWNER: James R. Potter ADDRESS: 50 State Circle 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: Flemish 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 ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers (X) Chimneys (X) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
 Wings ( ) Other:

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

Number of Stories: 3  
 Number of Bays: 5 Entrance Location: Centered  
 Approximate Dimensions: 35 x 60

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

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Later Mansard roof (was gable with stepped false front) pedimented dormers like those at 15 State Circle, excellent bracketed cornice contemporary with roof, splayed brick arches remain from earlier period as does transom lit door.

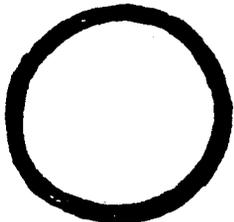
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Well designed conversion to Second Empire of what was a simple Vernacular structure, in scale with Circle and contributing 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

Form 10-445  
(5/62)

<p>1. STATE <b>Annapolis, Maryland</b>          COUNTY          TOWN VICINITY          STREET NO. <b>50 State Circle</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE <b>Commercial</b>          PRESENT OWNER <b>Gilbert's</b>          PRESENT USE <b>Drug Store</b>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>3</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME <b>Gilbert's</b>          DATE OR PERIOD <b>Mid 19th Century</b>          STYLE <b>Victorianized Federal</b>          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **Yes**

50 State Circle, originally a Federal structure of the commercial type, has been altered in the 19th Century by the addition of a mansard roof and a simple Victorian cornice; storefront is probably early 20th Century. Building still has 6/6 2nd storey windows with stone sills and splayed brick lintels. 50 State Circle occupies an extremely important location across from the State House and at the head of East Street. Restoration to Federal appearance, at least on 2nd and 3rd storeys would be very worthwhile.

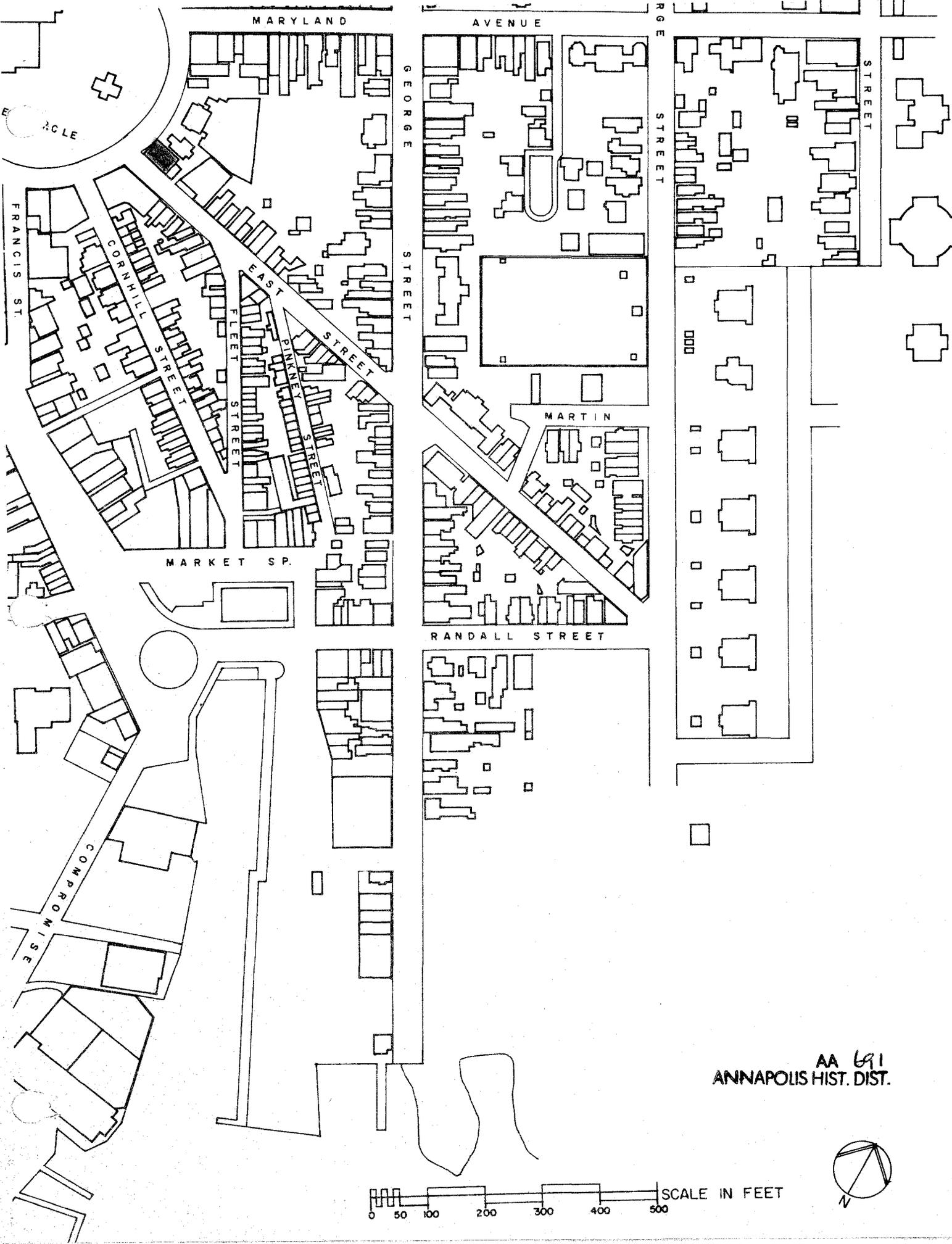
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH <b>0, Ridout, IV</b></p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>William D. Morgan</b>  <b>Columbia University</b>  <b>New York City</b>          DATE OF RECORD <b>August 24, 1967</b></p>



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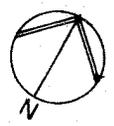
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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

NE Elevation/camera facing SW