

Coates Lodge #102  
Masonic Temple  
114 North Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-295  
1881

Easton's Masonic Temple uses Italianate motifs to express the buildings's ceremonial functions. The three story building is of a lovely light orange brick with white stone details.

There is a shallow front gable with a single eye, a symbol of the order; tall chimneys rise at each side walls. The lodge room is on the third floor and offices on the first and second.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Masonic Temple  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 114 North Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Easton VICINITY OF FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
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	<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 Trustees of Coates Lodge #102 Telephone #: 301-822-3085  
STREET & NUMBER c/o Walter J. Harmsen  
CITY, TOWN Easton VICINITY OF Fraternal Organization STATE, zip code Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Court House Liber #: 209  
STREET & NUMBER Washington Street Folio #: 311  
CITY, TOWN Easton STATE Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 is another ceremonial lodge building which corresponds, roughly, in age to the Odd Fellows building on South Washington Street (T-1). It is a three-story flat fronted brick building which achieves its lively appearance by the ornamental use of brick.

The building is three bays in width and six bays deep. Its main entrance is in its center bay. An entablature over the one bay entrance porch bears the date 1881, the date of the original building, and 1930, the date of the addition to the rear, plus the inscription "Masonic Temple". First floor windows are double with one over one sashes and segmentally arched openings. Stone keystones and haunches enrich the openings and pierced work is used to infill above the sashes. Second floor windows are treated as pairs. The center windows are double with brick arches and pierce work similiar to that on the floor below. Windows in the side bays have one over one sashes and flat brick arches. They are joined, visually, by a blind, brick arch. Between the pairs is a recessed ornamental panel of brick.

The first and second floors of this structure are used as offices. The third floor, however, contains the lodge room and the treatment of the exterior reflects the ceremonial nature of the interior meeting room. A gable end faces the street, accommodating the high ceilinged space inside. This gable is treated with bands of ornamental brick, either molded in a floral motif on laid to resemble dentils or slots in the brick. There is an eye, symbol of the Masonic Lodge, carved in relief and centered under a round arch in the gable. The windows of the lodge room are tripartite with a segmental brick arch and decorative keystone and corner blocks. Stone shields bearing symbols of the order and deep slots in brick further emphasize the upper floor.

The main roof of the structure is a shallow gable roof, with its ridge parallel to the street; massive chimneys stand on the gable ends; their deep, corbelled cap and tall base magnify the importance of the building on the street and enliven its skyline of the street.

In 1931, a rear addition was built by the Order of Masons; it is also of brick, nine bays deep and three stories in height. A simple austere building, the only relief in the common bond brick walls are the casement windows evenly spaced in each bay. On the third floor, square, colored and patterned glass windows are used to light the meeting room. The flat-roofed addition was designed by an architect, Frank Ross, who also designed additions for the Maryland National Bank Building and the Talbot County Court House.

On the interior, the first two floors are offices. The old meeting room has a high ceiling and huge exposed roof trusses which resemble those used in the Odd Fellows Hall. The present meeting room is in the 1930 addition; its classical details are complimented by a cove ceiling.

The light orange brick of the front facade contrasts with the white stone detailings. There is an attractive iron fence along the sidewalk. The structure is very well maintained.

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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 Office), 1881. Reprinted by Historic Easton, Incorporated, January 1974.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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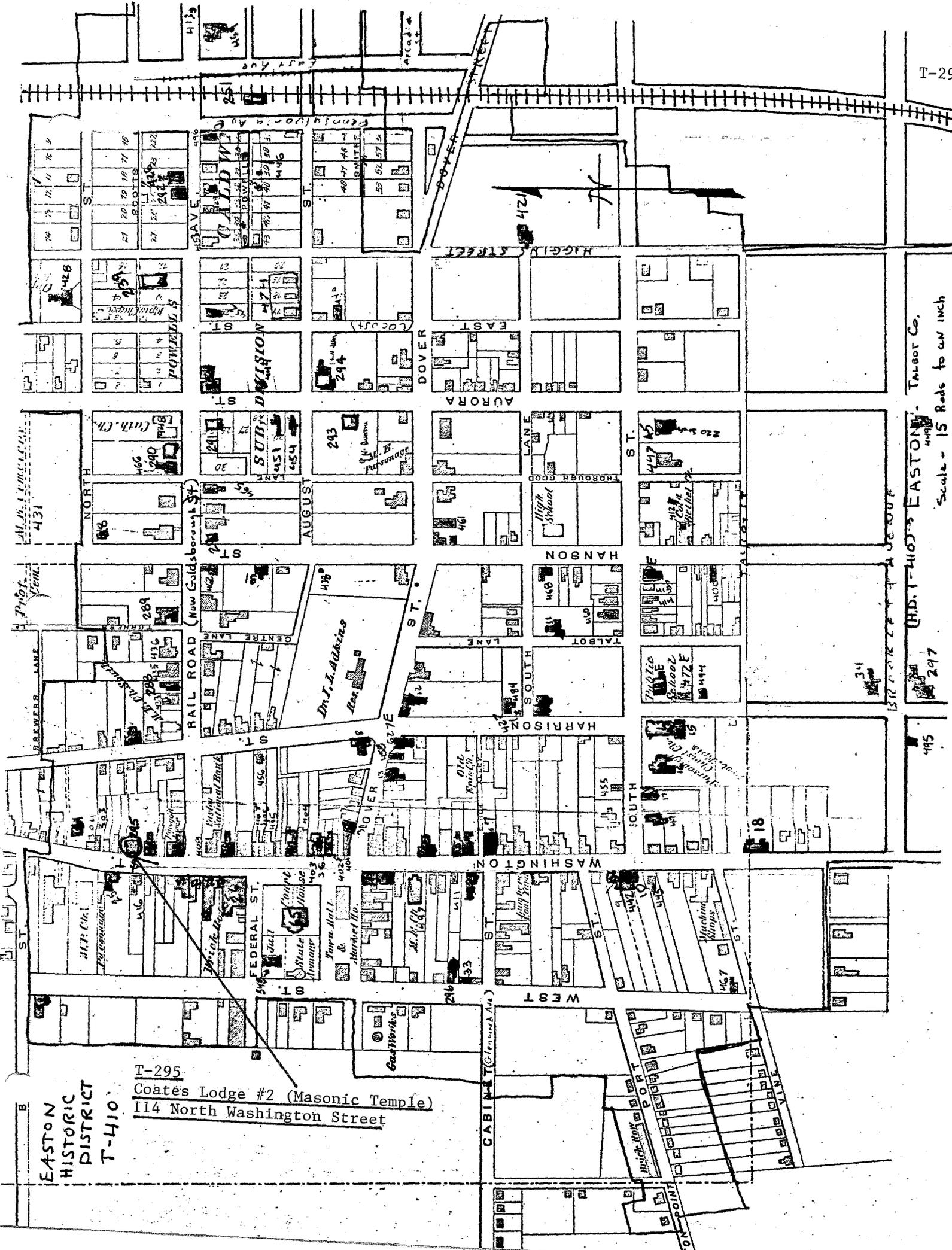
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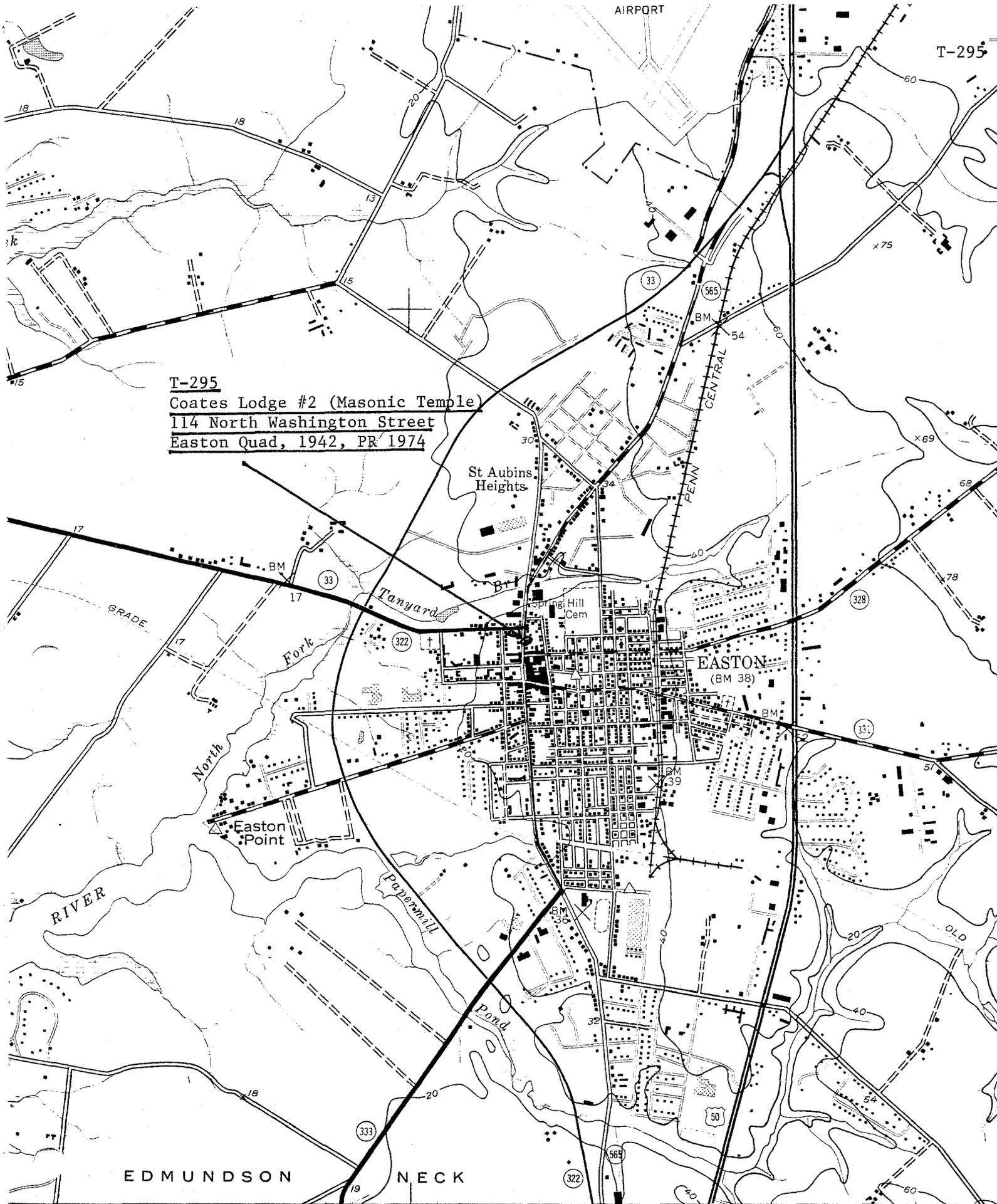
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 Coates Lodge #2 (Masonic Temple)  
 114 North Washington Street

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 HISTORIC  
 DISTRICT  
 T-410

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 Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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**114 North Washington Street**  
**Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974**



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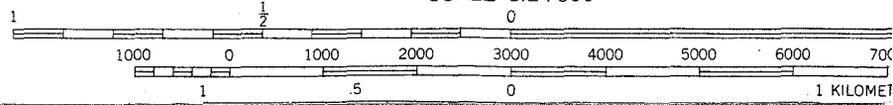
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