

18 West Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-296  
19th Century, probably  
First Quarter

This two and one-half story frame house, restored in 1973, is one of the historic structures in the Talbot County Historical Society complex. The building is situated with its gable to West Street and main entrance facing a side yard, an unusual siting explained by a second original entrance facing West Street which was not replaced in the restoration. The stair, as was usual, is placed opposite the present entrance; there is a one and one-half story rear wing.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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T-296

Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

18 West Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Talbot County Historical Society

Telephone #:(301) 822-0773

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Mr Karl deRockefort-Reynolds, curator, 27 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:  
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<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

Number 18 West Street is a two and one-half story frame house which was restored in 1973 and is now one of the historic buildings in The Talbot County Historical Society complex. It is situated in the northwest corner of the grounds with its side gable end to West Street.

The main portion of the house is three bays wide with the entrance in the west bay. To the east is a one bay, two story wing, also of frame. The main house is covered with flush, wide random-width weatherboarding, the wing with random lapped siding. There is a kitchen entrance in the wing; it is sheltered by a shed roof hood supported with curved wooden brackets. The main entrance has a one bay porch with a shallow gable roof finished with cornice and return; the ceiling is vaulted and the square posts are chamfered with lamb's tongue stops. The door itself has six raised and beveled panels with a four pane overlight. The frame is trimmed with composite moldings which duplicate the originals.

Window openings on the main house are regularly spaced on south, west, and north facades. Nine over six sash is used in the first floor windows and six over six above. The beaded frames have back band moldings and the sloped gills have a cavetto molding beneath each. Louvered shutters painted black are used on first floor windows

A gable dormer is used to light the upper floor from the south. Like other windows, this has a beaded frame with backband molding. A cyma recta molding finishes the gable and eaves and sloped boarding covers the cheeks. A four over four sash is used. There is a similiar dormer on the north in the west bay.

In the kitchen wing, the central batten on the south and the three over three sash second floor window above it are held by narrow beaded trim. The shallow roof is finished with an undecorated box cornice.

The main house roof is more steeply pitched and finished with a box cornice trimmed with moldings. There are beaded barge boards at the gables.

The double chimney serves both main house and kitchen. Of brick, it is straight sided with a simple cap.

The main room on the first floor has a fireplace with mantle shelf, and fluted frieze. Reeded pilasters are used beside the rectangular opening. Curved brackets support the shelf. This mantle is very similiar to that on the second floor of the Talbot County Women's Club wing (T-11). Doors and windows have architrave trim. The chairrail is made up of composite moldings. Upstairs rooms have similiar woodwork, but simpler mantle and chairrail. The small room in the addition is very plain and connected to the kitchen with a small corner stair enclosed on the first floor.

The kitchen has a floor of old brick and exposed ceiling timbers. The fireplace, with segmental arch opening, has a brick shelf and trammel bar.

When the building was restored in 1973, a lattice walled service wing was constructed to the east. The house itself was painted green with cream trim. The structure now houses the family of the curator of the Historical Society.

**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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES      19th century probably 1st quarter      <sup>BUILDER/ARCHITECT</sup>      unknown

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Number 18 West Street exemplifies a type of dwelling which was probably common in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Simple, but carefully detailed the frame dwelling may have housed the family of a craftsman. At the time of restoration, research was undertaken, but proved inconclusive.

The report follows.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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**

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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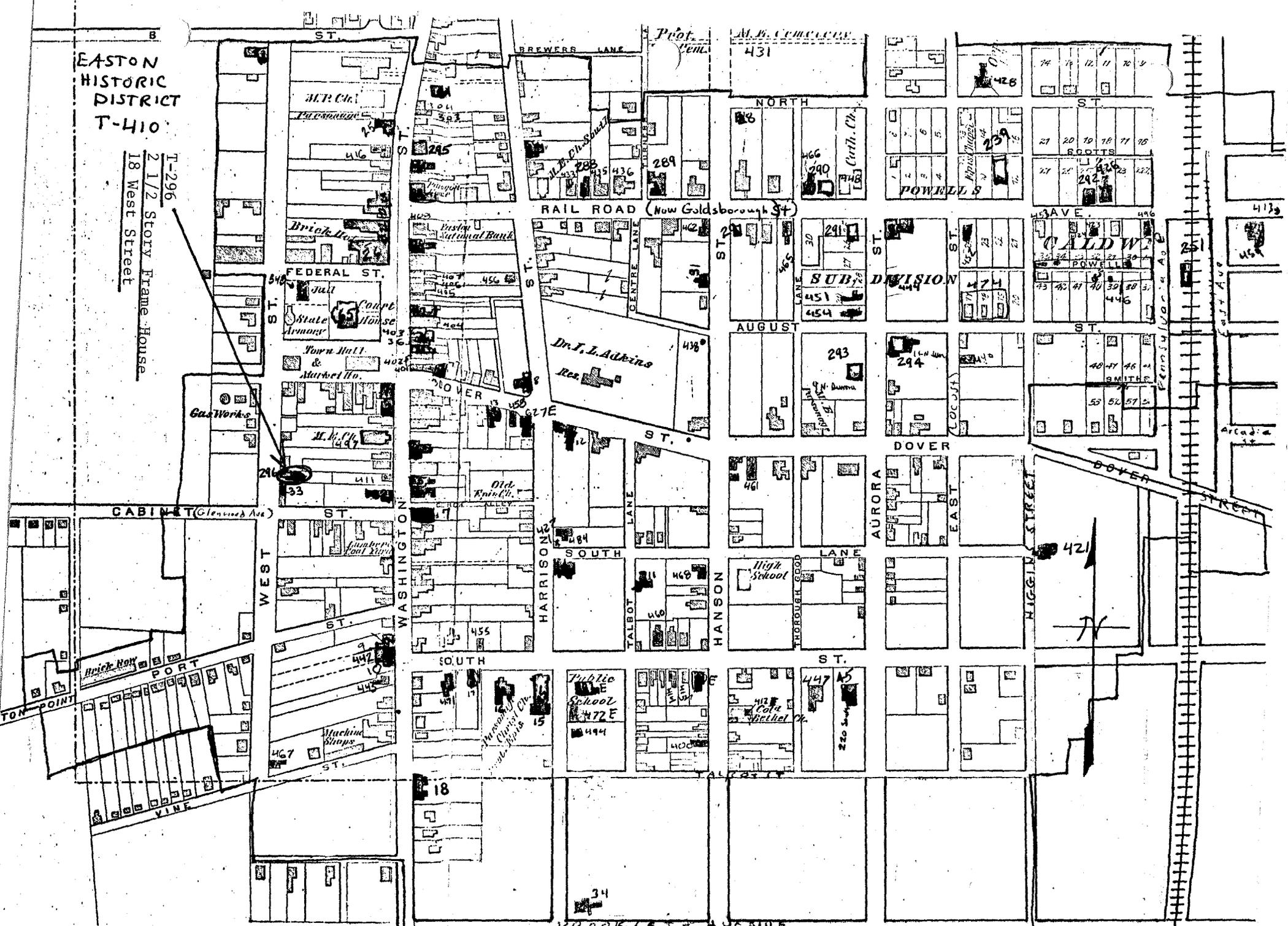
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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**EASTON HISTORIC DISTRICT T-410**

T-296  
2 1/2 Story Frame House  
18 West Street



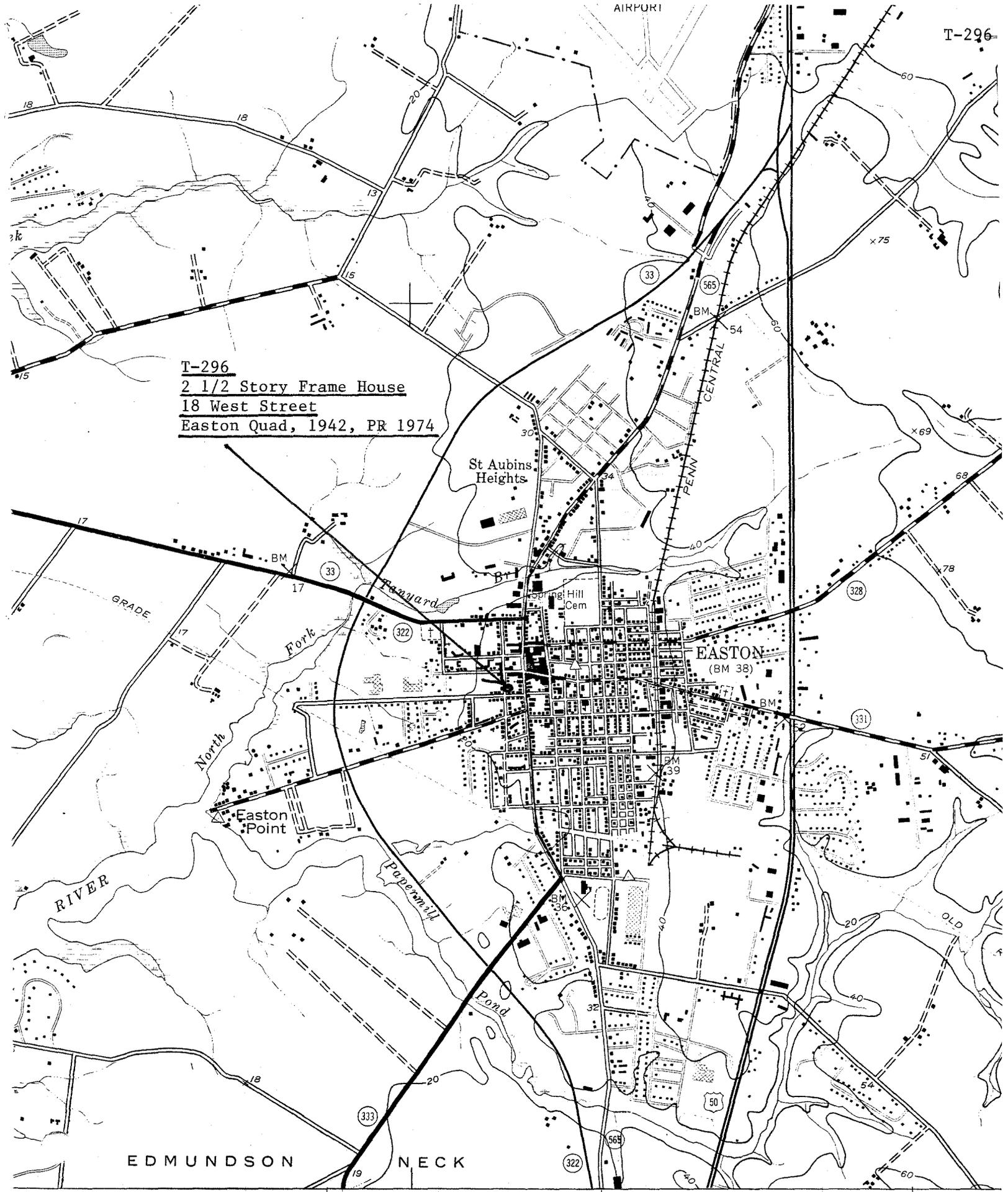
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(H.D. T-410) - EASTON - TALBOT CO.

Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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T-296  
2 1/2 Story Frame House  
18 West Street  
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



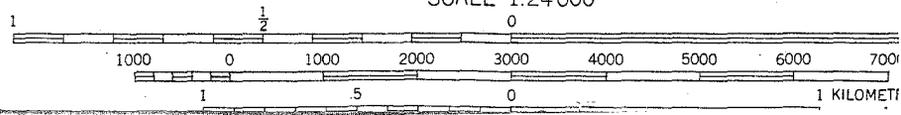
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TRAPPE 6.7 MI.

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18 SOUTH WEST STREET  
EASTON, MD.

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SOUTH ELEVATION  
JULY 1976

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H. FRITZ

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510 DIAMOND STREET  
EASTON, MARYLAND 21601

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18+20 WEST ST  
EASTON

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background

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House back of Talbot Hill Society

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