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John Holland House (Muir House)

Princess Anne

Private

c. 1902

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Tulls Swamp

BM 18

PENN CENTRAL

RIDGE

BM 17

Lowland

Princess Anne

Washington High Sch

Univ of Maryland Eastern Shore

St Somers HS

BM 14

Salisbury

Sewage Disposal

Roadside Park

Green

St Michels Ch

St Hope Ch

Taylor

S-418  
John Holland House  
Princess Anne, Maryland Quadrangle  
1972

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PRINCE



S-91, Somerset County Courthouse, photograph c. 1915 (courtesy of Robert Withey).

and lot on Main Street...whereon she now resides, except so much of said lot as lies or is situated east of a straight line...." The reserved lot of ground Anna L. Haines did not convey was the site of her new brick house. Upon her death in 1925, the Washington Street house and its furnishings were devised to her daughter, Emily H. Fitzgerald.

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#### SOMERSET COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1904-1905  
Princess Anne  
Public

Standing prominently in the center of Princess Anne is the Somerset County Courthouse, a two-and-a-half story red brick, Georgian Revival structure nine bays across by five bays deep. The principal elevation, facing Prince William Street, is distinguished by a portico of fluted Ionic sandstone columns with classical entablature and balustrade. The windows are highlighted by limestone arches

with projecting keystones on the first floor and round arches on the second. Distinguishing the perimeter of the roof is a modillion cornice of molded metal, and small lunette windows pierce each pediment. The first floor is divided by a generous cross hall that separates corner offices, while the courtroom is located on the second floor.

Architects Frank E. and Henry R. Davis are credited with the Georgian Revival design, and the construction firm of W. P. Pusey and Son of Snow Hill was awarded the project in 1904 at the cost of \$28,451. Before construction began, the 1833 courthouse and



S-418, John Holland house, northeast elevation.