AA-586

Anne Claude Building, (Chesapeake Savings & Loan, Maryland Democratic Party)

Architectural Survey File

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The Anne Claude Building, built between 1858 and 1871 on previously undeveloped land, is a modest brick commercial building that has been significantly altered by the application of a wood weatherboard facade. This mid-19th century structure provides important insight into the physical development of Main Street and is historically associated with the prominent Claude family, making it an important contributor to the Annapolis Historic District.

The building was originally constructed as a two-story, two-bay, side-passage brick dwelling which saw the addition of a wood facade and a single-bay infill connecting 224 to 228 Main Street between 1913 and 1921. The current storefront, built ca. 1984 to replace a mid-20th century storefront, restored the building to its 1913-1921 appearance. The storefront includes a side-passage entry to the upper stories and a central entry to the retail space, flanked by windows. Above the storefront and separating it from the second story, is a projecting wood cornice supported by four wood brackets.

Built as a commercial building, it was owned by the Claude family from its circa 1858-1871 construction through 1885; after 1885, the building housed a confectionery, tailor shop, restaurant and various other offices and commercial enterprises. The Chesapeake Savings and Loan owned and occupied the building from 1966 through 1989. Owned by the Maryland Medical and Chiurgical Faculty, it is currently leased to the Maryland Democratic Party.
1. Name of Property
   historic name
   other names 114 Main or Church; 102 Main or Church

2. Location
   street & number 224 Main Street not for publication
   city or town Annapolis vicinity
   state Maryland code
   county Anne Arundel code
   zip code 21401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification
   Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)
   X private
   public-local
   public-State
   public-Federal

   Category of Property (Check only one box)
   1 building(s)
   district
   site
   structure
   object

   Number of Resources within Property
   Contributing Noncontributing
   1 buildings
   sites
   structures
   objects
   Total

   Is this property listed in the National Register?
   Yes X Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District
   No
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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Commerce/Trade
Sub: Store
Domestic

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Commerce/Trade
Sub: Offices

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Not visible
roof Not visible
walls Wood weatherboard/stucco over brick
other

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

Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.

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<td>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.</td>
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### Criteria Considerations

Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1858-1871

Significant Dates 1858-1871

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder unknown

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

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

**Articles, Books, Published and Unpublished Resources**


Anne Arundel County Assessment Records. 1876-1896; 1896-1905. Maryland State Archives. Record Group C35.

Anne Arundel County Land Records. Anne Arundel County Courthouse and Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.


Record Group 29 "Records of the Bureau of the Census." 1900, 1910 and 1920 Census; Anne Arundel County, Maryland.


Maps and Drawings


Photographs

Hayman Collection, 1920ca-1930ca. Record Group SC1406. Annapolis, Maryland: Maryland State Archives.

Mame Warren Collection, 1859-1910. Record Group SC985. Annapolis, Maryland: Maryland State Archives.

Photographic Collection at the Historic Annapolis Foundation.
City Directories

Mullin-Kille and Capital-Gazette City Directory of Annapolis, MD. Ohio: Mullin-Kille; Evening Capital; and the Maryland Gazette, 1949.


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

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

The property designated as 224 Main Street occupies Parcel 808 on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Once part of a larger lot, this parcel has been associated with the property since the construction of the building on the site between 1871 and 1877. The existing Parcel 808 gained its current configuration when the larger lot was subdivided in 1885.

11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

name State of Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty
street & number 224 Main Street telephone

city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
Built between 1858 and 1871, the two-story, two-bay building at 224 Main Street is located on the northeast side of Main Street just south of Church Circle. The original free-standing building is constructed of brick; however, a front facade with wood weatherboard was added to the building at the same time that a single-bay brick infill connected 224 to 228 Main Street, and a two-story brick wing at the rear of the building replaced earlier, 19th century frame shed additions. The building is covered with a sloped, stepped roof and is separated from the building at 220 Main Street by a narrow alley.

The front elevation of 224 Main Street consists of a side-passage entry and a storefront on the first story and two bays of windows on the second story. The front wall, covered with wide wood weatherboarding, is a veneer applied between 1913 and 1921 to the original brick wall. This veneer brought the slightly recessed building up to the lot line and flush with the building next to it at 228 Main Street. At the same time, an exterior stair which was appended to the northwest side elevation of the building and connected 224 and 228 Main Street, was enclosed. This single-bay brick infill is also flush with the front wall surfaces of 224 and 228 Main Street.

The side-passage entry, located in the northwest end bay, has a four-panelled wood replacement door. The storefront features a central four-light glass door flanked by four-light windows set upon wood panels. This storefront, built ca. 1984 having replaced a mid-20th century storefront, returns the first story to its 1913-1921 appearance. Above the side-passage door and storefront is a projecting wood cornice supported by four wood brackets. The cornice extends across the front of the building, returning on the side elevations, and separates the first story from the second story.

The second story has two, 2/2 windows and shutters, dating from the 1913-1921 period. Above the second story windows is a projecting box cornice which extends approximately eight inches beyond the edge of the roof.

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1 The building at 224 Main Street was originally located on a larger lot of land, which in 1871 contained one two-story brick house, which according to the description corresponds with 224 Main Street. The building does not appear on the site on the 1858 Sachse Birds Eye View of Annapolis.
The southeast elevation extends along the narrow alley between 224 and 220 Main Street and includes both the original side wall and the addition. The entire wall is covered with a stucco finish. Two window openings, with aluminum sash and fake muntins, are located on the second story.

The rear of the building was not accessible and was not surveyed.

A cursory inspection of the first floor commercial space, renovated in 1984, revealed no historic elements or fabric.
Built between 1858 and 1871, the building at 224 Main Street was constructed on the northeast side of Main Street, approximately 50 yards from Church Circle. Constructed by members of the prominent Claude family, the erection of the building in this period on formerly undeveloped land provides important insight into the physical development of Main Street.

The land on which 224 Main Street is located originally occupied a portion of the large triangular lot of ground designated Lot 73 on the Stoddert Map of 1718. The land was owned in the early 1720s by Margaret and John Steele, who conveyed it to Robert Johnson in 1722. Johnson constructed a dwelling on the property, which was enlarged in 1745 by George Johnson. Throughout the 18th century the property was devised and conveyed several times amongst the Johnson family. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax indicates that the property contained a frame house on Church Street, assessed at $400.00, and a brick house on School Street, assessed at $800.00.\(^2\) By 1808, the lot was conveyed by order of the Chancery Court to Charles Wallace, the prominent merchant and builder of the State House. The deed of sale states that the Church Street dwelling was leased by Richard Harwood, while the brick dwelling on School Street was occupied by John Johnson.\(^3\) Within a matter of days the property fronting on Church Street was conveyed to Elizabeth Thompson for $133.00. Just three years later, Thompson purchased the remainder of the lot from John Johnson, who had relocated to Prince George’s County. Samuel Maynard purchased the property in 1822 from Elizabeth Thompson.

In 1833, Dr. Dennis Claude purchased the property in its entirety from Samuel Maynard.\(^4\) In 1855, Ann Claude obtained a portion of the property, without buildings on it\(^5\), as part of an equity proceeding. This portion of land corresponds with the two parcels currently occupied by the buildings at 224 and 226-228 Main Street.

\(^2\) Federal Direct Tax, folder 10 and 11.

\(^3\) Chancery Court Accounts, Liber 47 Folio 320

\(^4\) Dr. 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).

\(^5\) The deed makes no mentions of buildings on the site (Liber NHG 5 Folio 108).
By 1871, Anne Claude had died and the property was transferred to her son, Abram Claude, Jr. The deed transferring the property mentions a two-story brick house on the site. The description of the deed reads, "beginning...at the southwest corner of the two-story brick house standing on said lot," indicating that the building at 224 Main Street, which is at the southern end of the property, stood at that time. It does not, however, preclude the existence of 226-228 at that time as well. In any case, the building is definitely on the site by 1877, as it appears on Gray’s Map of Annapolis.

The property remained intact until 1885, when Abram Claude divided it into two and sold the parcel on which 224 Main Street stands. Abram Claude held onto 226-228 Main Street until 1896. In 1885, Abram Claude conveyed 224 Main Street, used as a confectionery, to Elizabeth Dorsey. Dorsey conveyed the building, now used as a cigar shop, to Robert and Elizabeth Redmond in 1899. According to the Sanborn Maps, the building was leased as a tailor’s shop in 1897 and a restaurant in 1908 through 1921. The census records for 1900 list Robert Redmond as the owner/occupant of the building. Redmond was born in Maryland in 1866 to Scottish parents.

The city directory for 1928-1929 shows that the name of the restaurant was "The Annapolis Restaurant," and that Victor Characklis occupied the upper floor. In 1949 and 1954, the city directory states that the building was occupied by the Lincoln Loan Service.

The Redmonds bequeathed the building in 1961 to their children, Elizabeth Weber, Ann Slaven, Millicent Briel, and Isabel Crutcher. The Redmond heirs conveyed the property in 1966 to the Chesapeake Savings and Loan Association, who owned and occupied the building until 1989 when it was purchased by the State of Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty. The building is currently leased to the Maryland Democratic Party.

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6 Abram Claude (born 1818), was a physician by profession, and served as Mayor of Annapolis from 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.

7 Liber GW 13 Folio 111
MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ANNAPOLES SURVEY
CONTINUATION SHEET

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224 Main Street
name of property
Anne Arundel County, MD
county and state

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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Chain of Title for 224 Main Street:

1722: Margaret Mercier and husband, John Steele, to Robert
Johnson
Liber L.B Folio 94

1745: Cornelius Brooksby II conveyed an addition 10 feet to
George Johnson, son of Robert Johnson
Liber RB 2 Folio 167

1751: Sewell and Mary Long with George Johnson, clear title to
George Johnson
Liber RB 3 Folio 403

1758: George Johnson died, bequeathing property to wife, Mary,
and daughter, Rebecca, and sons, Robert and John.
Inventory Liber 67 Folio 528

1773: Robert Johnson died, bequeathing his interest in property
to wife, Ann, and sons, George, John, and Robert
Will Liber 39 Folio 241

1801: George Johnson’s 1/3 interest in property inherited from
father, Robert Johnson, to be sold
Chancery Court Accounts 47 Folio 320

1808: Robert Denny, appointed to sell to Charles Wallace
Liber NH 14 folio 485

1808: Charles Wallace to Elizabeth Thompson
1/3 interest in portion of property
Liber NH’14 Folio 487

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1811: John Johnson to Elizabeth Thompson
   2/3 interest in property inherited from father, Robert
   Johnson
   Liber WSG 1 Folio 235

1822-23: Elizabeth Thompson to Samuel Maynard
   Part of Lot 73
   Liber WSG 9 Folio 457

1833-34: Samuel Maynard to Dr. Dennis Claude
   Liber WSG 18 Folio 114

1855: William Tell Claude, Trustee for will of Dr. Dennis
   Claude, deceased, to Anne Claude
   Equity Case on two parcels
   Liber NHG 5 Folio 108

1871: William Tell Claude, Trustee for children of Anne Claude,
   deceased, to Abram Claude, Jr.
   Liber SH 6 Folio 133

1885: Abram Claude to Elizabeth Dorsey
   Liber SH 26 Folio 51

1899: Elizabeth Dorsey to Robert and Elizabeth Redmond
   Liber GW 13 Folio 111

1961: Robert and Elizabeth Redmond bequeathed to Elizabeth
   Weber, Ann Slaven, Millicent Briel, and Isabel Crutcher

1966: Elizabeth Weber, Ann Slaven, Millicent Briel, and Isabel
   Crutcher to Chesapeake Savings and Loan Association
   Liber 2023 Folio 269

1989: Chesapeake Savings and Loan Association to State of
   Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty
   Liber 4788 Folio 557
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124 MAIN STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD
TRACERIES
APRIL 1994
MD SHPO
SW ELEVATION
VIEW LOOKING NE
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124 MAIN STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD
TRACERIES
APRIL 1994
MD SHPO
VIEW OF ALLEY BETWEEN 220 AND 224 2/2
**HISTORICAL SURVEY**

**SURVEY NUMBER:** AA 584

**NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:**

**UTM REFERENCES:**
Zone/Easting/Northing

**U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:**

**PRESENT FORMAL NAME:**

**ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:**

**PRESENT USE:** Bank

**ORIGINAL USE:** Retail

**ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:**

**BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:**
Excellent (X) Good ( )
Fair ( ) Poor ( )

**DATE BUILT:** c1880

**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:**
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

**Structural System**

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

2. Wall Structure
   - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon (X)
   - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
   - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard (X) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )
   - Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )
   - Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )
   - Bonding Pattern: Other:

4. Roof Structure
   - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
   - B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )
   - Built Up (X) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

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

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

**Number of Stories:** 2

**Number of Bays:** 2

**Approximate Dimensions:** 15 x 55

**Entrance Location:** L & R

**THREAT TO STRUCTURE:**
- No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )
- Development ( ) Deterioration ( )
- Alteration ( ) Other:

**LOCAL ATTITUDES:**
- Positive ( ) Negative ( )
- Mixed ( ) Other:
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Deep boxed cornice and flat window trim at second floor windows are all that remain from earlier facade treatment, with first floor severely altered.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

In scale with the more interesting building to the left, 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
**STATE** Annapolis, Maryland  
**COUNTY**  
**TOWN**  
**STREET NO.** 224 Main Street  

**ORIGINAL OWNER** commercial  
**PRESENT OWNER**  
**PRESENT USE** office Ches. Savings&Lo.  
**WALL CONSTRUCTION** clapboard, stucco  
**NO. OF STORIES** two  

**DATE OR PERIOD** Mid or Late 19th C.  
**STYLE**  
**ARCHITECT**  
**BUILDER**  

**ORIGINAL USE** commercial  

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**NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION**  
Though altered on the ground floor this small building is important as it is part of group of same scale buildings (224-236). The attractive, brown stained clapboards appear to be a recent facade, however, a plain wood cornice and upstairs windows remain from earlier period. Windows have narrow shutters and 2/2 window panes (original). Color scheme is attractive. Any replacement of this building would have to be same size, so present usable building should be preserved. The wood is nice on a street with so much brick.

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**PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE** good

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**LOCATION MAP** (Plan Optional)

**PUBLISHED SOURCES** (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

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**NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER**  
William D. Morgan  
Columbia University  
New York City, N.Y.

**DATE OF RECORD** July 5, 1967
224 Main  AA 586
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
Russell Wright  July, 1982
Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland
SW Elevation/camera facing NE