

Shearer Jeweler
111 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-22
c1795

At 111 North Washington Street is a two and one-half story, five bay building which has an outstanding Flemish bond facade and double keystone arches above window openings. The original central opening was marked with a round arch opening with keystone. The interior retains a good deal of original woodwork, including an elaborately carved archway in the stair hall, second floor. This building is one of a row of Federal period structures, similar in detailing to its two northern neighbors, T-23 and T-24.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Shearer Jeweler/Goldsborough Law Offices

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

111 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

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: Law Office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George J. Goldsborough, Jr.

Telephone #: 301-822-0932

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1148

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 472

Folio #: 021

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 21601

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

✓ This building, now occupied by Shearer's Jewelry and the law offices of George J. Goldsborough, Jr., is the one of a fine row of Federal Townhouses in Easton's downtown commercial district. Five bays wide and two-and-a-half stories high the building is notable for its fine detail in both brick and wood. In 1973 the interior was restored and the second and third floors converted to offices. The exterior was also altered at this time.

As it stands today, most Federal details remain above the first floor. Each second floor window opening has a double keystone arch of stone chiseled in a pattern of reedings and flutings. The frames, with twelve over nine sashes, are decorated with a bead and a back band molding. The window details are commonly found in Federal period buildings in Easton. Also common is the elegant carved, wooden chain at the position of the bed molding on the cornice. This building, as the others in this row, are separated visually by carved stone blocks which terminate the cornice, duplicating its profile.

The remaining brick work above the first floor is among the best of this period; in color, perfectly formed, the bricks are bonded in a Flemish style with queen and king closers forming a pattern at the corners of the building. Double brick chimneys at the gable ends stand high above the roof ridge and are connected with brick curtains.

The Survey in 1967 mentions fine detailing of the dormers: "Dormers are framed by pilasters topped with a sunburst design and the pediment of each dormer is decorated with a row of dentils." These have now been covered with aluminum siding. The fine brick arch with sandstone keystone is partially obscured with a new pedimented doorway. Although the building has a central entrance, the stair, however, is in the northwest corner of the main building. Typically Easton's Federal have the entrance and main stair in the same bay, either centrally located or in a side bay. The stair dates from the Federal period; it has tapered round newels and intermediates and a shadow. The balusters are turned and have a bulbous base.

Large shop windows and relaid common bond brick have replaced the original first floor detailing. The side door leads to an interior stair; it was formerly a walkway with barrel vaults which carry the weight of the hearths above. The opening originally had a round arch opening like that remaining at 119 North Washington Street (T+23), The Perrin Smith House.

Inside, the building has a great amount of original woodwork. Main rooms are on the second floor. Symmetrically molded trim with decorated corner blocks has replaced the earlier window and door surrounds; a large double door, also with late nineteenth century woodwork, connects the front with the rear room. Early cove molding on the cornice exists (with repairs) in both rooms. The newer woodwork is of good quality and scale for the large room. Early Federal mantles remain in each room; the mantle in the library is especially lovely with reeding and oval shields. The windows on the rear of the library are filled in with new moldings added and used as book shelves.

The stair hall is particularly lovely; portions of the wall paneling exist; in the restorations ^{they} were duplicated. A lovely arch with keystone and

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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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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *c.1795* BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Kennedy

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A fine example of Easton's Federal period row buildings, 111 North Washington Street is significant for its architecture. Many of the remaining details - cornice, window trim and double keystone arch, interior woodwork and stair - are clearly typical of these early buildings. The floor plan - with central entrance and corner stair - is somewhat unusual, however. Unfortunately the first floor exterior has been greatly altered.

L17/F21
L17/F459

George Goldsborough Jr. bought this property from the estate of Elsie Watkins, now deceased. Mrs. Watkins acquired it in 1933, for \$8500.00, from Anthony Capezio and his wife Mary. The Capezios had owned it from 1920. William Leonard had bought it the year before from Nehemiah Clark. The Clarks acquired it from W. M. Tyler. Mr. Tyler paid \$2500.00 in 1900, the the previous owner, J. H. K. Shannahan who had just previously bought it for \$1600.00, from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Easton. The Church lost money on this deal, for they had paid \$2400.00 for the indebted property of George Minnick in 1894. Mr. Minnick had bid in the store and dwelling at a forced sale in 1873 and was given title in 1875, for \$4700.00, from The Workingman's Permanent Building and Loan Co. It was their mortgage which had been defaulted by Morris G. Feddiman.

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This property had been devised to Anna Feddiman, the mother of Morris, by the will of her father Samuel Groome, in 1828. In 1811, Samuel Groome was able to pick up this property from the Kennedy Estate for \$500.00 and a yearly ground rent of \$30.00. In 1785 - 86, James Kennedy had leased these 30 feet and built a house. He died the following year and left the house, where she resided, to his wife Mary. However, his wife re-married a William Trippe, and the house reverted to the Kennedy heirs. Samuel Groome occupied this house, as his dwelling after he bought it, in 1810, until his death.

L34/F496

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
Form T-22, Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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

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CITY OR TOWN	Easton	STATE Maryland 21601

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Shearer Jeweler

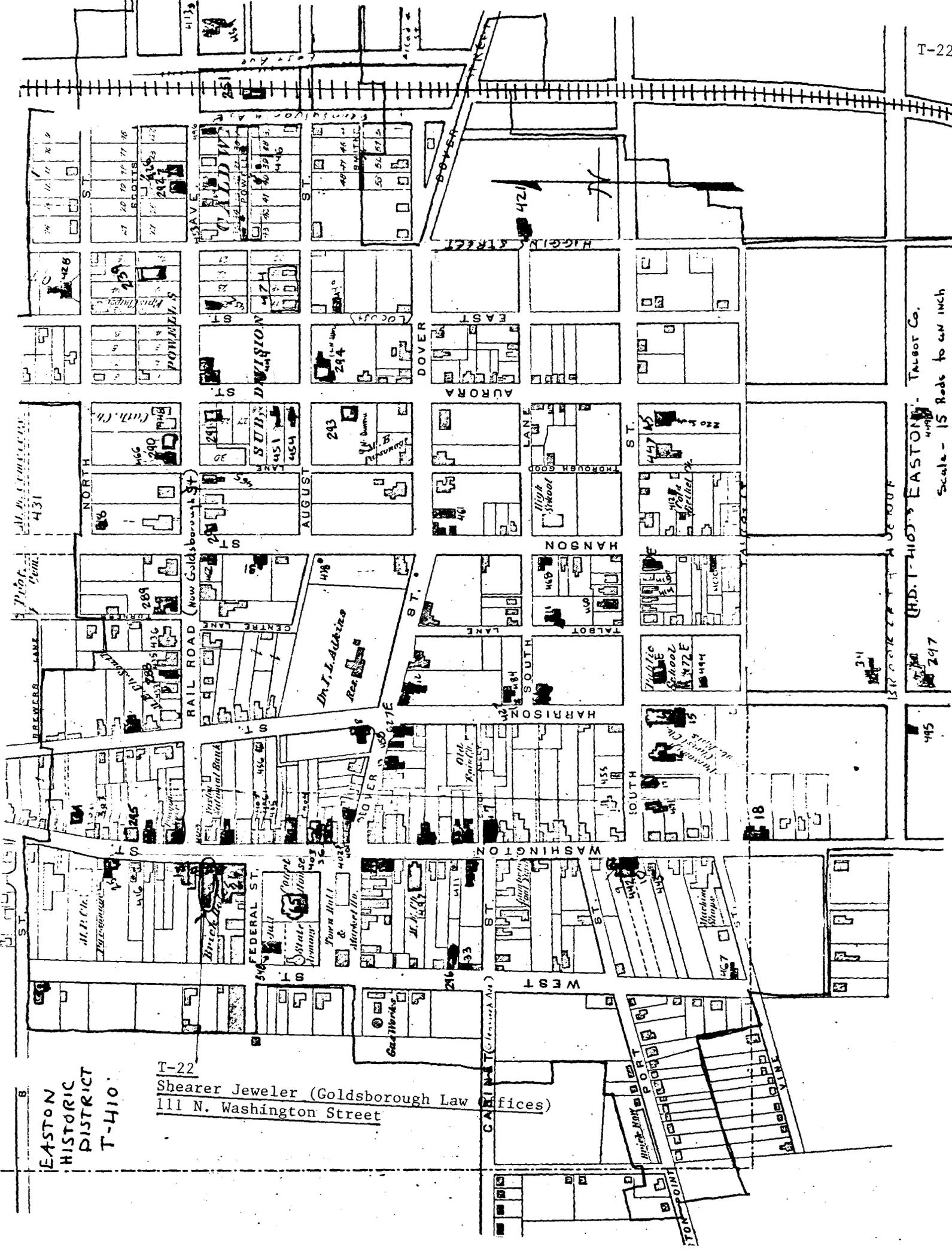
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The third floor has apartments; here too, floors, most window and door surrounds and at least one early mantle remains.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot T-22 TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. 111 Washington St. ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Rowhouse PRESENT OWNER --- PRESENT USE Rowhouse WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish Bond Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME ----- DATE OR PERIOD c. 1810 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>This is a rather large and impressive rowhouse which has suffered the unfortunate alteration of its first storey. The fineness of detail exhibited at the second storey level and in the dormers shows what an elegant and restrained design this must have been.</p> <p>The central door on the first floor still retains its round brick keystone arch. The building is five bays long. The second storey windows are 12/12 sashes with flat stone sills, molded frames, and flat white arches with double keystones. The three peaked dormers on the roof have 9/6 round-arched windows. They are framed by pilasters topped with a sunburst design and the pediment of each dormer is decorated with a row of dentils. A molded cornice runs along the roof line. It has a frieze with a carved chain decoration along its length. There is a double chimney with curtain on the left end of the house. The double chimney on the right end is shared with the adjoining house. The brickwork on this house is very fine, with very neat mortar joints and perfectly shaped bricks.</p> <p>This is a very good example of a Federal townhouse whose ground floor deserves better treatment than it has received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Good but altered</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered Interior Exterior	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul Alan Brinkman August 28 1967 DATE OF RECORD	





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HISTORIC
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Shearer Jeweler (Goldsborough Law
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111 N. Washington Street

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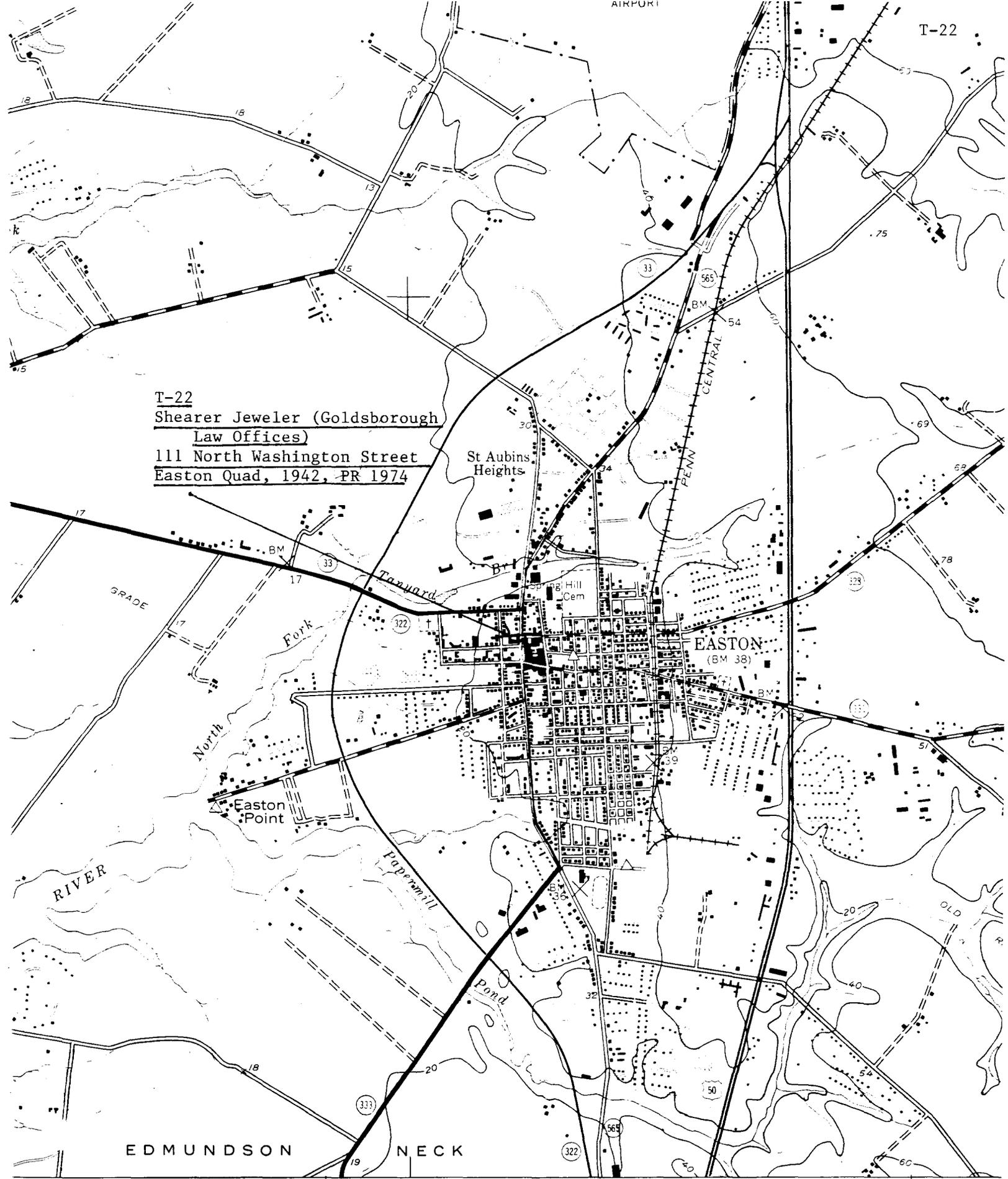
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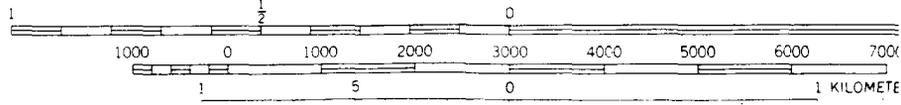
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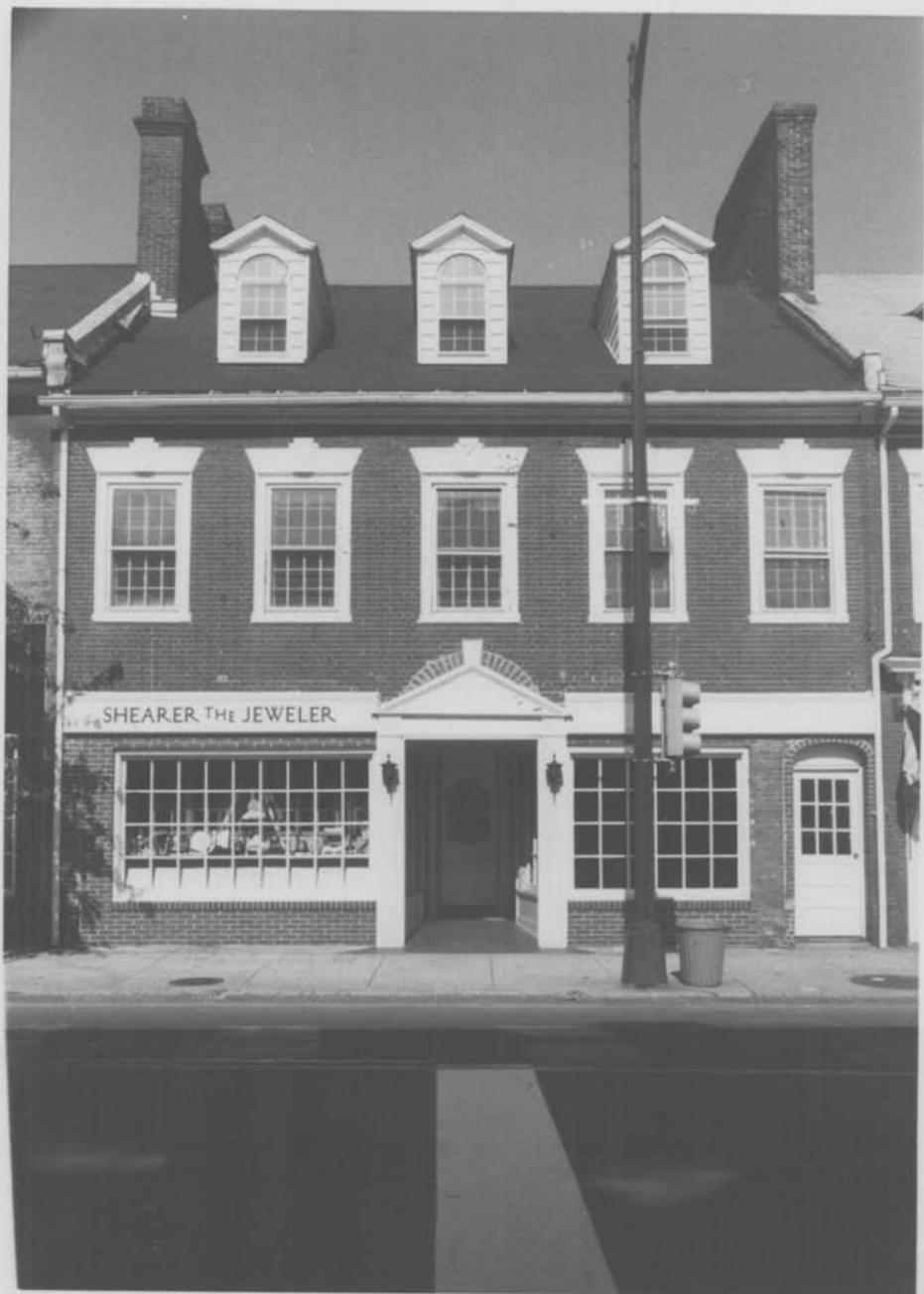
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LAW OFFICE

111 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET T-22

EASTON, MARYLAND

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East Facade