

T-264
Ann Leonard House
St. Michaels
private

1842-1845

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The exterior of the three-bay frame house has been reworked with the addition of dormers in place of the original six-pane windows that lighted the second floor. Also, when the house was covered with artificial siding the exposed brick firewall on the east gable end was obscured. Additions have extended the house to the south. Despite the changes the house contributes to the historic nature of St. Mary's Square.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ANN LEONARD HOUSE

and/or common PLUMMER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 410 St. Mary's Square not for publication

city, town St. Michaels 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 | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Helen K. Plummer

street & number 410 St. Mary's Square telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 269

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 495

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-264

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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 of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

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

Historically known as the Ann Leonard house and currently referred to as the Plummer house, the story-and-a-half frame house stands at 410 St. Mary's Square in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Probably built between 1842 and 1845 the story-and-a-half frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of artificial vinyl weatherboard siding. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west gable end is a slightly shorter story-and-a-half wing, and to the rear modern additions have been attached.

The north (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center replacement door sheltered by a gabled stoop. The flanking six-over-six sash windows are marked by louvered shutters that have been applied to the house. The second floor, now lighted by gabled dormers that interrupt the cornice, was originally illuminated by six-pane windows.

The east gable end is marked by six-over-six sash windows on the first floor and six-pane windows that light the second floor. Rising through the gable is an interior brick stack. Before the house was remodeled, a brick firewall was exposed between the first floor windows. The gable end is flush and trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

The west end, on the other hand, is largely covered by the contemporary story-and-a-half wing that displays similar details. Six-over-six sash windows and six-pane windows light the first and second floor, respectively. A story-and-a-half wing extends to the rear and attached to it are modern additions.

The interior was not seen.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Ann Leonard house, evidently built between 1842 and 1845, is one of the oldest original dwellings on St. Mary's Square. The exterior of the story-and-a-half frame dwelling has been reworked with the addition of dormers instead of the original six-pane windows that lighted the second floor. The east end firewall has been covered over and the building has been sheathed with artificial siding. Despite the alterations, the building retains its nineteenth-century character and contributes to the historic nature of St. Mary's Square.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The chain-of-title for this property clearly indicates that Ann Leonard financed the construction of this story-and-a-half frame dwelling shortly after her purchase of "Lot 31" in 1842.(56/547) Three years later, Ann Leonard was dead and the property, sold by Jeremiah and Rebecca Leonard for \$400, was purchased by Thomas Keithley.(59/138) The Keithleys retained title to the house until 1936, however they sold the south end of the lot in 1853 to Robert Lambdin.(65/146) Roland C. Plummer, unmarried, and Lena A. Plummer purchased the house and corner lot in 1936.(236/84)

ANN LEONARD HOUSE

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YEAR: 1946 VOL: 269 PAGE: 495

FROM: Oliver A. Kirby and Minnie R. Kirby PRICE:

TO: Helen K. Plummer

NOTES "That lot on the south and west side of St. Mary's Square, said St. Marys Square being a public street in the form of a square with elongated sides on the easterly side thereof, which elongated sides form a Public Street running from Chestnut to Mulberry Street". Copy of deed attached.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 269 PAGE: 494

FROM: Helen K. Plummer and Roland C. Plummer PRICE:

TO: Oliver A. Kirby and Minnie R. Kirby

NOTES Title Clearance. Also, the following:

To Plummer by Kirby 1946, 268/404

1946, 268/403. Roland C. Plummer, Helen K. Plummer, and Lena A. Plummer to Oliver A. Kirby and Minnie R. Kirby.

1942, 254/49. Oliver A. Kirby and Minnie R. Kirby to Roland C. Plummer, Helen K. Plummer, and Lena A. Plummer.

1942, 254/48. Roland C. Plummer et al to Oliver A. Kirby and Minnie R. Kirby.

Conveyed to Roland C. Plummer and Lena A. Plummer by Addie C. McQuay 1936, 236/84.

YEAR: 1936 VOL: 236 PAGE: 84

FROM: Keithley heirs* PRICE: \$750

TO: Roland C. Plummer, unmarried and Lena A. Plummer

NOTES "Being the undivided 1/3 interest of Margaret Leonard Keithley, which on her intestate death in 1849 went to her son William J. Keithley subject to the interest of her husband Thomas Keithley and also the undivided 2/3 interest conveyed from Jeremiah Leonard and Rebecca Leonard to Thomas Keithley by deed 1845, 59/138 which 2/3 went to her son William J. Keithley".

William J. Keithley, widower died intestate 1933 and the property descended to Addie C. McQuay, Elva W. Keithley, T. Willey Keithley, Victor P. Keithley, Myrtle Y. Harrison, and C. Eugene Keithley.

*Keithley heirs: Addie C. McQuay, William T. McQuay, Elva W. Keithley, T. Willey Keithley, E. Devona Keithley, Victor P. Keithley, Grace Keithley, Myrtle Y. Harrison, G. K. Harrison, and Annie A. Keithley.

1936, 236/86 R. C. Plummer to Wm. C. Mills and Marguerite Mills is a mortgage for \$600.

YEAR: 1853 VOL: 65 PAGE: 146

FROM: Thomas Keithley PRICE: \$484

TO: Robert Lambdin

NOTES The 60 x 120 foot lot is divided here. Robert Lambdin buys the southern half (T-583) while Thomas Keithley kept the northern 61 feet. The title follows that of T-583.

YEAR: 1845 VOL: 59 PAGE: 138

FROM : Jeremiah Leonard and Rebecca PRICE: \$400

TO : Thomas Keithley

NOTES: "their undivided 2/3 interest in a house and lot in St. Michaels formerly belonging to Ann Leonard, dcd, which descended to Jeremiah Leonard, Ruth Millis, and Margaret Keithley (wife of Thomas Keithley). Ruth Millis part was conveyed to Jeremiah Leonard in 1845."THE GROUND WHERE THE HOUSE WAS BUILT WAS CONVEYED TO ANN LEONARD BY JAMES KEITHLEY AND SOPHIA, HIS WIFE IN 1842. THE HOUSE FRONTS ON ST. MARY'S SQUARE AND IS NOW OCCUPIED BY JOHN VALLIANT"

YEAR: 1842 VOL: 56 PAGE: 547

FROM : James Keithley and Sophia PRICE: \$100

TO : Ann Leonard

NOTES: "Lot number 31, which lot was conveyed to James Keithley by Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin of Baltimore City, 1828.

YEAR: 1828 VOL: 48 PAGE: 86

FROM : Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin PRICE: \$30

TO : James Keithley

NOTES: Lot number 31. "All that lot". "Which said lot was conveyed to Duncan Campbell by James Wignal of Liverpool in 1784"

No record of a land transfer by Duncan Campbell has been found. In "Marriages and Deaths from the Baltimore Newspapers, 1796-1816" page 213, there is the following: "Mr. Man and Miss Campbell of Baltimore married last evening by Rev. Kurtz. 24 April 1797" Apparently, Elizabeth Man and Ann Dugin were daughters and heirs of Duncan Campbell.

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 22 PAGE: 34

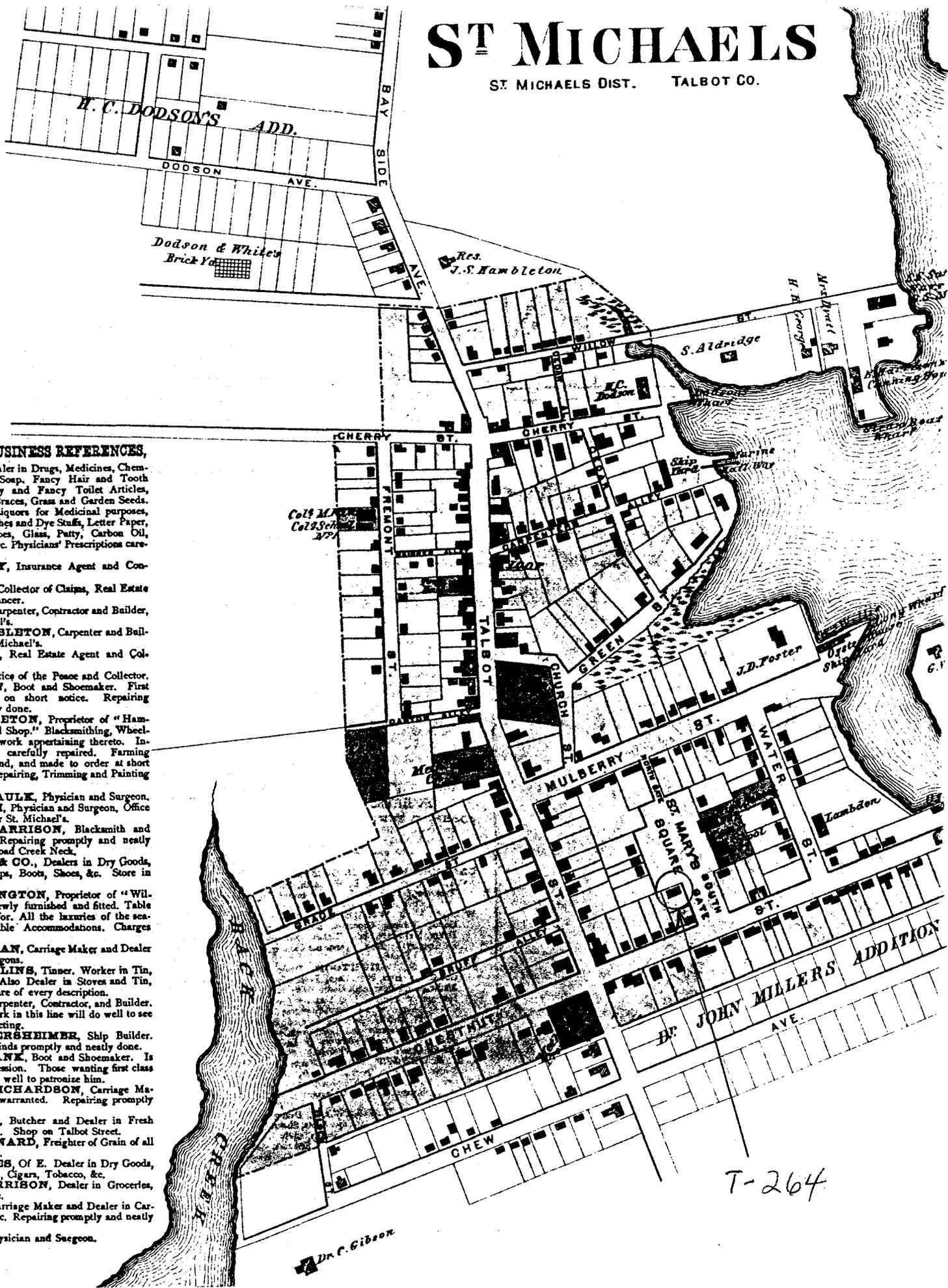
FROM : James Wignal PRICE: p3 5s spe

TO : Duncan Campbell, sawyer

NOTES: Alot "distinguished on the plat of St Michaels as number 31". The sale made by "James Wignal of Liverpool, mariner, attorney-in-fact for Mr James Gildart, esq., Dorothy Gawith of Liverpool, County of Lancaster, spinster, and Joseph Wales of Liverpool, merchant, executrix and executor of John Gawith, dcd." This was part of the unsold property of James Braddock, which was willed to John Thompson by Braddock. The property had been purchased by Braddock with money belonging to his employers (Gildart & Gawith of Liverpool) and was bought from John Thompson by James Wignal (1784, 21/417) acting for Gildart & Gawith. The land was part of "Janes Progress".

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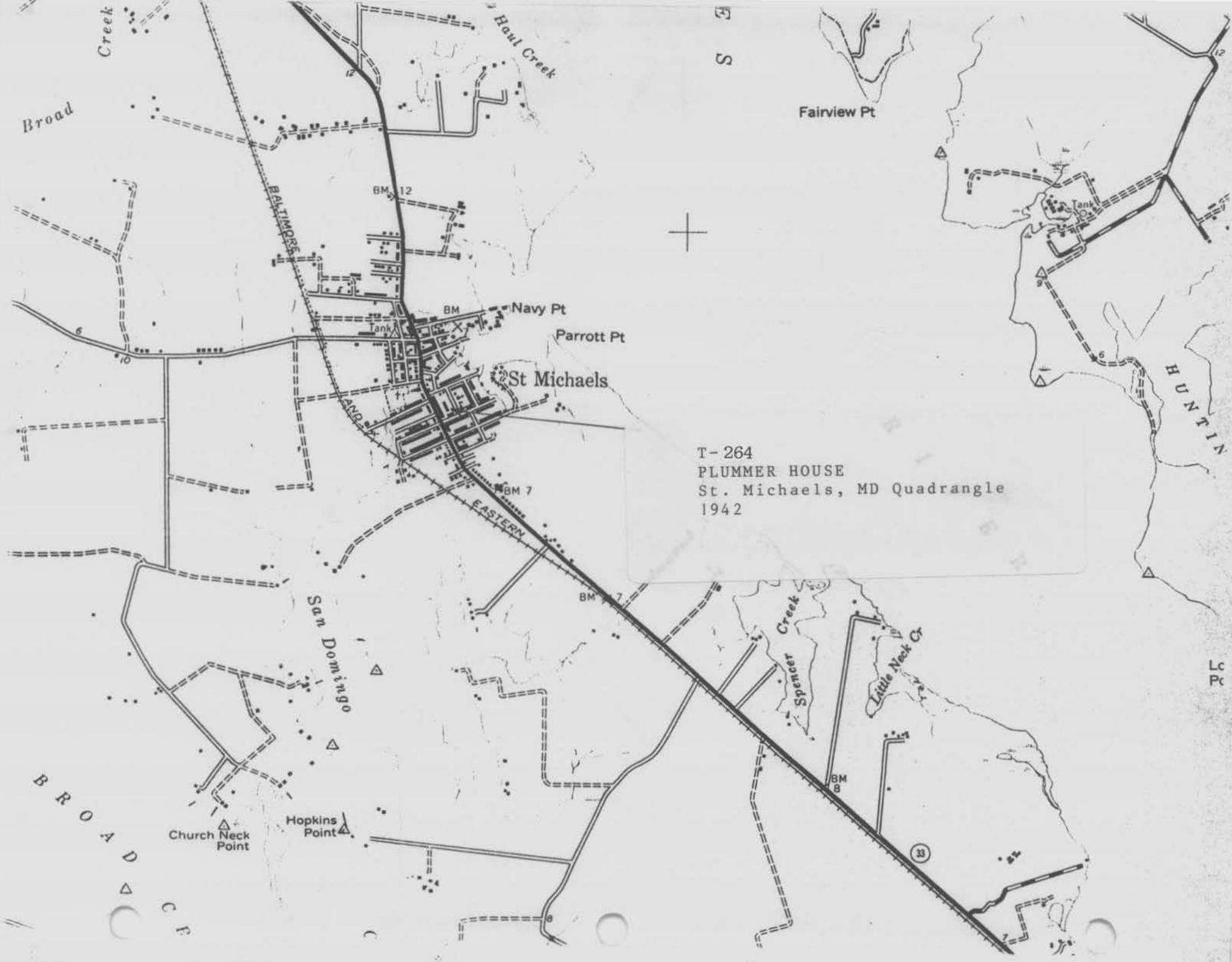


MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Spectacles, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Also Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Nails, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. DEAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- S. DYOTT**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ED. H. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- W. F. GIBSON**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.
- SPARKS**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. In-icate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming Implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.
- WILLIAM CAULK**, Physician and Surgeon.
- JAMES BETH**, Physician and Surgeon, Office and Residence near St. Michael's.
- LIAM S. HARRISON**, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.
- E. NEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- N. T. HARRINGTON**, Proprietor of "Williams House." Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.
- NIEL J. KILMAN**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.
- GEORGE W. COLLINS**, Tinsmith. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- E. BLADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- SEPH HERGERSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- EVER FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- FRISON & RICHARDSON**, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- J. HOLLAND**, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
- PT. C. R. LEONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- THOMAS BLADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- W. H. HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.
- S. KILMUN**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- A. DODSON** Physician and Surgeon.

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Dr. C. Gibson



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PLUMMER HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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ANN LEONARD HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southeast elevation

12/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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