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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	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 11.11.24.0021	DATE 11/12/71

1. NAME

COMMON: (St. John's College Infirmary) John Callahan House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Pinkney-Callahan House, Callahan House, Pinkney House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 5 St. John's Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Anne Arundel	CODE 003
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Medical Infirmary for St. John's College</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: St. John's College

STREET AND NUMBER: College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle and South Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic American Buildings Survey

STREET AND NUMBER: Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D. C.	CODE: 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pinkney-Callahan House originally stood on a corner lot at the intersection of College and Bladen Streets. In its original location the house was situated adjacent to the intersection corner of its lot, so that what is now the southeast corner of the building was directly on the property line with a sidewalk built up against it. In its present location the house is so closely hemmed in on three sides by neighboring buildings that obtaining a favorable view of it is nearly impossible.

In spite of the moving, the main portion of the house has suffered few irremediable alterations, and it survives in generally sound structural condition. The rectangular brick building stands 2 1/2 stories high and is covered by a steep gable roof pierced by dormers that are probably not original. At the base of each side of the roof is a simple, molded cornice and at each end is a wide interior-end chimney featuring a hound's-tooth course around the cap. The west chimney has been reduced in width at a later date. The four-bay south front and the three-bay east, or entrance front, are laid up in very fine flemish bond, while the north, or rear wall, is laid in English bond. The west wall is completely hidden in vines so that it is impossible to determine either the brick bond or any alterations to the openings. The beveled water table around the base of the house has been covered over with scored stucco. The windows on the south and east wall are embellished with finely executed gauged brick lintels undercut with segmented curves. Most of the windows in the house amazingly retain their original sash. The decorative window on the third floor of the east wall has a round-headed top and features interlacing tracery in the upper portion. In the first floor north bay of the east wall is the Pinkney-Callahan House's noted doorway. The composition of this doorway incorporates a Doric pediment and entablature supported on fluted Doric pilasters. The doorway also has paneled reveals and its original paneled door.

On the rear wall of the house is a portion of an early one story porch which at one time extended across the entire first floor, of that side. A photograph of the house taken prior to its moving shows that there was a two-story service wing located at what is now the northwest corner of the house. Portions of this wing apparently were moved with the house, but the corner where it originally joined the main section has been much disfigured by a twentieth century, 2 1/2 story addition being placed there. Sections of the service wing's original English bond walls can be seen, but the floor levels have been raised along with the over-all height of the walls.

The plan of the Pinkney-Callahan House is similar to that of Ogle Hall, having the entrance and stair hall located against the rear wall, and the two principal rooms located against the

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## 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)

- |   |                                      |  |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Local History</u>                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |  | _____   |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although not widely known because of its obscure location, the Callahan-Pinkney House is a significant example of colonial craftsmanship and design, and ranks among the major architectural monuments of Annapolis. The construction date of this notable Georgian house is unknown, but stylistic evidence indicates that it was probably built in the mid-eighteenth century. Its many architectural similarities to Ogle Hall (built circa 1740), such as the side entrance, the steep gable roof, the wide interior-end chimneys, and the treatment of the brickwork all serve to support a mid-eighteenth century construction date. Also, the nearly identical treatment of the Pinkney-Callahan House's Doric style doorway to the doorway on the west front of Montpelier, Prince George County (circa 1751), further suggests a mid-eighteenth century date. One of the most handsome in the city, this doorway is probably based on plate XLVII of Batty Langley's The City and Country Builders and Workman's Treasury of Designs, (London, 1750).

The builder and the first owner of the Pinkney-Callahan House is also uncertain. It is known, however, that the house was acquired in the 1770's by John Callahan (1750-1803). A prominent Annapolitan, Callahan is mentioned in the accounts of Christopher Richmond in connection with services rendered the Maryland troops during the Revolutionary War.

John Callahan married Sarah, the second daughter of William Buckland, the architect (1734-1774). The John Callahan's daughter, the William Bucklands' granddaughter, Sally, married Richard Harwood on March 29, 1803, Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland. Harwood owned and resided in the Hammond-Harwood House on Maryland Avenue, Annapolis. The Hammond-Harwood House was designed by Sally Callahan Harwood's architectural grandfather, William Buckland, and is considered by architectural historians to be one of the finest examples of Georgian-style mansions in this country. Three portraits, one of John Callahan, one of his wife, and one of his children, by Charles Wilson Peale, are exhibited at the Hammond-Harwood House (1971).

John Callahan also served as Commissioner of the Land office  
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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Recorder: Calder Loth, Architectural Historian, Virginia Landmarks Commission, 9th. Street Office Building, Richmond, Virginia.  
 Evening Capital: Oct. 3, 1900, page 1, Jan. 24, 1901, page 1, March 27, 1901, page 1, West Street, Annapolis, Maryland.  
Bierne, Rosamond Randall and John Henry Scarff, F.A.I.A.; William Buckland 1734-1774, Architect of Virginia and Maryland  
 Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1958, pp 110 & 1111

**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	°	'	"	°	'	"	38	58	49
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	76	29	31
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/8 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc. DATE: 8/23/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 18 Pinkney Street

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 8/31/71

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

Ernest A. Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**NOV 12 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William Hunter  
 Keeper of The National Register

**NOV 9 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Maryland Register of Historic Sites & Landmarks  
94 College Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

#7. DESCRIPTION

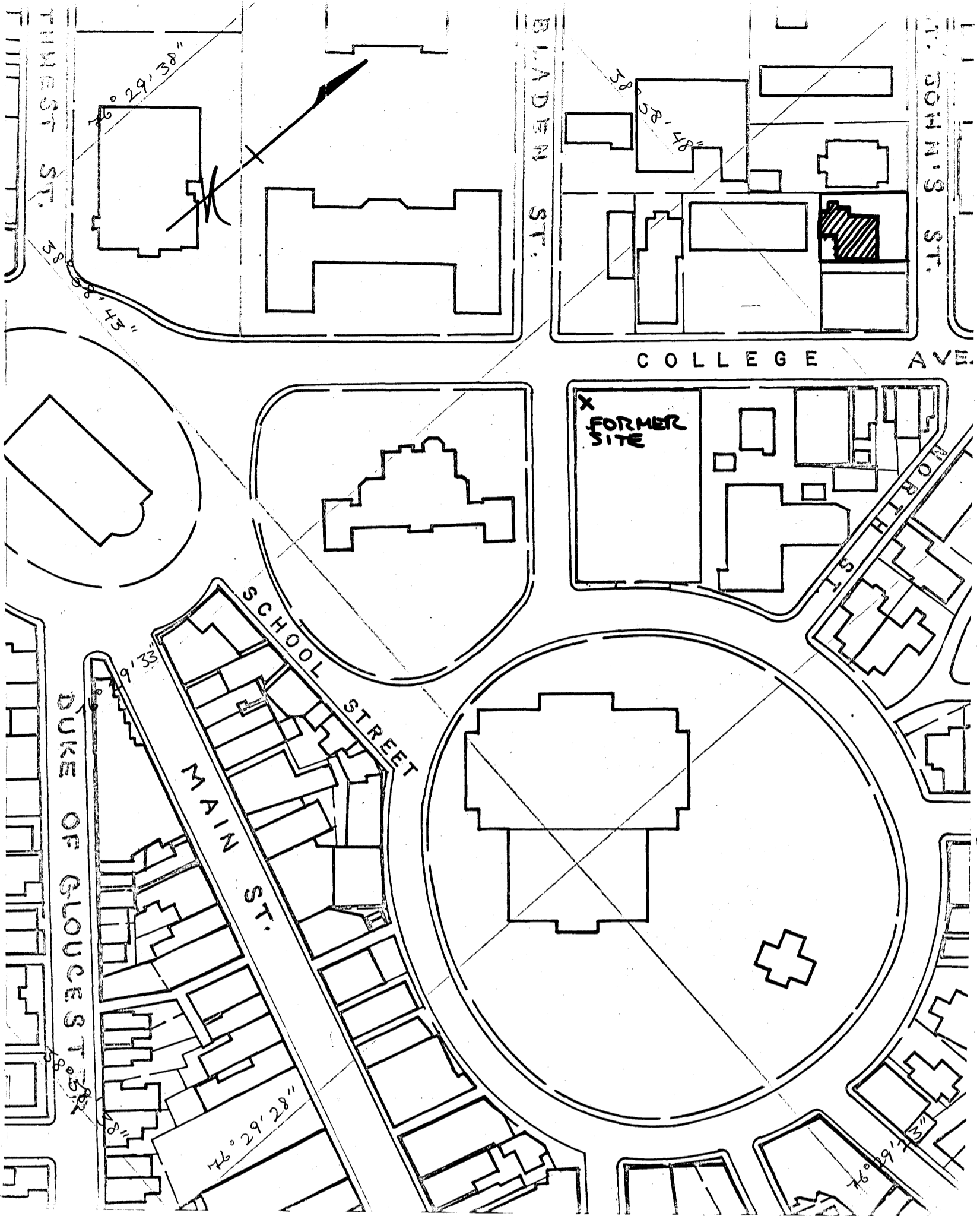
front wall. The interior retains much original woodwork, including a number of doors and a handsome stair. The stair ascends around an open wall to the third floor and is decorated with scrolled stair ends, molded handrail, and square balusters. The principal first and second floor rooms are treated with a simple cornice, chair rail and baseboard. What may be original mantels are very plainly treated. It is hoped that further, more detailed study of the interior of this significant house can reveal more of its exact original appearance.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE

and was the intimate of several important Annapolis figures. He is listed as being a trustee of the estates of William Paca, Samuel Middleton, and George Mann. Following Callahan's death in 1803 ownership of the house passed to his widow, Sarah Buckland Callahan. Thirty years later she sold it to Somerville Pinkney, a local attorney. Pinkney's two maiden daughters inherited the house following the deaths of their parents, and retained ownership until their deaths in the early twentieth century.

During the winter of 1900-1901 the house was moved from its original location on Bladen Street, some 300 feet east, to a lot on St. John's Street, in order to make way for the construction of the Court of Appeals Building. The Pinkney sisters are said to have remained living in the house during the six weeks move, and even to have served tea there one afternoon.

In 1928 the house was acquired by St. John's College and since that time it has been used as a dormitory and infirmary. At the present time the house is threatened with demolition by the State of Maryland which has an option on the property and intends to use it for further expansion of state office buildings.



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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

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STATE: Maryland 21401	CODE 24	COUNTY: Anne Arundel	CODE 003
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Historic Annapolis, Inc., 18 Pinkney Street, Annapolis, Md.			
SCALE: 1" equals 100'			
DATE: 1969 Inventory prepared by Carl Feiss and Russel Wright			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			