

## Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1134

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Name: Hidden Harbor

Construction Date: mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

Two dwellings and one outbuilding are located on the property. A small mid-nineteenth century, one-and-one-half-story A. J. Downing Gothic Revival cottage is at the southern edge of the parcel. Northeast of the cottage is a large, early-twentieth century, one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival - Dutch Style house with wings on the north and south elevations. A three bay, lateral gabled garage is northeast of the larger house.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1134

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hidden Harbor

**2. Location**

street & number 938 S. Talbot Street - MD Route 33

not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

**3. Classification**

Category

district

building(s)

structure

site

object

Ownership

public

private

both

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

not applicable

Status

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

Present Use

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

**4. Owner of Property**

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary L. Cox, Trustee

street & number P.O. Box 297

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD 21663

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 800

street & number Washington Street

folio 618

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

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contributing Resource Count: 3

The main house on the property (House "A") is an early twentieth century, one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival - Dutch Style frame building with one-story wings on the north and south elevations and an addition on the west elevation. The east and west elevations have continuous shed dormers within the gambrel roofline. Four paired six-over-six double hung windows covered with rolled awnings are within each dormer. An interior end chimney is located on the south gambrel end, and a second chimney is located at the center of the main block. Most of the windows on the first story appear to be six-over-six double hung windows with wood shutters. The central entrance on the east facade is covered by a hip roofed entry porch. Hipped roofs cover the south and north wings. A small screened porch is located on the north elevation of the north facade. The rear addition has been altered with the addition of three sliding glass doors on its west elevation. Each door is covered with a rolled awning. The exterior of the building is clad in wooden siding, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

The southeast of the main house is a mid-nineteenth century, three-bay, one-and-one-half-story, cross-gabled A.J. Downing Gothic Revival cottage with a rear single story ell (House "B"). The main block of the house rests on brick piers, and the rear ell on a brick wall foundation. A soft mortar mixed with whole shells fills in between the brick piers on the main block. The entire building is clad in vertical board and batten and is covered in asphalt shingles. The cross-gabled roof has a central interior chimney. A simple bargeboard trims the rafters on all the elevations of the building. The north facade has a central entrance covered by an open triangular pediment and flanked by six-over-six double hung window with shutters. A four-over-four double hung window is located within the cross-gable, above the entrance. The east elevation has four-over-four double hung windows on the first and second floors. A gabled entryway is located on the east elevation of the ell. The south elevation of the ell has a single six-over-six double hung window. The west elevation of the ell has an extended roofline and covers a screened-in porch. Access to the porch can be gained from a screen door on the exterior or a door on the interior of the porch leading into the house. A bay window with two six-over-six double hung windows is located on the first floor of the west elevation. On the second floor, above the bay window, is a single six-over-six double hung window.

Northeast of the main house is a three bay garage. The lateral gabled building has a shed-roofed addition on the south elevation covering the openings to the bays. A rear gable addition extends to the north. The building is clad in wood shingles, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

East of the cottage is a cross gabled barn which has been attributed to the nearby Hatton's Garden Ltd. Partnership property (T-1135). It is possible that this building may be part of the Hidden Harbor property.

# 8. Significance

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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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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.

Historic maps of the area show a structure in the vicinity of Hidden Harbor as early as 1847. Subsequent maps (1858 and 1877) also show a building at the end of a long drive on the property. The existing main house, of Colonial Revival - Dutch Style, was not constructed until the early twentieth century; therefore, it probably replaced the building shown on these earlier maps and is later shown on the 1923 topographic map. No field evidence of a mid-nineteenth century building was evident. It is possible that the cottage, constructed sometime in the mid-nineteenth century, may be this dwelling; although the location seems off. The property currently constituting Hidden Harbor was originally part of a larger farm, now know as Hatton's Garden Ltd. Partnership (T-1135). The structures on Hidden Harbor and Hatton's Garden were evaluated separately because it is uncertain when the two properties split.

The buildings located within the Hidden Harbor property were constructed during the mid-nineteenth and early-twentieth century (Industrial/Urban Dominance Period: 1870-1930), although the larger farm complex is much older. The houses are common examples of homes found in the region. All of the buildings appear to have been altered over the years. The existing buildings do not represent good examples of their type and do not appear significant for their architecture. For these reasons, Hidden Harbor is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  X

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*Oliver Anderson*  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*4/22/00*  
 Date

*Patricia*  
 Reviewer, NR program

*8/14/00*  
 Date

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1134

\*Map No. 32, Maryland Office of Planning, Property Mapping Section, Baltimore, 1997.

\*1847 Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, No. 16, Department of Commerce, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, DC.

\*Map of Talbot County, MD with Farm Limits, Wm. H. Dilworth, 1858.

\*1877 Atlases and other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of MD, Bicentennial Ed., Salisbury, MD, 1976.

\*1923 St. Michaels, MD USGS 15' Quadrangle (1904, reprinted 1923).

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.81 acres

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References **do NOT** complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 32, grid 9, parcel 33

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Mary L. Cox, Trustee.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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date October 21, 1998

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
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Portion of the St. Michaels, MD Tax Map No. 32 showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (Maryland Office of Planning, Property Mapping Section, 1997)

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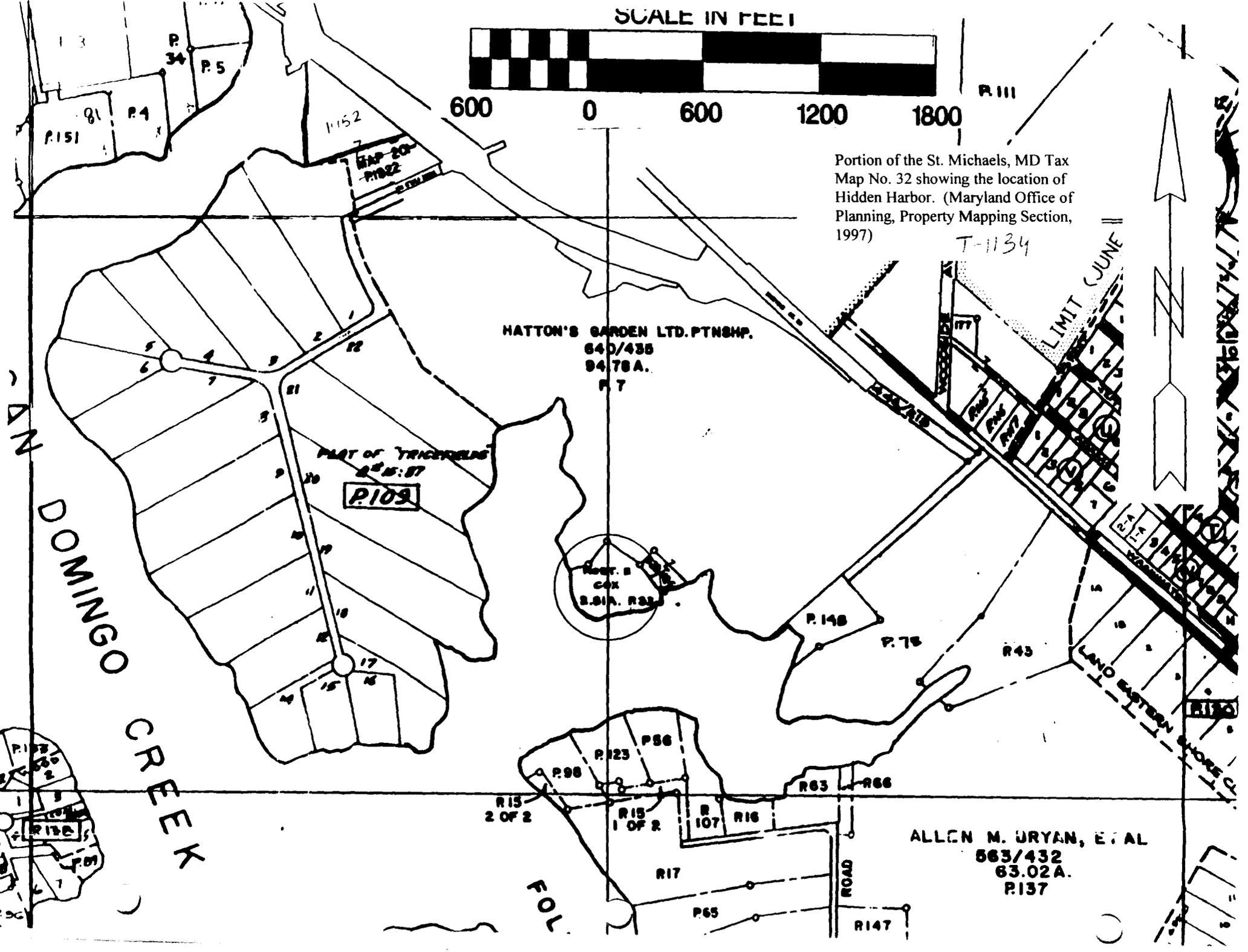
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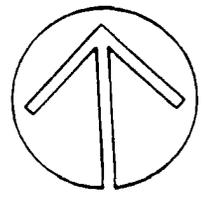
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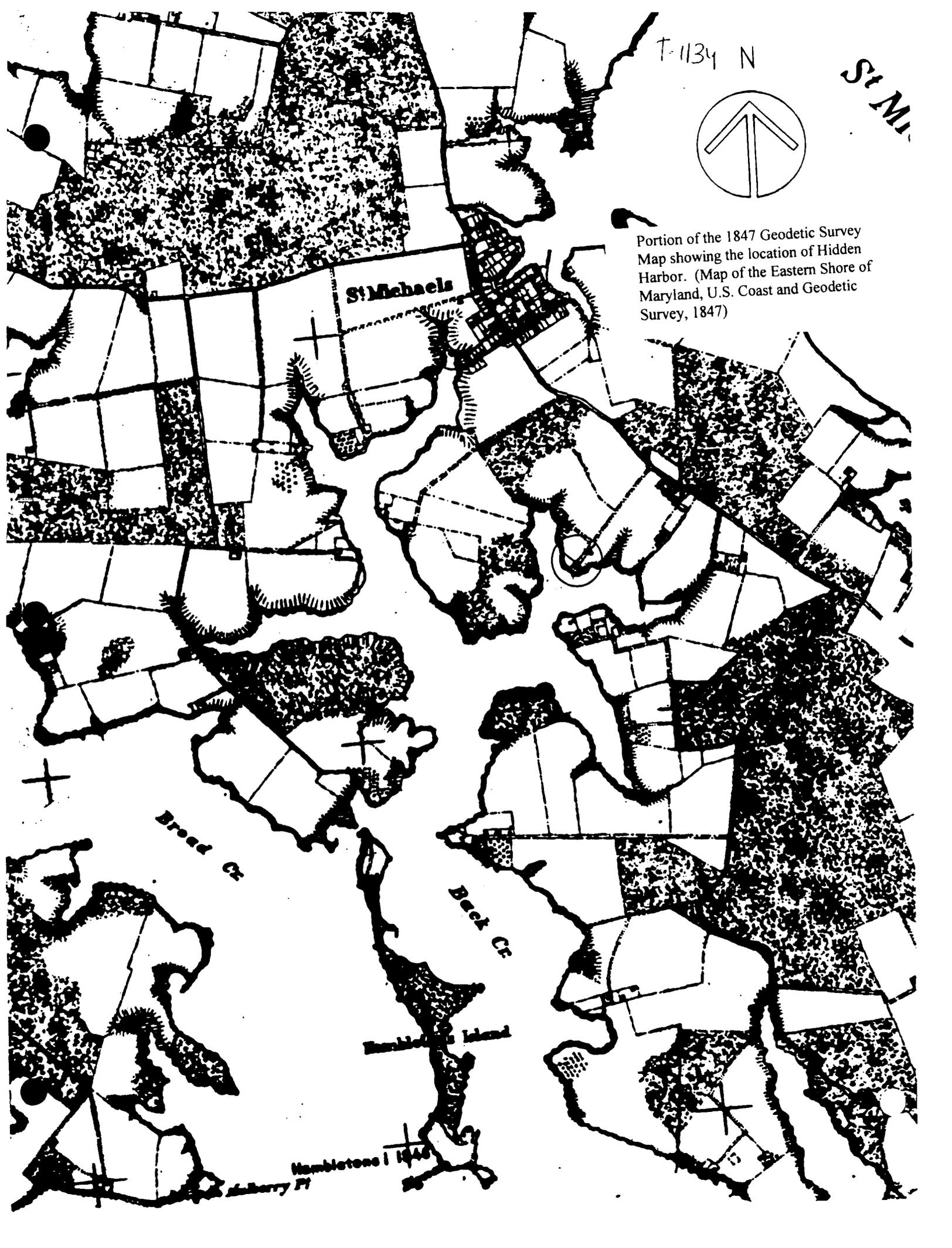


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Portion of the 1847 Geodetic Survey Map showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1847)



St Michaels

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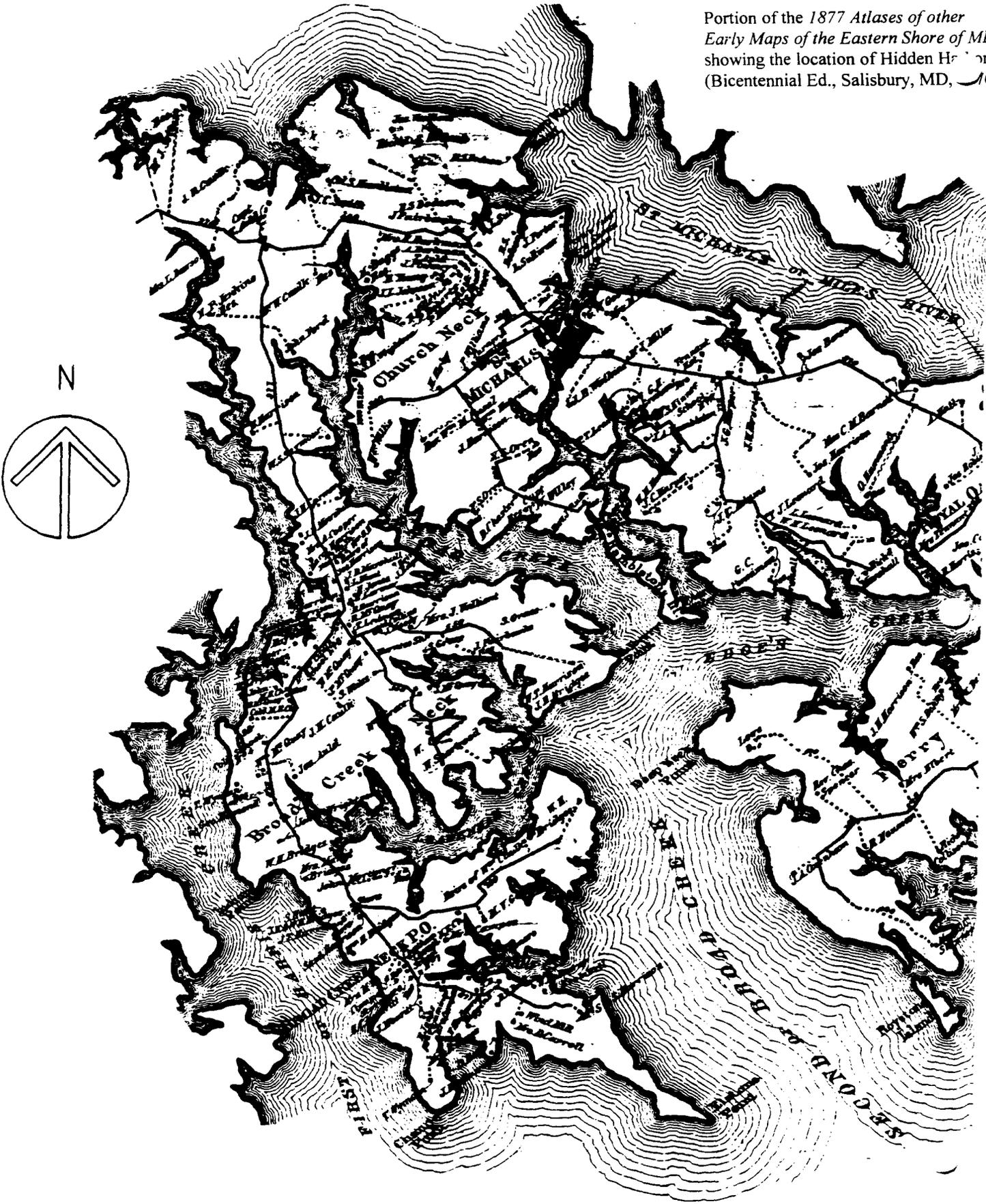
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Hambleton's Island Ferry Pt

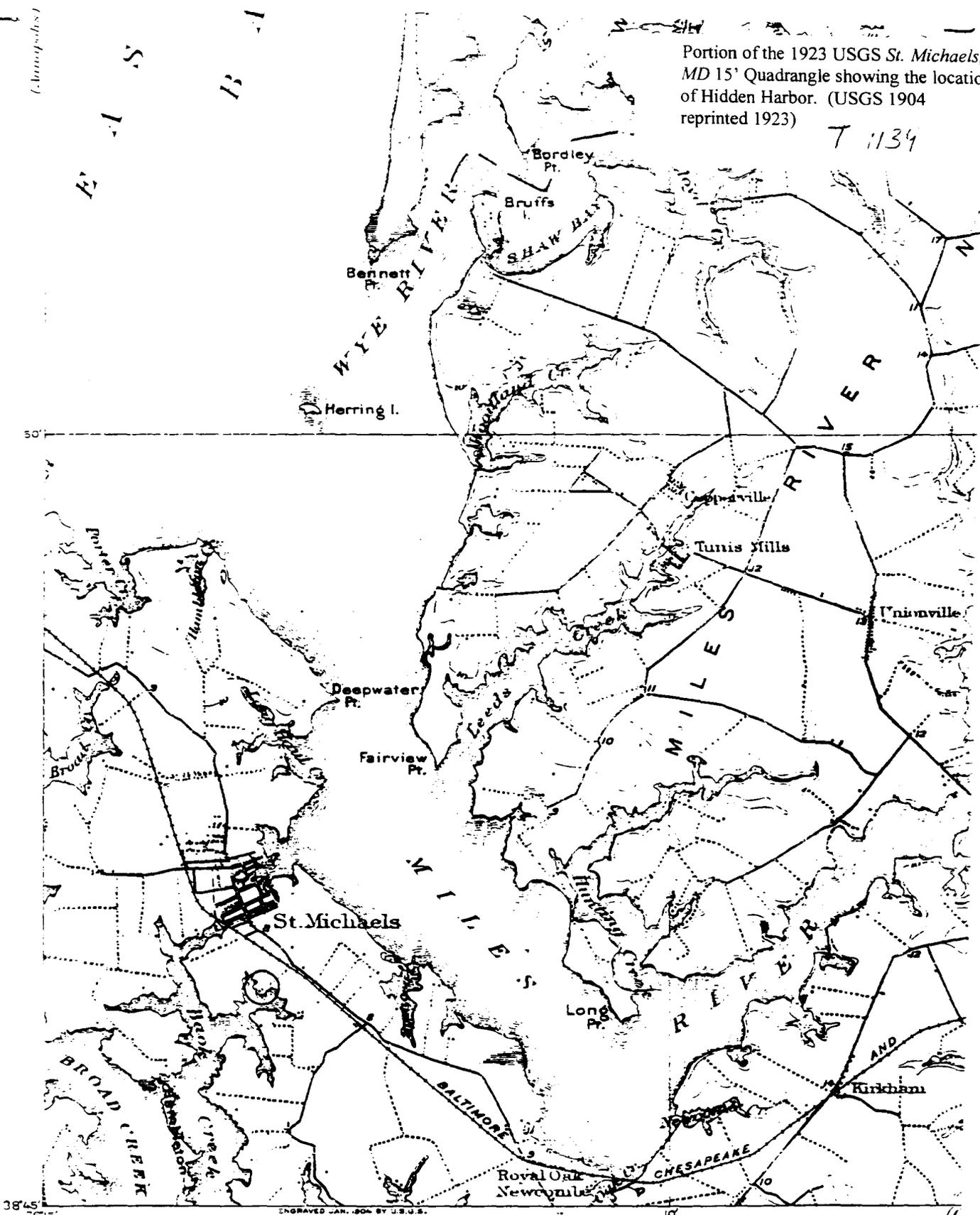


Portion of the 1877 Atlases of other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of MD showing the location of Hidden Harbor (Bicentennial Ed., Salisbury, MD, 1976)



Portion of the 1923 USGS *St. Michaels, MD* 15' Quadrangle showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (USGS 1904 reprinted 1923)

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 H. M. Wilson, Geographer in charge.  
 Shoreline topography by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
 Control by U.S.C. and G.S. W. Carver, Hall, W. R. Harper and E. S. E. A.  
 Topography by T. G. Basinger.  
 Surveyed in 1902 in cooperation with the State of Maryland.

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (AD 1870-1930)

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

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Buildings

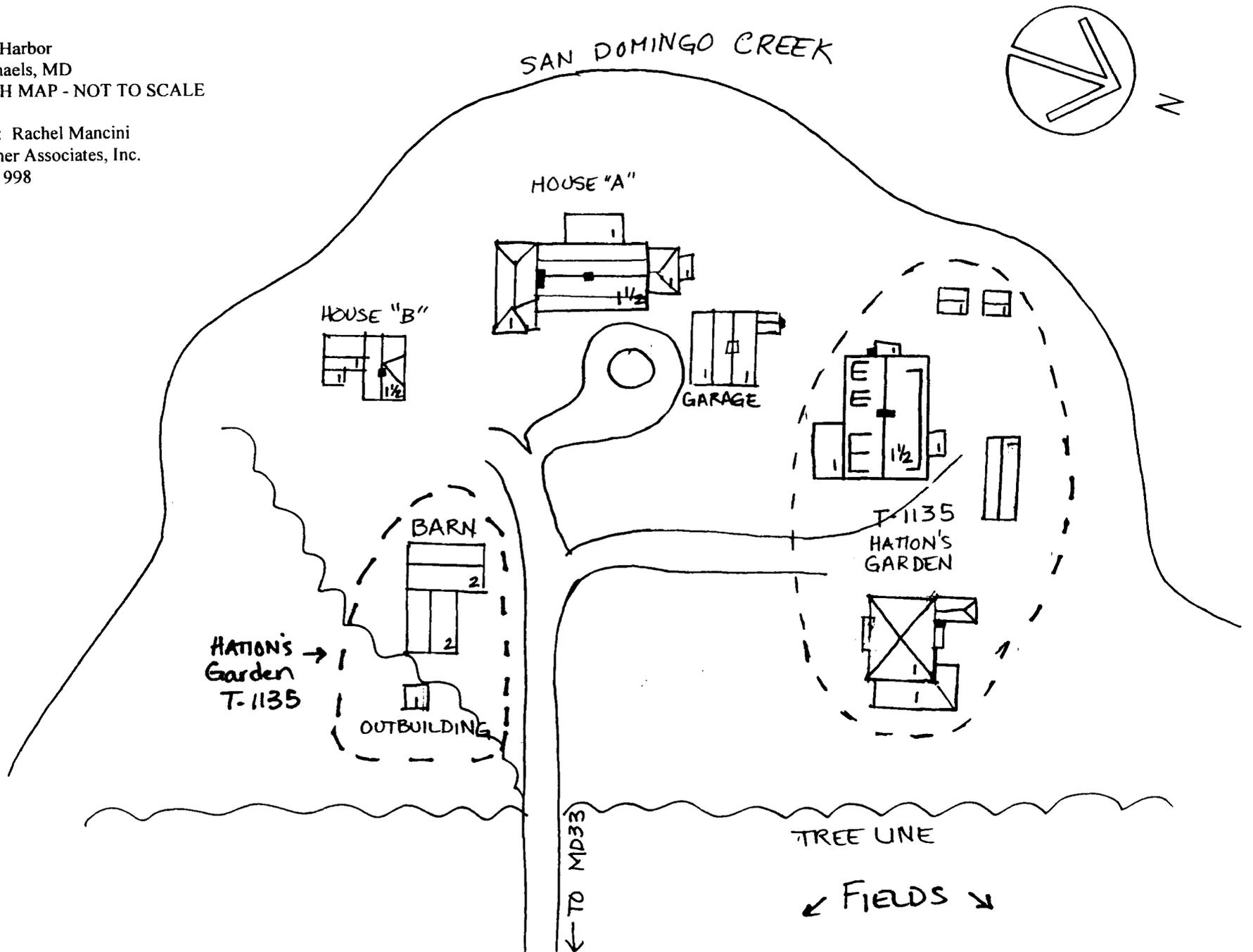
**Historic Environment:** Village

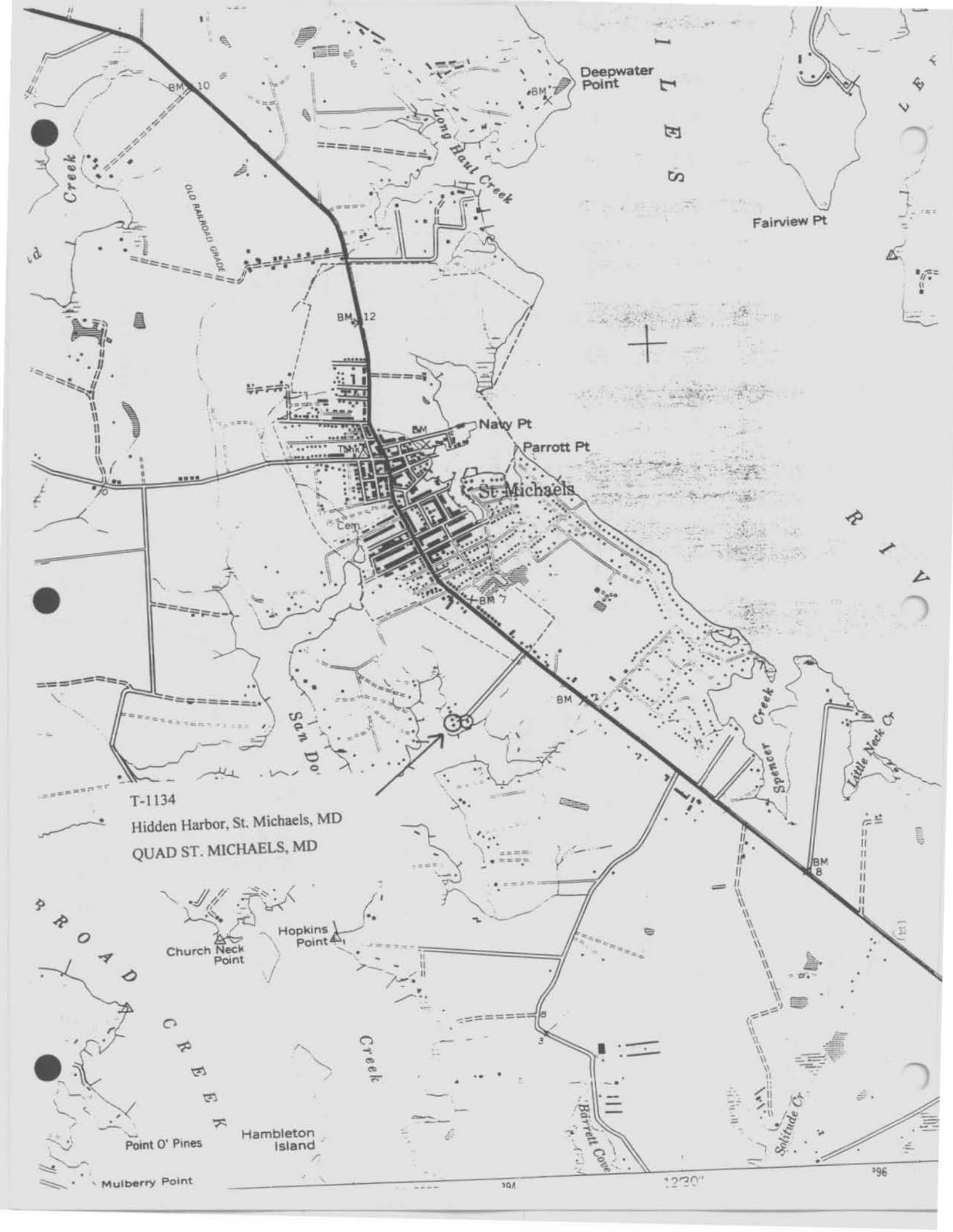
**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none

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Hidden Harbor  
St. Michaels, MD  
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

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October 1998





Deepwater Point

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L  
E  
S

Fairview Pt

BM 12

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

Cem

BM 7

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Hidden Harbor, St. Michaels, MD

QUAD ST. MICHAELS, MD

Sand Do

Sand Creek

R  
I  
V  
E

Little Neck Cr

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

Creek

Point O' Pines

Hambleton Island

Mulberry Point

104

1230'

96



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Main House, east elevation

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Cottage, north elevation

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Cottage, looking NW

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Cottage, west elevation

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Cottage fill between piers

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Main house, South elevation

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Main house, west elevation

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Main house, north elevation

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Garage, looking NW

10/10

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