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Henry Page Law Office
Princess Anne
private

c. 1877

This single-story gable-front frame structure was originally the law office of Henry Page, son of John W. Crisfield and a prominent Princess Anne attorney during the second half of the nineteenth century. Henry Page acquired this small piece of the "Somerset Hotel Property" in March of 1877, and he presumably directed the construction of the office by the end the year. The structure is identified on the Princess Anne town map published in the same year. Now covered with asbestos shingles, the rectangular frame structure was intially sheathed with weatherboards. The decorative brackets which still remain add a decorative period finish to an otherwise plain office building.

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STATE **Maryland**
COUNTY **Somerset**
TOWN **Princess Anne** VICINITY
STREET NO. **Somerset Ave. 315**

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS
INVENTORY **S-106**

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER **P. Morris Furniss**
PRESENT USE **offices**
WALL CONSTRUCTION **frame**
NO. OF STORIES **1**

2. NAME **315 Somerset Ave.**
DATE OR PERIOD **late 19th cent**
STYLE **Victorian**
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

North of the Old Bank of Somerset is a small frame structure with its gable facing Somerset Ave. Its interest in a list of historic structures in Princess Anne is chiefly that it is a 19th century structure probably intended for an office and as such is one of the few remaining in the town. Its gable facade is very plain, having brackets with drops beneath its overhanging gable eave as its only ornamentation. A large picture window and one door complete the facade. To the rear of the structure is another structure, nearly the same size, and connected to the former by a small hyphen.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **no** Interior Exterior **good**



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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