

The Shorelines of the Annapolis Market Slip

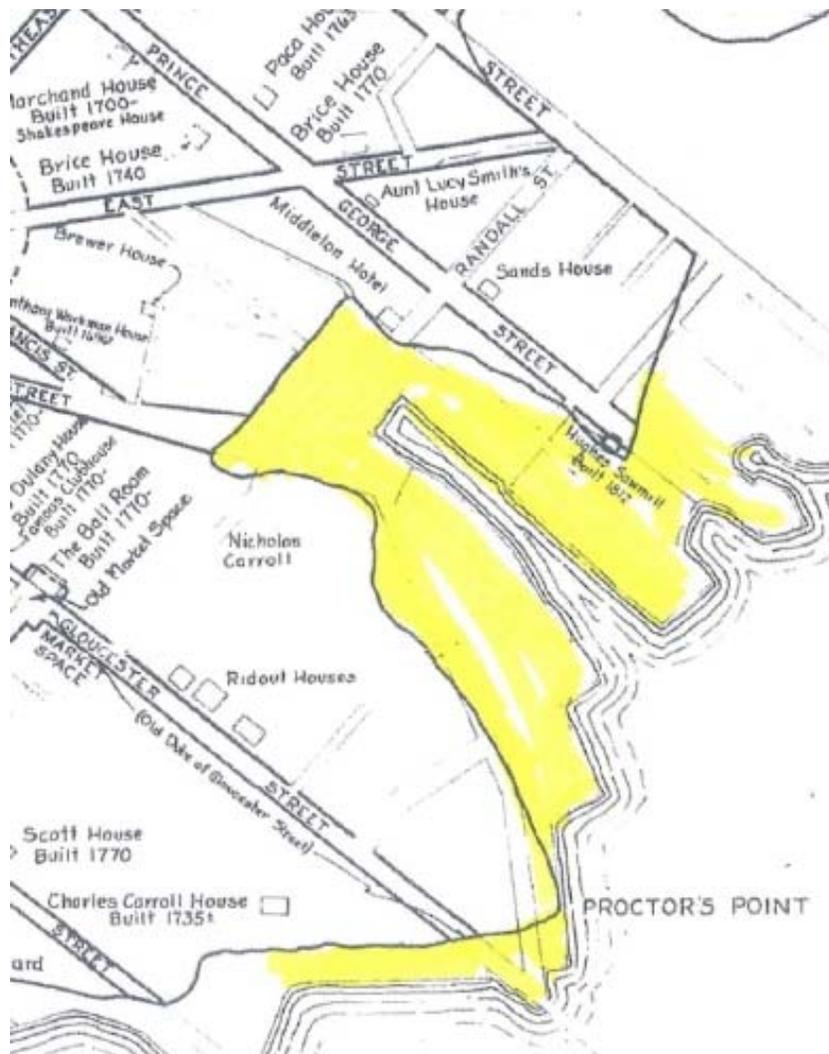
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While writing my thoughts on City Dock for the Advisory Committee I began to wonder where the shorelines of the Annapolis city harbor actually used to be. How did “Market Slip” or “Ego Alley” evolve over the years? A quick trip through documents I could find over the weekend revealed an interesting outline. Additional information is unquestionably available – I’ll save that for another day. Meanwhile, it’s worth sharing what I’ve discovered thus far.

The Original Shoreline

The early shoreline was basically along the line of the buildings which front Dock Street, Market Space, and the “uphill” side of Compromise Street. Everything else is fill. (Stoddert 1718, Company for the Restoration of Colonial Annapolis, 1936)



Creating the Market Slip

By 1844 Market Space had been filled in and the sides of the harbor straightened. (USCG Survey, see HPC Guidelines p. 14):



Twenty years later both sides of Market Slip had been filled in to their present shoreline from Craig St. to the head of the waterway. (Sachse, 1864 and Hopkins, 1878). There was no turning basin then:



Filling in Outer City Dock

The outer portions of City Dock and the area along Compromise Street were filled in next. By 1890 what is now the outer block of Dock Street and the associated parking lot had been filled in. (Detail of City Dock (1889-90) Doyel *Gone to Market* p.30. Courtesy of Marion E. Warren.):



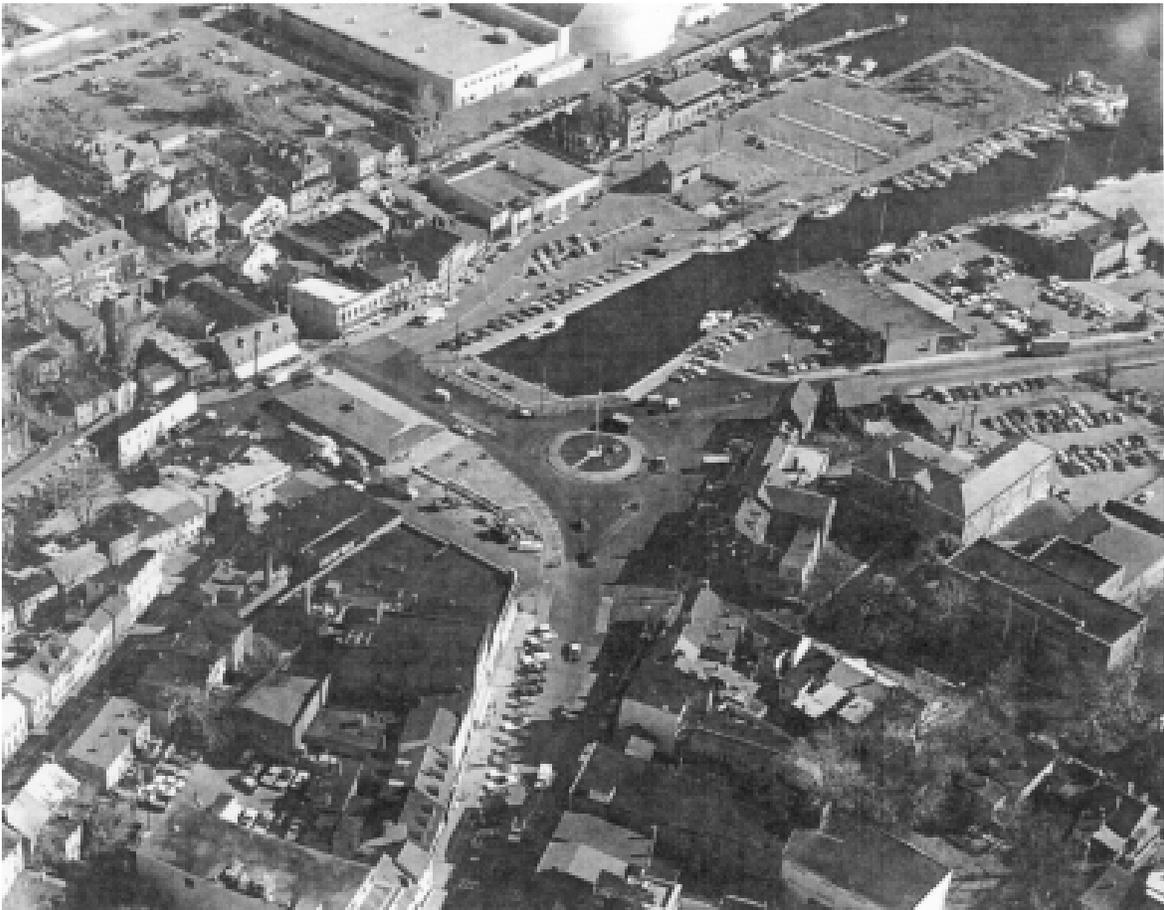
The Land Under Susan Campbell Park

At some time during the next forty years, the land under present-day Susan Campbell Park was filled in. It appears in this image of Market Slip from 1935-1937 (Warren, Mame, 1990, *Then Again... Annapolis, 1900-1965*, p.99, 201):



Straightening Compromise Street

About the time Memorial Circle was moved in 1976, one corner of Market Slip was filled in to straighten out Compromise Street. The Historic Annapolis Foundation archives contain a 1972 design study (so the work had not yet been done) and several Marion Warren photos dated 1980 (HAF Archives File 3707-8):



Creating the Turning Basin

By September, 1981 a corner along Compromise Street, adjacent to the Donner Lot, had been dug out to create the turning basin. This established the present-day shoreline (Aerial View of City Dock, MSA SC 1890-02-4275-7):



Sources:

Stoddert (1718): *A Ground Plot of the City of Annapolis* by James Stoddert, 1718, copied by James Callahan, 1743. Marion Warren Collection, Maryland State Archives, MSA SC 1890-346. Reproduced from *Annapolis Historic District Design Manual*, Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission, 2007, p.13

USCG Survey (1844): Marion Warren Collection, Maryland State Archives, MSA SC 1890-352. Reproduced from *Annapolis Historic District Design Manual*, Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission, 2007, p.14

Sachse (1864) Detail: *Bird's eye view of the city of Annapolis, Md.*, Edward. E. Sachse. New York Public Library, <http://digitalgallery.nypl.org>, Image ID 53959. *Annapolis Historic District Design Manual*, Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission, 2007, p.15 dates the image to 1858.

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Detail of City Dock (1889-90): *Detail of City Dock, Henry Schaefer, 1889-90*. Ginger Doyel, *Gone to Market, The Annapolis Market House, 1698-2005*. City of Annapolis, 2005 p.30. Courtesy of Marion E. Warren.

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City Dock (1935-1937): *City Dock seen from the air c. 1935-1937*. MdHR G 2258-13. Warren, Mame, 1990, *Then Again... Annapolis, 1900-1965*, p.99

Aerial showing Yacht Club and Basin (c. 1955): Marion Warren Collection, Maryland State Archives, MSA SC 1890-1-30244 (cropped).

City Dock P56039: Archives of the Historic Annapolis Foundation, no date noted.

City Dock (1965): Aerial with City Dock in foreground, May 28, 1965. . MdHR G 1890-1954A. Warren, Mame, 1990, *Then Again... Annapolis, 1900-1965*, pp. 200-201 (cropped)

Annapolis Plan, Undated: Archives of the Historic Annapolis Foundation, marked “Received April 13, 1978”. The date of the base map is not indicated, nor the meaning of the colored-in blocks.

City Dock - Market House Renovation (1972): “Photo-copy by M.E. Warren Photography”, Archives of the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

City Dock (1980) 1: M.E. Warren MD Illustrated File #3707-8 Marked P56005-1 marked ©1980, Archives of the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

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Aerial View of City Dock (1981): *The Eye of the Beholder, Annapolis in Blossom, 1960-1988*. Marion Warren Collection, Maryland State Archives. MSA SC 1890-02-4275-7. Photograph dated September 24, 1981.

City Dock Reconstruction (2008): *City Dock, Annapolis, MD*, Annapolis Department of Public Works presentation to the Annapolis City Dock Advisory Committee, December 6, 2010.

Map of Study Area (2010): Annapolis Department of Planning and Zoning, November, 2010.