

Hill's Drug Store
30-32 East Dover Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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The two story brick building, now occupied by Hill's Drug Store, is an unusually irregular and picturesque example of late nineteenth century commercial buildings. Although constructed as a double store, its central pediment gives a unified, almost ceremonial quality to the facade. The molded brick detailing and iron cresting on the roof are among the best remaining in the town. The building was constructed between 1877 and 1885.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hill's Drug Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

30-32 East Dover Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

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 checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William C. Hill

Telephone #: 301-745-2861

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Royal Oak

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21662

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 032

Folio #: 052

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This commercial structure stands on the south side of Dover Street facing north. Constructed as a double store, the building has a unified formal quality which gives it a presence and importance very unusual in a late nineteenth century commercial building.

The brick structure is five bays wide and about as deep as it is wide. An ell constructed in 1918 is found at the rear of the building. The main portion of the building is two stories in height, plus an attic; the ell is one tall story.

The surface of the structure is faced with the smooth-surfaced dark orange brick commonly used in late nineteenth century buildings; it is laid in common bond with narrow mortar joints. The facade is articulated with brick pilasters and molded brick details.

The building has a strong vertical quality. Pilasters are used at the corners of the facade and at both sides of the central, entrance bay. With corbelled bases, they are very strong elements and support pseudomachicolation enriched with bands of molded brick, and a wooden cornice with central pediment. Its tympanum is filled-in sunburst design in molded tin; tiny triangular modillion blocks with the same sunburst design surmounts the end pilasters. A cresting of iron is cast in a delicate flower-like design. A weather vane sets atop the pediment; cast iron finials rest on the corner blocks.

A belt course of diamond-shaped molded bricks marks the second floor line. The central window is round arched; between the top of this window and the pseudomachicolation is a section of bricks molded in a rosette pattern. Like this window, the other windows on the second floor have one over one sashes and narrow wooden trim; they, however, are segmentally arched. Other molded brick rosettes, used singly, are located between the windows, and embedded in the top and the mid-points of each pilaster.

The original first floor has been replaced with a modern store front. Its shingle-covered pent roof detracts from the delicacy of this delightful Victorian structure.

Inside the structure is modern. Window and door trim on the second floor is wide with symmetrical moldings; there is a central hall running the width of the structure. Although offices now occupy this floor, it was once used as apartments. Rooms have door trim with corner blocks decorated with shallow-carved flowers.

The deep rear addition is lighted with three skylights. Built to serve as a garage for an automobile dealer in 1918, it is reputedly the first building in the town constructed with heavy steel structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<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				

SPECIFIC DATES	Constructed between 1877 and 1885	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is an unusually lively, picturesque commercial building of the late nineteenth century. Like #20 North Washington Street (T-407), it has interesting molded brick detailing. Its iron cresting is one of the few remaining in the town.

Remarkably intact - despite the inappropriate pent - it reminds us of the energetic, innovative, late nineteenth century and the expressive architecture it spawned.

Constructed between 1877 and 1885, the building was initially rented by a bank and a candy store.

L200/F339

L56/F346
L73/F78
L80/F469

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L225/F382

L220/F164

L243/F213

Hill's Drug Store has been owned by the William D. Hill family since 1945. "Doc Hill" is a fine pharmacist and his daughter is now following in his footsteps. This property has had a long and interesting history. As early as 1842, it was owned by James S. Shannahan. He sold a part of it in 1866 to Perry Stewart, who immediately turned it over to Christiana Hubbard. In 1874, a Benton Stebbins of Page County, Virginia, bought it for \$1800.00. Whatever earlier structure was on the lot was destroyed by the fire of 1878, that razed many fine buildings in this vicinity. The following year Mr. Garrison R. Collins bought it for \$650.00 and built the present structure, where he resided and later his son H. Elmer Collins resided for many years. In 1931, John Noble purchased the Collins building as well as an adjoining property he had acquired two years earlier from the Eastern Shore Auto Co., and together they comprised the first local beginnings of the Noble Ford Co. Today this is one of the largest on the Eastern Shore. The Company prospered from the start and soon outgrew its quarters. In 1938 Mrs. Mariette Tweedy bought it for investment purposes and it was sold from her estate to the present owners.

*History of Easton
George Carey and S. Elwood Patchett
Easton, Md. 1881
Gazette Office

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Geo. Garey & S. Elw
Patchett
Easton, Md. 1881
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
NA

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

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

September 20, 1976

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

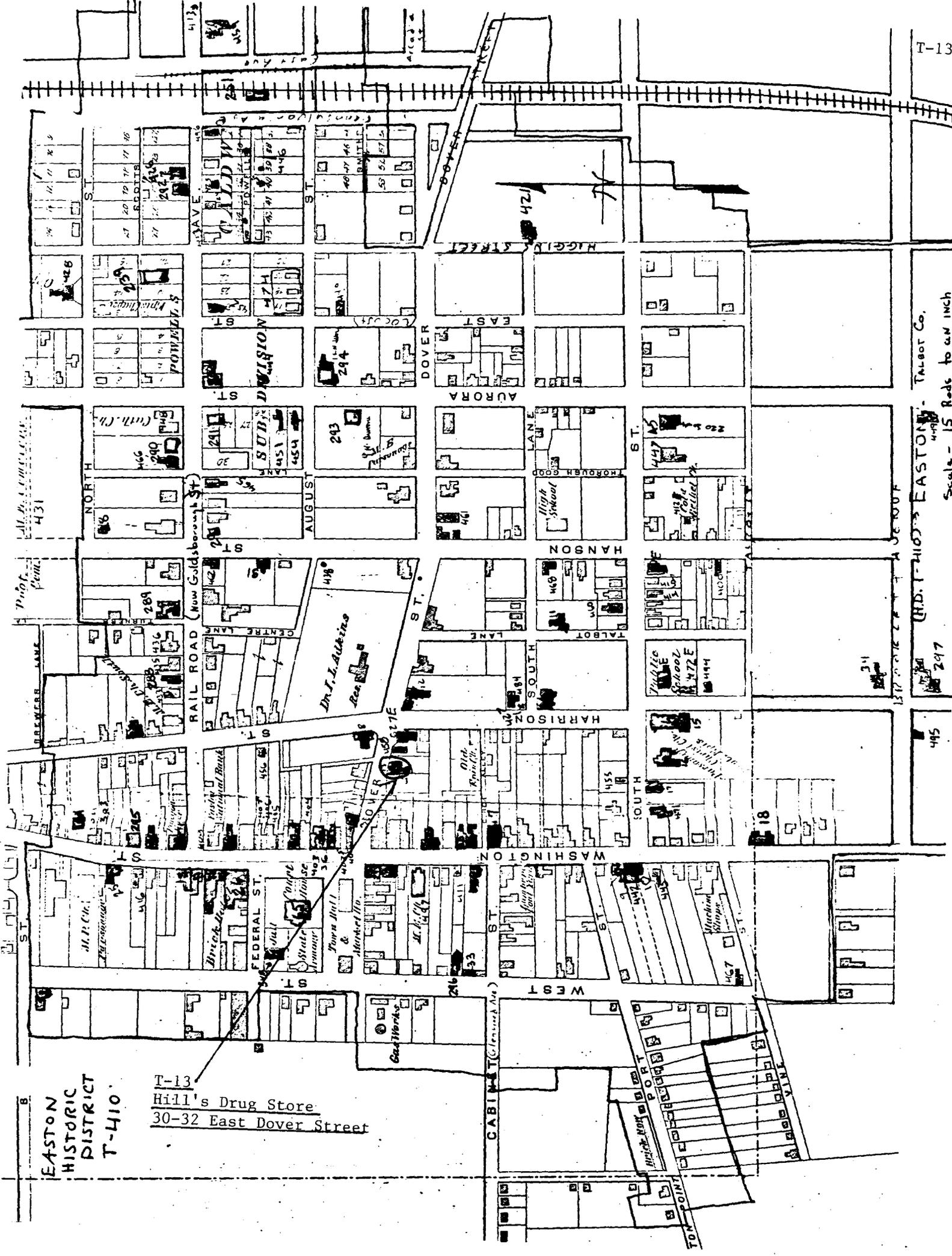
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Maryland 21601

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HISTORIC
DISTRICT
T-410

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30-32 East Dover Street

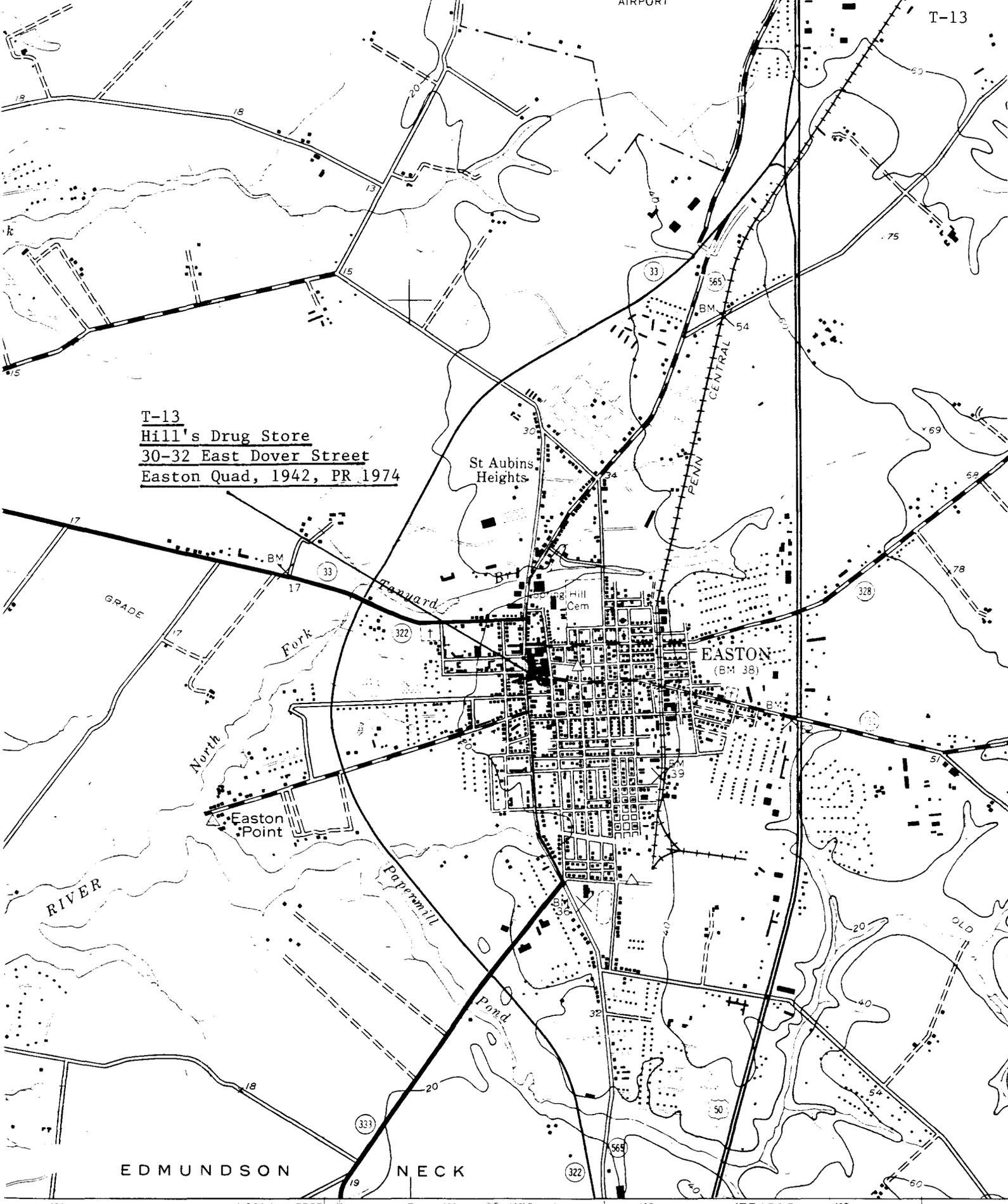
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30-32 East Dover Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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ST. MARYS TOWN 12 MI

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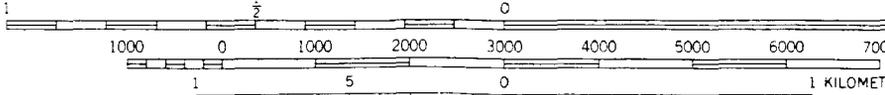
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30-32 DOVER STREET
EASTON, MD.

NORTH FACADE

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Genevieve's
DRESS SHOP

HOLDEN'S
SODA

HILL'S PHARMACY

HILL'S PHARMACY

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JOB # 05367 FOCUS 452
DENSITY # 113 X 1.58
FIG 7-13

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