

T-272

c. 1825-1850

Rogers House

St. Michaels

private

The Rogers house follows a standard story-and-a-half, hall/parlor plan, a house form that was popularly employed in Maryland from the seventeenth century through the mid to late nineteenth century. Construction details and interior finish features of this house suggest that this house was built during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The flat six-panel doors and the molded cast iron thumb latches commonly date from the 1830s and 1840s. Similar houses from the same period in St. Michaels include the Lambdin house on Water Street (T-253) and the center section of the Leonard Funeral Home (T-243).

From the assembled research it appears Nathan Harrington or Thomas Bruff erected this house. Nathan Harrington purchased sixteen acres from John Dorgan in 1806 (31/487), and at some point before 1845, Thomas Bruff bought the property from Nathan Harrington.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Rogers House

2. Location

street & number 112 West Chestnut Street not for publicationcity, 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 Peggy Rogers

street & number 112 West Chestnut Street 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

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Rogers house description

The Rogers house is a story-and-a-half frame house that stands at 112 West Chestnut Street in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The hall/parlor structure faces north with the main gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century, the story-and-a-half, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof. The exterior wall surfaces have been sheathed with wood shingles. Attached to the west gable end is a slightly shorter single-story, two-bay one-room wing that appears to date from the same period as the main house. A modern kitchen was added to the south side of the old house during the mid 1970s.

The north (main) elevation of the hall/parlor house is symmetrical with a center door and flanking six over six sash. The front door is a replacement and the windows are flanked by louvered shutters. A plain boxed cornice finishes the eave. Two gabled dormers that are aligned with the first floor windows light the half-story. Six over six sash windows are framed by simple side pilasters.

The east gable end is marked by an exposed seven-course common bond brick firewall, and a rebuilt brick chimney rises from the gable end.

The west gable end is largely covered by the former one-room kitchen. The two-bay main elevation has a replacement door and an adjacent six over six sash window. An interior end brick chimney rises from the west gable of the main house.

The hall/parlor interior is divided by a plastered stud partition. Access to the second floor is provided by an enclosed stair behind a beaded board partition. Molded cast iron thumb latches survive on the first and second floor six-panel doors.

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
<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 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		

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 Rogers house follows a standard story-and-a-half, hall/parlor plan, a house form which was popularly used from the seventeenth century through the mid to late nineteenth century. Construction details and interior features suggest that this hall/parlor house was erected during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The flat six-panel doors and the molded cast iron thumb latches commonly date from the 1830s and 1840s. There are no visible exterior or interior features that suggest an earlier date of construction.

The Crepe Myrtle Cottage

Originally built about 1795 as a one story log house by John Doregin (also spelled Dorgin and Dorgan). Doregin was a ship-smith and one of the original Commissioners of St. Michaels appointed in 1804. The house was assessed in 1798, with its log kitchen, blacksmith shop, framed meat house and stable, at \$200.00. During its restoration/renovation in 1975-1976, the original foundation of logs set in pitch directly on the ground was found to be still in good shape. The beams of the original house have been exposed in what is now the dining room. Although many changes have been made through the years, the house still retains its enclosed stairway, random width pine floors upstairs, "Cross" doors, and two fireplaces, including one tiny one upstairs.

112 W. Chestnut St., St. Michaels, Md., 21151.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Talbot L.R.</u>	
12 March 1971		Mark D. and Valerie Greene to William Albert Rogers, Jr. and Peggy Rogers Rogers
10 November 1969	439/640	Clarissa G. Yost to Mark D. Greene and Valerie F.
25 August 1958	349/267	Keith S. Luke and William D. (her husband) to Clarissa G. Yost.
21 January 1943	254/302	Ralph S. Martin and Virginia L. to Keith S. Luke
28 March 1940	246/441	Eva L. Harrison and others to Ralph S. Martin and Virginia L. (for the sum of \$850)
29 August 1934		To Eva L. Harrison, descended by the laws of intestate succession from her husband Marion R. Harrison to whom said property devised by the last Will and Testament of his mother, Sally E. Harrison.
12 September 1878	86/110	Thomas Bruff of John to Sally E. Harrison
7 September 1853	65/204	William W. Bruff and Sarah Ann to Thomas Bruff of John (for the sum of \$700)
25 January 1845	58/494	Thomas Bruff to William W. Bruff (a lot 120' x 120') "the lot that Thomas Bruff bought from Nathan Harrington"
Deed missing		
21 August 1806	31/487	John Dorgan to Nathan Harrington (16 3/4 acres)
2 July 1791	24/349	Joseph Harrington to John Dorgan (15 acres)
5 February 1760	19/59	John Wales to Joseph Harrington (15 acres)
Deed missing*		
	<u>Patents</u>	
28 August 1695	BB3/400	The original 70 acres of "Jane's Prograde" laid out for John Hatton, between the two "Halling" creeks, i.e. Church Cove and Back (or Broad) Creek.

*The Hatton heirs, Elizabeth and Grace, sold off half of "Jane's Progress" to David Hughes. Hughes sold off 15 acres of this 35 to John Wales. cf. Rent Rolls 7 May 1723, 13/82

April 25, 1977

Dear Mr. Ratchford,

The records cited have been searched by Phebe R. Jacobson, Archivist, Hall of Records Commission, State of Maryland. I have read the records in Annapolis and copies have been ordered. The filling out of the record with personal details will be done in the future, as we are able.

The house was restored in 1975-1976, with Harry Ball as contractor. The work included opening two fireplaces, including a small one in an upstairs bedroom, raising the roof of the original loft to permit the installation of a bathroom upstairs, exposing the original beams of what was the original building and that is now a dining room. On checking foundations, it was found that this part of the building rested on logs set in pitch. This is probably the building described in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Talbot Co., Bay Hundred p. 6:

Possessor,	owner	Lot in St. Michaels, 1/4 acre-1DH; 4out h.
Dorquin, John	same	assess. at \$200
1 dwellinghouse log 1 story, 22 by 14, 2 windows, 36 by 21 & 22 by 16--100 dollars. Log kitchen 16 by 14, 2 windows, 22 x 18. 35 dollars. Log blacksm. shop 36 x 20. 26 dollars. Framed meat house 12 by 10. 10 dollars. Log stable 25 by 16. 14 dollars.		

There remains an original cross door and woodwork, board and batten doors, wide pine flooring on the second floor, beams and timbers, some of which are now concealed again. A half dozen or so handmade nails, 5-8 inches long, were removed from the ceiling beams when exposed. The small enclosed stairway remains, the old one to the loft from the kitchen, having been removed when the old kitchen and bath were torn off to be replaced. The house has been modernized with two new baths, central airconditioning, baseboard heating, kitchen, etc. In addition, the old garage has been placed on a foundation and converted into a workshop/furnace room.

Will and I would like to have our house, in which we take a great deal of pride, placed on the Walking Tour of St. Michaels. Will it be the first house added since the original tour was drawn up? I understand there are problems about adding it this year, since you are just going to press, but nevertheless, Will and I would appreciate your help and advice about procedure. I am enclosing a list of former owners.

I enjoyed our visit last Sunday, and look forward to seeing you both soon, I believe Will has made his last trip until Fall, so he'll be with us, too.

Cordially,

415 N St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

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YEAR: 1971 VOL: 450 PAGE: 519
FROM: Mark D Greene and Valerie F. PRICE:
TO: William Albert Rogers and Peggy Rogers Rogers
NOTES Begins NE corner of James Andrews on S side Chestnut Street; run with street E 90' to former Ed Covey's heirs; with Covey S 120' to alley formerly the S boundary of the town of St. Michaels; then W with the alley 90 feet to James Andrews; with Andrews 120 feet to the beginning.
Except the portion of the above property conveyed by Sally E. Harrison to Charles H. Spencer 1906, 147/136.
Conveyed to Mark D. and Valerie F Greene by Clarissa G Yost and John S. L. Yost 1969, 439/640.

YEAR: 1969 VOL: 439 PAGE: 640
FROM: Clarissa G Yost and John S. L. Yost PRICE: \$14,000
TO: Mark D. and Valerie F. Greene
NOTES Same description and exception.
Conveyed to Clarissa G Yost by Keith S Luke and husband 1958, 349/267.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 349 PAGE: 267
FROM: Keith S Luke and William D Luke PRICE:
TO: Clarissa G Yost
NOTES Same description and exception.
Conveyed to Keith S Luke by Ralph S. and Virginia L. Martin 1943, 254/302.
The following series of deeds were concerned with title clearance:
1944, 259/506: Ruth R. Martin to Keith S Luke.
1944, 259/504: William D Luke to Ruth R Martin.
1943, 257/482: Ruth R Martin to William D Luke.
1943, 257/480: Keith S Luke and William D Luke to Ruth R Martin.

YEAR: 1943 VOL: 254 PAGE: 302
FROM: Ralph S Martin and Virginia L Martin PRICE: \$2850
TO: Keith S Luke
NOTES Same description and exception.
Conveyed to Ralph S and Virginia L Martin by Eva L Harrison, et al 1940, 246/441

YEAR: 1940 VOL: 246 PAGE: 441
FROM: Eva L Harrison, widow and others* PRICE: \$850
TO: Ralph S and Virginia L Martin
NOTES *The others are: Eugene R Harrison, Beatrice C Harrison, Victor C Harrison Hannah C Harrison, H. Elbert Harrison, The St. Michaels Bank and the Baltimore Commercial Bank. The banks joined for clearing two small judgements.
Part of the land devised by Sally E Harrison by her will (1911, 17/452) to Marion R Harrison. On the death of Marion, intestate, the property went to his widow Eva L and his children.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 86 PAGE: 110

FROM: Thomas Bruff of John PRICE: L&A+\$200

TO: Sallie E Harrison

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Thomas Bruff of John by William W Bruff and Sarah Ann 1853, 65/204.

YEAR: 1853 VOL: 65 PAGE: 204

FROM: William W Bruff and Sarah Ann Bruff PRICE: \$700

TO: Thomas Bruff of John

NOTES Begins at a lot on Chestnut Street belonging to Richard Harrington; run with Chestnut Street E 90 feet to John Dunning; with Dunning S 120 feet to John Harrington; with Harrington 90 feet W to Richard Harrington; then 120 feet to the beginning.

YEAR: 1845 VOL: 58 PAGE: 494

FROM: Thomas Bruff PRICE: \$80

TO: William W Bruff

NOTES "All that lot I purchased of Nathan Harrington, dcd. on the south side of Chestnut Street". Begin at a point on W side (sic) of Chestnut Street at the corner of a lot where Robert Higgins now lives then with the street 120 feet. Then to another post at John Harrington; then run SE with Harrington 120 feet; then running SW 120 feet to the SE corner of Higgins lot; then NW to the beginning.

YEAR: 1815 VOL: 37 PAGE: 303

FROM: John Dorgin PRICE: \$1400

TO: Nathan Harrington

NOTES Part of "Janes Progress", "Chance", and "Parsley Neck" which were conveyed to Dorgin by Elizabeth Sherwood by order of the Chancery Court, 1813. It includes all of the land southwest of Chestnut Street and the Main Road. 51 acres and 24 perches.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288

FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood, widow of Hugh Sherwood, dcd. PRICE: 487.92 2/3

TO: John Dorgan

NOTES By decree of Chancery Court 9 Dec 1812, suit John Dorgan vs heirs of Hugh Sherwood, dcd. Upon Dorgan paying balance of purchase money due (\$487.92 2/3) with interest, the heirs were ordered to convey to Dorgan the land conveyed to Hugh's father, Thomas Sherwood, by William Harrison and John Thompson except a 120 foot square - lots 72 and 73 - on Chestnut Street. It included William Harrison's deed of 1785, 23/115; John Thompson to Thomas Sherwood 1791, 24/299; and all land John Thompson inherited from James Braddock south of a line on Chestnut Street from Broad Creek to St. Michaels River.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: PAGE:

FROM: James Braddock PRICE:

TO: John Thompson

NOTES Under Braddock's will of only six lines, probated in 1782, John Thompson inherited all of Braddock's real estate "upon paying all my debts". This included parts of Bentley Hay, Janes Progress, Chance, Parsley Neck as far East as Hatton's Garden. See attached map.

SITE 661 Col. M.H. Co. Col. School No. 1

REMONT ST.

SKINNER ALLEY

Lower Hill

TALBOT ST.

CANTON ALLEY

Cem.

Meth. Ch. - 259

260 E. Church St. Apts. Cl.

CARPENTERS

GREEN ST.

J.D. Poste

MULBERRY ST.

ST. MARY'S SQUARE

274 High School
Cem. School No. 1

GRACE ST.

ST.

ST.

ALLEY

BRUFF ST.

CHESTNUT ST.

CHEW ST.

TILDEN ST.

JOHN WILLIAMS AVE.

635 - not on map

635 204
734 - 206 E. Ch
276 208
735 210 E. "

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Gibson



DR. DODSON'S
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ST. MARY'S
SQUARE

METHODIST
CEMETERY

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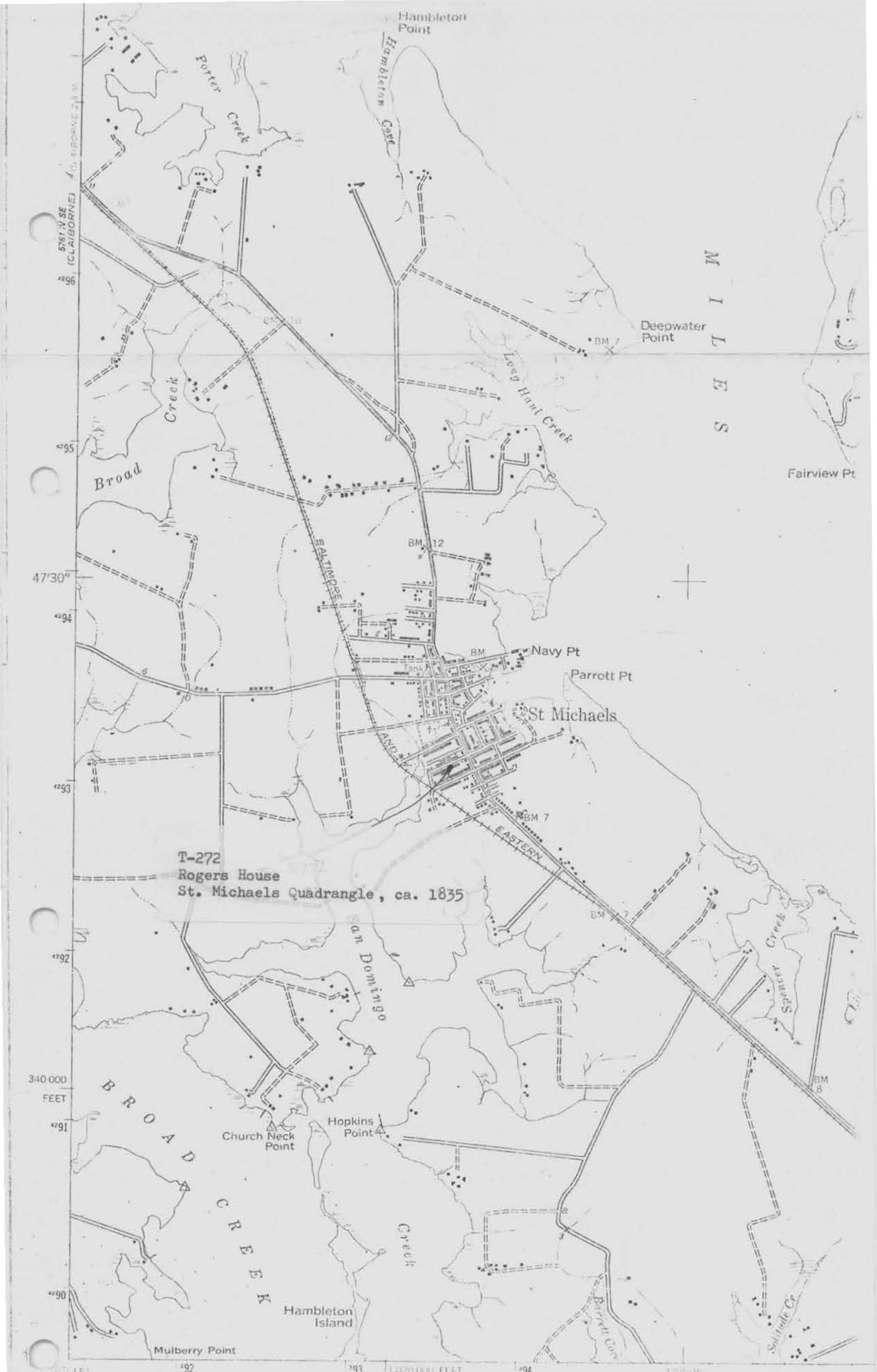
DACK CREEK

MAP
OF
ST. MICHAELS

TALBOT CO. MARYLAND
SCALE

JAN. 1, 1925. THOMAS V. BARD





Mapped by the Army Map Service
 Published for civil use by the Geological Survey
 Control by USC&GS



112 WEST CHESTNUT STREET T-272
St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland
North Elevation
6/85, Paul Touart, Photographer
NEG/MD. Historical Trust



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