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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 1180, 663/64

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UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION:
205-213 Prince George

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: RES Map 32 Par 443
OWNER: ST. JOhn's College
ADDRESS: College Ave.
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: HABS
Local ( ) State (✓) National ( )

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Edward Dorsey House
PRESENT USE: Apartments
ORIGINAL USE: SF Residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME:
STYLE: Georgian-altered to G.R.
DATE BUILT:
1720-1740 wing=1870

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: Flemish Other:
4. Roof Structure
   A. Truss: Wood(x)Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( )
   B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle( )Sheet Metal(x)
   Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches(x)Towers(x)Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys( )Sheds( )Ells( )
Wings (x)Other: Three Story Italianate wing @ Left
Roof Style: Gable( )Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( )
Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( )
Other: Cross Gable
Number of Stories: 2½
Number of Bays: 5 PWS wing=2
Entrance Location: Center of Main Block
Approximate Dimensions: Geo Sect 30 x 35
Italianate Tower 18 x 40

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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MAIN BLOCK WITH PEDIMENTED CROSS GABLE, OVAL WINDOW IN GABLE, MOLDED CORNICE AND RAKES, BREAKING ACROSS PROJECTING ENTRANCE PAVILLION. SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS ELLIPTICAL ARCHED, FIRST WITH SPLAYED BRICK FLAT ARCHES, ENTRANCE WITH FULL ENTABLATU. AND EXCEPTIONAL "WELCOMING ARMS" STAIR. LEFT WING THREE STORIES WITH HIPPED ROOF, MOLDED CORNICE, ROUND ARCHED WINDOWS AT THIRD FLOOR, ELLIPTICAL AT SECOND, SPLAYED FLAT ARCHED AT FIRST, WITH ENTRANCE AT LEFT SIDE ELEVATION. BADLY REPOINTED AND SANDBLASTED.

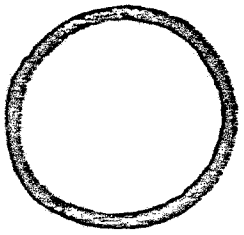
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

EDWARD DORSEY HOUSE, C.1695, ONE OF THREE BRICK RESIDENCES IN TOWN WHEN CAPITAL MOVED HERE FROM ST. MARYS. RESIDENCE OF GOVERNOR FRANCIS NICHOLSON 1694-1709. EXCEPTIONAL LATE, 17THC RESIDENCE UNFORTUNATELY MARRED BY SANDBLASTING AND POOR POINTING. IMPORTANT AS A TYPE, INCLUDING VILLA WING TO SOUTH, AND CRITICAL TO STREETSCAPE.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up(✓)
Residential( )Commercial( )
Agricultural( )Industrial( )
Roadside Strip Development( )
Other:

RECORDED BY: Russell Wright

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel TOWN Annapolis VICINITY STREET NO. 211 Prince George ORIGINAL OWNER Edward Dorsey ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES two	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Dorsey House DATE OR PERIOD 1685 STYLE Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

This Georgian house has a hipped roof and is two stories high. The walls are of brick. Interesting is a "Welcoming Arms" stairway at the entrance. Central pediment projects slightly. 3 story addition was built after the Civil War. The bricks have been painted gray. The shutters do not fit the scale of the house and probably were a later addition.
One of the three brick houses in Annapolis when the capital moved here from St. Marys. Governor Francis Nicholson lived here from 1694-1709. It is believed that the Assembly met in the house in 1695.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP *(Plan Optional)*

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES *(Author, Title, Pages)*
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland
COUNTY
TOWN VICINITY
STREET NO. 213 Prince George Street

ORIGINAL OWNER Ed. Dorsey
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER Warfield
PRESENT USE residences
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
NO. OF STORIES 2, wing - 3

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME Edward Dorsey House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1720 - 1740
STYLE Early Georgian
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no

The Dorsey House is one of the finest houses in Annapolis and is certainly one of the city's most prized possessions. The main block is early Georgian and was quite advanced for its time. Flemish bond and belt courses are from this period. The house was latter Greek-icized, but quite nicely so, (the house is a good Greek example) with enlarged windows. Early pediment adapted itself to this. Horseshoe staircase and very fine period door (like Dorsey Carriage House) are excellent Greek features. 3 storey Italianate wing was added in about 1870s. Its evolution makes this an interesting house; it should be a first priority for permanent preservation.

Exterior very good

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