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Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses
Princess Anne
private

c. 1870

Built around 1870, this series of five tenant houses follow the same basic form. A two-story, one-bay main block is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half frame section. The plain frame houses are lighted by a variety of six-over-six or two-over-two sash windows. This row of identical dwellings is an interesting contrast to the larger Victorian houses that line Beckford Avenue. Erected during the decade following the Civil War, these postbellum frame dwellings were built on "Beckford" land to house plantation slaves after Emancipation.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses

2. Location

street & number East side of Beckford Ave. not for publicationcity, town Princess Anne vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various Owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-388

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses

The Beckford Avenue tenant houses stand on the east side of Beckford Avenue between Washington Street and Antioch Avenue in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The houses face west with the gables oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870, the series of five tenant houses follow the same form. A two-story, one-bay main block is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half section. Supported by brick pier foundations, each house is sheathed by asbestos shingles and covered with a sheet tin roof.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation. The one-bay main block has a single sash window on each floor. The story-and-a-half section is defined by a door and a window opening. An interior brick stove stack rises against the south end of the main block between the two sections. The eaves are slightly extended.

The north and south ends of the house are lighted by a single sash window on each floor. In a few cases shed additions extend the houses to the east.

The interiors have not been surveyed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The Beckford Avenue tenant houses are a significant group of modest two-story, one-room plan dwellings with story-and-a-half sections to the south. The plain frame houses are lighted by a variety of six-over-six or two-over-two sash windows. This row of identical dwellings is an interesting contrast to the larger Victorian houses that line Beckford Avenue.

Erected during the decade following the Civil War, these post-bellum frame dwellings were built on "Beckford" land to house the plantation slaves after emancipation.

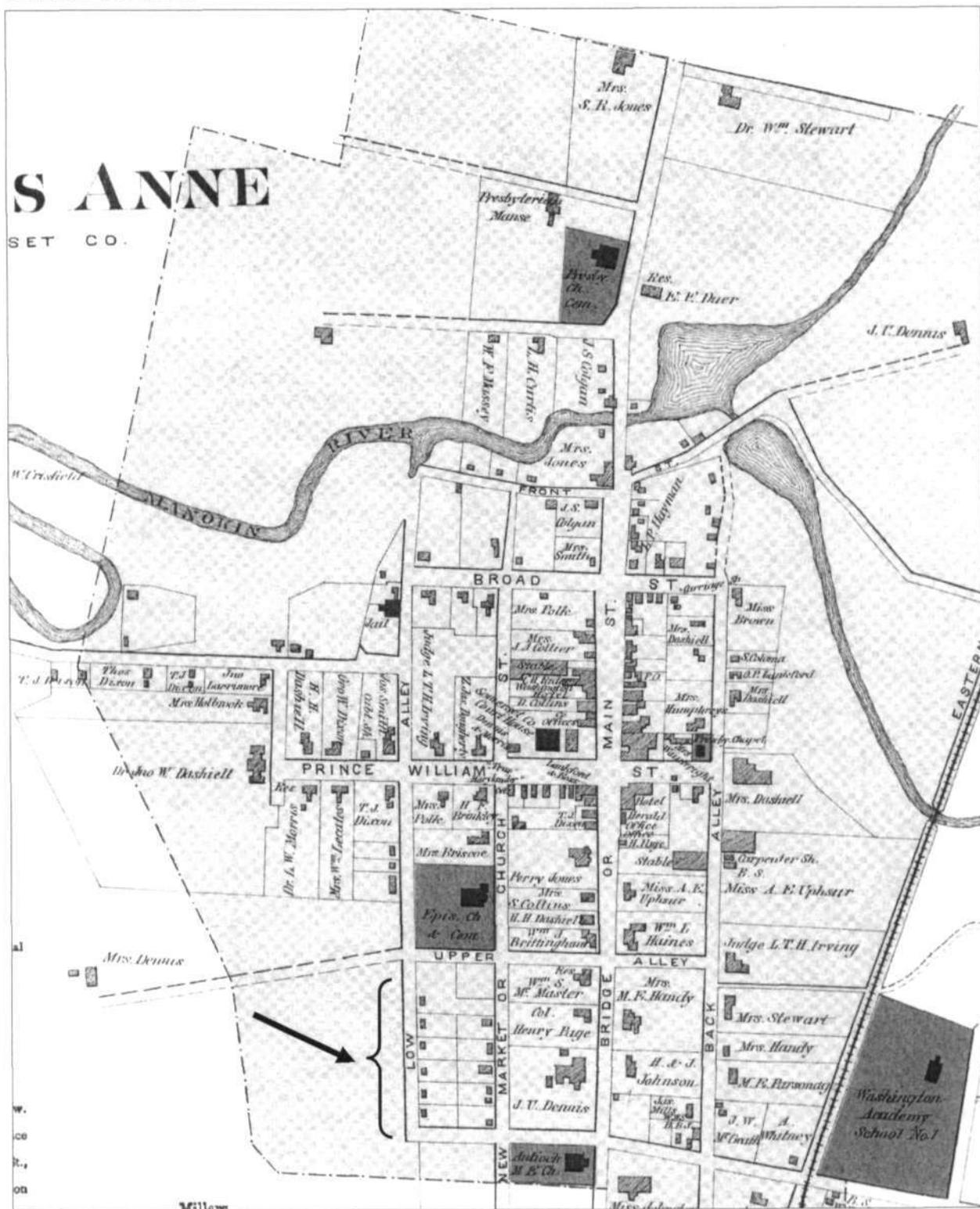
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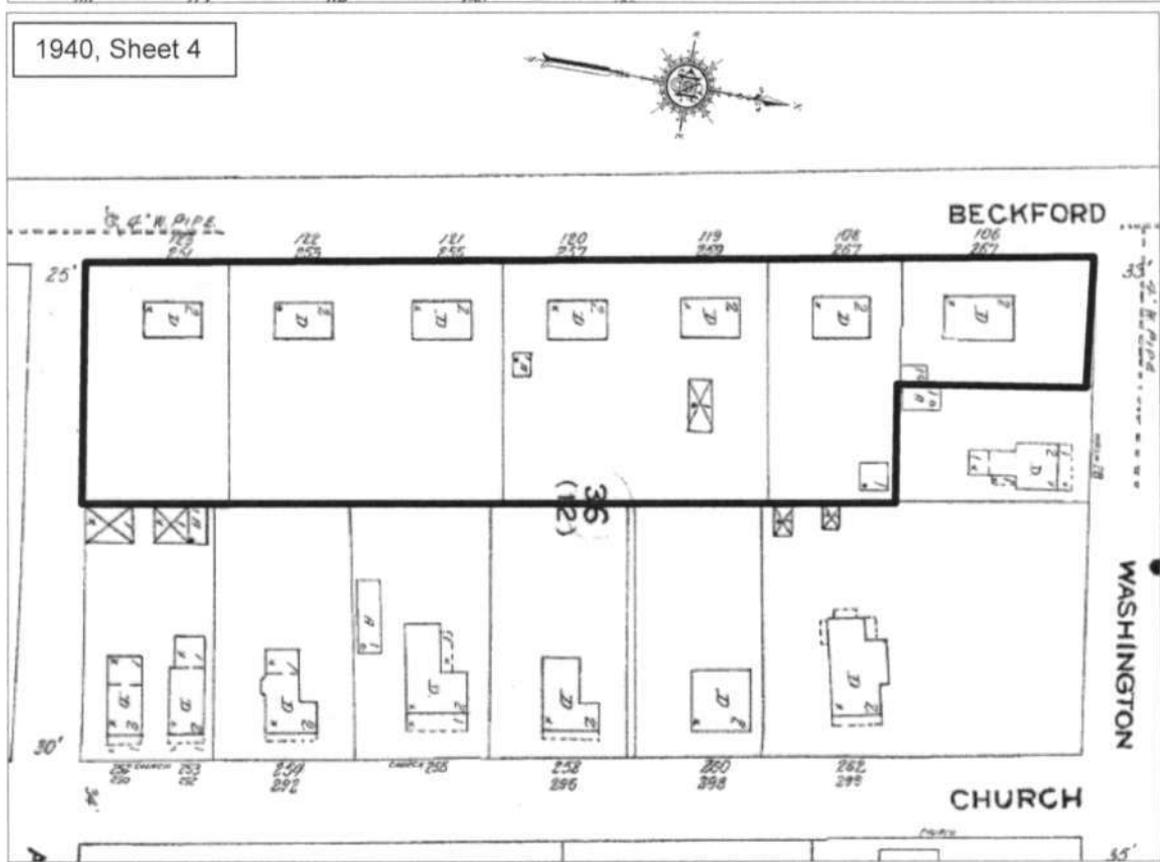
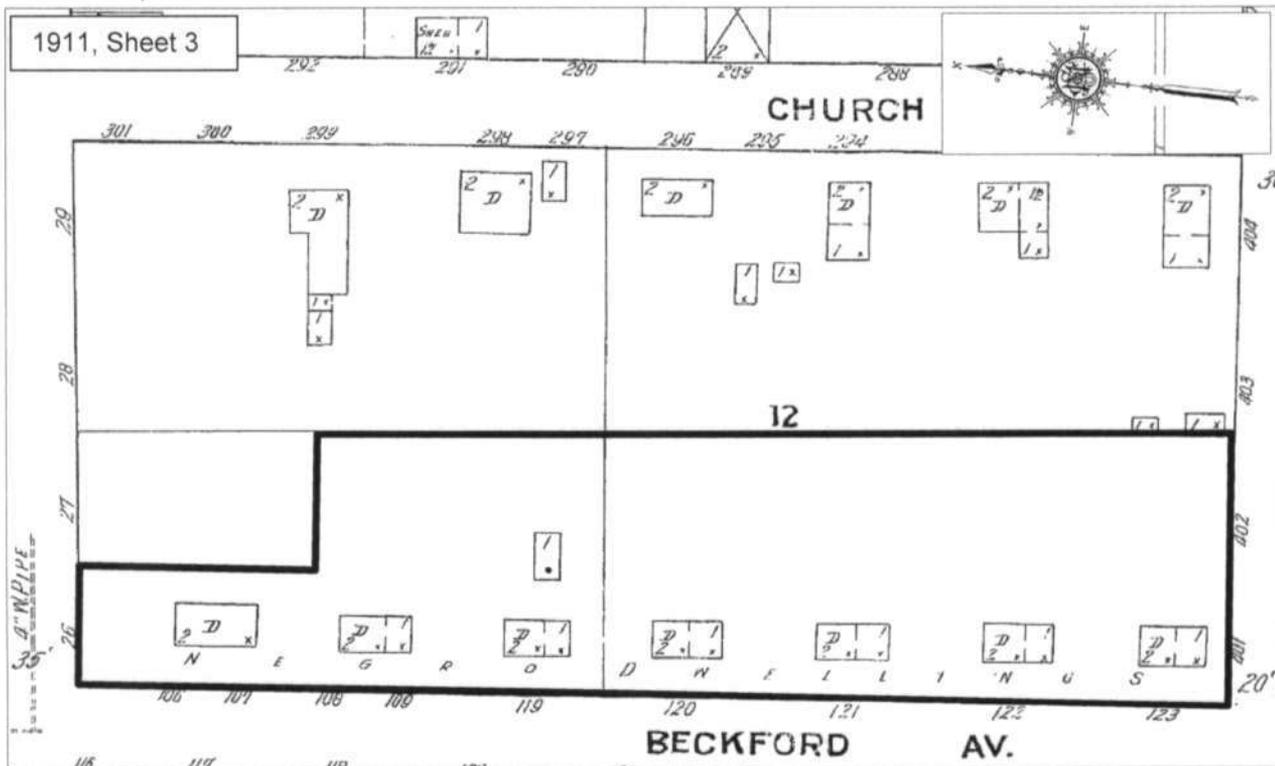
Beckford Avenue, Princess Anne

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson (1877) Atlas of Wicomico, Worcester, & Somerset Counties, Maryland.

Princess Anne detail



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 Beckford Avenue, Princess Anne
 Sanborn Maps



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Beckford Avenue, Princess Anne
Princess Anne quad 1972



Tax Map 202, Parcels 204-210

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010





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West Elevation

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