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c. 1890-1900

Amanda Lankford House  
Princess Anne  
private

Unlike its immediate neighbors, the Amanda Lankford house is a two-story gable front frame dwelling. The rectangular shaped residence is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboards and fishscale shingles. The north and south side walls are interrupted by one or two-story bays trimmed with Victorian sawnwork. Lighting both main floors are two-over-two sash windows, while the attic is illuminated by pointed arch windows.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Amanda Lankford House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South Somerset Avenue  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<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 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 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 Laws

street & number 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

Survey No. WS=394

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

The Amanda Lankford house stands on the west side of South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, gable front house faces east with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around the turn of the century, this two-story frame house is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, and it is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. A combination of narrow weatherboards and fishscale shingles cover the walls. The decorative shingles are limited to the front and side gables. A narrow brick chimney rises from the center of the house.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with an entrance in the north bay. The first floor is covered by an enclosed shed porch, and a small gable still marks the entrance bay. Three two-over-two sash windows light the second floor, and a pointed arch sash pierces the front gable.

The north (side) elevation is distinguished by a single-story bay window that is covered by a gabled roof that has decorative sawnwork hanging from the outside corners. The bay window and the second floor are lighted by two-over-two sash windows, and the rooftop gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two sash light.

The south (side) elevation has a two-story bay covered by a gable roof. The other details remain consistent with those previously described for the other elevations.

The interior was not seen.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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:  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 Amanda Lankford house stands in a line of turn of the century frame houses along South Somerset Avenue. Unlike its immediate neighbors, this two-story frame dwelling has a gable front orientation with the bay windows fixed to the north and south sides. Exterior details remain essentially intact, and the house contributes to the consistent late nineteenth century character of this street.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

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Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972