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Old Millenson's Department Store
East New Market
public

c. 1913

The old Millenson's Department Store, located on the northeast corner of the main intersection of East New Market, is now used as a fire station. The two-story common-bond brick structure was erected shortly after the fire of 1912 burned the buildings that marked the center of town. The rectangular, flat-roofed store building follows spare early twentieth-century commercial design with a minimal amount of decorative finishes. The molded cornice and dark row of brick even with the second floor windows comprise the features employed to enliven the structure. According to town residents, a frame house and store owned by the Millensons preceeded the fire on this site.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MILLENSON'S DEPARTMENT STORE

and/or common EAST NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

2. Location

street & number NE Corner of North Main St. and Railroad Ave. not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 checked="" 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 Town of East New Market

street & number telephone no.:

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

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. D-662

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 old Millenson's Department Store, now the East New Market Fire Department, is a two-story brick commercial building that stands on the northeast corner of the main intersection of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The brick building faces south and is covered by a flat roof.

Built around 1913, the year after the East New Market fire, the seven-course common bond brick structure is three-bays across by four bays deep. The flat roof is disguised by a parapet wall trimmed with a molded cornice.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with the first floor divided into three even bays. The far eastern bay is marked by a retractable garage bay door, while the center bay has been bricked in around a modern door. The west bay is filled with paired six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced windows. The center three-part window is flanked by paired six-over-six sash windows. Stretching across the wall at the level of the window header is a row of contrasting dark brick. The cornice above is wooden, while the brick parapet wall is covered by a metal cap.

The west elevation is a longer side divided into four bays on the second floor, but the reworked first floor is evenly divided into three bays. Two large retractable garage bay doors define the southern two bays, while the third is marked by a side door and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is unevenly divided with paired six-over-six sash windows in the southern bay and single six-over-six sash windows lighting the adjacent three bays to the north. The row of dark brick accents the wall above the second floor window, and the cornice stretches across the top of the wall.

The east side, on the other hand, has been extended with a small single-story brick addition that probably dates to the 1960s or 1970s. The addition was built against the northern section of the east wall, while two six-over-six sash windows pierce the southern half of the wall. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. An exterior brick stove stack rises between the second and third bays.

The north side of the rectangular brick building is also marked by an asymmetrical elevation with small three-pane windows on the first floor and six-over-six sash on the second floor. The wall space above the second floor windows is vented.

The interior of the old commercial building has been reworked on the first floor to accommodate a fire station. Surviving on the ceiling is a covering of decorative pressed metal. The second floor was not seen.

8. Significance

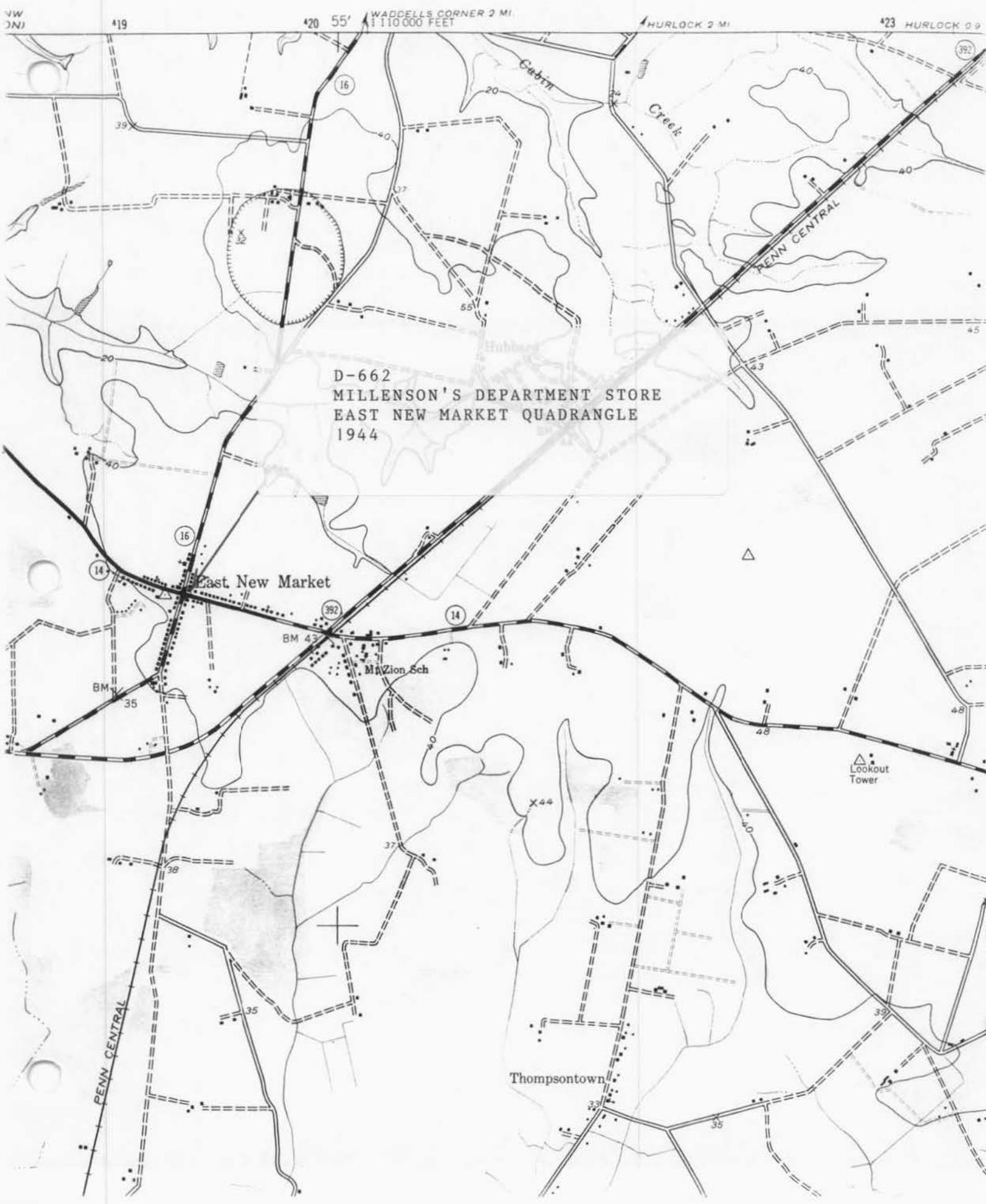
Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Millenson's Department Store defines the northeast corner of the main intersection of East New Market. This central part of the town burned in 1912 and was rebuilt during the next few years. Millenson's Department Store is typical of early twentieth-century commercial buildings with its blockish design and spare use of decoration. The molded cornice and the dark row of contrasting brick are minimal attempts to enliven the rectangular brick structure. Nevertheless, the early twentieth-century brick building anchors the northeast corner of the principal crossroads and contributes to the commercial nature of the center of town.

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MILLENSON'S DEPARTMENT STORE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southwest elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

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