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John Holland House (Muir House)

Princess Anne

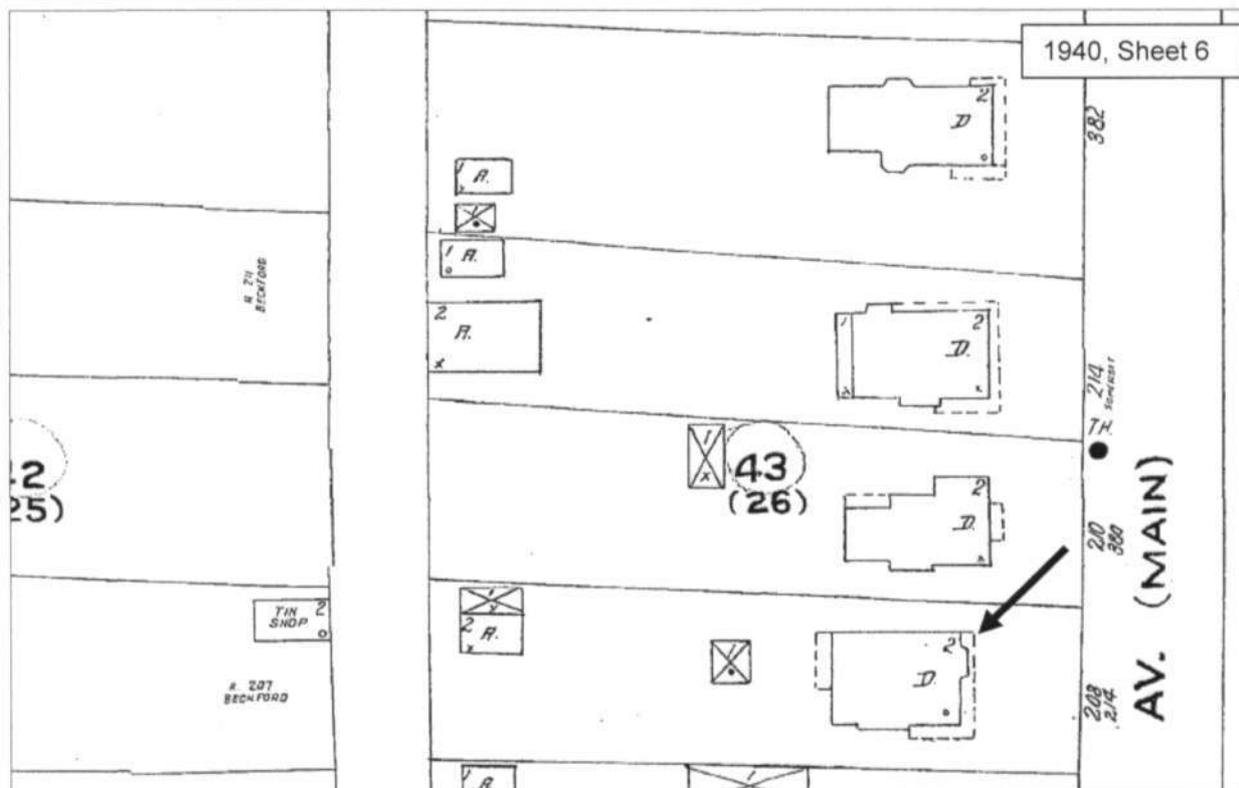
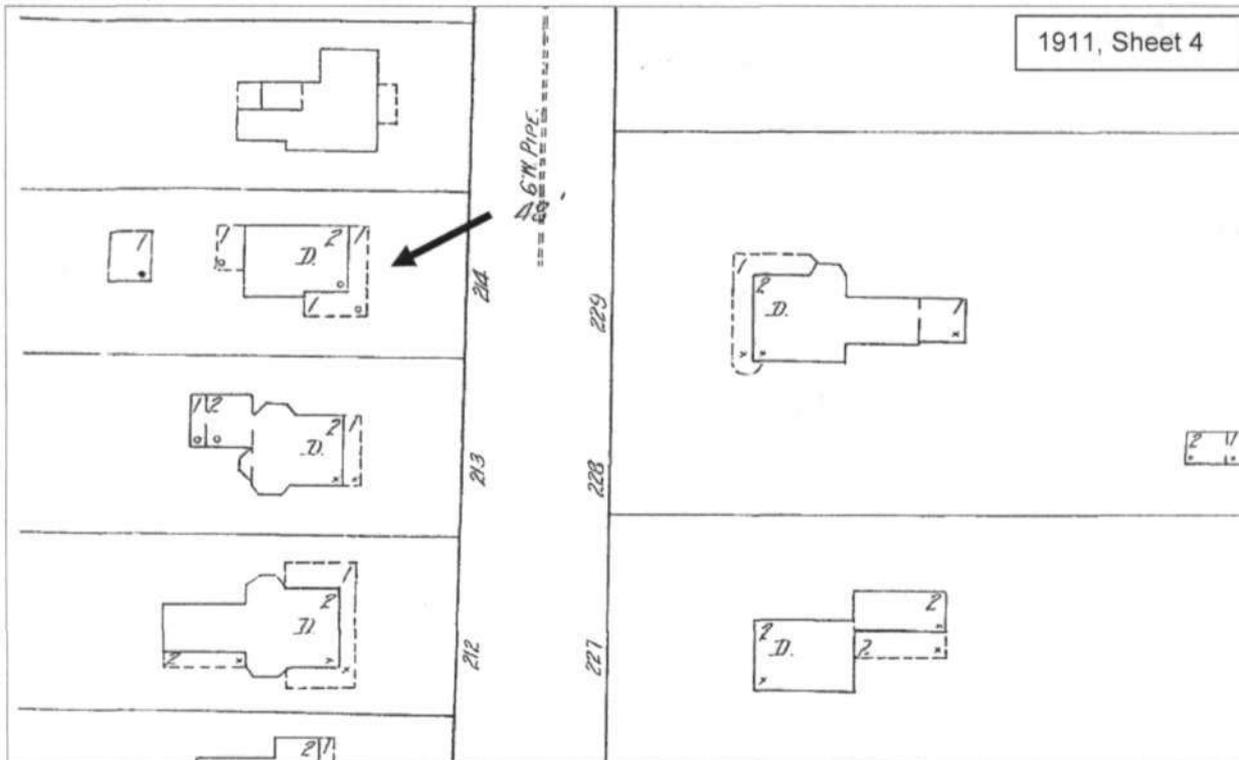
Private

c. 1902

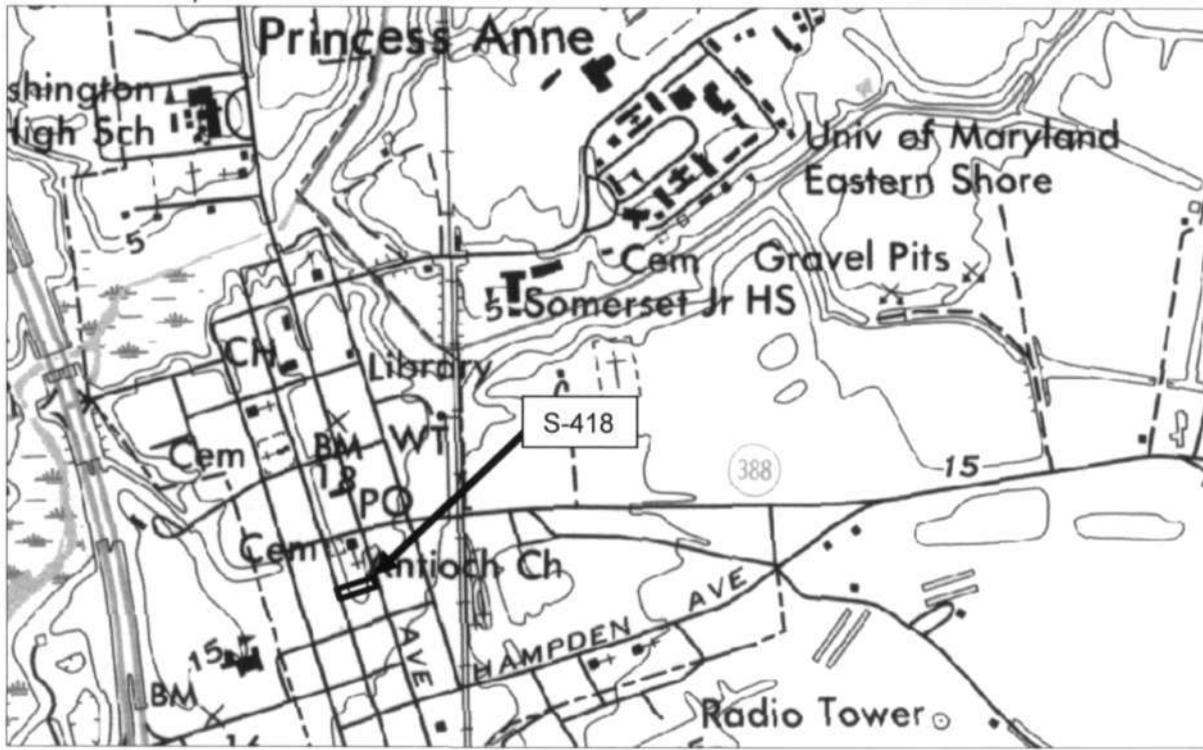
The John Holland house, more recently known as the Muir House, is a two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style dwelling built during the early twentieth century. John Holland, a local businessman who is remembered as operating a cannery in east Princess Anne, financed the construction of this Somerset Avenue dwelling. The well-built frame house retains its slate roof as well as a Tuscan-columned porch that stretches across the east and south elevations. A projecting gabled pavilion highlights the entrance. The interior survives largely undisturbed with a decorated oak stair and tiled hearths. Classical Corinthian columns flank the mirrored overmantels as well as the fireplaces. Hidden pocket doors also distinguish the first floor rooms.

The property has been held by the Muir family since the late 1920s.

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John Holland House
11628 Somerset Avenue (MD 675), Princess Anne
Sanborn Maps



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John Holland House
11628 Somerset Avenue (MD 675), Princess Anne
Princess Anne quad 1972



Tax Map 202, Parcel 226

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



Tulls Swamp

BM 18

PENNY CENTRAL

RIDGE

51

x18

LOVE FRO

BM 17

362

Princess Anne

Washington High Sch

Univ of Maryland Eastern Shore

5 Somerset HS

Cem

Gravel Pits

BM 14

363

Sewage Disposal

Roadside Park

St Michaels Ch

St Hope Ch

Taylor

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John Holland House
Princess Anne, Maryland Quadrangle
1972

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PRINCE

Cem



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

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.

JOHN HOLLAND HOUSE

Circa 1902
Princess Anne
Private

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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.