

Stewart Building  
North Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

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C1810  
With Later Alterations

The "Old Brick Hotel" as this building is commonly known, was probably constructed soon after a big fire of 1808. A Federal period building, its earliest appearance is unknown, but the structure must have been an L-shaped corner building, two-and-a-half stories high with a gable roof and dormers. Flat keystone window arches and a Flemish bond facade are the major details remaining from this period. By the mid nineteenth century, photographs show a mansard roof with elegant cast iron cresting. Tudor revival elements - beaded glass windows and parapet roofs - were added in the 1920's. Used as a hotel for many years, the building now houses apartments and shops.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Brick Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Stewart Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

**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
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<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 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

Anne N. B. Lockhart

Telephone #: 301-822-4098

STREET & NUMBER

Box 613

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 #: 432

Folio #: 653

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 28, 1967

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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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 _____
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stewart Building, also known as the Old Brick Hotel, is an L-shaped corner building, seven bays long on North Washington Street and eight bays long on Federal Street.

It is a two-and-a-half story high with a Mansard roof. The Mansard is covered with wooden shingles with alternating rows of imbricated and butt-ended shingles. Dormers pierce the roof; the three dormers on the Federal Street side occur between bays. Two dormers, one with a single window, are used on the east slope. Each has eight-light casement windows with flat lead comes and is covered by a shallow gable roof.

On the Federal Street facade a Tudor-revival facade has been inserted into the third bay from the corner. It has a wide window opening with casements on the upper floor and an ornamental parapet. Recessed windows are placed between remaining dormers, one on each facade. Each has five casement windows.

Second floor windows are evenly spaced on both facades; six over six sashes are used. On the south facade the lintels are flat and unmolded. Plain sills project slightly from the brick surface. On the east, windows have double keystone lintels of sandstone. These are set flush and are decorated with the carving used in several of the Washington Street Federal buildings.

Now used as stores, the first floor has Tudor-revival details - narrow, leaded casement windows and central entrance doors. The plate glass windows of a men's clothing store occupy the east - Washington Street-facade and the eastern bays of the south facade. The corner entrance to this store has transom lights with twenty small panes and a simple entrance door.

The upper floors are reached by an entrance on the south facade. Used as offices, these floors have twentieth-century details.

The brick facade of the building gives a hint of its evolution. Originally constructed about 1818, the structure has the Flemish bond brick-work common to buildings of the early nineteenth century. Portions of the wall have been repaired - some carelessly in common bond; others are relaid Flemish bond but with machine-made bricks. Alterations in the brick can also be seen above several windows where sandstone lintels have been removed.

The structure was built as a hotel. No photographs of its earliest appearance survive, but it may have had a gable roof with dormers and six over six windows. The Mansard roof must have been added in the mid-nineteenth century. Old photographs show it to have been an extremely handsome building with an elegant cast iron cresting on the roof. Shutters were used at each window. Keystone lintels were painted on the south facade. The entrances were in their present location; the corner entrance being covered with round arched openings. Narrow balconies several feet wide with slender, turned balusters were used above the Federal Street entrance and on the east facade. A square lantern, probably of brass, hung at the corner.

In the 1920's the Tudor-revival details were added and the building connected to its western neighbor on Federal Street.

Despite its many alterations, this interesting structure is attractive and well maintained. The east facade and first floor on the south is painted light green; trim is a darker green.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      C1810                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Samuel Groome

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for its architecture. It is one of the town's earlier buildings, constructed during the Federal period. With its attractive dark-red brick work and elegant sandstone lintels, it must have been a distinctive building that turned the corner between the row of fine Federal buildings to the north and the Georgian Court House across Federal Street.

In the second phase, it was one of the finest of Easton's Victorian buildings, restrained and well proportioned, with finely crafted wrought iron cresting and brass lantern. The Mansard roof remains one of Easton's best examples of the decorative single roofs used at the time.

In its present condition the building is an example of the fanciful Tudor-revival of the 1920's with its penchant for leaded glass, round openings and parapet roofs.

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In 1811, William Groome bought a lot of ground on "Federal Alley" and the west side of Washington Street for \$400.00. Along Federal Alley directly north of the Court House, there had been earlier buildings, taverns, stables, and such. But a fire swept the corner in 1810 and Mr. Groome picked up the wreckage at a cheap price. He immediately set about building a good-sized brick hotel-tavern, probably the earliest hotel in the community. The establishment remained in the hands of Samuel Groome and his heirs until 1853, when Col. Samuel Hambleton, one of the town's leading attorneys, bought the property and continued to run it as a hotel. His heirs sold it in 1893 to the Moreland Improvement Co. of Talbot County. It ceased to function as a hotel about this time. In 1927, the Isla Corporation paid \$40,500.00 for the holdings. One more owner came along in 1965 until the present one, Mrs. Anne N. B. Lockhart who purchased it in 1969.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.  
Garey, George and Ellwood Patchett. History of Easton, (Easton, Maryland: Gazette Steam Book for Job Offices), 1881. Reprinted by Historic Easton, Incorporated, January 1974.  
Photographs in the collection of the Maryland Room of the Talbot County Free Library. (cont.)

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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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ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

October 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,

301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Easton, Maryland 21601

Old Brick Hotel  
Stewart Building

(9) Major Bibliographical References

Mulliken, James C. A History of Easton Volunteer  
Fire Department. (Easton, Maryland: 1962).

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
No. 10 Federal Street (Old Brick Hotel)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
(part of Stewart Building).

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
10 Federal Street (Courthouse Square)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Easton

STATE: Md.      CODE:      COUNTY: Talbot      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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STATE:  
COUNTY:

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DATE

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

No. 10 Federal Street is part of ~~the~~ 3 story\* red brick block known as the Stewart block, the western part of which is a 1928 copy of the eastern section. No 10<sub>x</sub> <sup>would</sup> appear to have \*(3rd story masonry and roof, probably later than rest of early part of Stewart Building) been created from the older section (?), but it is 3 stories which the 3rd story projecting, over 2d, and 2nd projecting well over entrance and bay window - no on to form an entrance porch. ~~Construction of~~ 2nd + 3rd stories show an English half-timber facade with brick hogging. 3rd floor has 4 bas-relief concrete (after) plaster panels showing 4 tree motifs. All windows are of the casement type, and bay windows have lead mullions.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) (1815 early hotel)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

\* 10 Federal Street is an attempt at creating the effect of an English west country half-timbered house (e.g. 15<sup>th</sup> c. Shrewsbury & Ludlow in Shropshire) - early English urban commercial. Fasciful ~~at~~ see example of creative ~~eclecticism~~ eclecticism of early 20<sup>th</sup> C.; influenced - helped by \_\_\_\_\_ use of English models for academic archit. - Princeton had 2 houses in this  $\frac{1}{2}$  timbered style - 1 still standing

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: WDM

ORGANIZATION: NHT DATE: Jan 12, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

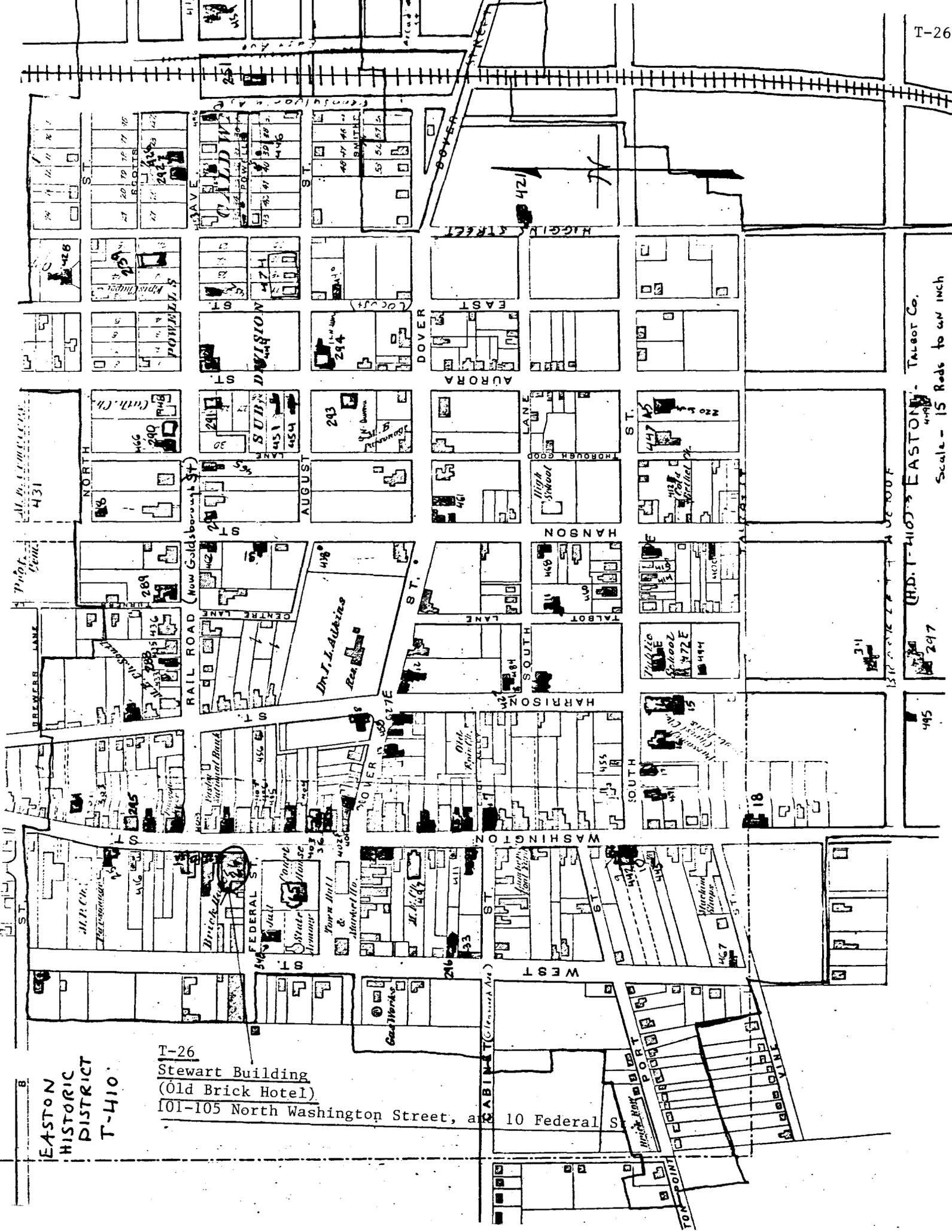
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> T-26 COUNTY <b>Talbot</b> TOWN <b>Easton</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>Washington &amp; Federal Sts</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <b>Hotel</b> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <b>Shops and dwellings</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Flemish bond brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>three</b>		2. NAME <b>Old Brick Hotel</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>1815 and later</b> STYLE <b>Federal and Victorian</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
<p>The old Brick Hotel was originally a federal structure 7 bays long and probably 3 or 4 deep built about 1815. The 2nd storey front of the building still contains the odd 6/6 windows with the flat white double keystone arches. The inn was later enlarged and its A-roof changed to a Mansard one. Finally in the 1920's it reached its present size of 7 bays wide and 8 bays deep with a Mansard roof capping all.</p> <p>Today it stands a much-altered though very pleasing commercial block. All of the shopfronts are in keeping with the character of the building and the soft green trim contrasts very well with the hues of the brick. Historically important as one of the oldest inns in Easton, this commercial block in its present state harmonizes with the best of the architecture in the town. The commercial enterprises housed within in no way mar the appearance of the building.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>yes</b>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <b>Endangered</b>		<b>Interior</b> <b>well-maintained</b> <small>Exterior</small>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Paul A. Brinkman</b> DATE OF RECORD <b>30/8/1967</b>	



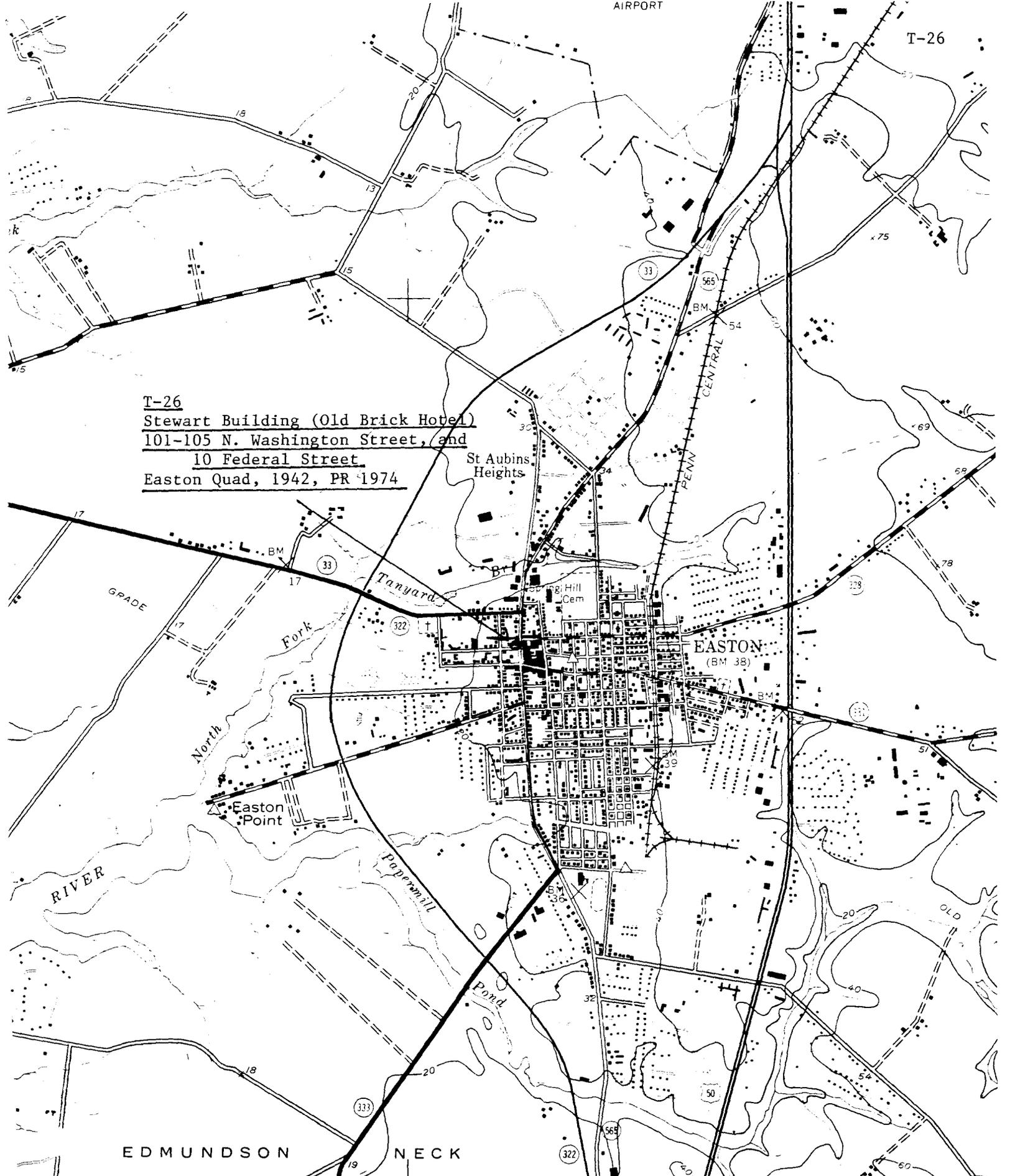


EASTON  
HISTORIC  
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T-26  
Stewart Building  
(Old Brick Hotel)  
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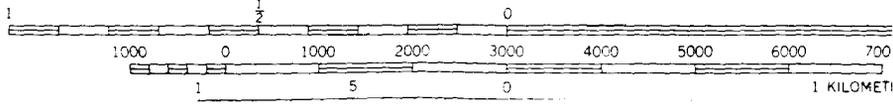


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Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)  
101-105 N. Washington Street, and  
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Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)

100-105 N. Washington Street  
and

10 Federal Street, Easton

Southeast Facade

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STEWART BUILDING-

" OLD BRICK HOTEL "

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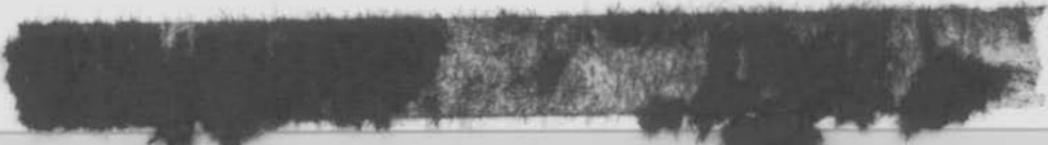
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EASTON, MD.

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Stewart Building (Old Brick Hotel)

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Southeast Facade Easton