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THEME: Political and Military Affairs

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

NATION HISTORIC LANDMARK
UNITED ST... DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Anne Arundel
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ENTRY DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Maryland State House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Maryland State House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4th

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

COUNTY: Anne Arundel — CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☒ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: The State of Maryland; The Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor

STREET AND NUMBER: State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Anne Arundel Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress/Annex

STREET AND NUMBER: Division of Prints and Photographs

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C. 20240 — CODE: 11

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered			(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architecturally, the State House is a severe brick structure topped by a tall octagonal dome and cupola. The main entrance facing the east, is protected by a one story pedimented Corinthian portico with marble floor, wooden columns, iron capitals, and cast iron railing; it is obviously a later addition. The portal opens into a wide arcaded hall of similar classic order under the central dome, which has arched and oval windows and delicate plaster interior ornament in the Adam style, completed in 1793.

Over the entrance to the Old Senate Chamber is a curved balustraded spectators gallery, supported by fluted Ionic columns. Facing the entrance is the circular speaker's platform. Typical of late Georgian Colonial design are the twenty-four-paned sash windows with deep paneled reveals, window seats and inner shutters, and the classically trimed fireplace. Opposite the Senate Chamber is the Old Hall of Delegates, next to which is the present Historic and Flag Room, used for exhibit purposes.

Throughout the years, following its nationally significant role in the first years of independence, the State House has continued to serve as the center of State government. In 1902-05, expansion of the State governmental functions necessitated the addition of an annex slightly larger than the original building. Unfortunately, the annex has obscured the original plan and symmetry of the State House.

Begun in 1772, and finished about 1779, the present structure has seen many alterations and additions. Between 1785 and 1789 the original dome was demolished and replaced with the present larger one. In 1858, due to expanding needs, the quasi-octagonal bay was removed from the western side and replaced with a larger octagonal annex, increasing the size of the Delegates Chambers by some seventy percent. Other alterations included: the addition of a cellar designed by George A. Federick, in 1876; "an annex with special reference to the needs of the State Library," 1886; architect and historian J. Appleton's restoratuon of the old Senate Chambers, 1894; demolition of the annexes of 1858 and 1886 and replacement with the present annex, 1902; interior redecoration by the Maryland Historical Society, 1937; and finally, "Extensive rennovation of the interior under the direction of the Department of Public Works."[1]

Boundary Information and Justification

The Maryland State House sits within State Circle in Annapolis. The Circle provides a very natural boundary for this property.

[1] Historian's Work Sheet for "Photo data Books". Historic American Building Survey Files, Ms., Section IV.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [x] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1772-present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [x] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Maryland State House is the oldest building in the nation which remains in active use as a seat for State government. Moreover, between November 26, 1783 and August 13, 1784, the State House served as the Nation's Capital. "The State House itself was largely responsible for the Congress' presence in Annapolis."[1] Having moved the Capital from Princeton, New Jersey, the Maryland State House accorded the Congress adequate space and atmosphere which would accommodate a national legislature rightful prestige."[2]

Several historically important events occured in the Maryland State House, which now houses the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General of Maryland, as well as the State Legislature. It was here that the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris on January 14, 1784, thus giving formal end to the Revolutionary War. A few weeks earlier General George Washington appeared before Congress at the State House to resign his post as Commander in Chief of the American Military, establishing the precedent of civilian leadership of the military. In August, 1784, the building was returned to the State, but it was destined to figure again prominently in national affairs for on May 7th, 1784, Thomas Jefferson was appointed Minister Plenipoteniary to countries abroad. In September, 1786, the Annapolis Convention, with representatives from six states, entertained a resolution from which gre the convention which drew up the constitution.

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1 "When Annapolis was National Capital", reprint in Tradition (Vol. IV, No. 8, August 1961).
2 Ibid.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davis, Deering, Annapolis Houses, 1700-1775, (New York, 1947).

"Maryland: A Guide to the Old Line State", American Guild Series (New York, 1940).

"When Annapolis Was National Capital", reprinted from Tradition, (Vol. IV, No. 8, August, 1961).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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:
Joseph Scott Mendinghall (Original form completed by Frank S. Melvin)

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service
DATE: 2/18/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington
STATE: D.C. 20240
CODE: 11

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 (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Title

Date (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

Landmark Designated: 12/19/60 date

Landmark Certified: Cornelius Heine 9-17-75 date

Arch. Surveys

Boundary Affirmed: A R Montaner 9/25/75 date

Director, OAHP

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

STATE	
Maryland	
COUNTY	
Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: The Maryland State House

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Maryland State House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Anne Arundel	003

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S., 7.5 Annapolis Quadrangle

SCALE: 1:24,000

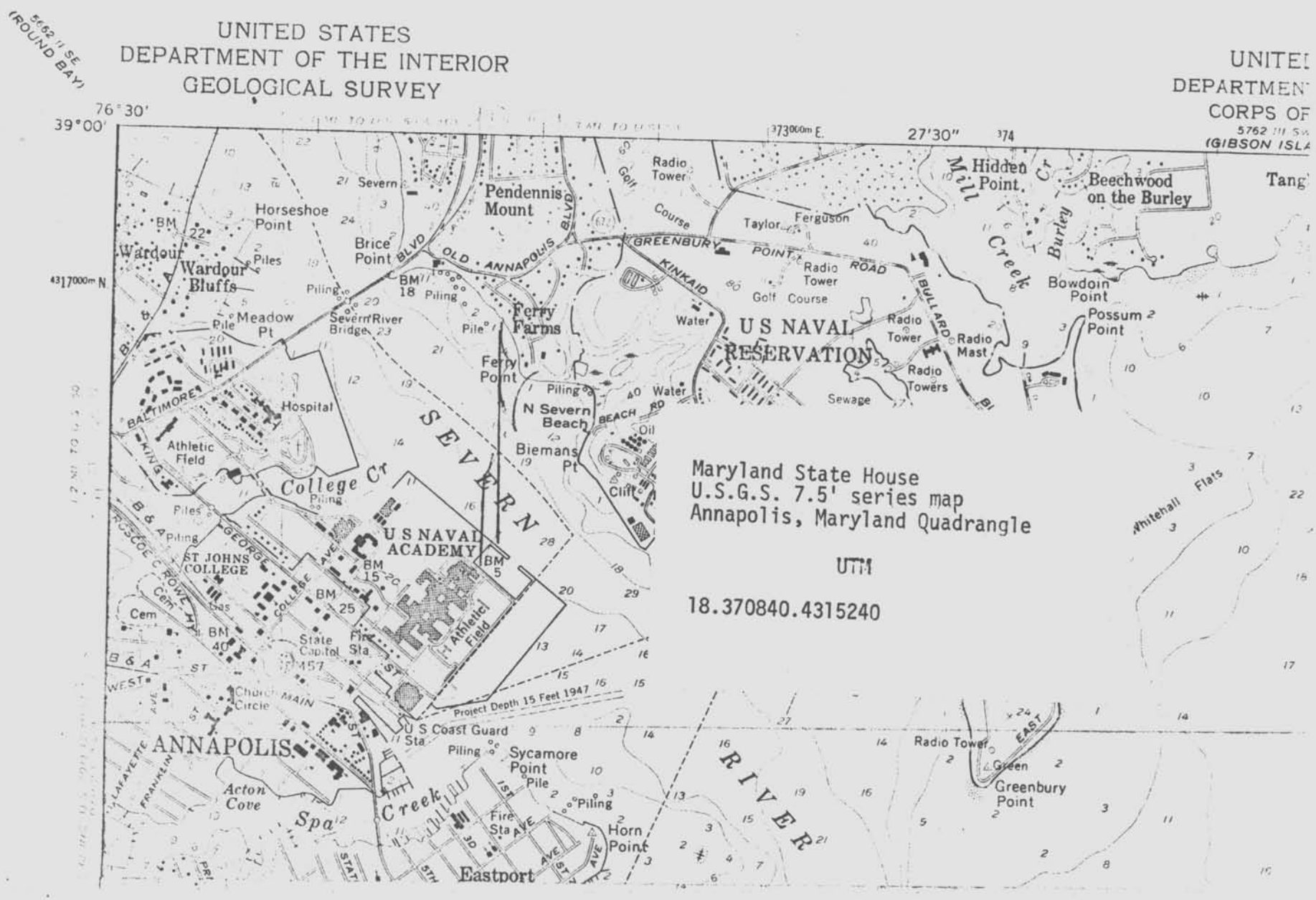
DATE: 1957 (photorevised 1970)

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

INT: 155-72



Maryland State House
U.S.G.S. 7.5' series map
Annapolis, Maryland Quadrangle

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AND/OR HISTORIC: The Maryland State House

LOCATION

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CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Anne Arundel	003

PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Patricia Heintzelman

DATE OF PHOTO: 7/74

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Historic Sites Survey

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of south and east facade, looking northwest.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Maryland	24	Anne Arundel	003

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: National Rark Service Photograph

DATE OF PHOTO: 1968

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Historic Sites Survey

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Full Frontal, looking east.

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE STATE HOUSE

1689 First State House built

1704 First State House burns

1706 Second State House built

1771 Charles Wallace signs contract to build third State House

1772 Cornerstone laid; beasment and first story up

1773 Second story up

1779 Wallace resigns as construction problems continue; further construction halted

1779-1783 Building in use during session which ended December 31, 1779 and continues to be used until Continental Congress begins use of building in 1783.

1783-1784 State House seat of national government

December 23, 1873 Washington resigns his commission as Commander-in-Chief of Continental Army in Old Senate Chamber

January 14, 1784 Treaty of Paris ratified in Old Senate Chamber

1785 Joseph Clark, architect, given contract for completion of State House. 2nd phase begins. 2nd dome constructed; roof replaced

1787 Lack of funds halts Clark's work

1787-1792 3rd phase McNuntz and Brown given contract interior of dome and staircase

1792-1797 4th phase carpentry and plastering

1800-1850 5th phase desks for House of Delegates and minor repairs addition of shed house used for storage of State Archives; gun house erected; County government moves to Anne Arundel County Courthouse; library outfitted for Court of Appeals

1858-1863 Octagonal addition provides enlargement of State Library.

1876-1878 Repair, remodeling

1886-1892 Annex built for State Library which is demolished in 1902 along with the 1858 octagonal addition

1906-1971 Miscellaneous contemporary changes

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 685

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Maryland State House (original)

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION:
State Circle

COMMON NAME:
State House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: OFF Map 32 Par 247

OWNER: State of MD
ADDRESS: State House Bldg.
State Circle/Annapolis, MD 21401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes (x) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Nat.Landmk.,HABS
Local ( ) State ( ) National (x)

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Stadt House

PRESENT USE: State House
ORIGINAL USE: State House

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: 1771-72-
~~1785-1792 Joseph Clarke's Interior W. Bucklin~~

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
Charles Wallace

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent (x) Good ( )
Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME:

STYLE: Georgian

DATE BUILT:
1771-72; Present Dome, 1786-88

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System
1. Foundation: Stone( )Brick(x)Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
2. Wall Structure
   A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( )Balloon( )
   B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick(x)Stone( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
   C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
3. 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:
4. Roof Structure
   A. Truss: Wood(x)Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( )
   B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle( )Sheet Metal( )
   Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

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

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

Number of Stories: 2
Number of Bays:
Approximate Dimensions: 120 x 80

Entrance Location: Centered @ Proch

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat(x)Zoning( )Roads( )
Development( )Deterioration( )
Alteration ( )Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive( )Negative( )
Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION: AA-685

Original section has exceptional dome on tower (later) with oval windows in upper section; balustrade at base of tower; excellent wood cornice with dentils and flat modillions; gauged splayed brick arches at all windows; brick belt courses, molded weathering at watertable; stone foundation with galleting; pedimented entrance facade with projecting porch enriched by pediment at center bay; modillion and dentil cornice and rakes; Corinthian columns and engaged pilasters; round arched windows inside porch and round arched entrance framed with engaged Corinthian pilasters, paneled archivolt with key and excellent fan transom; paired raised panel doors; later section (north) repeats detailing of first part but in limestone at the cornice, and is set on a tall granite faced base; exceptional collosal limestone portico at north elevation with full pediment (coat of arms of State of Maryland) modilioned and dentil cornice, Corinthian columns and pilasters, long granite staircase with cheek walls to three entrance bays.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

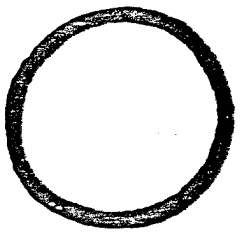
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

For nine months the Statehouse was the seat of the COntinental Congress while it acted as the Revolutionary government. Here the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris on January 14, 1784, formally ending the Revolutionary War. Here Washington officially resigned as Commander-in-Chief. In September, 1786, the Annapolis Convention entertained a resolution from which grew the convention that drew up the Constitution. This is the oldest State House in the United States still in use. (Quoted from NR nomination.)

Excellent example of its style, with extremely well designed addition and cupola. Visually dominates entire historic district as focal point of numerous vistas. Critical, most important structure in city if not state.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )
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Residential( )Commercial( )
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Roadside Strip Development( )
Other:

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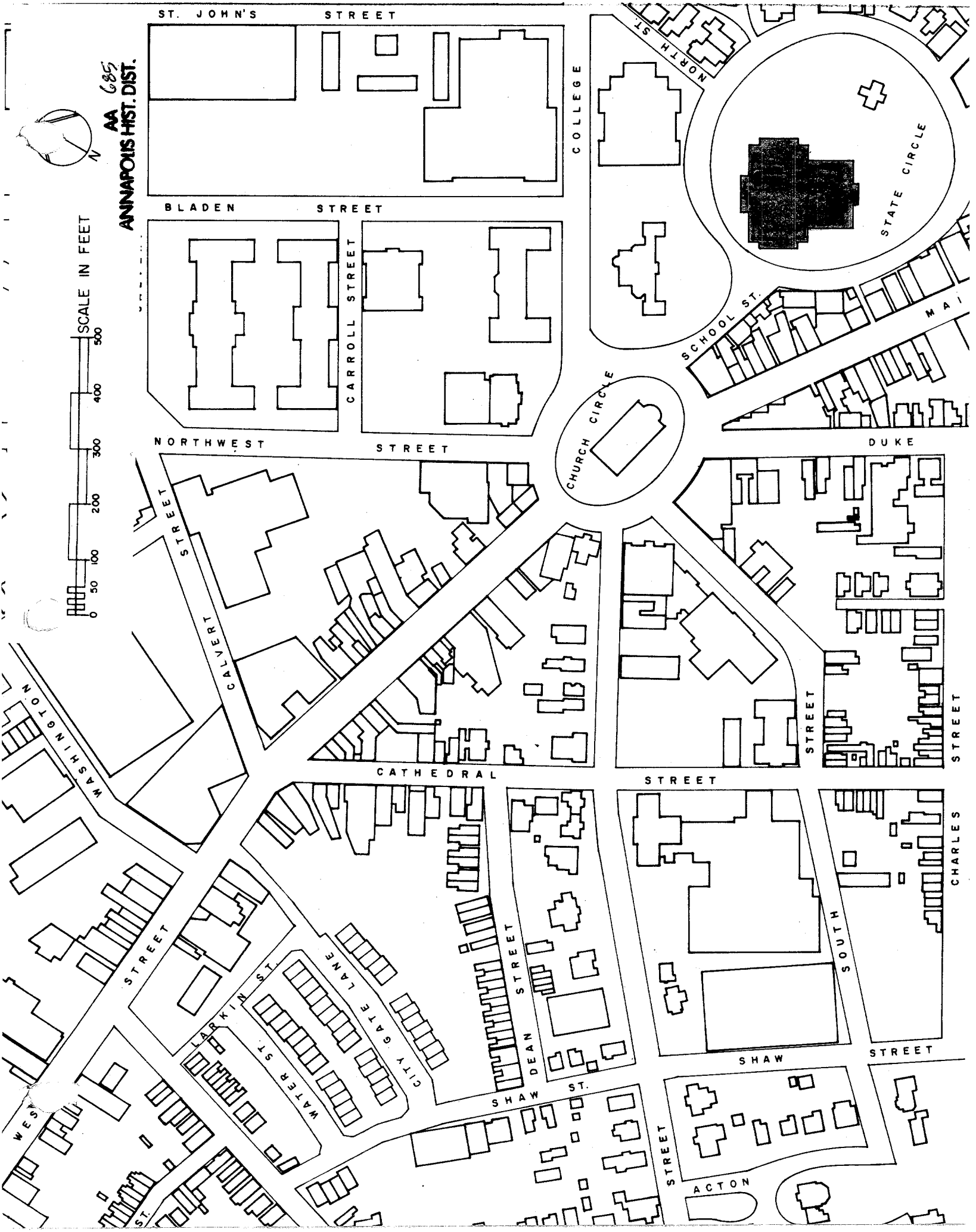
ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED: Aug. 1983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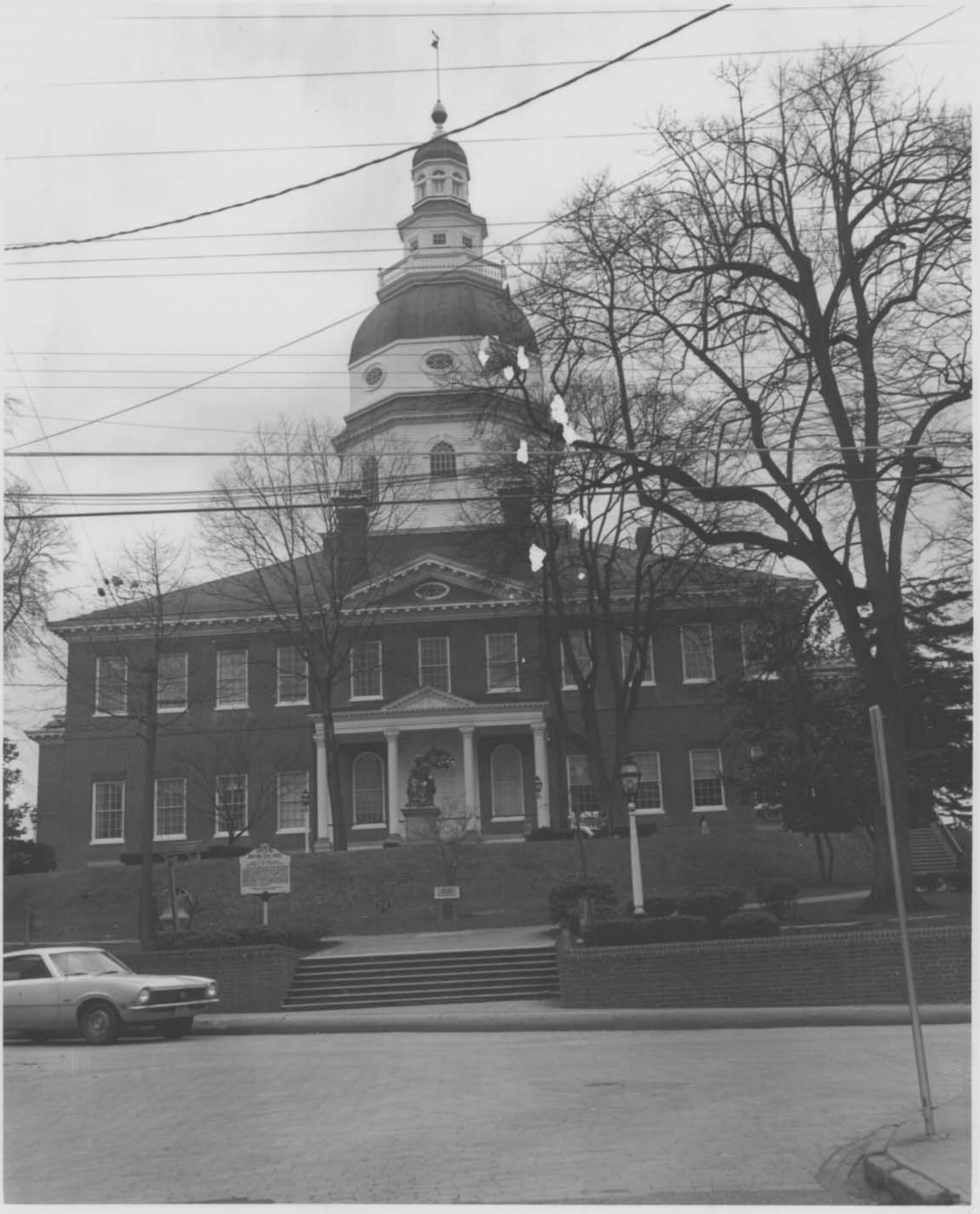

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State House
Annapolis Md.
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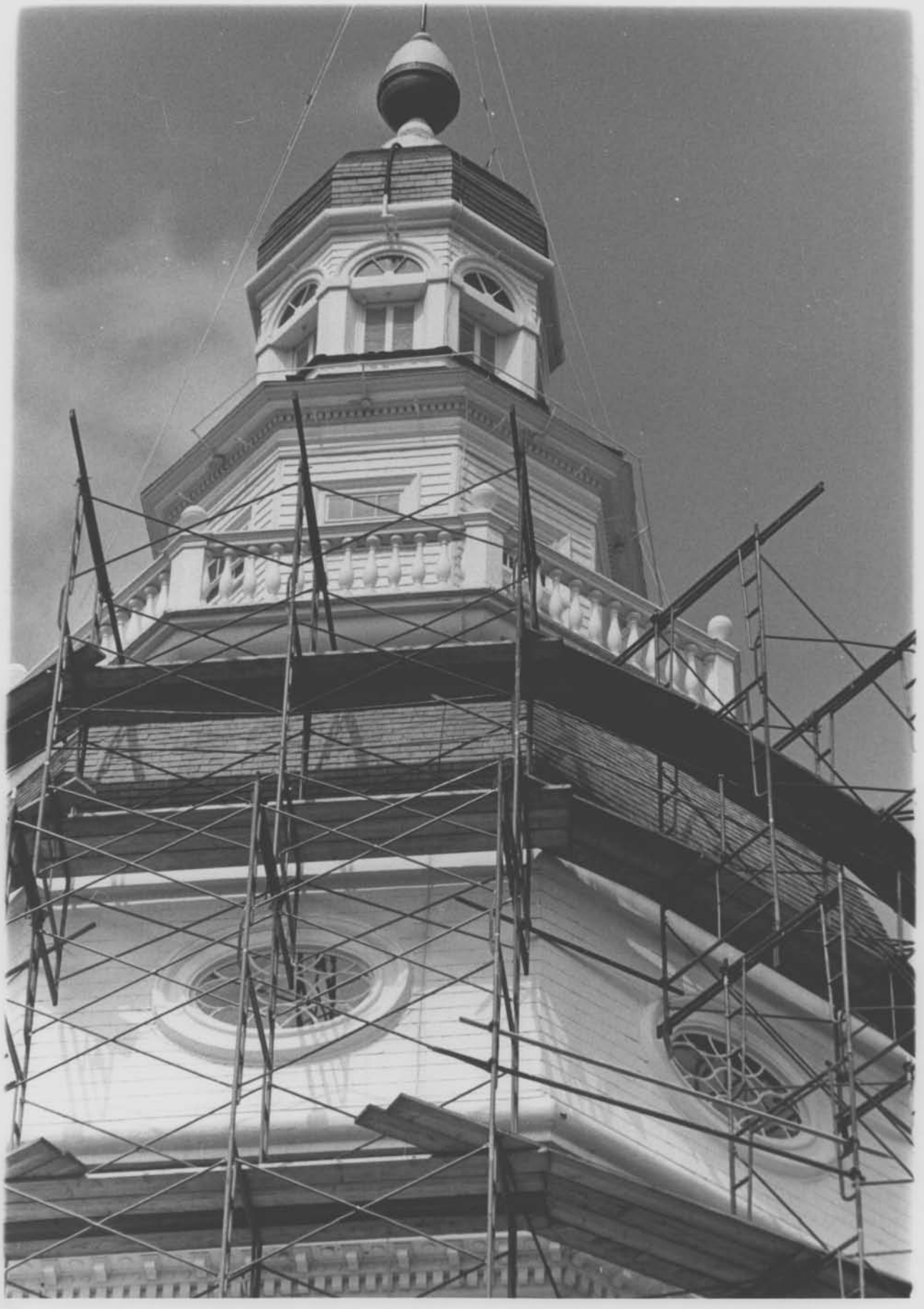

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MR. STATE HOUSE, 1999 - DURING MAIN TENANCE

Carlos Avery : 19.81
State House Annex

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MD State Capitol
State Circle AA 685
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
Russell Wright July, 1982
Maryland Historical Trust,
Annapolis, Maryland
~~NE~~ Elevation/camera facing SW