

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: Stoney Ridge Farm Inventory Number: T-117  
Address: Dutchman's Lane or Edmonston Road Historic district: yes  no  
City: Easton/Stoney Ridge Zip Code: County: Talbot  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Easton  
Property Owner: Tax Account ID Number:  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Number:  
Project: Section 106 Agency: VA  
Agency Prepared By: VA/Richard L. Coolbaugh  
Preparer's Name: Date Prepared: 9/25/1979  
Documentation is presented in: federal files  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B  C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property:  
Inventory Number: Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff yes  no Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Stoney Ridge Farm is a dwelling which is architecturally significant as an example of 18th c. vernacular architecture of the Eastern Shore region, illustrating the use of the basic, 2-story, gable roofed form, fieldstone foundation, and Flemish bond brickwork. These features reflect the building construction methods typically used for such modest farmhouses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B  C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: Federal DOE

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Carl D. Shull

Thursday, October 11, 1979

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stoney Ridge Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Dutchman's Lane, .6 mile east of Rt. 50 (south)

CITY, TOWN

Easton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles O. Parks

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. 5, Box 615

CITY, TOWN

Easton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 337

Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL    \_\_\_ STATE    \_\_\_ COUNTY    \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This fine brick house is believed to have been built by a man named Edmundson in 1763. The series of initials and dates carved in the bricks alongside the front door begins with "1763", and by its architectural features this is a likely date for the structure.

A brick floored, stone walled cellar underpins the house. Its exterior entrance is situated at the western corner next to the chimney. Two windows headed by shallow arches light each side of the cellar.

The northeast wall of this two story house is laid in Flemish bond, while the other three sides are laid in English bond. There is a water table on each side of the house. The first floor windows are headed by very shallow arches. A two course belt course runs across the northeast wall at the second floor level.

Stoney Ridge Farm's floor plan is hall and parlor. The northwest room has a diagonal batten door and one window on the northeast, and a window and a former door rebuilt into a window on the southwest. A winding boxed stair rises in the western corner along side the interior chimney. The southeast room has a window in either side and an exterior chimney at the southeast end. The mantels, chair rail, and architraves display cavetto and ogee moldings.

The second floor plan, now altered, is like that at Katling's Plain. One room ran across the southeast end, the stair hall was to the southwest, and one cold and one heated room were to the northeast. The north room has a crossetted fireplace surround. The southeast mantel is not original to the house. A window in each side lights the southeast room, and each of the other three rooms are lit by one window.

The attic is divided in two by a beaded board partition. It has two four-pane windows to the southeast and one to the northwest. The gable roof running northwest-southeast has no dormers.

A one room, story and loft frame kitchen of undetermined age projects from the southeast end. It is lit by two windows in each of the northeast and southwest sides, and is entered on the northeast and southeast. A winding boxed stair rises in the eastern corner. The loft is lit by a 6/6 sash window in the southeast gable end.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1763

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stoney Ridge Farm is architecturally significant as a good example of a vernacular form built in 1763 and used extensively throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. This is one of the few buildings in the area with a stone foundation. Its interior retains some original woodwork which is comparable to that taken from Dover Ferry and now at Fernwood. The configuration of the kitchen wing, although probably later, is an example of the type kitchens most frequently used on smaller farmhouses.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC Edmondson's Freshes  
 AND/OR COMMON Stoney Ridge Farm  
 MAR 24 1980  
 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER Dutchman's Lane - .6 mile east of Rt. 50 (south)  
 CITY, TOWN Easton VICINITY OF First  
 STATE Md. COUNTY Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 NAME Ellis Lee Smith Telephone #:  
 STREET & NUMBER Stoney Ridge Farm, Dutchman's Lane  
 CITY, TOWN Easton, VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Courthouse  
 STREET & NUMBER Washington St.  
 CITY, TOWN Easton STATE Md. 21601  
 Liber #: 439  
 Folio #: 260

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE Md. Hist. Trust Survey  
 DATE 1967  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Md. Hist. Trust  
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Md.  
 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

L244/F4  
1939.  
L318/F192  
1954  
L325/F257  
1955

In 1900, Robert and Solomon James paid the Hubbards \$9000.00 for the farm. They kept the area in agricultural production for many years. It was next sold to James and Carrie Saulsbury, whose son James and his wife Laura turned over the land and premises to Herbert T. Austin and his wife Nancy R.. They almost immediately sold it to Leon T. Golt and his wife Margaret. Not until 1969 did Ellis Lee Smith, the present owner and occupant, come on the scene to purchase the old brick house and about 12 acres. Mr. Smith is an artist, and as such, is a person sensitive to the beauty of this house and its fine, long history. The twelve acre site is about to be totally engulfed by a modern housing development. With every effort it will remain a crowning jewel, albeit not in its once plantation setting.

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___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
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___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edmondson's Freshes, one of the earliest grants in Talbot County was surveyed for John Edmondson in 1666. In 1702 it was listed in the Rent Rolls as possessed by Magdalene Edmondson in the right of her son. However, John Edmondson had already sold 300 acres of this grant in 1683 to Emmanuel Jenkinson. The tract sold lay at the head of a branch of Edmondson's Creek and the Tred Avon 'Creek'. Both Jenkinson and Edmondson were important 'Quakers'. They were men of stature and importance in the early pioneer days of the county. Emmanuel cleared his land, put it into agriculture production and left his dwelling plantation to his son Phillip. Phillip left his two sons the option of possessing one or the other of his two farms. Emmanuel chose his father's dwelling plantation at Edmondson's Freshes. John Jenkinson, Emmanuel's son, was the next to inherit the property. He added two more parcels of land, one from Pollard Edmondson of 40 acres for L 160.. , the other of 8 plus acres from Robins Chamberlaine.

L21/F33  
1778

L23/F89  
1785

L27/F30  
1796

The 1783 Tax Assessment shows that Thomas Jordan was holding 300 acres of Edmondson's Freshes for the Jenkinson heirs. The property is described as a brick dwelling house, unfinished, a logged kitchen unfinished, with a stable, cornhouse, meat house, fowl house and an old barn and quarters. At that time it would seem to be an established plantation in the process of re-building. By 1798, John Jenkinson is listed as the owner and occupant of a two-story brick dwelling with a one-story addition of wood and a framed kitchen, plus the usual outbuildings. Thus it seems probable that the father Emmanuel started the 'new construction', that his death intervened, and that his son John finished the project.

John devised the property to his son William, who sold it in 1835 to Daniel Cheezum of Caroline County. Daniel's son William was living here when he died and a Court of Equity ordered the property sold in order to arrive at an equitable distribution to the heirs. The sale was ratified to one of the heirs, Sarah Cheezum Rowins. However, by 1853, the property was again the subject of Chancery proceedings. In 1856, John Willis, the trustee, passed a deed of conveyance to James B. Rumbold. The old gentleman didn't live long and his grandchildren sold their inheritance to George W. Wilson. It was still known then as Edmondson's Freshes. Twenty years later it was bought by William H. Hubbard from the heirs of George Wilson.

Will Rec.  
4/213  
L52/F54  
1835  
L59/F365  
1846

L67/F277  
1856  
L72/F328  
1866  
L102/F389

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Talbot County Courthouse - Land records, Deeds, Wills, Chancery, Births  
Quaker records, 1783, 1798 Tax Ass. (microfilm, Talbot County Free Lib.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.441 acres

bounded on all sides by the Arcadia Development Co. (Flat Rec. #9/F75)  
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION .

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Talbot County Com., Md. Hist. Trust DATE June 8, 1979

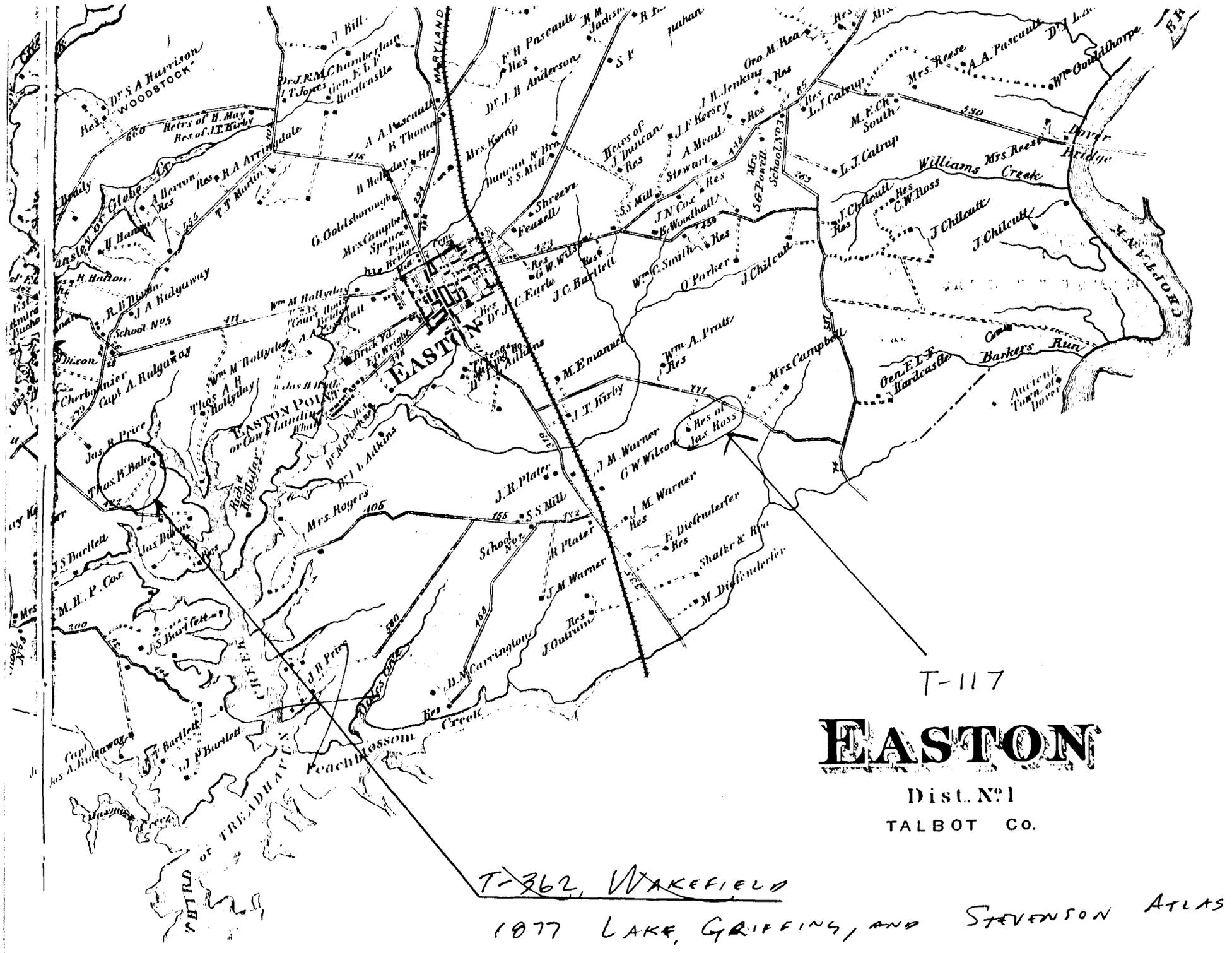
STREET & NUMBER 15 N. Harrison St., TELEPHONE 1-(301) 822-3060  
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CITY OR TOWN 15 N. Harrison St., STATE Md. 21601  
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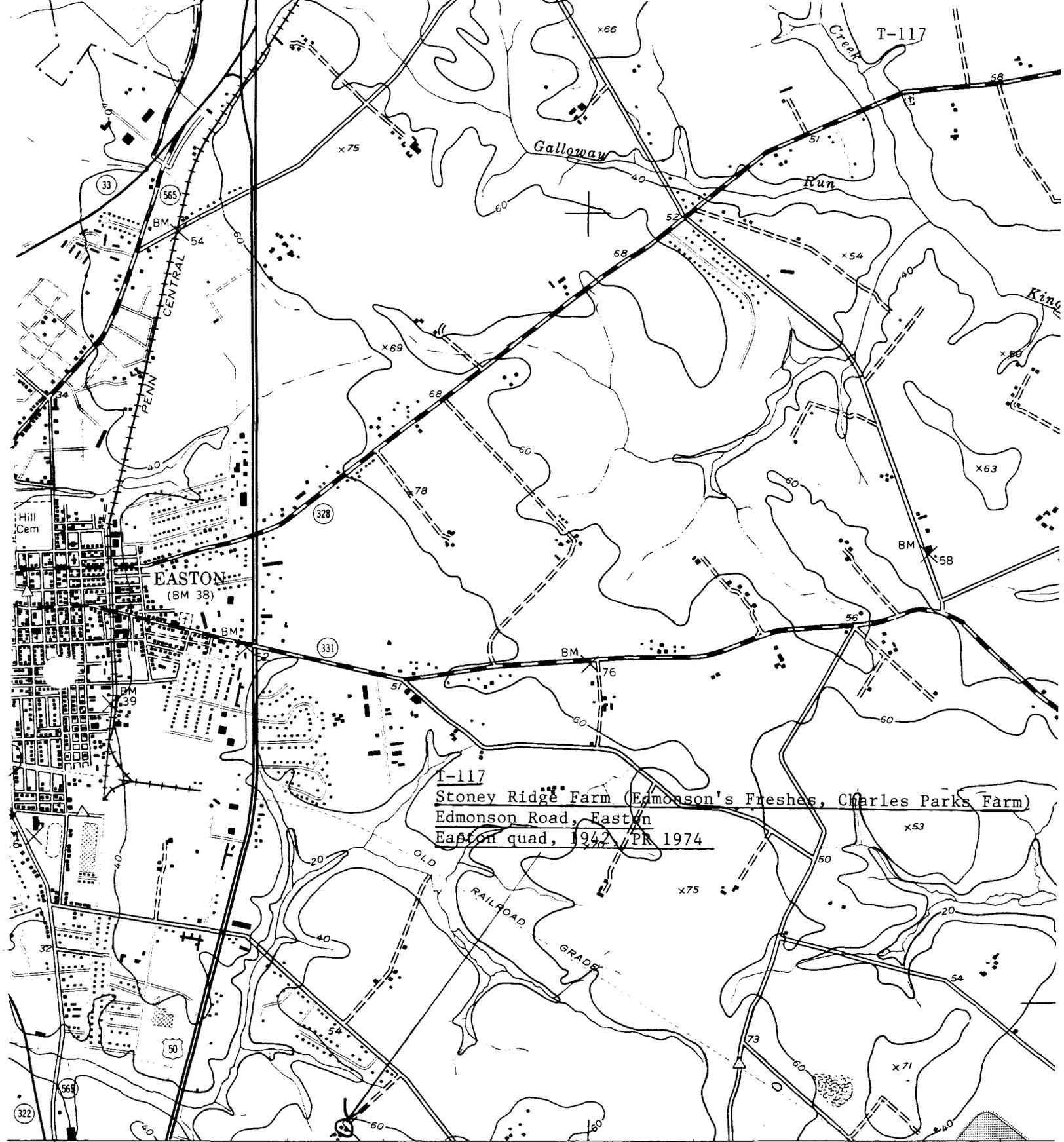


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Dist. No. 1  
TALBOT CO.

T-362, WAKEFIELD

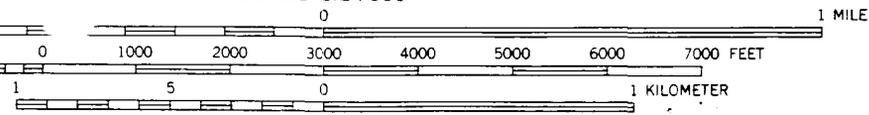
1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



T-117  
Stoney Ridge Farm (Edmonson's Freshes, Charles Parks Farm)  
Edmonson Road, Easton  
Easton quad, 1942, PR 1974

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