

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old City Hall & Engine House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old City Hall & Engine House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
211-213 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth (Jan. 1973)

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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered Less than fee simple development rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Sidney Horowitz

STREET AND NUMBER:
92 East Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Anne Arundel Co. Courthouse Tax map 32 Blk. 11 Parcel 256

STREET AND NUMBER:
Church Circle at South Street

Deed - Liber MSH 2405 F.196

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Annapolis Inventory 1970 "excellent"

DATE OF SURVEY:
1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hall of Records

Federal
 State
 County
 Local

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
21401

DATE:
24

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built 1821-1822

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <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 | losophy | <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 | Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Number 211 Main Street was built in 1821-1822 to serve the dual function of a City Hall and fire engine house and was the first structure built by the City of Annapolis for municipal use. As originally designed, the ground floor of the building housed the fire engines, and the second floor contained a meeting room for the citizens and City Council. The erection of the building provided a much-needed boost for local fire-fighting efforts. When construction was finished, a number of wells with pumps were sunk throughout the city to provide a water source for fires. One well and pump was located directly outside the City Hall and Engine House. Just prior to completion of the building, the fire company was reorganized to include three directors and three captains. A captain was placed in charge of each of the town's three fire engines. (One of these fire engines still exists and is owned by Historic Annapolis, Inc.) To insure proper maintenance of all equipment the position of Keeper of the Engines and Horses was established, and was first held by Elijah Wells.

The building served its intended functions until 1868 when the town government moved its offices to Duke of Gloucester Street. The old building was auctioned and was converted by its purchasers into a commercial establishment. The building somewhat altered from its original form and without its belfry, is used for commercial purposes today. Despite the changes in appearance, the simple Federal-style structure remains a significant local landmark, intimately associated with the early nineteenth century history of the City. It also survives as a rare example of an early fire house.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annapolis Corporation Accounts, 1821-1825, Hall of Records, Annapolis. Annapolis Corporation Proceedings, 1821-1825. Hall of Records Annapolis. Land Records and Wills, Anne Arundel County Courthouse and Hall of Records, Annapolis

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
NW	0	0		38	58	40
NE	0	0		76	29	30
SE	0	0				
SW	0	0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/20 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Calder Loth, Va. Hist. Landmarks Comm. for

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc. DATE: Nov. 24, 1972

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 November 24, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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(Continuation Sheet)

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Old City Hall & Engine House

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

1970 State

Maryland Historical Trust

2525 Riva Road

Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Code: 24

HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS INVENTORY MAP

Scale: 1: 1200
1970

STANBEN ST.

W. JOHNS ST.

COLLEGE AVE

SCHOOL STREET

MAIN ST.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ST.

Old City Hall & Engine House

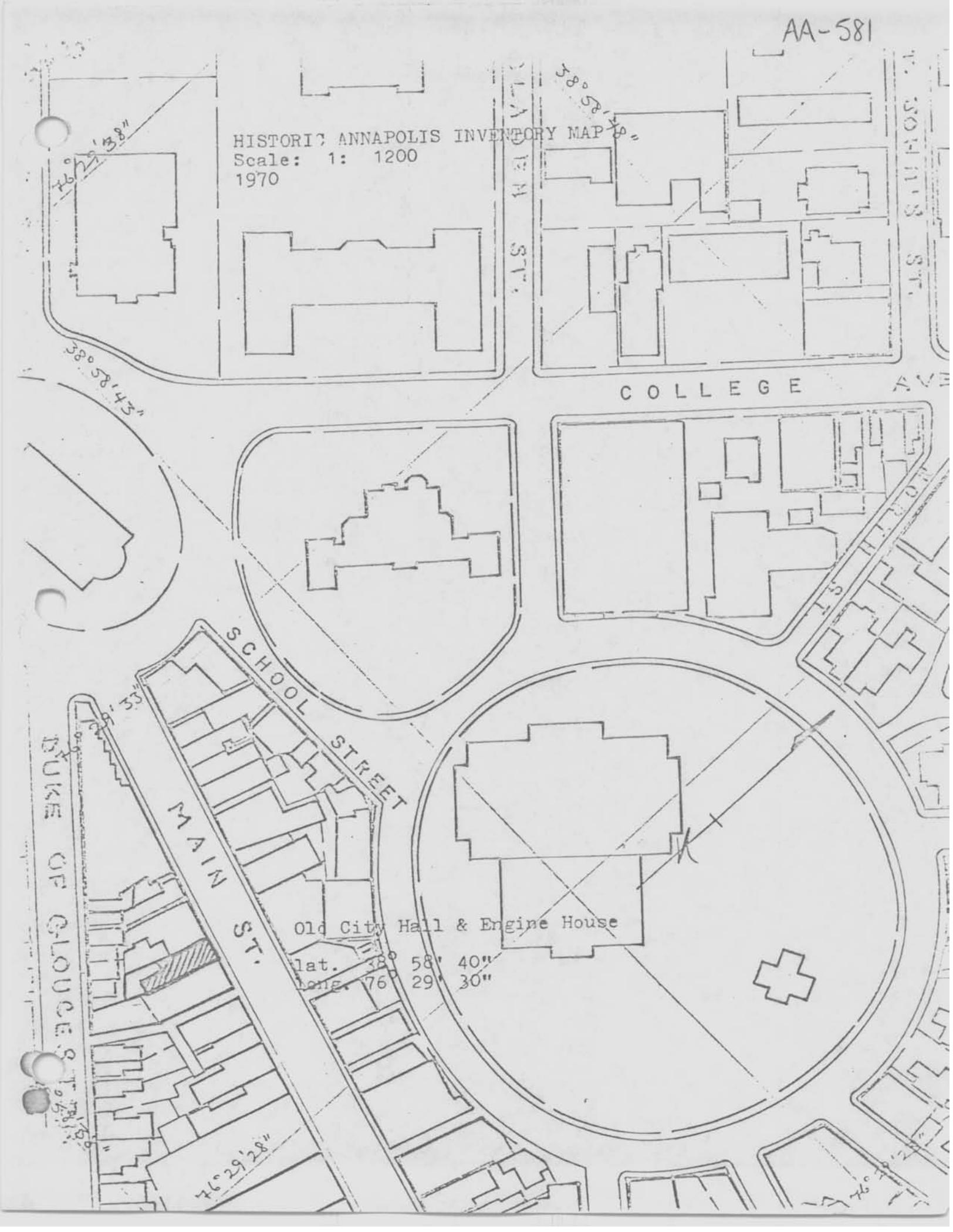
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long. 76° 29' 30"

16° 25' 38"
24° 50' 58"
24° 50' 58"

58° 58' 40"

76° 29' 28"

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
City Hall and Engine House
211 Main Street
(AA-581)

The City Hall and Engine House, built 1821-1822 by the City of Annapolis, was the first structure erected by the city for municipal purposes. Relatively intact today, the building contributes to the Annapolis Historic District for its architecture and important role as the first purpose-built home of the city government.

Designed to serve as a fire station on the first floor with a meeting room for the town council above, it was used until 1868 when the city relocated its functions to Duke of Gloucester Street. After sale at auction to William Inglehart in 1868, the building was converted to commercial use and was altered over time. Major exterior alterations include the addition of a new pressed brick facade, the removal of the original cupola, the addition of Italianate style details, and changes to the fenestration. The interior no longer retains historic fabric.

Presented in a vernacular rendition of the Federal style, the 2-1/2-story, three-bay brick building is set upon a brick foundation and is covered with a half-hipped and half-gable roof. One entry, leading to the second floor and indicated by a pair of brackets, is set to the side; a second, more recent, glass entry door is set next to a two-light plate glass store window. A projecting wood cornice with brackets delineates the two stories. Since 1868, the first floor has been used for retail; currently the second floor is vacant.



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Old City Hall

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211 MAIN STREET

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRACERIES

APRIL 1994

MD SHPO

NE ELEVATION

VIEW LOOKING SW

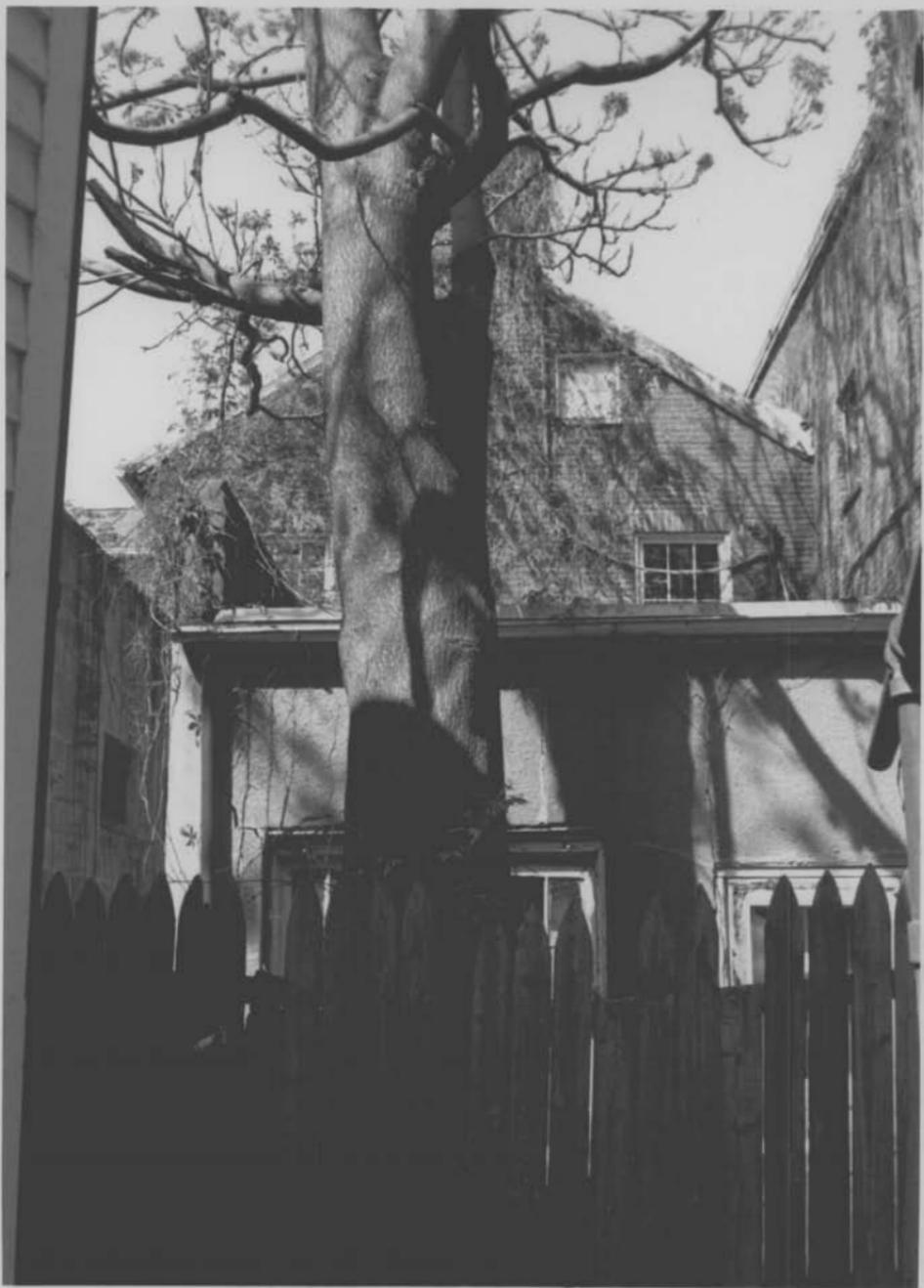
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211 MAIN STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD
TRALERIES
APRIL 1994
MD SHPD

DETAIL NORTH CORNER SHOWING TOOTHED-IN
FACADE

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211 MAIN STREET

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRALERIES

APRIL 1994

MD SHPD

SW ELEVATION

VIEW LOOKING NE

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211 MAIN STREET

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRACERIES

APRIL 1994

MD SHTO

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211 MAIN STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRACERIES

APRIL 1974

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211-213 Main

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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

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