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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
FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY DATE JAN 29 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Old City Hall & Engine House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Old City Hall & Engine House

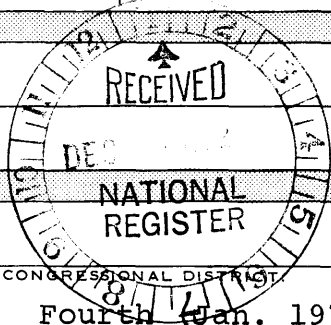
2. LOCATION

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <i>Less than fee simple development rights</i>	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

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.:  
Tax map 32 Blk. 11 Parcel 256  
Anne Arundel Co. Courthouse Deed - Liber MSH 2405 F.196

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 1970 "excellent"

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: 21401      CODE: 24

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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 type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old City Hall and Engine House is inconspicuously located among the commercial buildings of Main Street. The narrow brick building is two stories in height and is covered by a hipped roof with a simple molded cornice around the base of the roof. The ridge of the roof was originally crowned with a belfry containing louvred arched opening, a concave pyramidal roof, and ornamental finial. In 1875 a sketchbook of Maryland artist, Frank B. Mayer, contains a detailed drawing of the now removed cupola which is also depicted in a 19th. century photograph. First shingled with wood, the roof now has sheet metal covering.

The first floor of the north, or street, facade originally had large openings to provide fire engine entrances. These openings were filled in with a shop front soon after the building was sold by the City. The present commercial window arrangement replaces at least one earlier one and is topped with a cornice molding supported on scrolled brackets. To the left of the shop front is a door which opens onto a straight flight of stairs leading to the second floor.

The second floor facade is common bond brick and has three windows, each with six-over-six sash. The fact that these windows are smaller and have what appear to be later frames than the obviously original windows on the building's west side suggests that the second floor front may have been remodelled also. The west side windows contain nine-over-nine sash; those on the building's east side have been blocked up.

The building's first floor interior contains two large rooms and is completely covered with modern work; thus, the extent of original woodwork is unknown. The second floor originally contained a large meeting room, but has since been partitioned into several offices. Some original trim remains, however, including portions of the plaster cornice and simple fluted chair rail. Also remaining is a section of stair railing and several original window frames. An extension on the south side has given an extra room to both the first and second floor. As, with the exception of the belfry, the original structure is largely intact, it is hoped that the building will be restored.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

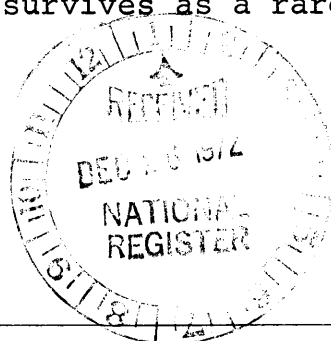
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Local History</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <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

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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.



**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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38 ° 58 ' 40 "	76 ° 29 ' 30 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/20 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**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**

**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 November 24, 1972

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

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

Date 1/29/73

ATTEST:  
Wm. M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 1-26-73

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

1970 State

Maryland Historical Trust

2525 Riva Road

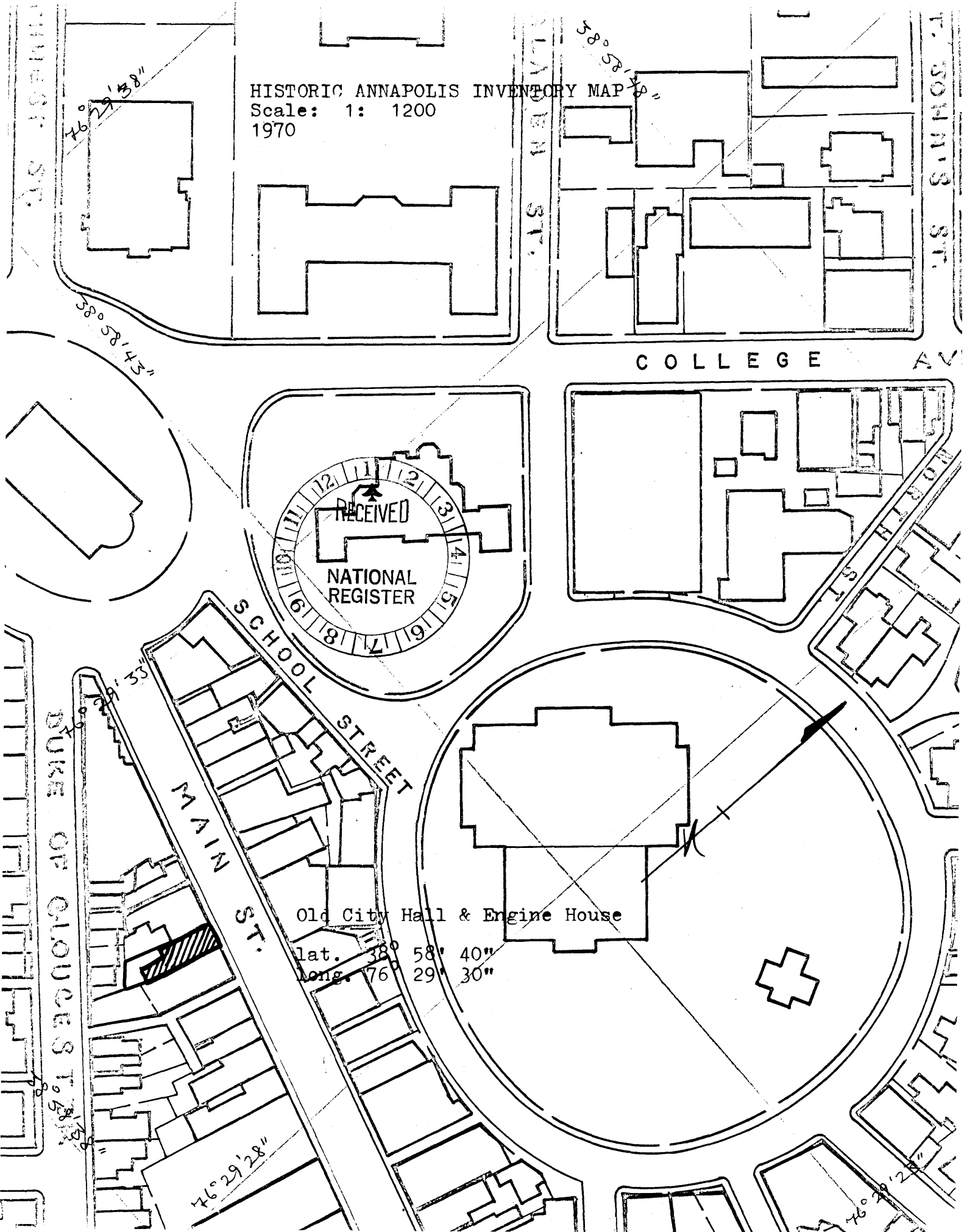
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HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS INVENTORY MAP

Scale: 1: 1200

1970



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Old City Hall & Engine House

lat.  $38^{\circ} 58' 40''$   
long.  $76^{\circ} 29' 30''$

CHESTNUT ST.

MAIN ST.

COLLEGE AVE.

SCHOOL STREET  
MAIN ST.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ST.

COLLEGE AVE.

NORTH ST.

$76^{\circ}29'38''$

$57^{\circ}58'14''$

$76^{\circ}29'28''$

$76^{\circ}29'20''$

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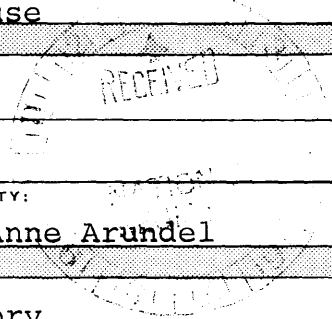
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Historic Annapolis Inventory			
SCALE: 1 : 1200			
DATE: 1970			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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ANNAPOLIS QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7.5 minute maps  
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