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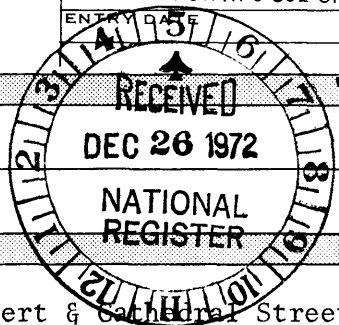
Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Anne Arundel
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1. NAME

COMMON: The House by the "Town Gates"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 63 West Street (at intersection of West, Calvert & Cathedral Streets)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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 type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>For sale</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: John Kallis

STREET AND NUMBER: 43 Sequoia Road

CITY OR TOWN: Severna Park STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle at South Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Annapolis Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

ENTRY NUMBER: JUN 19 1973

DATE: JUN 19 1973

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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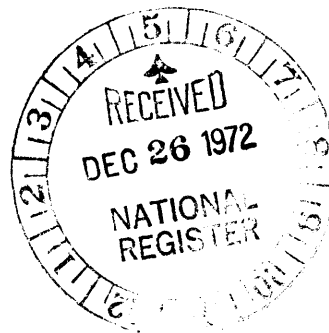
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

63 West Street stands just within the western reaches of the District of Annapolis near the junction of West, Calvert and Cathedral Streets. Originally free-standing on its lot, the two and one-half story Federal townhouse now has later buildings adjoining both side walls. Built of brick, the house has a three-bay front and is covered with a gable roof. The front roof features three original pedimented dormers containing what appear to be original crown moulding and six-over-six sash. On the rear roof is a single wide dormer, centered with two nine-over-six windows, accommodating the staircase within. At each end of the roof is an interior-end chimney with a simple two-course cap. The house originally had a double-pile, center-hall plan but has been enlarged by an extension of the rear.

The first floor front of the house (north facade) has been replaced with modern shop windows, and the original first floor interior has been entirely removed. The second floor retains its original front wall and window openings, but these are completely hidden behind a modern louvered screen. Portions of the original brickwork are visible at the northwest corner, and though much obscured by many layers of paint, it can be seen that the side wall is laid in American bond.

The original partitions and much woodwork remain on the second floor in the two front rooms. Still in place in these rooms are simple late-Federal mantels, window trim, doorways, and paneled doors. The doorways and window trim feature corner blocks with roundels. The original stair has been removed and the second floor must now be reached by a stair up through an addition on the east side.

Although 63 West Street has been greatly changed and stands in only a fair state of repair, the building is structurally sound and could be restored.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

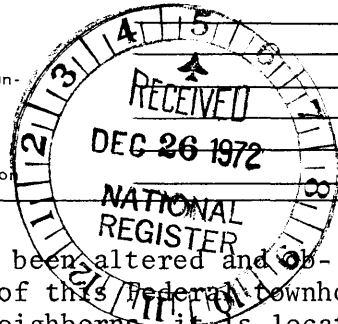
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the north facade of 63 West Street has been altered and obscured by modern work, the original appearance of this Federal townhouse could be restored. Taller than its immediate neighbors, it is located in a most conspicuous position at the busy, asymmetrical intersection where the city gates and gatehouse once stood. Restored, the building would acquire great visual importance by providing a suggestion of the many architectural treasures to be found within the Historic District.

The Annapolis Corporation Minutes of 1831-1840 record that a brick house was standing at 63 West Street during that period. It is possible, however, that the house was built prior to 1831 by Thomas Anderson, Peter Shorter, or John Miller (the latter two free Negroes), each of whom owned the lot in the 1820's. The first known owner of the house is Vachel Seviere (or Stevens), who acquired the lot in 1832 and whose name and house were specifically referred to in the Corporation Minutes when the house was cited as the beginning point of a survey. Seviere was a jack-of-all-trades and worked at various times as a surveyor, iron-worker, and would-be inkeeper. (In 1791 he was charged three times with selling liquor without a license.)

Seviere's house appears to have been built directly on the site where an early street, Sobieski Street, once joined the intersection of Calvert, Cathedral, and West Streets. With the erection of the house, Sobieski Street disappeared with the exception of a short cobblestone alley along the west side of the building. This alley is the only undisturbed example of original cobblestone paving known in Annapolis.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annapolis Corporation Proceedings, 1831-1840, Hall of Records, Annapolis.
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Maryland Historical Trust, Historic Structures: Town Center Urban Renewal Area, Annapolis, Md., 1969.

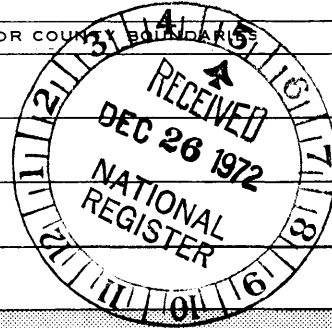
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/7 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Calder Loth, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission for

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc. DATE: Oct. 10, 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 October 11, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

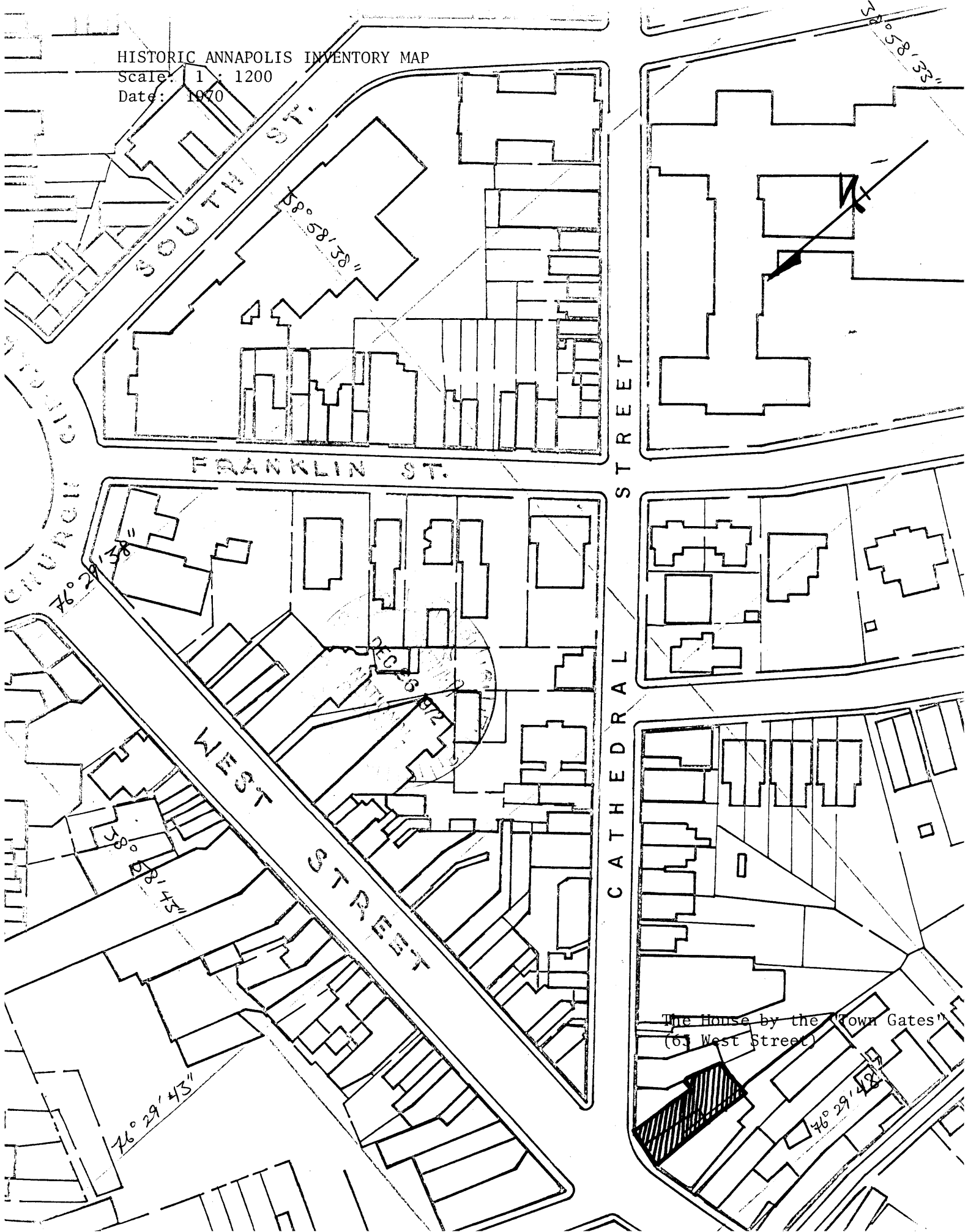
ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 18 73

HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS INVENTORY MAP

Scale: 1 : 1200

Date: 1970



SOUTH ST.

58° 58' 33"

CHURCH ST.

FRANKLIN ST.

CATHEDRAL STREET

WEST ST.

EAST ST.

The House by the "Town Gates"
(63 West Street)

76° 29' 43"

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