

Name: 304 Perry Street

Construction Date: late-nineteenth century

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

This building is a two-story, wood frame structure, located on the west side of Perry Street. Its form is indicative of the two-story, lateral gable dwellings found throughout the area. Its original form has been altered by the construction of one and two-story shed roofed additions, and the enclosure of a one-story porch on the facade. The building rests on a brick pier foundation and is clad with aluminum siding. Several historic outbuildings line the western edge of the property and have become overgrown with vegetation. One building may be a privy.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1114

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 304 Perry Street

### 2. Location

street & number 304 Perry Street

not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category

Ownership

Status

Present Use

district

public

occupied

agriculture

museum

building(s)

private

unoccupied

commercial

park

structure

both

work in progress

educational

private residence

site

Public Acquisition

Accessible

entertainment

religious

object

in process

yes: restricted

government

scientific

being considered

yes: unrestricted

industrial

transportation

not applicable

no

military

other:

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Emerson & Bertha Watts

street & number P.O. Box 1161

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD 21663-2128

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 550

street & number Washington Street

folio 56

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

This resource is a two story, wood frame structure, built around the late-nineteenth. It is located on the west side of Perry Lane on a heavily wooded lot. Its original form has been altered by the construction of a two story shed roofed addition and the enclosure of a one story porch on the facade. The building has also been extended in the rear by the construction of a one story shed roofed addition. The one story shed roofed porch on the front of the house is constructed of concrete block with intermittent courses of brick. The porch has an entrance on the south elevation and four large, three pane, aluminum, awning-type windows on front. The upper story contains two, six-over-six, double-hung windows. The rear L-shaped addition also contains modern, awning windows. The building rests on a brick pier foundation and is clad with aluminum siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

There are numerous small frame outbuildings located behind the house; however, access to these buildings was difficult due to trash, debris, and overgrown vegetation. Due to the limited access, the outbuildings were difficult to date; however, at least one gable front, frame, storage building appeared to meet the age consideration. Also a single story frame privy or outhouse was located at the rear of the lot.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

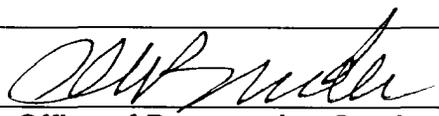
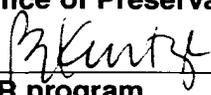
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

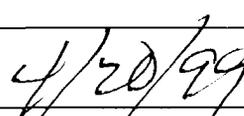
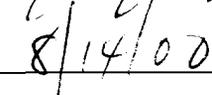
This resource is an example of common residential architecture constructed in the local vernacular. Based on its late-nineteenth century construction date, it is associated with the Industrial/Urban Dominance chronological period (1870-1930). Originally part of the Perry's Cabin farm, the land was sold off and subdivided beginning in 1871 and was referred to as "Dodson's Addition." Many of those lots were sold to "people of color" (Hughes 1998: 46). The 1877 Lake Griffing and Stevenson map of St. Michaels shows the addition; however, this lot was not developed at this time. The house may be indicated on the 1923 *St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle 7.5'*.

It is simple in its form and detailing and lacks ornamentation. Its original form has been altered by the construction of the rear addition and its character compromised by the installation of aluminum siding. The area of Dodson's Addition has become known as an African-American community, yet whites have lived, and continue to live there. Its form is indicative of the two-story, lateral gable dwellings found throughout the area; however, it has been altered. This building no longer retains its original form or character and has lost its integrity of materials, setting, feeling, association and workmanship. It is not associated with significant events or persons and is not significant for its architecture. Given this, it is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  X  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
  
 Reviewer, NR program

  
 Date 4/20/99  
  
 Date 8/14/00

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1114

Elizabeth Hughes. 1996 *Historic St. Michaels: An Architectural History*. Historic St. Michaels-Bay Hundred, Inc.

Lake Griffing and Stevenson. 1877 Map of St. Michaels, MD. In *Illustrated Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties*. Philadelphia.

USGS 1923 St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle 7.5'

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nomiated property 13,500 square feet

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Refernces **do NOT complete UTM references**

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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E 

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F 

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G 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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H 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 200, grid SM, parcel 1697.

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Emerson & Bertha Watts.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization New South Associates

date July 28, 1998

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telephone 770-498-4155

city or town Stone Mountain

state GA 30083

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
(301-514-7600)

# Continuation Sheet

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance Period A.D. 1870-1930

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

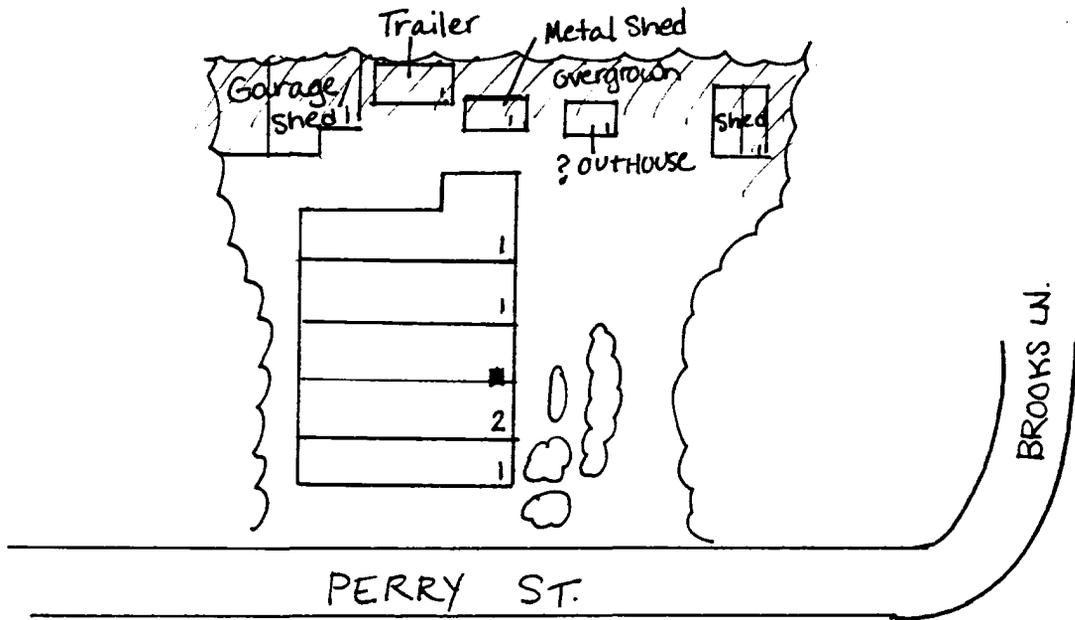
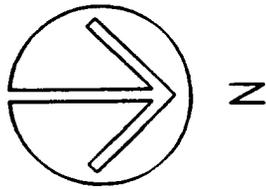
**Known Design Source:** none

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304 Perry St., St. Michaels, MD

SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini  
John Milner Associates, Inc.  
August, 1998



Portion of the 1877 Lake Griffing & Stevenson map of St. Michaels, MD from: *Illustrated Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties* with property addresses added

# ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



**ST. MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,**

**H. C. DODSON,** Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Trusses, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Pure Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

**G. E. HADDAWAY,** Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

**JOHN W. DEAN,** Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

**JAMES DYOTT,** Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

**ALFRED H. HAMBLETON,** Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

**JAMES BENSON,** Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.

**O. F. SPARKS,** Justice of the Peace and Collector.

**G. A. SMITHMAN,** Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

**JOHN S. HAMBLETON,** Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. In-

ST MICHAELS RIVER

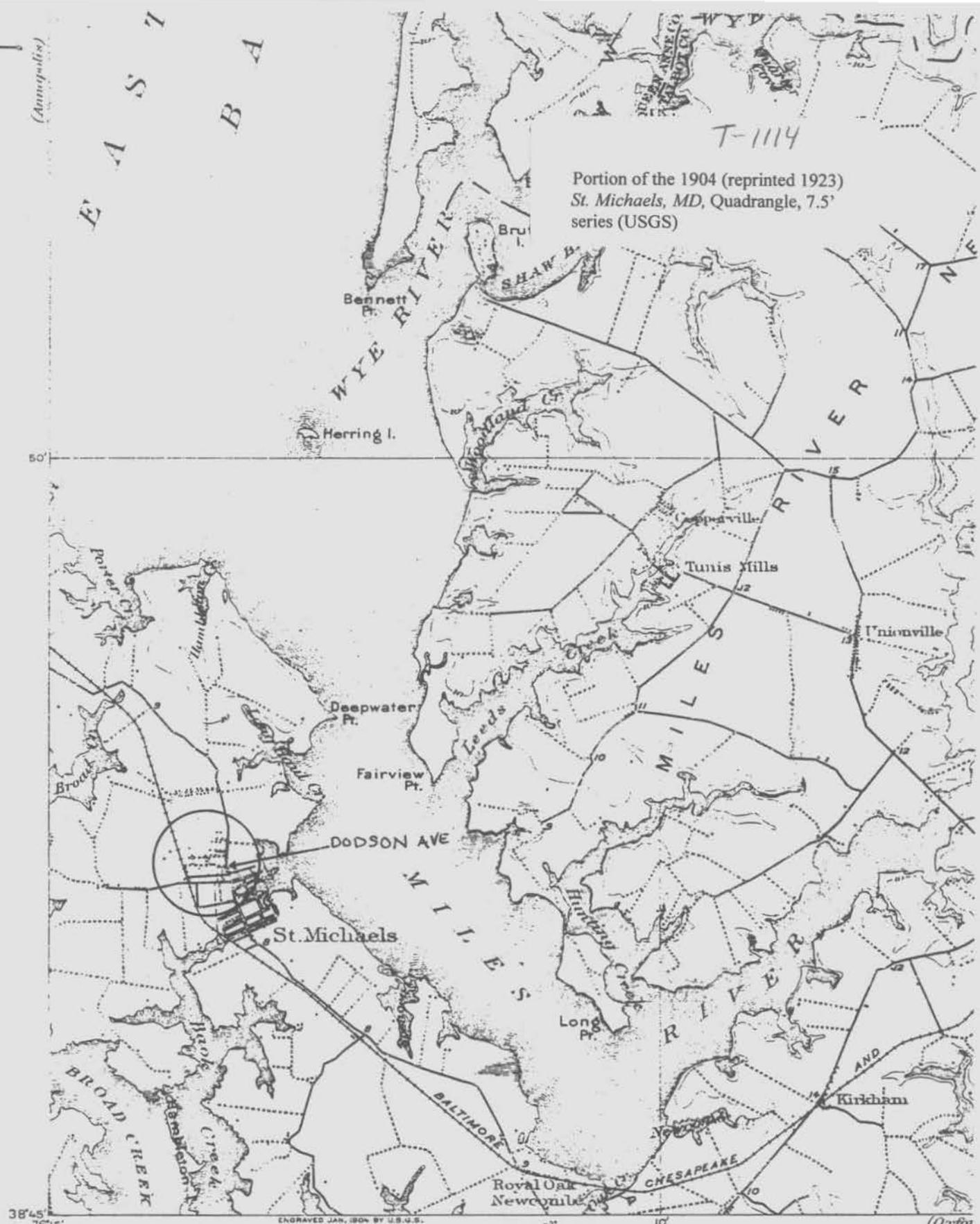
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(Annapolis)

EAST BAY

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Portion of the 1904 (reprinted 1923)  
St. Michaels, MD, Quadrangle, 7.5'  
series (USGS)



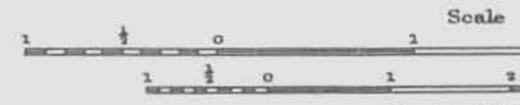
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H.M. Wilson, Geographer in charge.  
 Shoreline topography by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
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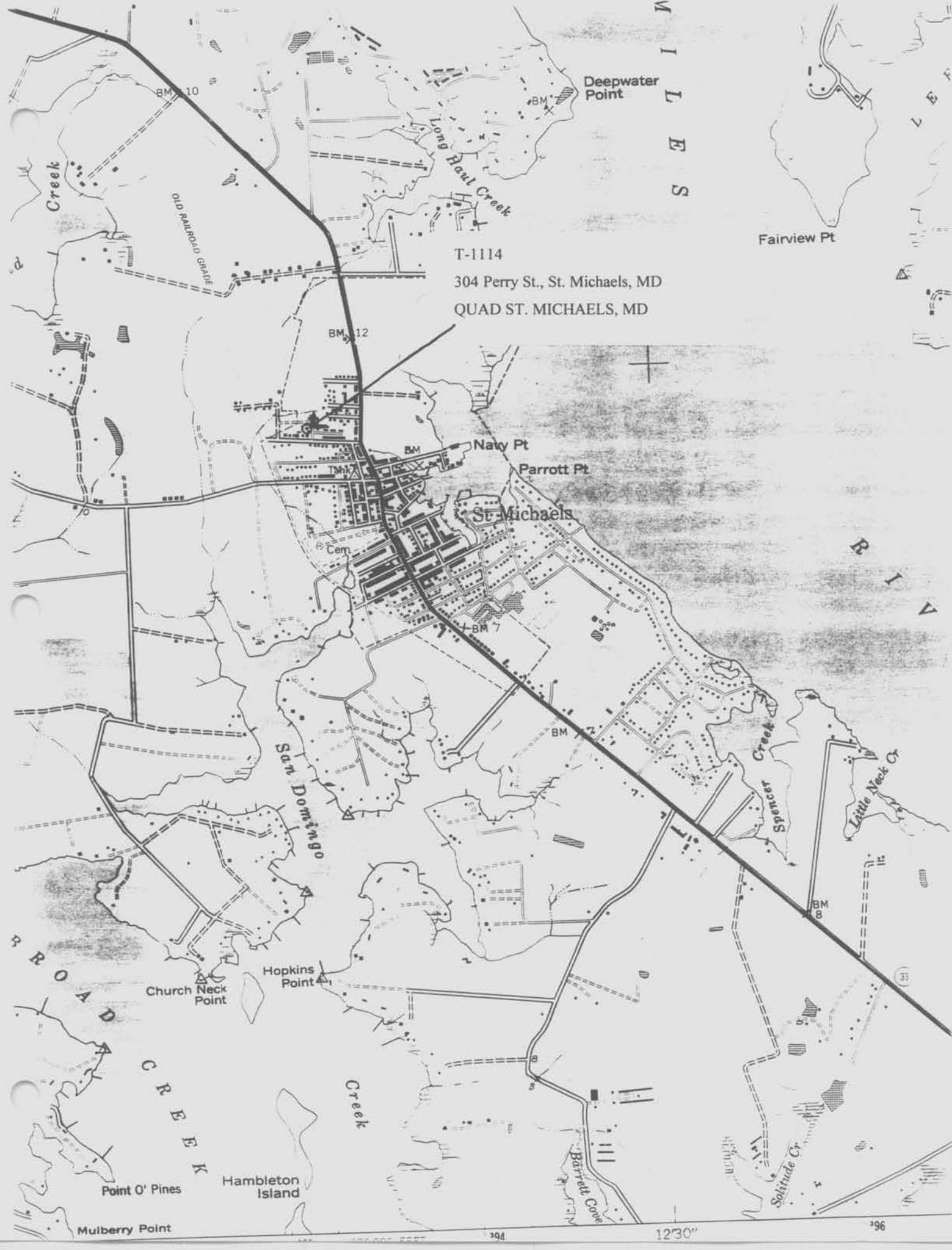
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 DECLINATION 1902.



Scale  
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Datum is mean

NOTE: Geologic Folio 182, price 5 cents, treats of the geology and the clay, sand, gravel.



Deepwater Point

M I L E S

Fairview Pt

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QUAD ST. MICHAELS, MD

BM 12

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St. Michaels

Cem

BM

BM

BM 8

San Domingo

Spencers Creek

Little Neck Cr

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

Point O' Pines

Hambleton Island

Mulberry Point

Barratt Cove

Solitude Cr

194

1230'

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Main house, East elevation - front

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Main house, South elevation (obscured)

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Main house, North elevation

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Main house, West elevation

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Outbuildings, looking S

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Outbuilding, looking W

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Outbuildings, looking W

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