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General George Handy House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1845 and later

The General George Handy house carries an unusual degree of architectural and historical significance in Princess Anne. Built by George Handy around 1845, this town dwelling was initially only a single room deep and covered by a hip roof. Attached to the back of the original house was a colonnade and ^atwo-story service wing. During the third quarter of the nineteenth century, the main house was extensively reworked with the rebuilding of the roof and a refitted first floor interior. Despite the extensive Victorian alterations, the house retains large portions of its late Federal period woodwork on the second floor and in the service wing. As a result, the house displays fine examples of craftsmanship from the two major periods of architectural styles common to Princess Anne. Through much of the property's history, the neighboring boxwood gardens, laid out at the time the house was constructed, belonged with the Handy house.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic General George Handy House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South Somerset Avenue _____ not for publication

city, 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 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lokey

street & number South Somerset Avenue _____ telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne _____ state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse _____ folio

city, town Princess Anne _____ state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 _____ federal state county _____ local _____

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis _____ state Md. 21401

7. Description

Survey No. S-23

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

General George Handy House Description

The General George Handy house stands on the east side of Somerset Avenue and south of Washington Street in the center of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story side hall, double-pile house faces west with the principal roof axis oriented north/south.

This two-story side hall, double-pile frame house dates from at least three different periods. Family tradition and architectural evidence indicated that a portion of the rear wing stood on the property at the time of George Handy's purchase of the property. Around 1840-1845 General Handy added a two-story Greek Revival style front block to the extant structure by connecting the two sections with a single-story colonnade. Around the time of the Civil War the front part of the house and the colonnade were totally reworked, and the dwelling achieved its current double-pile form. The original foundation sills of the Greek Revival house remain in the excavated cellar under the front block. To cover the enlarged house a multi-gabled Italianate style roof trimmed with decorative brackets replaced the former hip roof of the old house. Part of the former roof structure was covered over and remains under the current roof. Along with the raising of the roof, the entire first floor was thoroughly reworked with popular mid to late nineteenth century woodwork; however, the second floor mantels and doors that follow late Federal period designs were maintained. The rear portion of the old house has not changed in form; however, the easternmost service room was converted to a garage with the removal of the floor.

The composite dwelling is supported by a combination of foundations. A fully excavated cellar of common bond brick and some fieldstone carries the front portion of the house, while the rear sections rest on a minimal brick foundation. Likewise, the house is sheathed with a variety of siding that includes plain or beveled edge weatherboards and German siding. Also representing the different periods are varying window types, exterior trim and, of course, interior woodwork.

The west (main) elevation is three bays across with a sidelighted entrance in the south bay. The heavily molded Victorian panel door is topped by a transom and protected by an elaborate hip roof porch of pierced fretwork. Filling the adjacent northern bays are two four-over-four sash windows. The louvered shutters have been removed during painting. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced four-over-four sash, and the front gable is pierced by an arched two-over-two sash window. The undulating cornice is trimmed with decorative eave brackets, and brick chimneys rise from the center section of the house.

Each side elevation is three bays deep with three windows lighting each floor. For the most part four-over-four sash windows have replaced any earlier sash, but the south side retains a few nine-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors. The gable on each side is pierced by a round arched two-over-two sash.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay service wing that dates to the 1840s. It is evident from an old photograph of the house that

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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

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this section was initially attached to the main block by a single-story colonnade. During the Victorian reworking of the house the colonnade was engulfed within the extension of the main block. This middle section has been converted to a modern kitchen, but the original form of this part has been preserved. A single-story square post porch stretches across the south side of the kitchen, and the rooms are lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

Extending eastward from the present kitchen is an additional two-story section reported to have been standing on the site before George Handy's purchase of the property. This easternmost room has been converted to a garage with the introduction of a garage door in the east gable end wall. The ghost of the former exterior brick chimney is visible on the weatherboards above the garage door. The first and second floors are lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and a side entrance off the south porch is framed by a late Federal period door surround with corner blocks. The six-panel door is surrounded by sidelights and a transom.

The interior woodwork largely dates from two periods. The second floor of the main house and the rear services room are finished with late Federal style doors, surrounds and mantels, while the first floor of the main house is finished with Victorian woodwork. Scars in the flooring and unused header framing in the foundation structure indicate the chimney was formerly located on the north wall, but it was relocated to the hall partition when the partition itself was shifted. Scars in the flooring clearly show the original location of the partition. The stair was thoroughly rebuilt in Victorian fashion with a heavily turned newel post, an oval profile handrail and turned balusters that support a decorated stringer. Four-panel doors open into the parlor and dining room. Each panel is framed by an inset ogee molding, and the door is surrounded by a heavily molded architrave. Marking the center of the hall is a pair of scrolled brackets attached to a beaded casing.

The parlor is separated from the dining room by large pocket doors with raised panels framed by ogee moldings. A slate mantel is fixed to the projecting chimney stack. The arched hearth opening is framed by paneled spandrels with a volute centered below the molded mantel shelf. The room is finished with ogee molded baseboard.

The dining room is slightly smaller than the parlor, but the finish details follow in the same tradition with a slate mantel fixed against the interior chimney stack.

The second floor of the main house was not heavily altered during the Victorian renovation, and flush six-panel doors with late Federal period fluted surrounds have bulls-eye corner blocks. The upstairs front bedroom is fitted with a late Federal mantel while the back bedroom has a Victorian mantel and an adjacent closet. The southwest corner of the upstairs was subdivided around 1947 into a bathroom.

Access to the partially finished attic is provided by the open stair which rises to a board and batten door that closes off the attic. Two of the three attic rooms are finished with lath and plaster, while the third room was left unfinished. Evident in the unfinished west room is reused framing members and remnants of the old roof system. A knee wall door in the northeast room provides entrance into the space above the kitchen wing. Left intact under the current

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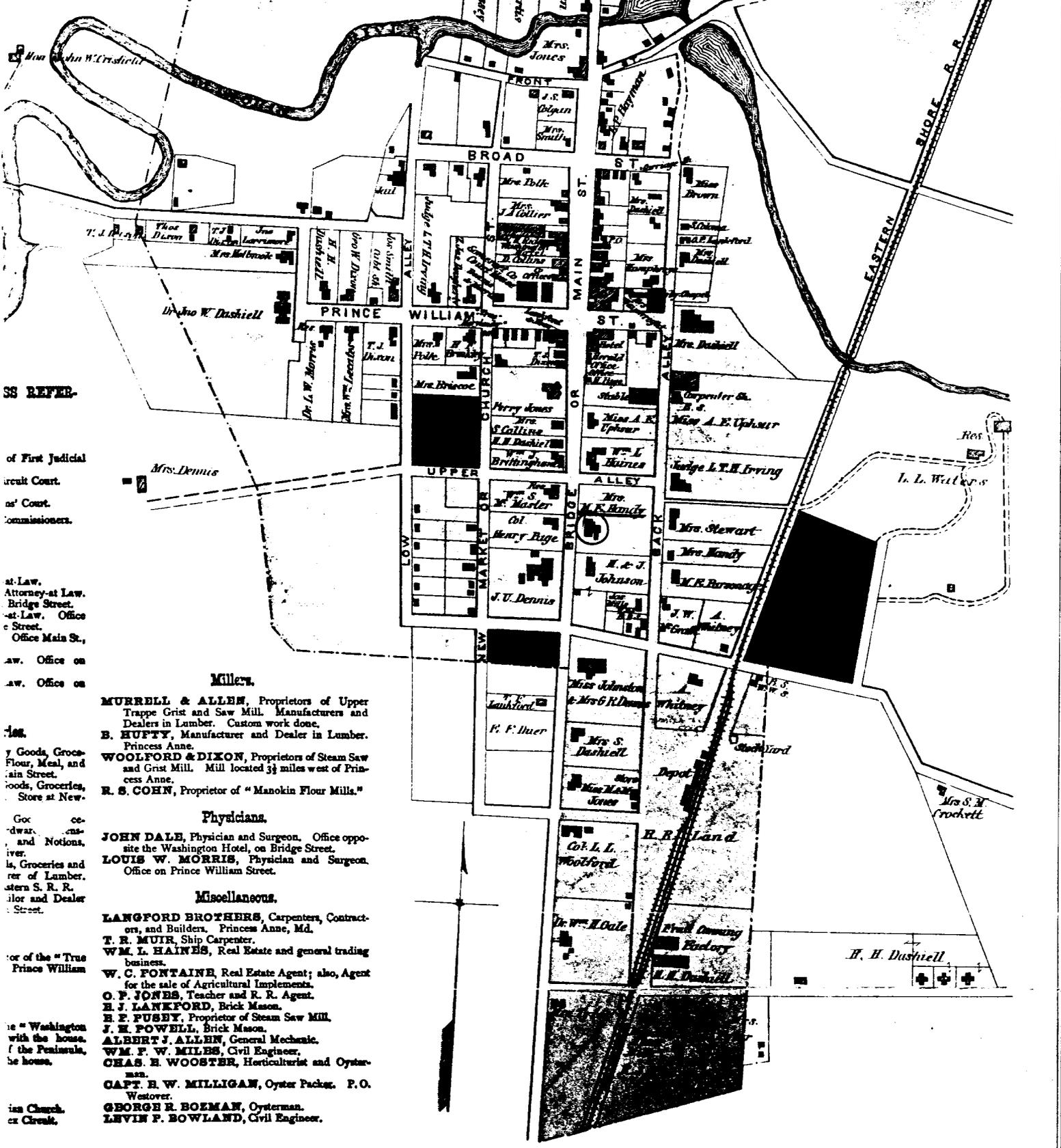
Victorian roof is a section of the old hip roof covered with seamed tin.

The current kitchen is finished with knotty pine paneling, but the period mantel and doors were left intact. The kitchen mantel has a raised panel frieze and fluted pilasters that support plain end blocks and a stepped shelf. A flush six-panel door pierces the wall to the right of the mantel and allows entrance into the rear service rooms.

The back section of the house is divided into three portions; a back hall and stair, a turn of the century bathroom, and the garage. The most significant feature is the corner stair that retains a slender square newel post, rectangular balusters, and a circular profile handrail. Beyond the first few steps the stair is enclosed. Partitioned from the hall is an early bathroom that retains an old overhead tank. The back room has been converted to a garage, and the floor has been removed. The second floor to this section is divided into several small rooms without unusual features. At the top of the stair a six-panel door opens to the room above the current kitchen which retains its late Federal period woodwork as well.

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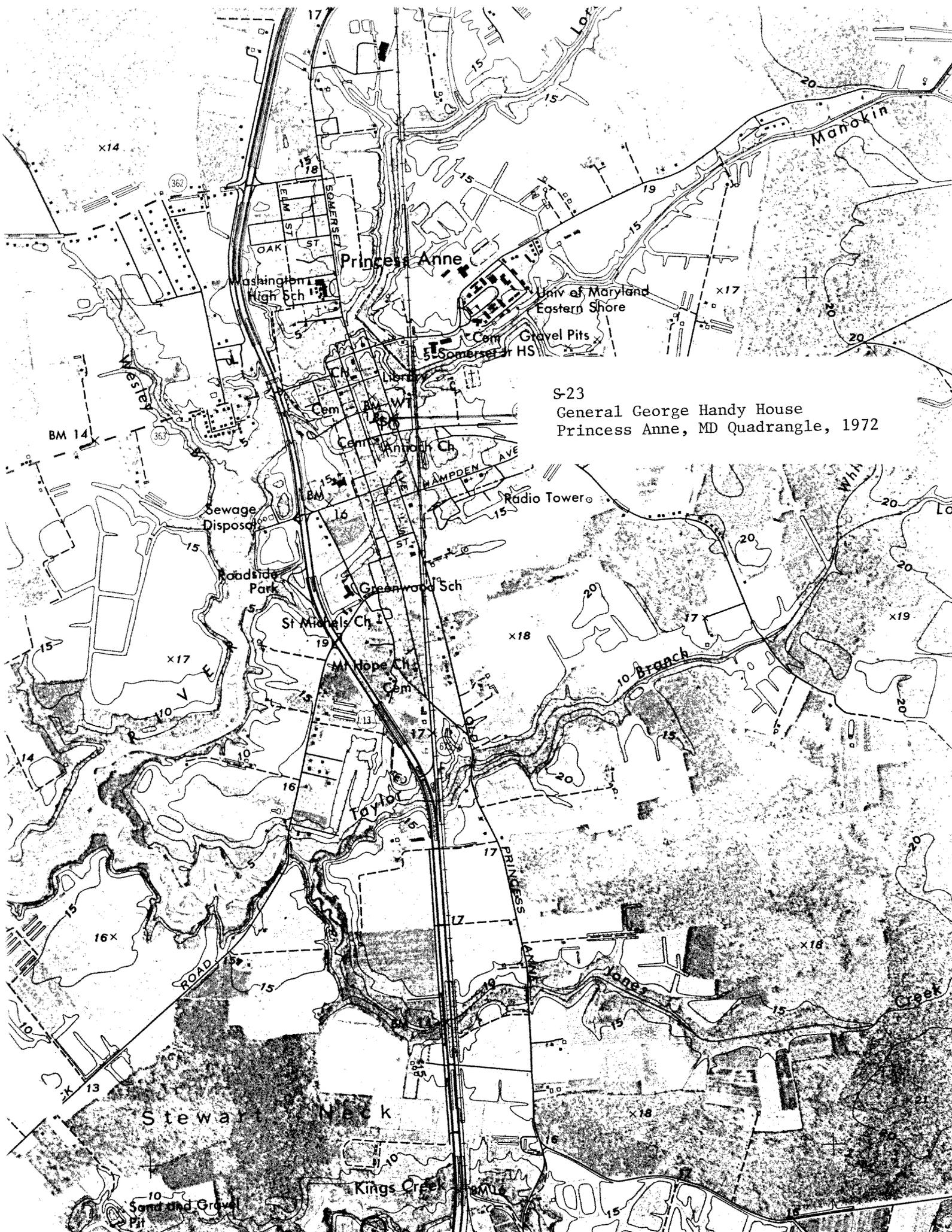
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- B. HUFTY, Manufacturer and Dealer in Lumber. Princess Anne.
- WOOLFORD & DIXON, Proprietors of Steam Saw and Grist Mill. Mill located 3 1/2 miles west of Princess Anne.
- R. S. COHN, Proprietor of "Manokin Flour Mills."

Physicians.

- JOHN DALE, Physician and Surgeon. Office opposite the Washington Hotel, on Bridge Street.
- LOUIS W. MORRIS, Physician and Surgeon. Office on Prince William Street.

Miscellaneous.

- LANGFORD BROTHERS, Carpenters, Contractors, and Builders. Princess Anne, Md.
- T. R. MUIR, Ship Carpenter.
- WM. L. HAINES, Real Estate and general trading business.
- W. C. FONTAINE, Real Estate Agent; also, Agent for the sale of Agricultural Implements.
- O. P. JONES, Teacher and R. R. Agent.
- E. J. LANGFORD, Brick Mason.
- E. Z. FUSEY, Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill.
- J. H. POWELL, Brick Mason.
- ALBERT J. ALLEN, General Mechanic.
- WM. F. W. MILLS, Civil Engineer.
- CHAS. E. WOOSTER, Horticulturist and Oysterman.
- CAPT. R. W. MILLIGAN, Oyster Packag. P. O. Westover.
- GEORGE R. BOZMAN, Oysterman.
- LEVIN P. BOWLAND, Civil Engineer.



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General George Handy House
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972

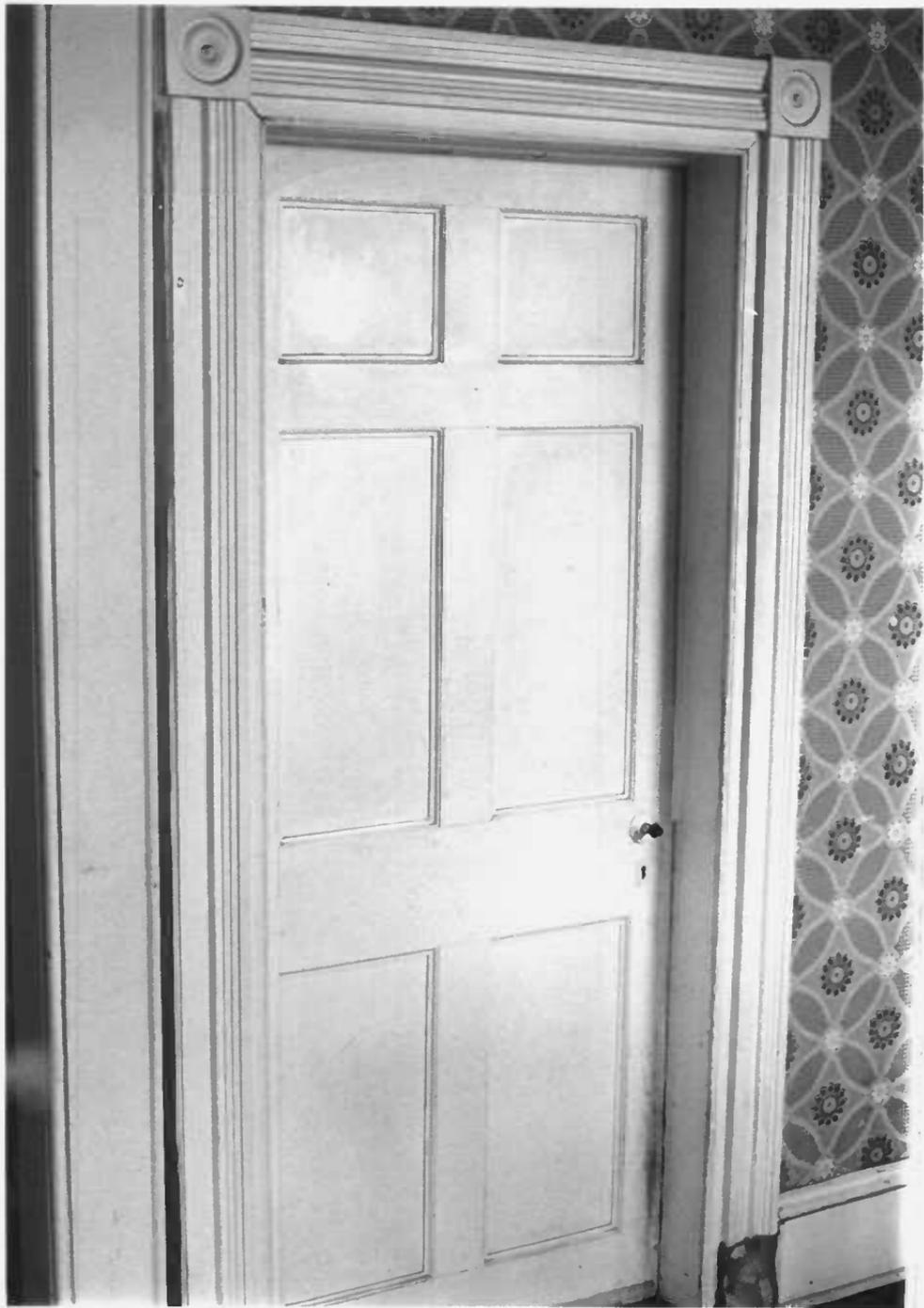


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Princess Anne, Somerset Co.,Md.
Documentary Photograph, c. 1880
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Colonel George Handy House
Princess Anne, Somerset Co., MD.
Northwest elevation
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Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Maryland
Second Floor Doorway
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