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S-88 c. 1858
Rufus Parsons House
Princess Anne
private

During December of 1857, Rufus M. and Charlotte Parsons purchased, "Lot No. 4" divided and sold from the old Teackle estate, for $315. It is reasonable to assume that during the following year the Parsonses financed the construction of this finely appointed side hall/double pile frame house. However, in March of 1861, Rufus and Charlotte sold, "all that house and lot in the town of Princess Anne," for $3,300 to Hampden H. Dashiell, a prominent Somerset County merchant during the second half of the nineteenth century. The Dashiell family continued to own the corner property through the early twentieth century and were responsible for the few, sensitive alterations such as the bay window on the east side and the parquet floor in the downstairs hall. As originally planned, the kitchen was located in the cellar, but for modern convenience it has been moved to the rear wing. Most recently the site has been known as the JOSH House, an acronym of the current owner's names.

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1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Somerset
TOWN Princess Anne VICINITY
STREET NO. Prince William St.

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER John Magruder
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY S-88

2. NAME Burns House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1860
STYLE Italianate
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

The Burns House in Princess Anne is a plain form of Italianate Victorian domestic architecture. Its two frame storys stand on a high brick basement. Its main facade on Prince William Street is three bays long with the entrance occupying the western most bay. On both street facades, there is a one-story porch supported on brick piers and the roof supported on simple turned columns between the balustrade. To the rear of the house (north) is a one-bay part which is off-set from the main part and set even with the edge of the porch on Mansion Street.

Simple pilasters are placed on each of the corners of the building. There is a wide overhang to the nearly flat hipped roof. The three chimneys which pierce the roof have dentiling around the caps and vaults built over the flues.

The brick basement is painted brown and pierced by square windows with 3/3 sash. The louvered shutters are painted ocre in contrast to the tan clapboard. All of the windows of the remainder of the house have 6/6 sash with the exception of a bay window on the east side of the back room.

Modest landscaping enhances the elegant simplicity of the house.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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Princess Anne, Md. Somerset County
South Elevation
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Princess Anne, Somerset Co.,Md.
Southeast Elevation
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Burns House (Josh House)
Princess Anne, Md. Somerset County
West Elevation
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Parsons House S-88
(Josh House)
Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Maryland
East Side - Bay Window
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