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Excellent

S-102
Somerset County Library
Princess Anne
public

c. 1860

Initially erected for the Manokin Presbyterian Church as a "lecture room," this single-story frame structure has been used as a library since 1959. In September of 1862, a "Committee of the Presbyterian Church at Manokin" purchased this corner lot on which the lecture room had been recently erected, and the Manokin Church maintained ownership of the property until it was transferred to the Princess Anne Public Library, Inc.

The gable-front frame building shares similar features with other mid nineteenth-century structures in Princess Anne with its simple corner pilasters that visually support a bracketed cornice. The classically inspired entrance with pilasters, entablature and pediment is not an uncommon feature for mid nineteenth-century designs in Princess Anne.

Easement

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Town Princess Anne VICINITY
STREET NO. Prince William & Beechwood Streets

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE Church Hall
PRESENT OWNER Board of Trustees of
PRESENT USE Library /Somerset Co.
WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame
NO. OF STORIES 1

2. NAME Somerset County Library

DATE OR PERIOD
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

The Somerset County Library is a typical one-story building constructed for the purpose of meetings and educational purposes during the years prior to the Civil War. Its gable faces the street and it has a central door with simple architave flanked by two windows with decorative cornices. The main cornice consists of a series of brackets which continue up the eave of the facade. Since it was first used by the Presbyterian Church meetings, additions have been constructed on the north and west sides.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Exterior Good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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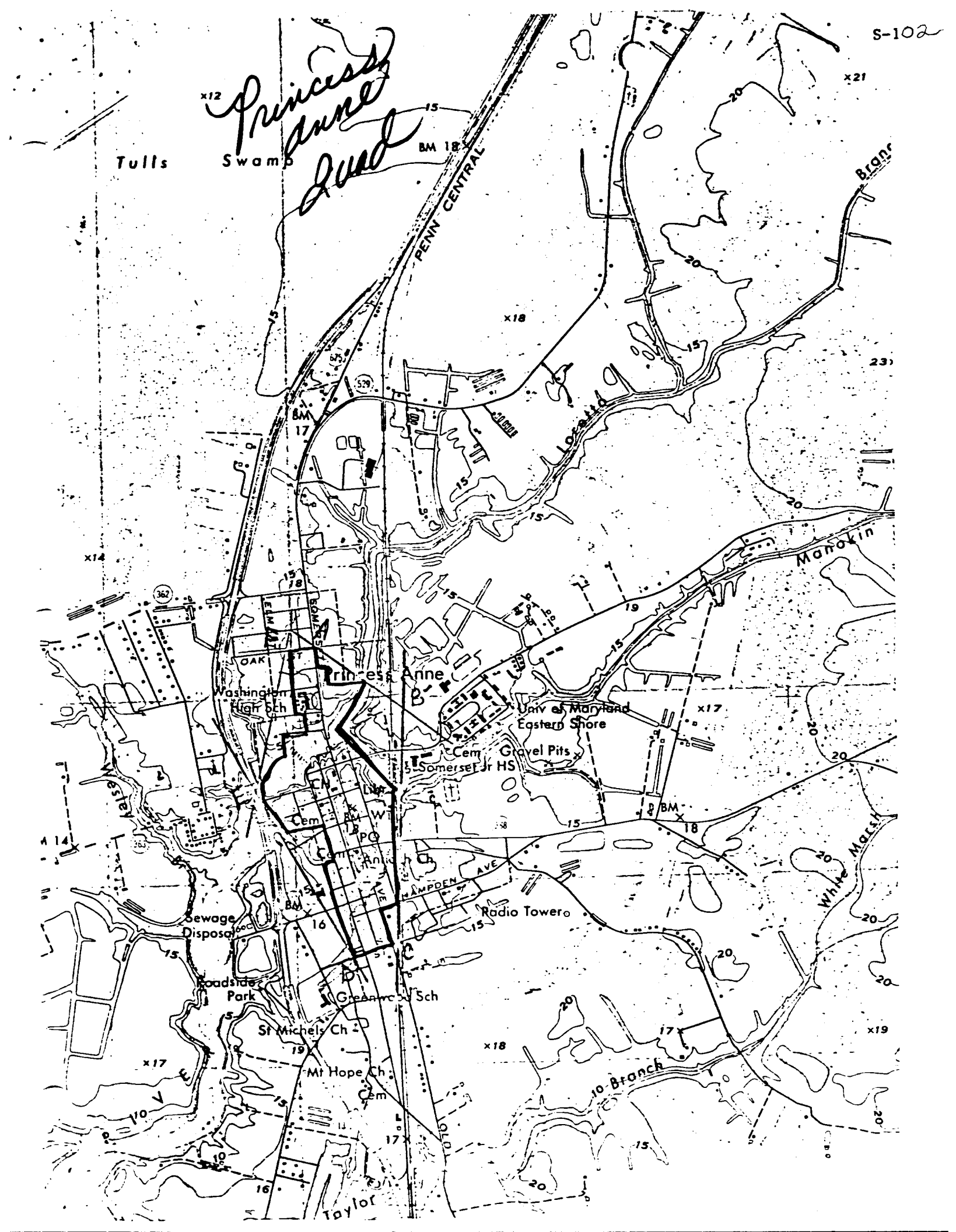
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Manokin
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Univ of Maryland Eastern Shore
Gravel Pits
Somerset Jr HS
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Sewage Disposal
Roadside Park
Greenwood Sch
St Michels Ch
Mt Hope Ch
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Easement

S-102, Old Presbyterian Church lecture hall, southeast elevation.