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Joseph B. Brinkley House  
Princess Anne  
private

c. 1856-1857

Joseph B. Brinkley of the City of Baltimore purchased a corner lot from Washington Miles in August of 1856 (LW 4/602), and evidently engaged Seth B. Venables as a contractor to erect a two-story, side hall/double pile frame house. Interestingly, the service wing of the Brinkley house, built at the same time as the front block, is set off axis with the main building to allow for additional light in the dining room. Identical brick chimneys with dentiled caps rise from each section, and the corners to the front block are trimmed with paneled pilasters.

Seth Venables is a well-documented carpenter who practiced house building through the middle years of the nineteenth century. With its pedimented front elevation, the Brinkley house followed in the established gable front tradition begun fifty years earlier by Littleton Dennis Teackle. Brinkley apparently owed Venables a balance of construction expenses, so Brinkley executed a deed to the property in lieu of actual payment. This debt was transferred three times, first to Venables (LW 5/181), then to Greenleaf Johnson (LW 5/196), and finally to Charles T. Marshall (LW 6/361), who sold the house and lot to William J. Porter on November 15, 1859 for \$2500 (LW 6/361). During the following month, William J. Porter exchanged with Matilda F. and Martha A. Jones this house and lot for property the Jones sisters had inherited from their father, Alexander (LW 6/646). The Main Street property remained in Jones family hands until the early twentieth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. 2003895504  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph B. Brinkley House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number <sup>227</sup> South Somerset Avenue  not for publication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
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Mrs. Louise Everton

street & number South Somerset Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code MD 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

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<u>    </u> excellent	<u>    </u> deteriorated	<u>    </u> unaltered	<u>  X  </u> original site
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<u>    </u> fair	<u>    </u> unexposed		

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

The Joseph B. Brinkley house stands on the southeast corner of South Somerset Avenue and William Street in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall, double-pile house faces west with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to 1856-1857, this two-story, two-bay frame house is supported by a stuccoed brick foundation, sheathed with aluminum siding, and it is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing of contemporary date.

The west two-bay elevation is framed by paneled pilasters that visually support a pedimented gable front. The north first floor bay is marked by a four-panel front door topped by a three-light transom. Filling the adjacent south bay is a six-over-six sash window flanked by louvered shutters. The first floor is covered by a hip roofed, single-story screened-in porch. The second floor is marked by two evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows, and the gable front pediment is pierced by a tripartite window with a center four-over-four sash and flanking sidelights. Rising through the north slope of the roof are two brick chimneys finished with corbelled brick caps and a dentiled bed.

The north and south sides of the house are essentially alike with a pair of two-over-two sash windows on each floor that are flanked by louvered shutters.

The east (back) side of the main house is partially covered by the two-story service wing; however, the wing was set off line with the main house to allow for single six-over-six sash windows to light the first and second floors along with the attic. The rear gable end is flush and trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

The two-story, two-bay service wing was finished in much the same manner as the main block. A center brick chimney rises between the two-room plan, and it is finished with the same decorative cap. Six-over-six sash windows light both floors as well as the attic. The south side, however, has a two-story porch with an enclosed end bay. Square posts and support both floors, and the diagonal lattice handrail survives on the second floor. The enclosed (east) end bay is lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The mid nineteenth century interior has not been significantly altered. The side hall runs the full depth of the main block, and the stair rises in the northeast corner, running across the first floor window. A heavily turned newel post and round tapered balusters support an oval-profile handrail. The stringer is undecorated, but a heavy ogee-molded baseboard skirts the perimeter of the passage. Four-panel doors with ogee inset moldings open into the two rooms south of the hall. The two rooms are joined by an arched opening that pierces the center partition. The opening has large Tuscan columns to each side along with Victorian brackets. The mantel in the front room follows the standard Greek Revival style with plain pilasters supporting a plain

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

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.

The Joseph B. Brinkley house is a well preserved two-story side hall, double-pile frame dwelling erected around 1856-1857. Aside from a layer of aluminum siding, the house has not been altered to any great degree. The interior is largely intact and fitted with Greek Revival style woodwork. Interestingly, the gable front orientation of this house continued a tradition that had been used for over a hundred years in Somerset County. The two-story service wing with a bi-level gallery is a relatively rare feature in Princess Anne.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 4/14/86

street & number 424 N. Somerset Avenue telephone 651-0077

city or town Princess Anne state MD 21853

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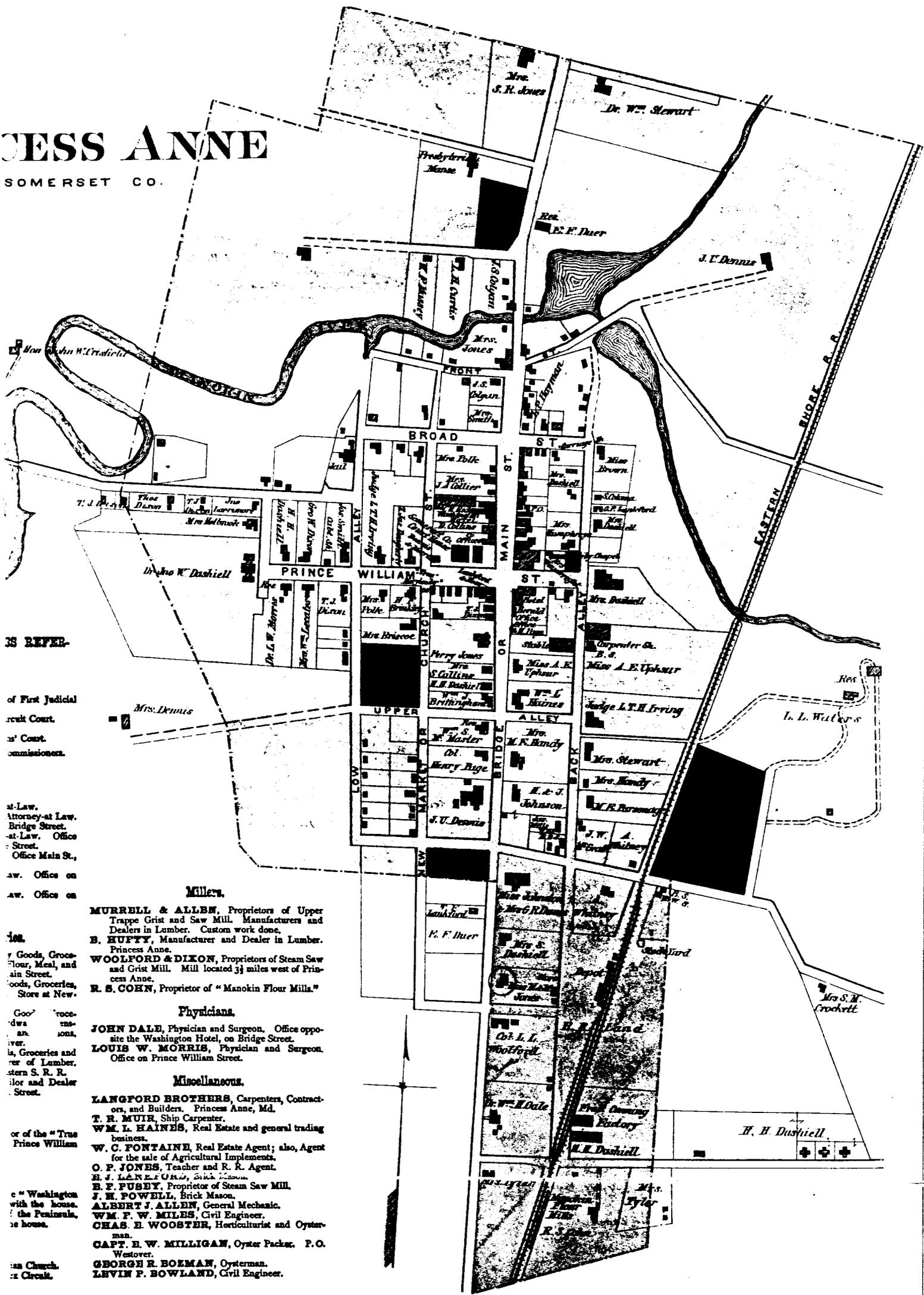
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frieze and a thick mantel shelf.

The service wing is finished in a less elaborate manner with plain four-panel doors and less expensive mid nineteenth century woodwork. The kitchen has been reworked to suit modern services.

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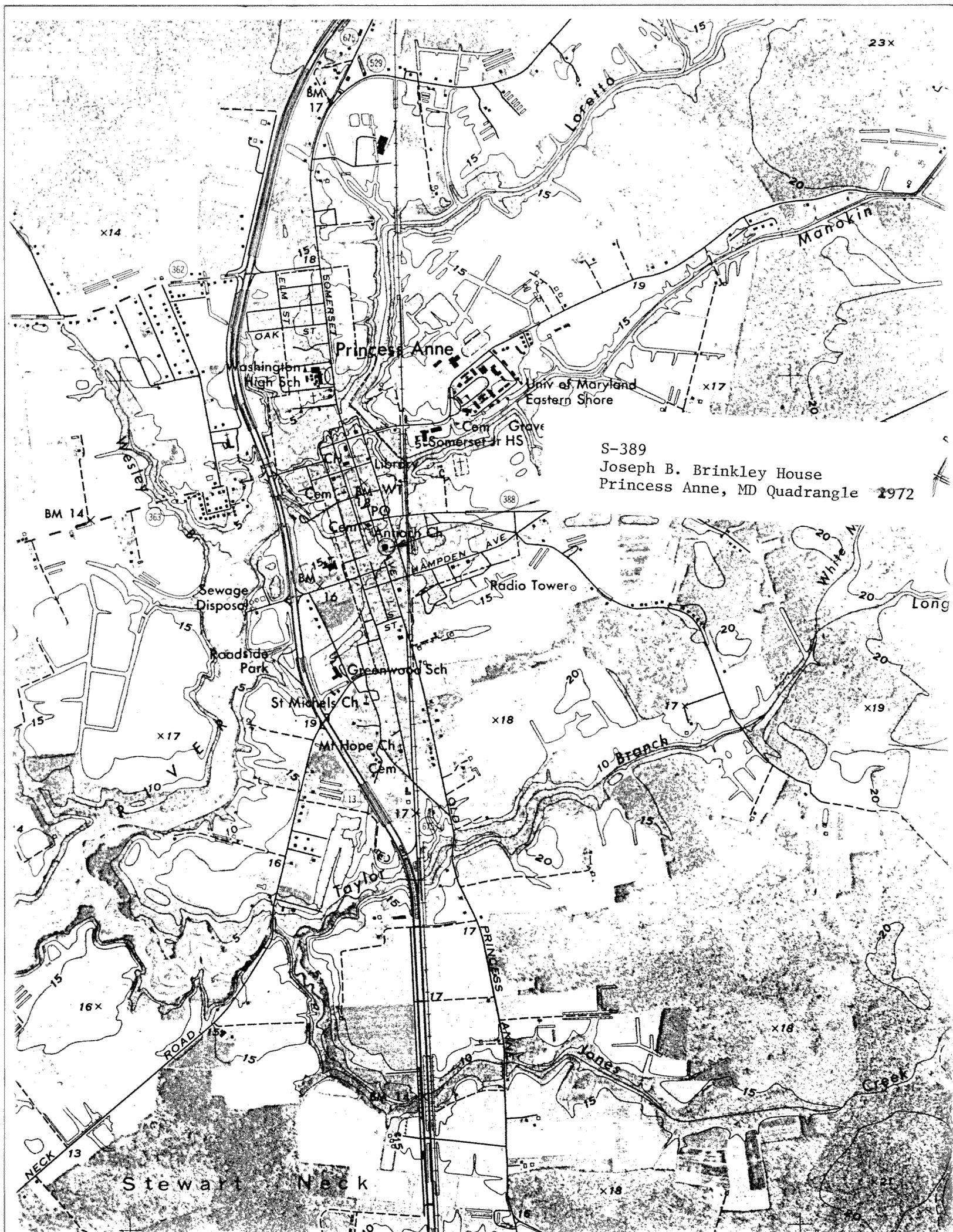
- MURRELL & ALLEN, Proprietors of Upper Trappe Grist and Saw Mill. Manufacturers and Dealers in Lumber. Custom work done.
- B. HUFFY, Manufacturer and Dealer in Lumber. Princess Anne.
- WOOLFORD & DIXON, Proprietors of Steam Saw and Grist Mill. Mill located 3 1/2 miles west of Princess Anne.
- R. S. 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. LANEFORD, Brick Mason.
- E. F. FUSEY, Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill.
- J. E. POWELL, Brick Mason.
- ALBERT J. ALLEN, General Mechanic.
- WM. F. W. MILES, Civil Engineer.
- CHAS. E. WOOSTER, Horticulturist and Oysterman.
- CAPT. E. W. MILLIGAN, Oyster Packer. P. O. Westover.
- GEORGE R. BOZMAN, Oysterman.
- LEVIN P. BOWLAND, Civil Engineer.



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Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle 2972

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