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1910

John A. Baker House
East New Market
private

The construction of this impressive Queen Anne style frame house is attributed to John Arlington Baker, who relocated on older structure, the James Murphy house, to a new site on North Main Street. Fine materials were generously used throughout the dwelling. Slate not only covers the roof of the main house and porches, but patterned slate designs were applied to the gable ends as well. Inside the first floor is divided into four large rooms fitted with Colonial Revival style mantels and pocket doors. The four-flight stair rises in the southwest corner to the third floor.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN A. BAKER HOUSE

and/or common ALLENDORF HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 12 Railroad Avenue not for publication

city, town East New Market vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

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 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 Jeffrey and Sandra Allendorf

street & number 12 Railroad Avenue telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code MD 21631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of County Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

Survey No. D-627

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 John A. Baker house, now known as the Allendorf house, stands at 12 Railroad Avenue in East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-half story frame house faces south with the modified gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1910, the two-and-a-half story four-room plan frame house is supported by a rusticated concrete block foundation and sheathed with plain, narrow weatherboards. The gable roof is covered with patterned slate. Rising through the center of the house is a narrow brick stack finished with a simple corbelled cap.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical two-bay elevation with a glazed door entrance marking the west bay. A diamond-shaped window flanks the front door to the west and a large-size single-pane sash window fills the east bay. The window is framed by louvered shutters. Stretching across the front of the house and around to the east side is a Tuscan columned porch with a square baluster handrail. Large sets of concrete steps with serpentine sides provide access on the south and east sides. The second floor is lighted by a pair of single-pane sash windows. Instead of a flush gable front wall, the attic level of the house is set back slightly from the plane of the front wall to allow for a small porch to be built within the section of roof that runs across below the level of the Palladian-style window. The window is framed by patterned slate which covers the wall surface.

The west side is an asymmetrical elevation as well with an off-center projecting bay flanked with single-pane stair landing windows to the south and single-pane sash windows to the north. The bay is lighted on three sides with single-pane sash, and the flat roof is trimmed with a balustrade. Above the bay a gabled dormer, also sheathed with slate, is pierced by a three-part window.

The east side of the house is dominated by a larger two-story, five-sided projecting pavillion that incorporates a glazed door side entrance and single-pane sash windows on each wall. The pedimented gable is detailed in a similar way with a slate covering and a center window. Located north of the pavillion is a gable roofed cellar entry also covered with a slate roof.

The north side of the dwelling is largely covered by a two-story turned post porch that has been enclosed on the first floor with aluminum siding and modern windows. The second floor retains its open design with a square baluster handrail that stretches between the posts. The gable end above the slate porch roof is pierced by a three-part window as well.

The first floor interior is divided into four rooms with the entrance hall located in the southwest corner. A square newel post and a series of square balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer is molded, and a five-panel door provides access to the stair closet beneath the second landing. A large double-door opening provides access to the front parlor which is distinguished by a corner hearth. The mirrored overmantel is supported by a detached Tuscan columns below. The frieze is decorated with an applied floral ornament.

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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 1910 **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 John A. Baker house, now known as the Allendorf house, is one of the most elaborately detailed of the early twentieth-century frame houses in East New Market. Not only was the patterned slate generously used to cover the roof surfaces, but the gable end walls were treated with slate as well. The main two-and-a-half story center block is extended on each side by two-story pavillions or original porches. The interior is as well preserved as the exterior with Colonial Revival mirrored mantels and a four-flight open stair that rises to third story. Colored tile hearths, high paneled wainscoting, and pocket doors are some of the other fine interior details.

John Arlington Baker is credited with erecting this house in 1910 after relocating an older dwelling, the Murphy house (D-622), to a new site on North Main Street. The large two-and-a-half story structure was built in the Queen Anne style, popular during the years surrounding the turn of the century. The well-built house has not been altered significantly since 1910.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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Pocket doors separate the front parlor from the back living room which is distinguished by a 1930s brick hearth wall. A round arched firebox is topped by a decorative brick mantel shelf, and a mirror is set within the overmantel. Pocket doors also divide the living room from the dining room which is fitted with high paneled wainscoting with a plate rail fixed atop the wooden paneling. The room is distinguished by another mirrored mantel piece that embellished the northeast corner hearth. Detached columns frame a burnt-orange tile hearth. The windows in both the dining room and living room remain fitted with paneled and louvered interior shutters. The kitchen, which was built into the rear shed, has been reworked with modern paneling.

The second floor was unseen.

Standing in the back yard is a two-story gable-front outbuilding sheathed with pressed metal siding that assumes the appearance of rusticated concrete block.

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 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

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SURVEY NUMBER: _____

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: _____

UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing _____

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: _____

PRESENT FORMAL NAME: _____

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: _____

PRESENT USE: _____

ORIGINAL USE: _____

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: _____

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
 John A. Baker

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
 Excellent () Good (X)
 Fair () Poor ()

THEME: _____

STYLE: COLONIAL REVIVAL

DATE BUILT: 1910

COUNTY: Dorchester

TOWN: East New Market

LOCATION: Railroad Avenue
 Route 14
 East New Market

COMMON NAME: The Baker House
 (John Anthony)

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: dwelling/residential

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Milton McManan
 ADDRESS: same as above

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
 Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Local (X) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete (X) Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard (X) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
 Bonding Pattern: _____ Other: _____
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 2

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: 1ST BAY

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
 No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration (X) Other:

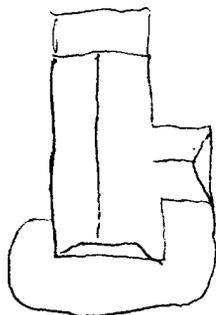
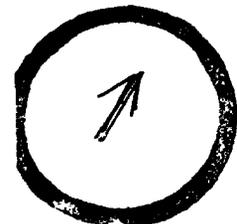
LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive (X) Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up(x)Densely Built Up()
- Residential()Commercial()
- Agricultural()Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

PROPERTY OF MR. & MRS. MILTON McMAHAN

2½ story, almost T-shaped; cross gabled slate roof. Retains original clapboard. 2 bays wide, entrance in 1st. There is a diamond-shaped, colored, decorative glass to the of the entrance. Wrapping around structure is a veranda supported by 8 round columns with handrail and simple pickets. Cement steps and significantly wide sculptured sides leading to the veranda.

In front gable there is a palladian window with 1 over 1 sash. There is a small balcony with pickets projecting to the front. Wide plain frieze with cornerboards. Boxed cornices with returns. One inside chimney with corbels. Windows are 1 over 1; unusually wide. Shutters have been replaced. Has small drip molding.

On right is a 2 story bay; on left there is a conventional bay on 1st level and square bay on 2nd. In ½ story on left side at gable is a balcony with triple windows

Decorative slate in octagonal pattern covering all gables.

Rear side entrance on right has a small entrance porch. There is a gabled entrance to the basement.

In 2nd story of rear section there is a distinctive porch with picket railing extending the length of the rear; 1st story is enclosed.

Foundation is concrete in Ashlar pattern; high.

OUTBUILDINGS

Front gabled, 2-story structure covered with pressed metal in Ashlar pattern. Originally a barn.

Note: FROM BETWEEN THE NANTICOKE AND CHOPTANK

Baker House, East New Market, Circa 1900, Private.

Most of the houses along Railroad Avenue differ greatly from the older houses standing on School Street to the south. While the latter are usually relatively small, plain self-contained units, houses such as the Baker House display typically Queen Anne, late-Victorian characteristics including several projecting gables, large, expansive porches, and asymmetrical compositions. They are indeed a reflection of the expansiveness of the town's economy during this period, in which several new businesses opened and previously vacant land was developed for residential use.

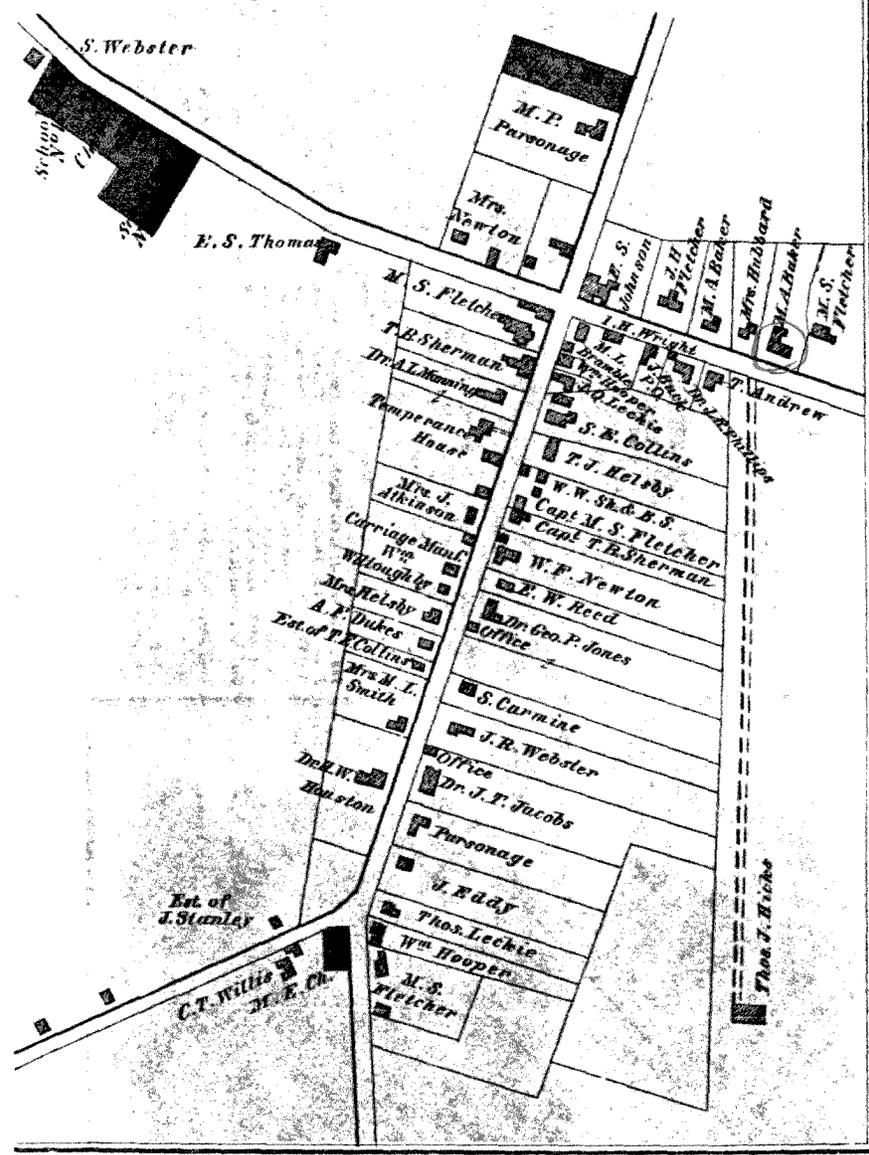
RESEARCH

Built by John A. Baker in 1910.

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DORCHESTER CO.

(East New Market Dist.)



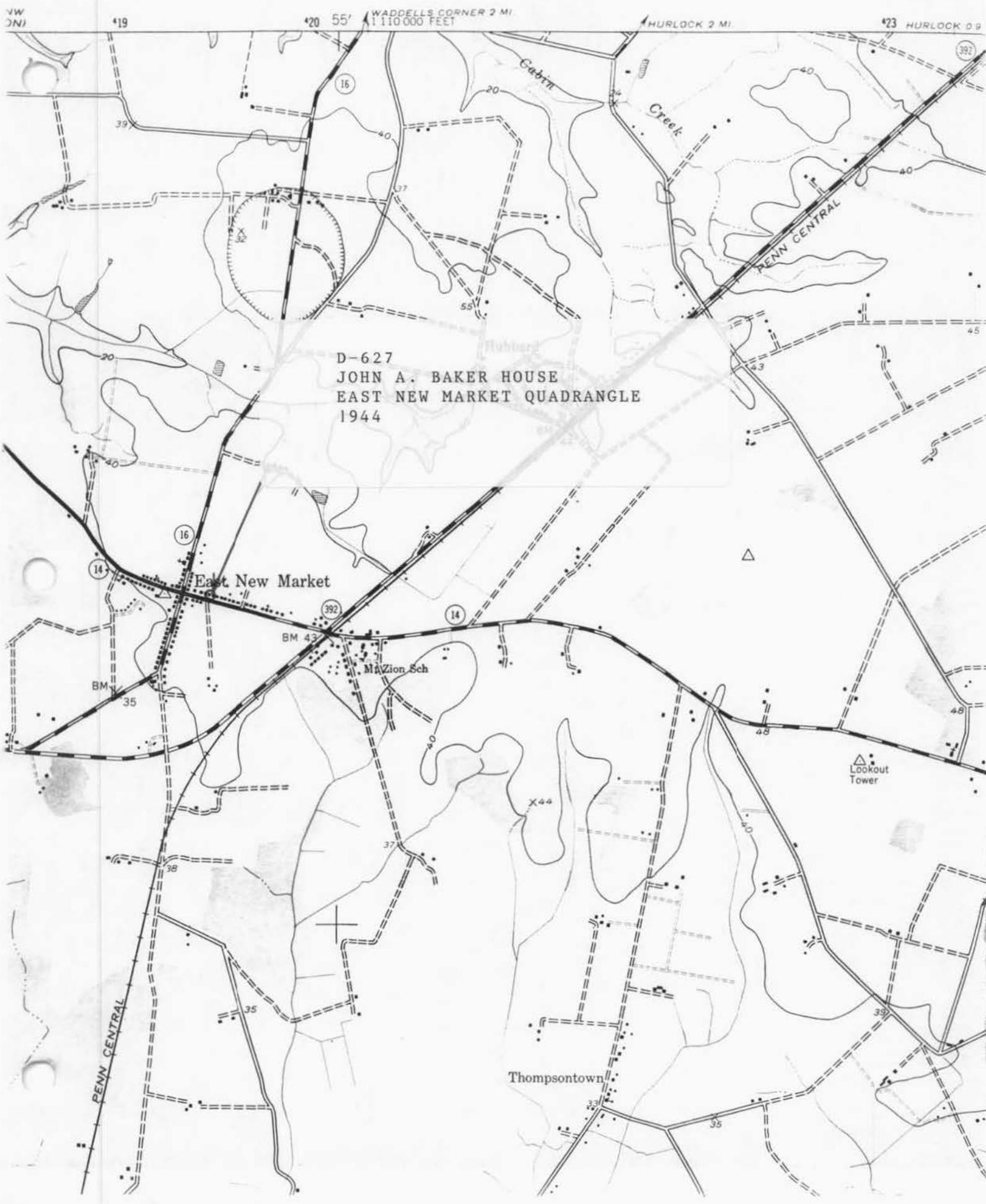
EAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- J. W. ANDREWS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, Tinware, Ready Made Clothing, Harness, Notions, and all other articles usually kept in a country store. Residence and Store, Cabin Creek, Md.
- K. B. FLETCHER**, Proprietor of the "Upper Cabin Creek" Flouring Mill. Merchant and Custom work done. Wheat and Corn bought at all times. Cabin Creek.
- B. F. SHERMAN**, Proprietor of "Lower Cabin Creek Mills." Merchant and Custom work done. Highest cash prices for Wheat and Corn. Also constable of East New Market District. P. O. East New Market.
- JAMES H. KELLY**, Proprietor of "Little Brick Mill." Custom work done at all times and in a satis-

- WILLIAM R. HOOPER**, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. I keep a fine assortment on hand, and for sale at all times. All kinds of work done from finest Calf to "Plough Brogans." Orders solicited. Repairing neatly done. Shop, East New Market.
- W. S. POTTER & SON.**, Proprietors of "Holly Grove Canning Factory." All kinds of Fruits canned, and kept on hand, and for sale at all times; Warranted as marked. Peaches a specialty. Residence and Canning Factory near East New Market, Dorchester County, Md.
- H. W. HOUSTON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and



EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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JOHN A. BAKER HOUSE
EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
1944

East New Market

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Thompstontown

Lookout Tower

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DN

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420 55'

WADDELLS CORNER 2 MI
111000 FEET

HURLOCK 2 MI

423 HURLOCK D 9

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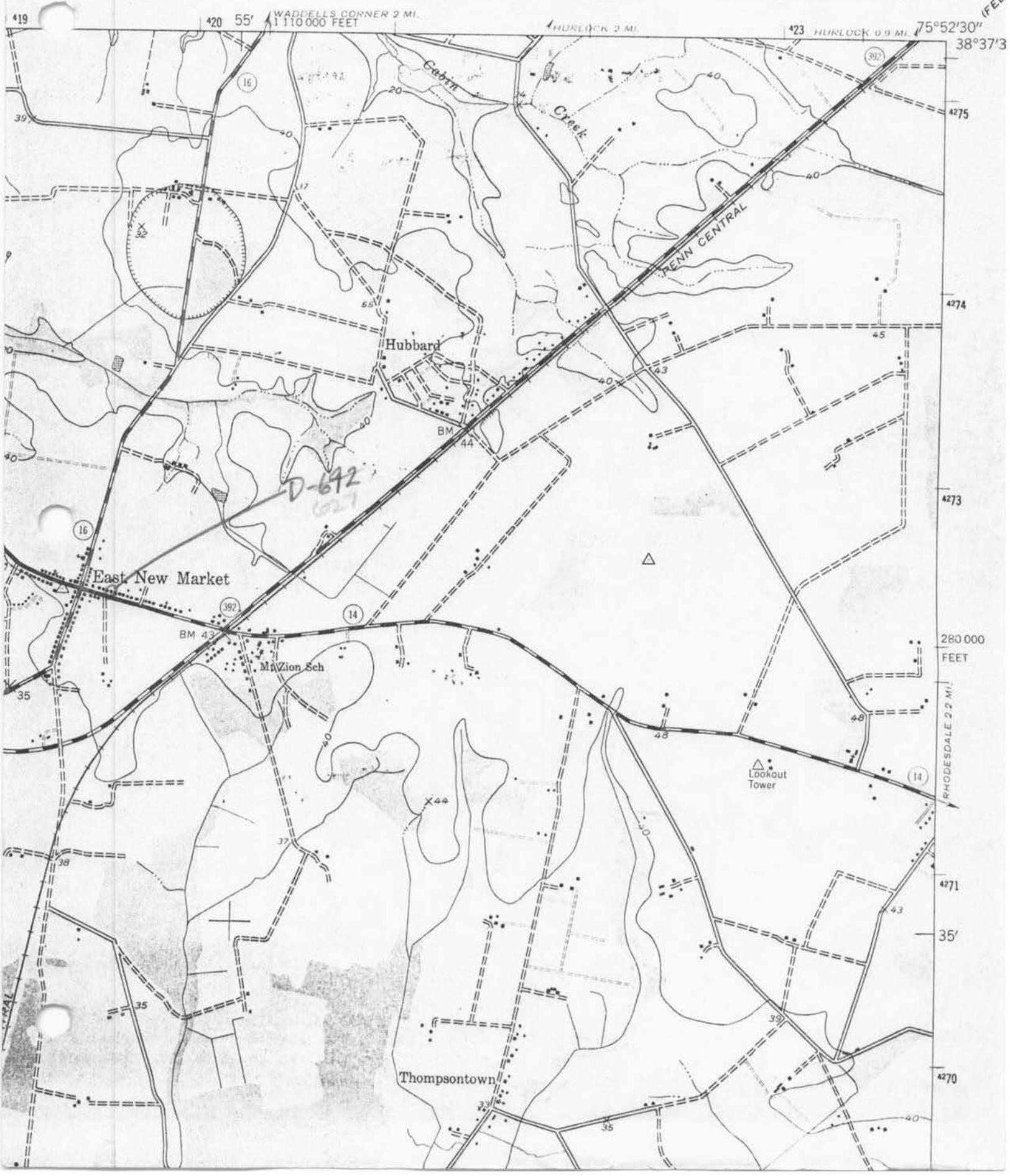
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EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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ALLENDORF HOUSE (BAKER HOUSE)

East New Market, Dorchester Co. MD

South elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

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Baker House
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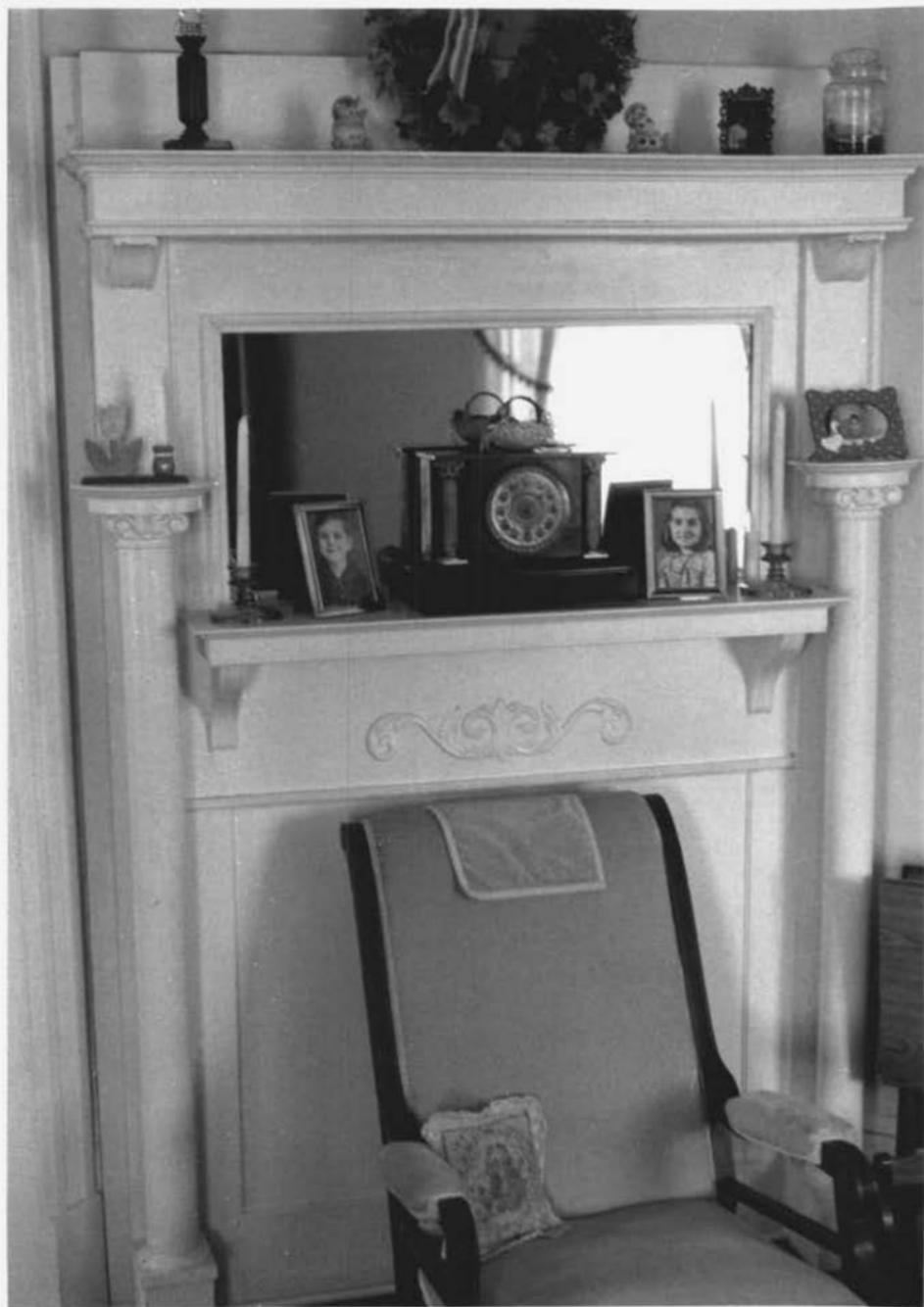
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Living room mantel

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Stair

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