

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gunn, Samuel, House

other names Dr. John S. Martin House; Phillips House ; WO-100

2. Location

street & number 200 West Market Street not for publication

city or town Snow Hill vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Worcester code 047 zip code 21863

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

[Signature] 11-15-02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- Determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
_____	_____
_____	_____
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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

NA

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

COLONIAL: Georgian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Wood

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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Description Summary:

The Samuel Gunn House, more recently identified as the Phillips House, stands on the northwest corner of Market and Church Streets in the center of Snow Hill, Maryland. Constructed ca. 1780, the house is one of the oldest and perhaps the best preserved of the eighteenth century town dwellings in Worcester County. This two story, side hall/double pile frame house retains intact rooms of superior late Georgian style finishes. Aside from modifications made during a Victorian (ca. 1880) "improvement" (addition of two porches and first and second floor window sashes), and the loss of the original kitchen in the early part of the twentieth century, the building is principally unaltered from its eighteenth century origins.

The house faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The building consists of a main block (1780) with two existing additions (1825 and 1910). The main block is approximately 25 feet wide by 29 feet deep, while the 1825 addition is 15.5 feet wide by 16 feet deep and the 1910 addition is 12 feet wide by 18 feet deep. The house was constructed with a full basement under the main block and is sheathed with beaded weatherboards of longleaf yellow pine. Over 75% of the original weatherboards remain intact. The interior is about 90% intact with all of the heart pine flooring, paneled overmantels, paneled wainscoting, doors, door hinges and some locks surviving from the time of construction. In addition, most of the interior hand split lath and plaster walls on the first and second floors remain intact.

General Description:

Exterior features:

The Samuel Gunn House is supported by a raised Flemish bond brick foundation, and the house is sheathed in beaded weatherboards. Attached to the west gable end is a two-story early nineteenth century wing constructed about 1825. This wing is currently used as a kitchen, but was originally constructed as a hyphen between the main block and the eighteenth century kitchen (no longer standing). Attached to the north side of the house is a two-story ell, constructed around 1910, which was extensively reworked in the 1980s. Each section is covered by a wood (cedar) shingle roof.

The south (principal) façade of the 1780 main block is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows, and twelve-over-eight sash windows on the second floor. The boxed cornice is trimmed with a dentiled bed molding. The majority of the beaded weatherboards are replacements, having been installed during the initial

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restoration of the house in the early 1970s when the Victorian era porch and associated weatherboards were removed.

The east gable end of the main block retains most of the original beaded weatherboards. This end is pierced by two restored twelve-over-twelve sash windows on the first floor, and two eight-over-twelve sash windows on the second floor. The attic is illuminated by two original six-over-six sash windows. All window frames and sills on the east gable end are original to the house. The flush gable end is trimmed by a molded bargeboard.

The west gable end is partially covered (nine feet) by the 1825 kitchen wing (hyphen). The exterior wall surface that is not covered by the wing is pierced by the same twelve-over-twelve sash window on the first floor and a twelve-over-eight sash window on the second floor. Lighting the attic is an original six-over-six sash window along with a smaller window on the north side of the interior end brick chimney that is finished with a corbelled cap.

This two-story kitchen wing is one bay wide by one room deep and was constructed about 1825 as a hyphen connecting the free standing eighteenth century kitchen (no longer standing) to the main block. The 1895 Sanborn insurance map clearly shows both the kitchen and the hyphen. In addition, the present owner has an early photograph (ca. 1905) that shows the original kitchen in the location as per the Sanborn map. Piercing the south wall is a side entrance with a board-and-batten door topped by a four light transom. The second floor is marked by an original twelve-over-eight sash window. Most noteworthy is the exterior drilled cornice that imitates a classical swag motif. Similar drilled decoration in Worcester and Somerset counties usually dates to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The other exterior features of the kitchen wing (hyphen) follow along the same lines.

Part (one third) of the back (north side) of the main block is covered by a two story wing that was initially erected about 1910, and then remodeled during the 1980s as a modern garden room overlooking the boxwood garden. An exterior brick chimney stack was erected on the north gable end of the wing during the 1980s renovation. The remaining two thirds of this side of the main block is in excellent original condition. All but two of the weatherboards on this side are original, as are the windows, boxed cornice, and dentiled bed molding. This side of the house was protected for many years by a two story open porch, added during the middle of the nineteenth century, and which contributed to the excellent state of preservation.

The foundation walls are laid in Flemish bond and basement is lighted by six windows with six bars. Two of the six bars are metal, most likely for security reasons.

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Interior features:

The interior of the main block follows a side hall/double-pile plan with a generous stair hall flanked to the left by two rooms with corner hearths. Most of the eighteenth century woodwork (paneling, doors, hardware, flooring, and plaster walls) remains intact.

The side passage is visually divided into a front and back hall by a decorative, molded segmental arch, with a bold cavetto backband molding interrupted by a plain keystone arch. Rising in the front part of the hall is the original turned baluster stair, anchored at the base with a boldly turned newel post topped with a molded cap. Enhancing the cap is a row of Wall-of-Troy bed molding under the molded cap. The turned balusters support a molded handrail, constructed of heart pine. Delicately carved scrolled trim highlights the stringer, and bold raised panels enclose the triangular area beneath the stair. Access to the closet space under the stair is provided through a raised six-panel door with original wooden box lock. The upper part of the stair is fitted with raised paneling as well. In addition to the decorated stair, the hall is trimmed with raised-panel wainscoting, a bold cornice and baseboard molding. At the north end of the hall an original (formerly exterior) nine-panel door remains on its long strap hinges and retains a diagonal board backing and is topped with a five light transom with very early glass. The other interior raised six-panel doors have wood graining, are framed by cavetto backband surrounds and open into adjacent rooms.

The southwest room (front room or parlor) features a fine display of Georgian carpentry, with a complex paneled overmantel containing twenty panels of eight different sizes and shapes. Few houses have such a wide array of panel shapes juxtaposed in a symmetrical pattern. The paneled wainscoting of the parlor is also unusual in that it has a combination of both vertical and horizontal panels. Trimming the perimeter of the parlor ceiling is a decorative carved cornice.

The northwest room (back parlor) is also fitted with a corner hearth and a ten-panel overmantel. Raised-panel wainscoting stretches around the room. Piercing the west wall and leading to the nineteenth century kitchen wing (hyphen) is the original six-panel door with diagonal board backing. This door originally opened to the courtyard between the main block and the original kitchen dwelling prior to the construction of the kitchen wing (hyphen) in 1825.

The second floor is divided into three rooms with an additional closet room at the north end of the hall. The six-panel doors into each room are grained and are framed by cavetto backband surrounds of slightly narrower proportions than the first floor. The main bedrooms feature corner hearths with molded surrounds, chair rail and cornice. A four light closet is found in the south bedroom left of the hearth. The west window in the north bedroom has been replaced by a door that now allows for access to the second floor of the kitchen wing (hyphen). In the

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southeast corner of the second floor the third room, finished with a chair rail and baseboard, contains the door to the enclosed attic. Careful paint removal of the attic door has revealed original wood graining, and a wrought iron thumb latch also survives. At the head of the stair a square newel post supports a beaded edge handrail. The partition, which divides the attic, is pierced by an opening filled with a board-and-batten door. The door is hung on HL hinges, and a wrought iron thumb latch survives as well. The adjacent knee walls survive with small beaded board doors. The attic room has been reworked with modern materials.

The nineteenth century kitchen wing (hyphen) has been generally reworked with modern conveniences for a kitchen. Fixed in the southwest corner is an open stair that leads to the second floor bathroom and laundry.

The interior of the north end wing (ca. 1910) has also been reworked in modern materials that include a marble floor and hearth. The second floor of this wing is now a modern master bathroom with closets.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- B** Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1780-1825

Significant Dates

c. 1780
1825

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Samuel Gunn house is architecturally significant under National Register Criterion C, as an example of a Georgian town house with high style and remarkable integrity. The quality and complexity of the joinery in the two parlors and the side passage is without comparison in Worcester County. The degree of originality is also highly unusual for a property of this age, having survived with over 90% of the interior woodwork, most of the lath and plaster walls, all of the flooring and a majority of the exterior weatherboards for the ca. 1780 main block.

Resource History and Historic Context:

Inexact deeds and inadequate tax lists for the late eighteenth century contribute to a rather clouded history of this property. Current research suggests that Samuel Gunn (1740-1790), a Snow Hill merchant, erected this dwelling around 1780 before his death in 1790. Standing on "Lot 15" as designated on the 1793 Snow Hill plat, this corner property would have been an advantageous location for a merchant to erect his house due to the proximity of the market square across the street.

The Samuel Gunn house is the oldest known surviving dwelling in the historic town of Snow Hill, Maryland. The seat of Worcester County, Snow Hill was established as a royal port of entry in 1642. The town has a remarkable collection of fine properties from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries with Georgian, Federal, Victorian, Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival and neoclassical styles, among others, being represented.

Snow Hill suffered a disastrous fire in 1834, which destroyed the entire business district, the courthouse complex, and the dwellings in the northeast section of town along Market and Green Streets. Dr. John S. Martin, the owner of the Samuel Gunn House at that time, related: "Our village is in ashes. It took fire from a carpenter's shop in the center of town. The whole central portion is burnt, every house of every description. All the stores except Jenkins's and John Dennis's – both the taverns. [He lists the owners of the houses that were lost to the fire]... the court house is in ashes ... I am exhausted almost to faintness. What can be done. – many of our citizens are homeless, penniless, without food and clothes. I have lost nothing. The saving of J. Dennis' store and I.P. Smith's stables was the means of saving all the south-western part of the town – The wind was about west north-west, and blew a fresh breeze." (quoted in Touart 1994:77).

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Major Bibliographical References:

Paul Baker Touart. Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland. Snow Hill, MD: Worcester County, 1994

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre

UTM References Snow Hill, MD quad
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title COL Edward Percy Phillips Jr., USA (Ret)
Organization _____ date 24 September 2001
street & number 6626 Skyline Court telephone (703) 768-4612
city or town Alexandria state Virginia zip code 22307

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Colonel Edward Percy Phillips Jr., USA(Ret)
street & number 6626 Skyline Court telephone (703) 768-4612
city or town Alexandria state Virginia zip code 22307

Paperwork Reduction Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et. seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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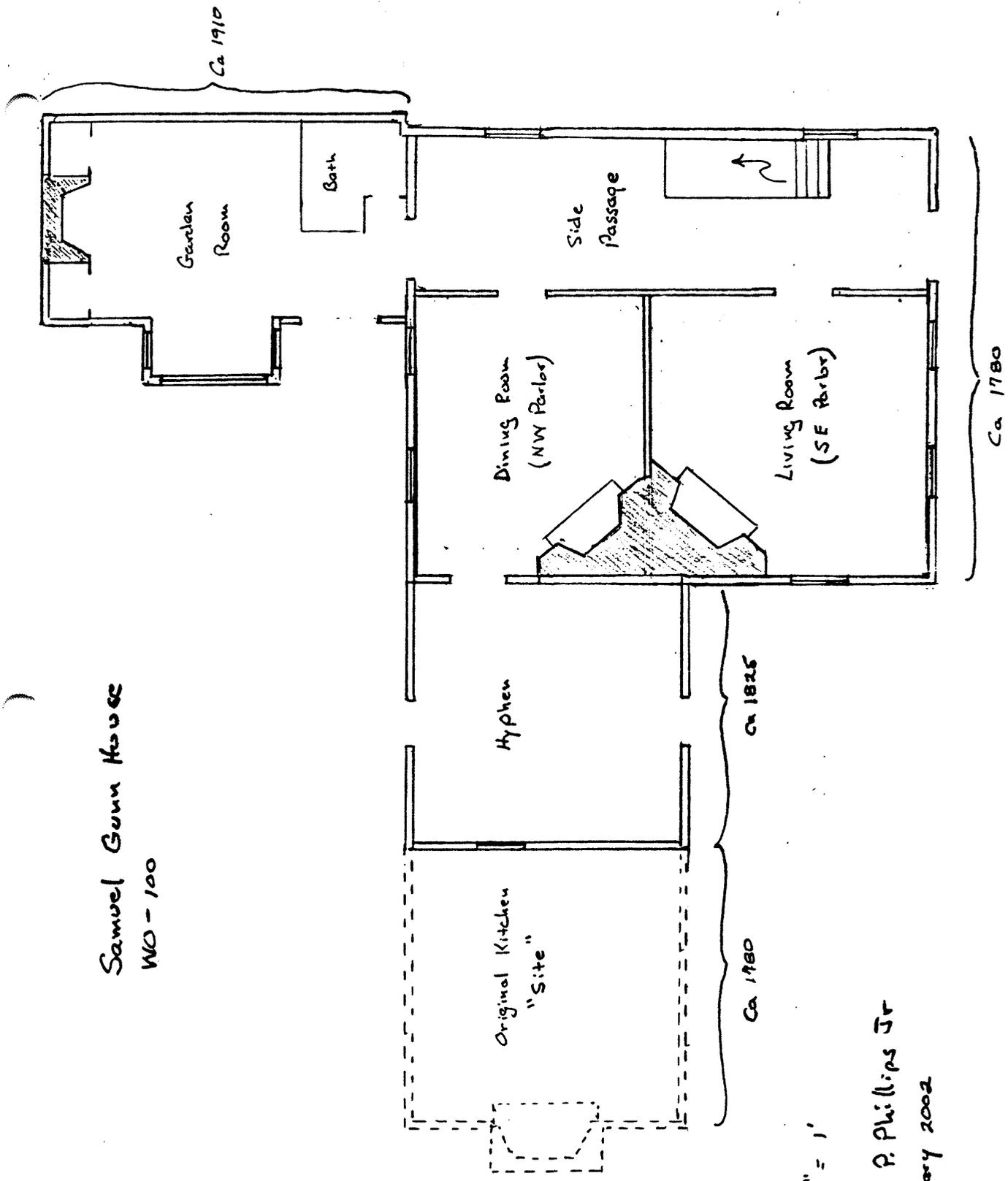
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Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the single town lot with which the resource is historically associated.

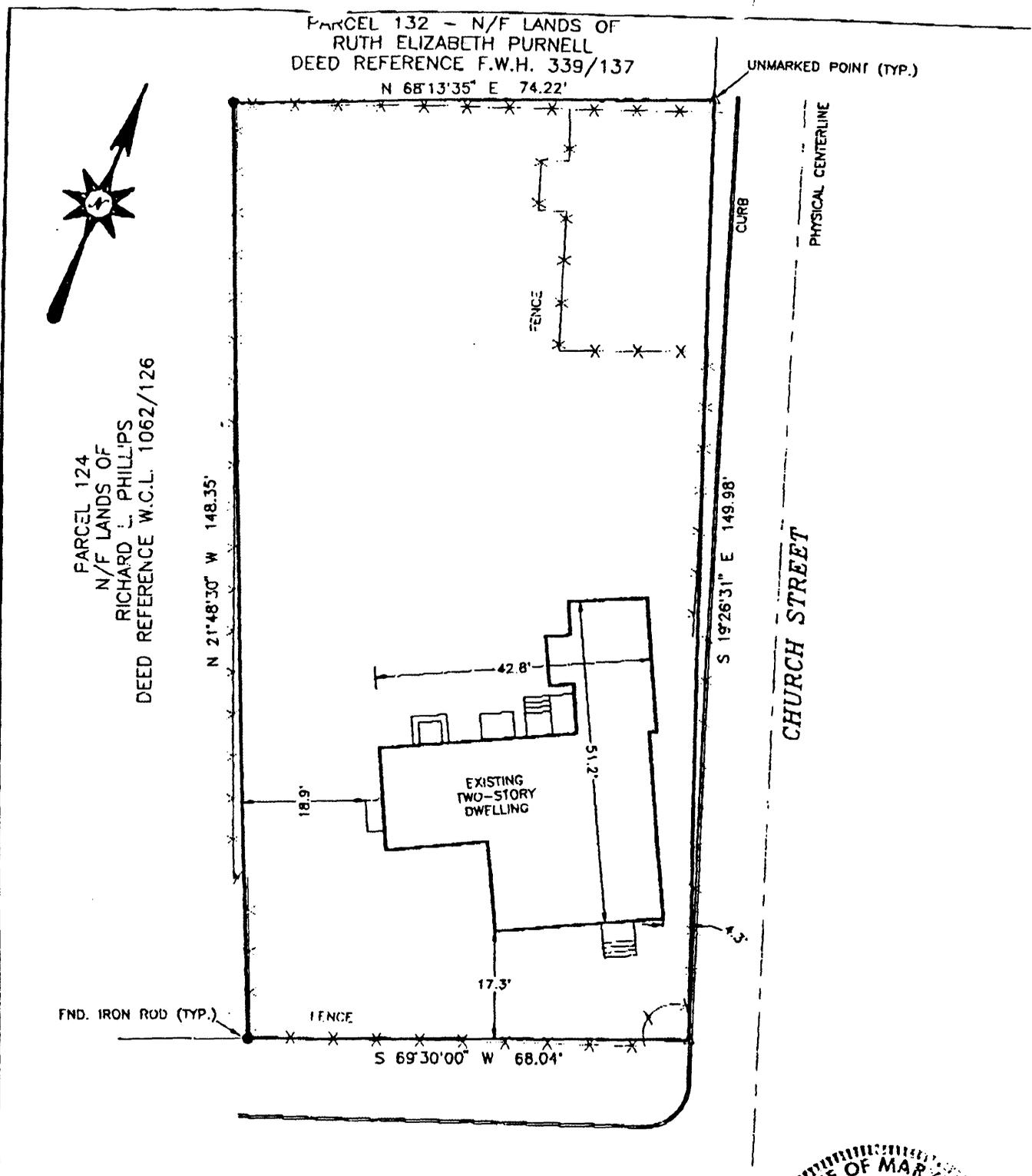
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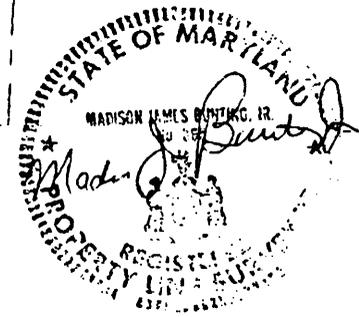


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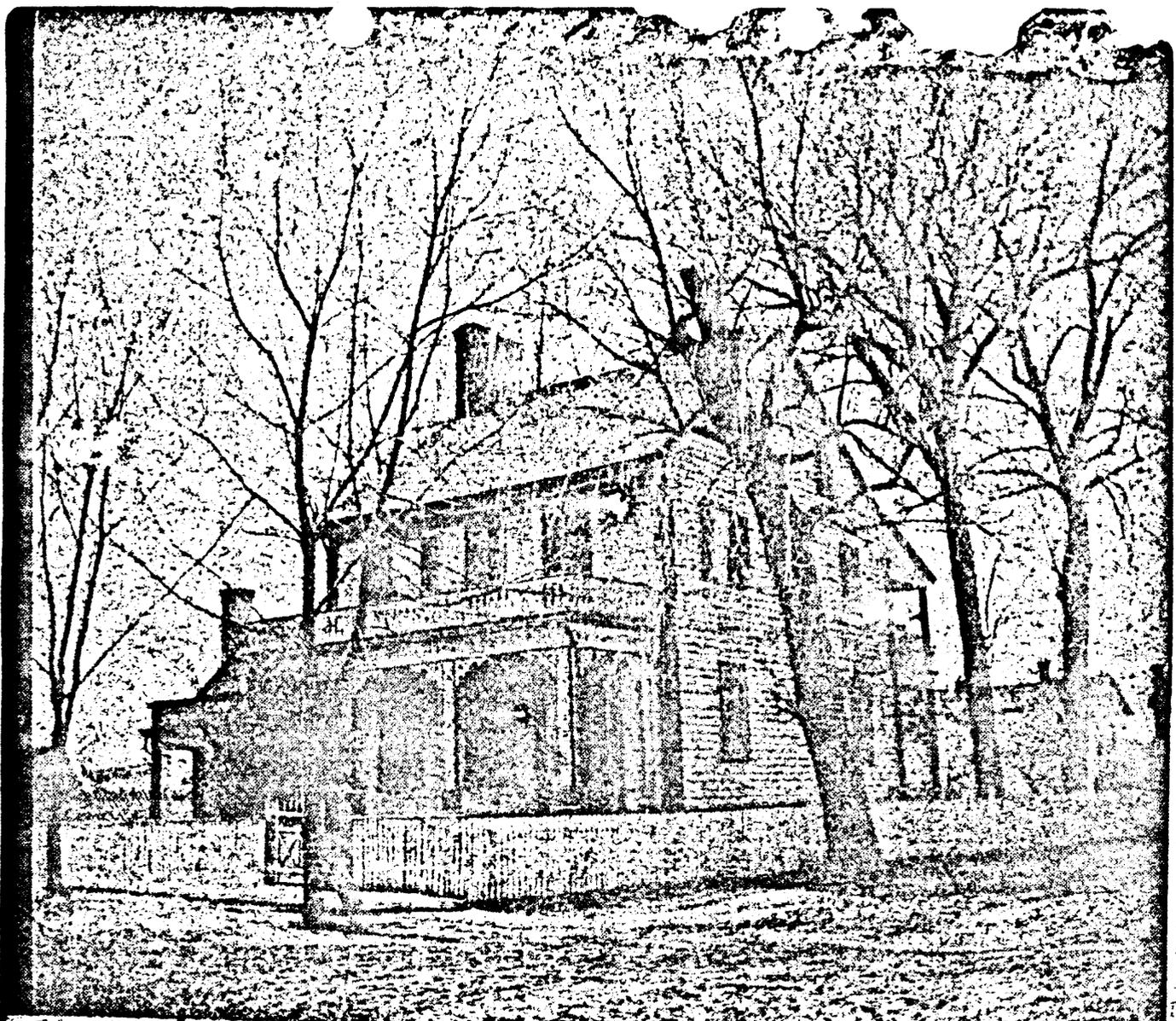
SECOND TAX DISTRICT
TOWN OF SNOW HILL
WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
TAX MAP 200, PARCEL 123
DEED REFERENCE F.W.H. 392/598
LOT AREA = 10,606 SQ. FT±
CURRENTLY ZONED: R-2
ZONING SETBACKS: FRONT = 25'
SIDES = 8' MINIMUM - 20' TOTAL, REAR = 30'
FLOOD ZONE C PER FEMA MAP 240086 0001 B

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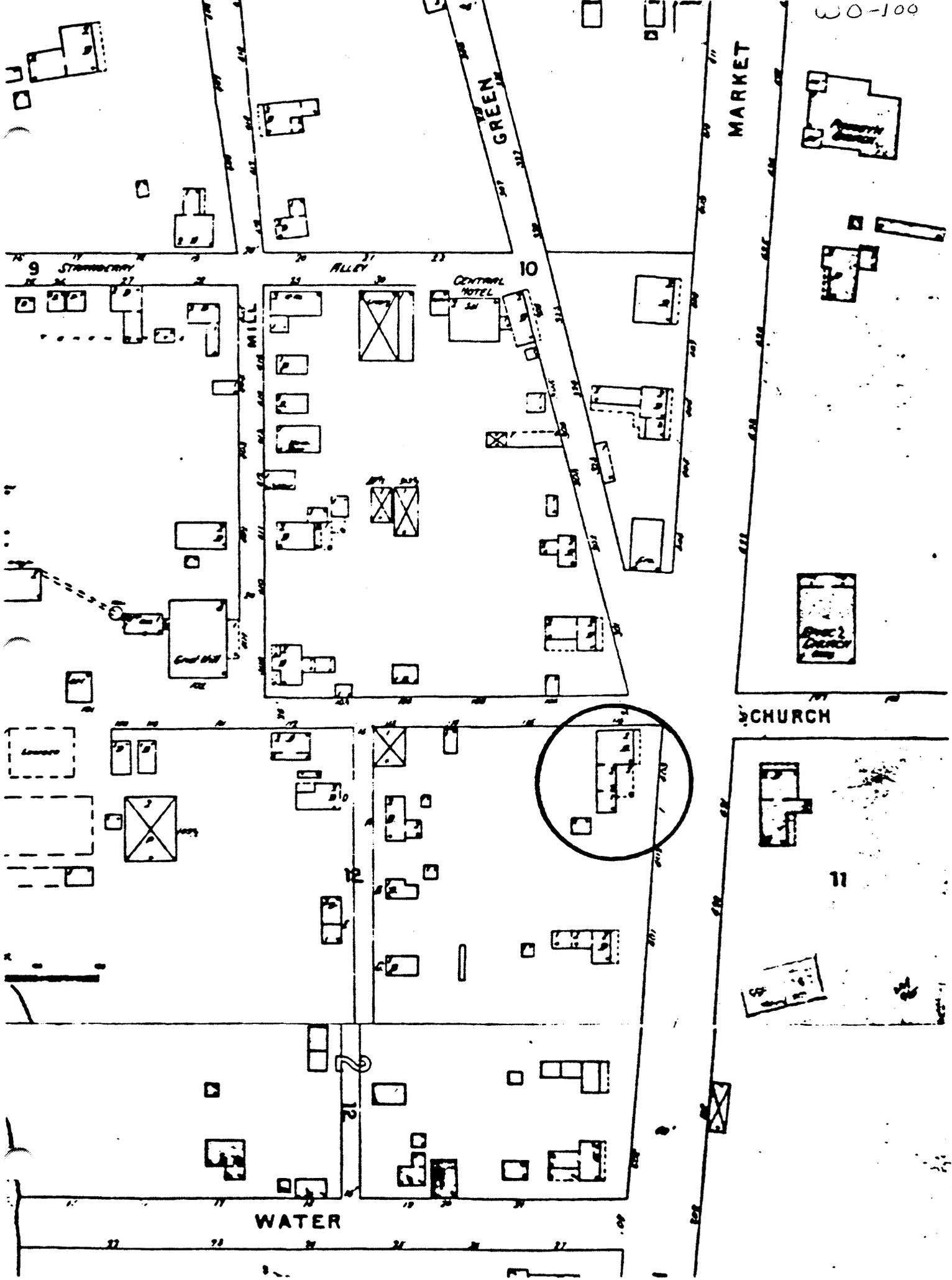


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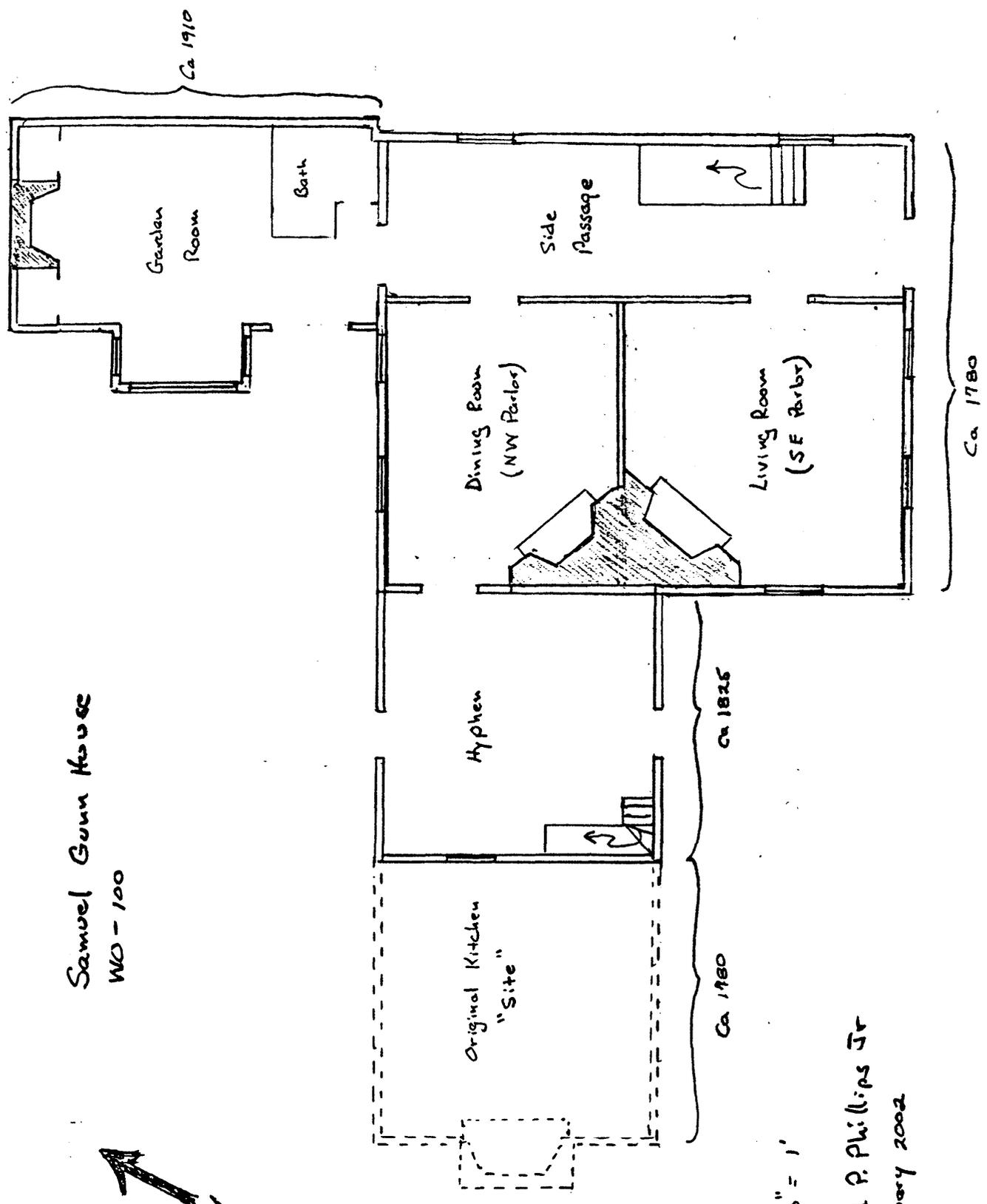
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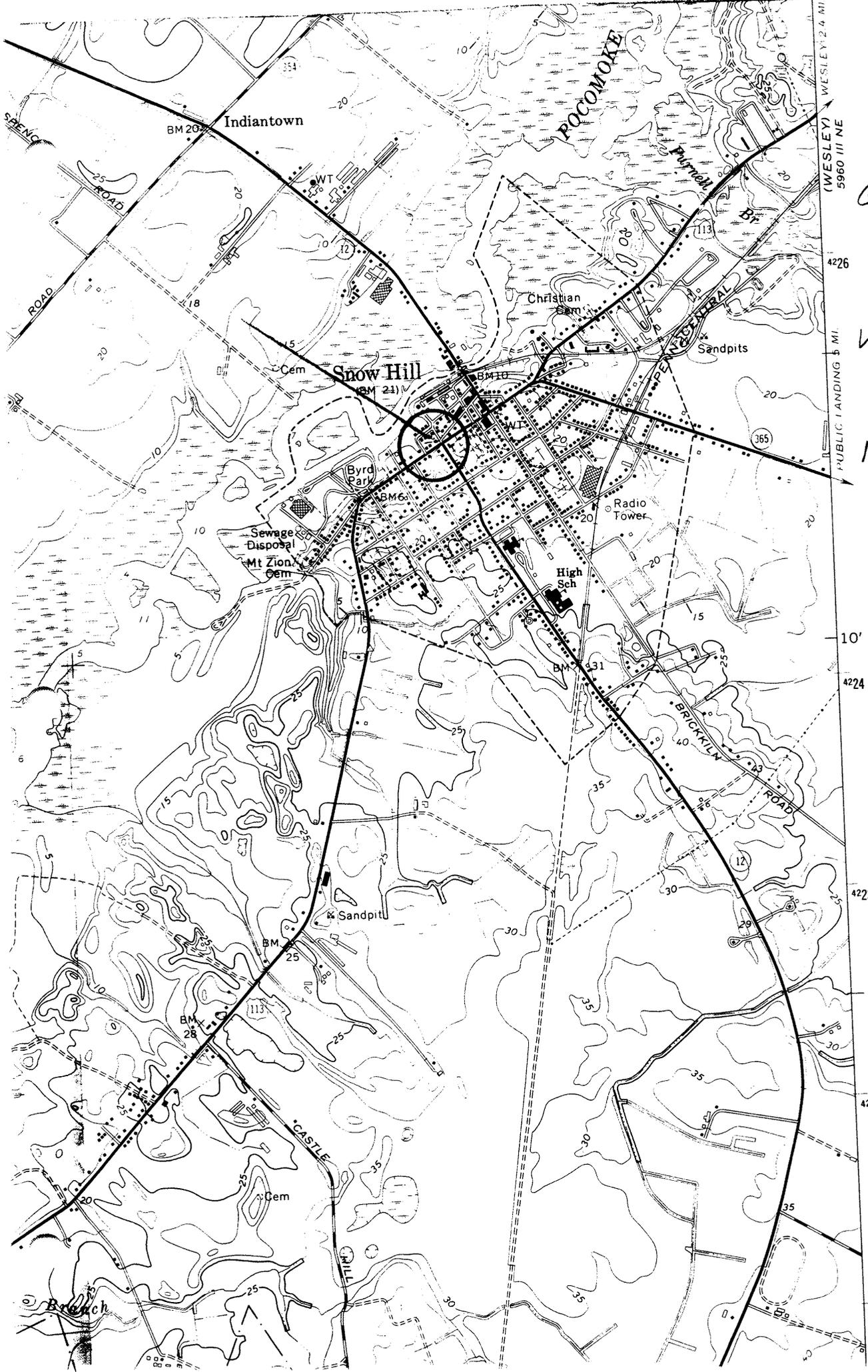


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2. Samuel Gunn House
3. Worcester, Maryland
4. Ed Phillips
5. 1 Jan 2002
6. SHPO
7. South Elevation taken from Market Street
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West Elevation from Box wood Garden

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East Elevation taken from All Hallows Episcopal Church

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East / North East Elevation taken from All Hallows
Episcopal Church

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Market Street (SE) Facade of Hayphen (1825)

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Detail of drilled course of Hyphae (1825
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Detail of South Corner of Main Block (1780)

Showing weather boards, boxed cornice, trim, End Board
& Window

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Detail of Window, + cornice on SE facade of the
Main Block

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Main Door on SE facade of Main Block
taken from Market Street

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Detail of Basement Window, SE facade, Main Block

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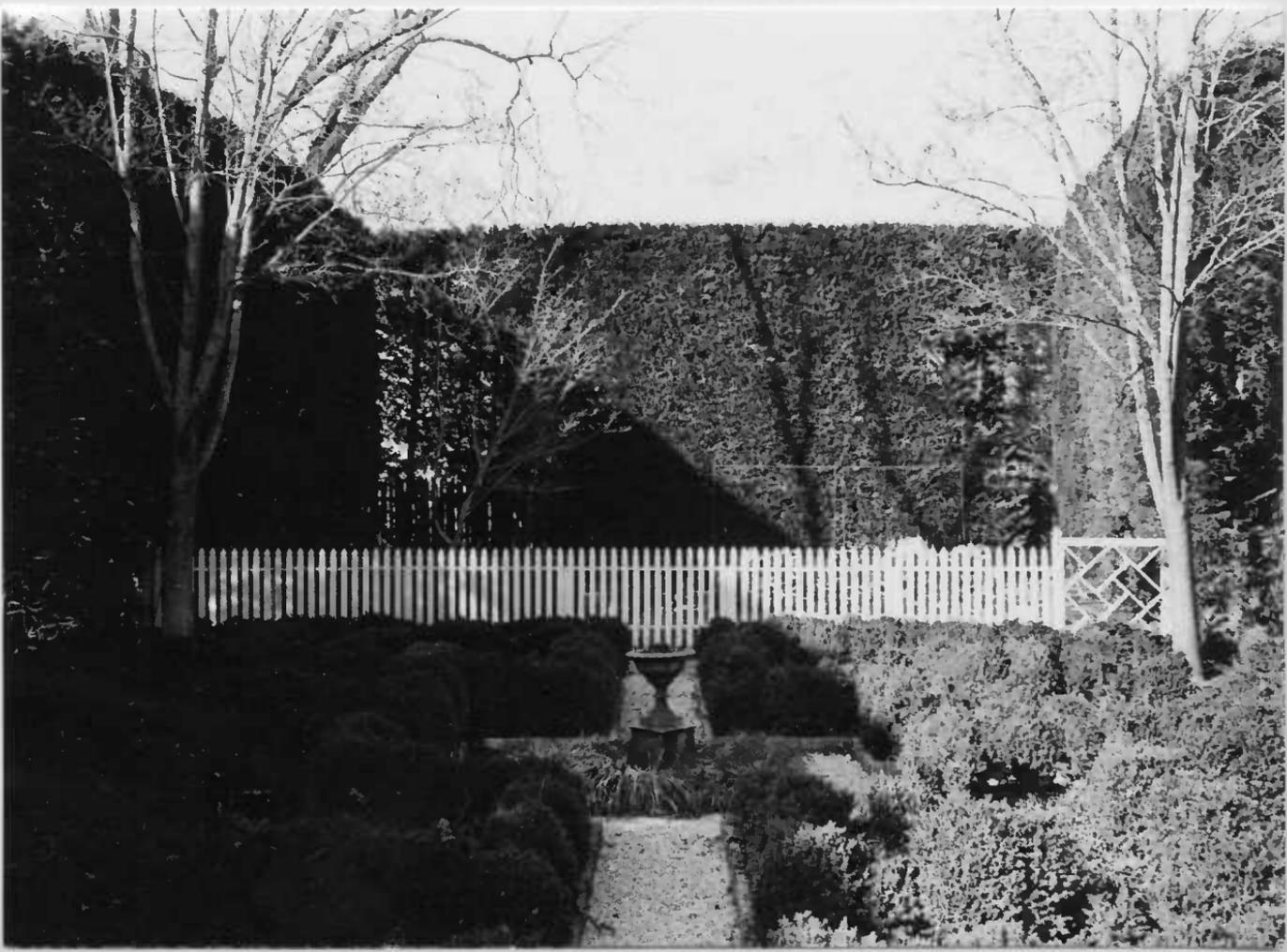
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Detail of window silk + trim, NW facade, Main Block.

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Boxwood Garden taken from 2nd floor
window of Hyphen

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All Hallowes Episcopal Church taken from
the front yard of the Samuel Gunn House

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View of Front (SE) Taylor Fireplace & painted over mantel

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Wainscotting located in the Front (SE) Parlor

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Part of Special services and part of the Environmental
Infrastructure (SE) plan

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View of back (NW) parlor fireplace + paneled
over mantel

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View of original exterior door leading to hyphen from
back porch

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View of Side Passage, the segmental arch, looking
toward the front door (Market St Entrance)

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View of side passage looking toward the back of
the house and the 1910 addition - The door is
original

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View of door + paneling under stair

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Detail of stairs + east end of side passage.

Shows newel post with "wall of Troy" molding

under the molding. ~~1510~~ 50-85 < >

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Detail of original turned baluster stair, scrolled
trim & molded hand rail.

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View of second floor stairwell looking east
toward Market St

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Private

c. 1780, c. 1825

The Samuel Gunn house, more recently identified as the Phillips house, stands on the northwest corner of Market and Church streets in the center of Snow Hill. Distinguished as one of the oldest and perhaps best preserved of the eighteenth century town dwellings in Worcester County, the side hall/double-pile frame house boasts intact rooms of superior late Georgian style finishes. Outstanding on the first floor is a turned baluster stair with a bulbous turned newel post topped by a distinctive cap trimmed by a delicate Wall-of-Troy bed molding. Highlighting the stringer is a delicate scroll decoration that was common to stair construction of the period. Also significant is molded arch with a center keystone that visually divides the front and back hall. The stair hall is also finished with raised-panel wainscoting, molded baseboard, and a decorative cornice. The southwest and northwest rooms are finished in the best eighteenth century traditions with complex raised-panel hearth walls and raised-panel wainscoting. The second floor is divided in a similar manner and the two principal rooms contain corner hearths.

Attached to the west gable end of the house is an early nineteenth century two-story kitchen wing that was probably attached during around 1825. Most noteworthy is the exterior drilled cornice that imitates a classical swag motif. Similar drilled decoration in Worcester and Somerset counties usually dates to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Apparently this early nineteenth century service wing was added to the

house to replace the former kitchen, probably a separate building that stood in the yard behind the main house.

Inexact deeds and inadequate tax lists for the late eighteenth century contribute to a rather clouded history of this important town house property. Current research suggests Samuel Gunn, a Snow Hill merchant, erected this prominent dwelling during the 1780s before his death in 1790. Standing on "Lot 15" as designated on the 1793 Snow Hill plat, this corner property would have been a probable location for a merchant to erect his house due to the proximity of the market square across the street.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: SAMUEL GUNN HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WU-100

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

RURAL - AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION
(1600 - 1815)

4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. TOWN DWELLING

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

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EASTERN SHORE

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1690-1815 RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SAMUEL GUNN HOUSE

and/or common DOCTOR JOHN S. MARTIN HOUSE, PHILLIPS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 200 West Market Street not for publication

city, town Snow Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 L. Richard Phillips

street & number 200 West Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 392

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 598

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

Survey No. WO-100

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" 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 Phillips house, historically known as the Samuel Gunn house or the dwelling of Dr. John S. Martin, stands at 200 West Market Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/double pile frame house faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1780, the two-story, three-bay frame structure is supported by a raised Flemish bond brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with a combination of original beaded weatherboards and replacement beaded weatherboards. Attached to the west gable end is a two-story early nineteenth-century wing, and to the north a two-story ell, built around 1910, has been extensively reworked recently. Each section is covered by a wood shingle roof.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. The nine-panel front door, a reproduction of the original back door, is covered by a pair of louvered doors and is topped by a five-light transom. The door is framed by a restored surround. Two twelve-over-twelve sash windows fill the other bays and three unevenly spaced twelve-over-eight sash windows light the second floor. The boxed cornice is trimmed with a dentiled bed molding.

The east gable end, retaining some early beaded weatherboards, is pierced on the first floor by restored twelve-over-twelve sash windows, and twelve-over-eight sash windows light the second floor. The attic is illuminated by six-over-six sash windows, and the flush gable end is trimmed by a molded bargeboard.

The west gable end, on the other hand, is partially covered by the two-story, early nineteenth-century kitchen wing. The wall surface that is not covered by the wing is pierced by the same twelve-over-twelve sash window on the first floor and a twelve-over-eight sash window on the second floor. Lighting the attic is a six-over-six sash window along with a smaller window on the north side of the interior end brick chimney that is finished with a corbelled cap.

The two-story kitchen wing is one-bay wide by one room deep. Piercing the south wall is a side entrance with a board-and-batten door topped by a four-light transom. The second floor is marked by a twelve-over-eight sash window. Highlighting the fascia board below the boxed cornice is an drilled arch design similar to other early nineteenth-century cornices in the region. The other exterior features of the kitchen follow along the same lines.

The back of the main block is fully covered by a two-story wing that was initially erected around 1910 and then remodeled during the last few years. A large exterior brick stack has been erected against the north gable end.

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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"/> invention		

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 Samuel Gunn house, more recently identified as the Phillips house, stands at 200 West Market Street in the heart of Snow Hill. The two-story side hall/double-pile frame house follows a traditional plan for the late eighteenth century, and it survives with sophisticated raised panel woodwork that highlights the principal rooms and fireplaces. The side hall retains the original late eighteenth century stair with a bulbous turned newel post, turned balusters, and a molded handrail. Significant also is the molded arch that visually divides the generous hall. The two-story kitchen addition on the west end is notable with its drilled fascia board.

Inexact deeds and missing tax records for the late eighteenth century contribute to a rather clouded early history for this important town lot. Current research suggests Samuel Gunn, listed as a merchant in the deeds, erected this prominent dwelling during the 1780s before his death in 1790. Standing on "Lot 15" as designated on the 1793 Snow Hill plat, this corner property would have been a probable location for a merchant to erect his house due to the proximity of the market square across the street.

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The interior follows a side hall/double-pile plan with a generous stair hall flanked to the left by two rooms with corner hearths. Much of the late eighteenth-century woodwork remains intact. Rising against the east wall of the passage is the principal stair. A bulbous turned newel post and a series of turned balusters support a molded handrail. The head to the newel post is distinguished by a Wall-of-Troy bed molding under the molded cap. The stringer is decorated by a delicate scroll trim, and the area below the stringer is fitted with raised panels. Access to the closet space under the stair is provided through a raised six-panel door. The upper part of the boxed stair is fitted with raised paneling as well. Also unusual to the passage is the molded segmental archway that visually divides the hall. A bold cavetto backband molding is interrupted by a plain keystone arch. In addition to the decorated stair, the hall is trimmed with raised-panel wainscoting, a bold cornice and baseboard molding. At the back end of the hall a original nine-panel door remains on its long strap hinges and retains a diagonal board backing. The other raised six-panel doors are framed by cavetto backband surrounds and open into the adjacent rooms.

The southwest room is distinguished by a corner hearth with a twenty-panel overmantel and raised-panel wainscoting. The room is also fitted with an unusual dentiled cornice.

The northwest room is also fitted with a corner hearth with a ten-panel overmantel. Raised-panel wainscoting stretches around the room, and a six-panel door pierces the west wall to allow access into the kitchen.

The second floor is divided into three rooms with an additional closet room at the north end of the hall. The six-panel doors into each room are framed by cavetto backband surrounds of slightly narrower proportions than the first floor. The main bedrooms feature corner hearths with molded surrounds, chair rail and cornice. A four-light closet is found in the south bedroom left of the hearth. In the southeast corner of the second floor the third room, plainly finished, contains the door to the enclosed attic stair. At the head of the stair a square newel post supports a beaded edge handrail. The partition, which divides the attic, is pierced by an opening filled with a board-and-batten door. The door is hung on HL hinges, and a wrought-iron thumb latch survives as well. The adjacent knee walls survive with small beaded board doors. The large attic room has been reworked with modern materials.

The west end wing has been generally reworked as well with modern conveniences for a kitchen. Fixed in the southwest corner is an open stair that leads to the second floor bathroom and laundry.

The interior of the north end wing has been recently reworked in modern materials that included a marble floor and a marble hearth. The second floor rooms are not quite finished.

L. Richard Phillips
200 West Market Street
Snow Hill, MD 21863

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1053/297 Deed confirming boundary line

12/21/1984

392/598 Merrill E. Dunn, and Carol Jane Dunn

to

L. Richard Phillips

F.W.H. 308/428 Addie J. Shockley

5/14/1971 to

Merle E. Dunn
Carol Jane Dunn

F.W.H. 199/223 W. Ross Hockersmith
George E. Batten, attorneys

10/19/1965

to

Addie J. Shockley

J.E.B. 10/54 Pauline N. Murray

9/17/1941 to

Walter J. Shockley

B.B. 22/516 Edwin Nelson Murray, attorney for
Evelyn J. Nelson

6/5/1935 to

Pauline N. Murray

O.D.C. 5/557 Paul M. Jones, et. al.

9/30/1909 to

Evelyn J. Nelson \$2500 devised to Paul M. Jones
et. al. by last will of Chas. M. Jones deceased
5/29/1888, E. P. D. 10/34 & 35

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I.T.M. 8/396

George S. Payne

7/12/1881

to

Charles P. Jones
\$2250. "Lot No. 15"

I.T.M. 2/134

William Horace Payne

Delphine H. Payne--heirs of Ambrose Payne

4/22/1872

to

George S. Payne
\$1,000. "Lot 15 and 16"

G.H.R. 3/148

George E. Bowen
Annie M. Bowen

1/18/1868

to

Ambrose M. Payne
"Lot 15 and 16"

G.H.R. 1/780

Robert S. Todd and wife

to

1/4/1866

Annie M. Bowen

E.D.M. 4/671

William H. Purnell and wife

8/17/1852

to

Robert S. Todd
and also by Isaac W. K. Handy and Sarah
W. Handy, 11/13/1852 E.D.M. 5/135

"Being all the lots or parcels of land which
were conveyed to said William by Edward D.
Martin, surviving trustee under the will of
his father by deed dated 7/29/1849 (except
the east side of the road, conveyed by said
William and Margaret to Esther W. Handy"
Lots 15 and 16 which were conveyed to John S.

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Martin by Samuel White and Mary his wife
by deed dated 5/29/1822 (AN/279) and by
John C. Handy by deed dated 3/30/1831 (AW/515),
and by Thomas A. Spence and Eleanora deed dated
12/17/1838 (1839?), G.M.H. 2/61

G.H.M. 2/61 Thomas A. Spence and Eleanora

12/17/1838 to

John S. Martin
"Lot 16" \$400

AW 515 John C. Handy

3/30/1831 to

John S. Martin
\$200. "Being that half of Lot number
fifteen which was conveyed to John C. Handy
by Thomas R. Handy--11/21/1817

AN/279 Samuel White, District of Southwark, County
of Philadelphia, mariner and his wife late
Mary Gunn

5/29/1822 to

Doctor John S. Martin of the town of Snow Hill
\$800 "All that certain Lot or part of Lot of
ground situate at the Northwesterly corner of
Market and Church Streets in the town of Snow
Hill...Lot No. 15 which Captain Daniel Robins
conveyed to Samuel Gunn, Jr. late of Worcester
County aforesaid merchant in feet and the said
Samuel Gunn being legally seized whereof died
having first made and published his last will
and testament on 6/5/1790..." Devised the same
unto his nephew Samuel Gunn and if Samuel died
to other nephew Thomas, both deceased thereby
the lot passed to Mary Gunn White, wife of
Samuel White

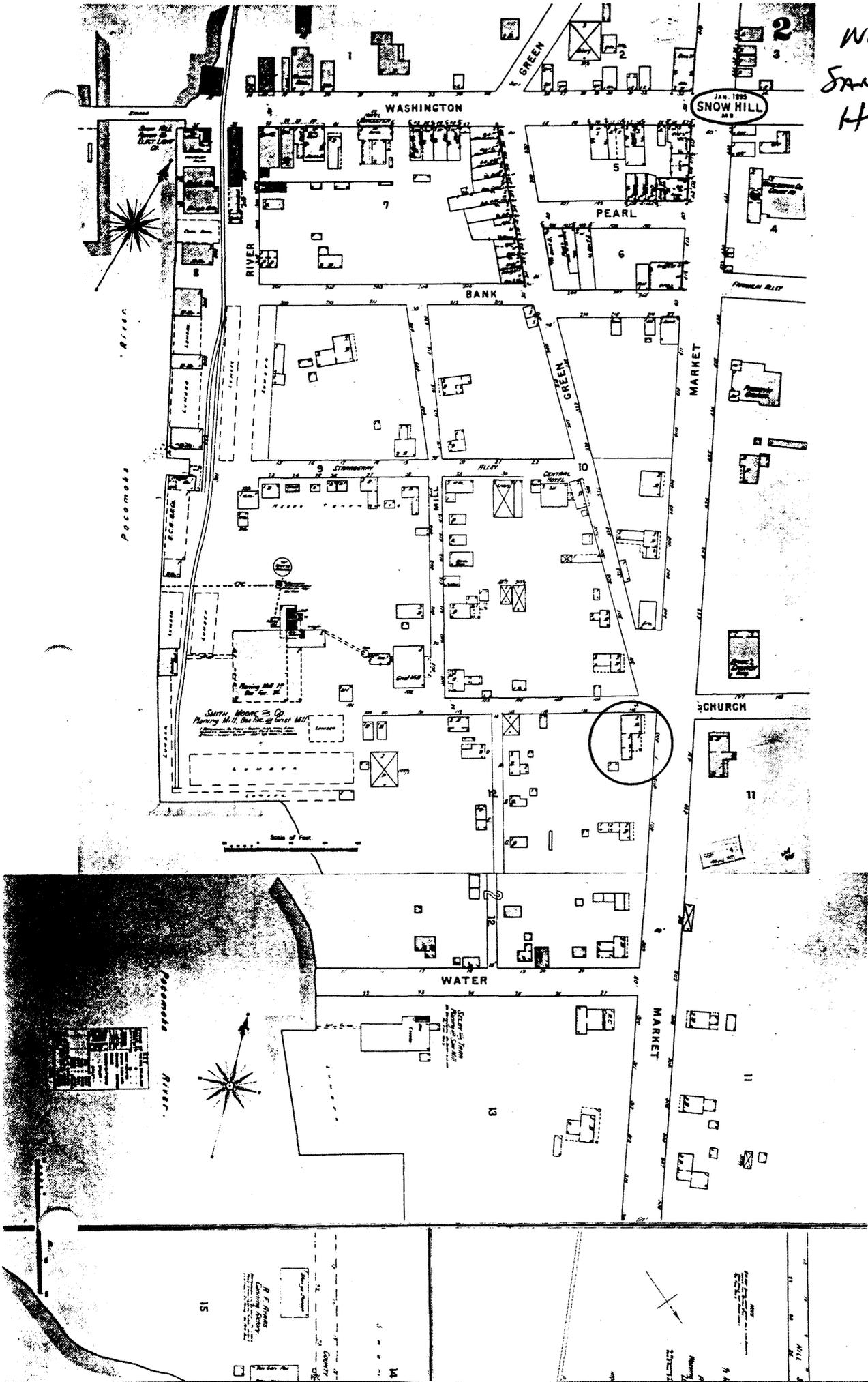
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1. STATE <i>Maryland</i> COUNTY <i>Worcester</i> TOWN <i>Snow Hill</i> VICINITY STREET NO. <i>200 W. Market St.</i> <i>Samuel Gunn House</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i> PRESENT OWNER <i>John S. ...</i> PRESENT USE <i>apartments</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>NO-100</i> 2. NAME <i>200 West Market Street</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>c. 1780 1780</i> STYLE <i>Federal</i> <i>late Georgian</i> ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>NO</i> <p style="text-align: center;">200 West Market Street is a three-bay-long by three-bay-deep frame building, on brick foundation and with "A" roof. Entrance door is on the east side of the south facade on both stories, the upper door leading onto the porch roof. At each side of the building are pilasters ending at the cornice, which has a series of dentils and end boards. To the west is a two-story, one-bay wing with unusual arches of drill holes in the cornice. A large chimney is located between the two sections. To the rear is a two-story wing of little merit. On the small wing is an old window sash with twelve over eight panes.</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <i>NO</i> Interior Exterior <i>fair</i>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 	7. PHOTOGRAPH 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <i>Michael Bourne</i> <i>Maryland Historical Trust</i> DATE OF RECORD <i>Nov. 1969</i>

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1895 SANBORN INSURANCE MAP

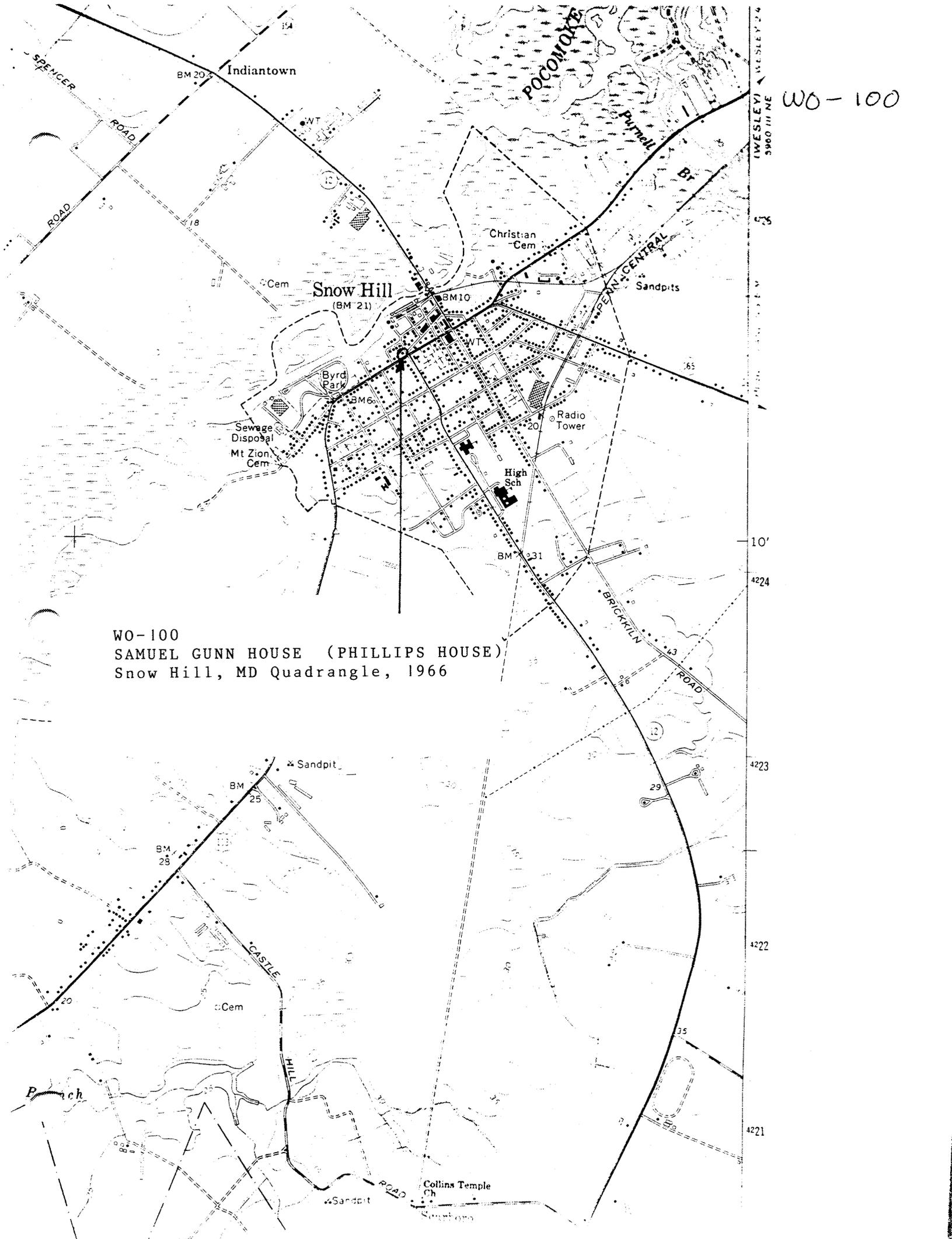
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SAMUEL GUNN HOUSE (PHILLIPS HOUSE)
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966



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Samuel Gunn House

(Dr. John S. Martin House, Phillips House)

200 W. Market Street, Snow Hill

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Samuel Gunn House

Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD.

STAR HALL

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SAMUEL GUNN HOUSE

SNOW HILL, WORCESTER COUNTY, MD.

PORCH ROOM PANELING

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Samuel Gunn House

Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD.

South Elevation

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Samuel Gunn House
Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md.

STAIR

10/99, MICHAEL HARRISON DAY, PHOTOGRAPHER
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SAMUEL GUNN HOUSE

SNOW HILL, WORCESTER COUNTY, M.D.

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PARLOR PANORAMA

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