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Page Wickes House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1900

Located in the southern most residential block on South Somerset Avenue, the Page Wickes house is a less elaborate example of the Queen Anne style than its nearby neighbor the Levin Wilson house (S-392). More conservative in decorative finishes, the irregular planned frame house has a two-story five-sided corner tower and a wraparound porch supported by Tuscan columns.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Page Wickes House

2. Location

street & number 518 South Somerset Avenue not for publicationcity, 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 E. Page Wickes

street & number 518 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

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Page Wickes House Description

The Page Wickes house stands at 518 South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The turn of the century Queen Anne style frame house faces east.

Resting on a raised common bond brick foundation, this two-story, irregular plan frame house is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof of asphalt shingles, while the exterior walls are covered with asbestos tiles. A narrow brick stove stack rises from the center of the house.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with the entrance in the north bay and a two-story, five-sided bay window on the southeast corner. A double-door glazed front entrance is shaded by a wraparound porch supported by Tuscan columns. The house is lighted by a combination of single-pane or two-over-two sash windows. A few of the windows retain their louvered shutters.

The north side of the house has a two-story bay covered by a gable front roof. The first floor of the bay has three faces with angled sides, while the second floor has traditionally squared corners. The bottom edge of the second floor bay is trimmed with sawnwork, and each floor is lighted by single pane sash windows. The gable is pierced by a small attic light.

The south side of the house is finished in a similar manner without unusual features. Standing behind the house are a few single-story outbuildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Page Wickes house is a modest turn of the century frame house built along conservative references to the Queen Anne style. The asymmetrical elevations, the corner bay windows, the wraparound porch, and the steeply pitched hip roof are standard features for the period. Although the house is not particularly noteworthy on its own, it contributes to the overall continuity of the late nineteenth-century streetscape in Princess Anne.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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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