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Easton, Maryland 21601

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Foxley Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

24 North Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Elizabeth G. Proctor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 283

CITY, TOWN

Menlo Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

California 94025

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: RRS 43

Folio #: 624

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 29, 1967

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historic 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Foxley Hall is one of the best-known of Easton's Federal dwellings. Situated close to the sidewalk at Aurora and Goldsborough Streets, the building has been extended with numerous additions to the rear and to the north.

The main house is three bays wide and two and a half stories in height. Its gable roof has two dormers in the west slope; they are decorated with reeded pilasters topped with adamesque sunburst shields. The upper sash is rounded; there is a cornice and return.

The brick of the facade is laid in Flemish bond with a molded water table. Window openings have flat arches of brick. The main entrance is in the north bay. There are two basement windows in the front facade; these have flat arches and granite sills. Other window openings are found inside walls flanking the enclosed brick chimneys which rise in the center of each side wall. The small attic windows have six over three sashes. The north chimney is false.

The structure has been greatly changed since construction, especially in the late nineteenth century by Oswald Tilghman. Therefore, most visible details are from this period. Most wings also postdate the original house. Typically, Federal houses in Easton had a two-and-a-half story main house with a two story rear ell, probably the original form of Foxley Hall.

To the north of the main house, however, is an unusual one story wing with a shallow gable roof. It has a Flemish bond front facade and molded water table which is very similar to those of the main house; however, the front walls are not continuous, indicating that this wing is in all likelihood an addition. Other brick details include flat window arches and 1/5 English bond side walls. The cornice is shallow with a wide overhang and bold crown molding. It resembles the cornice of the main house. Both appear to date from the second half of the nineteenth century.

The main entrance is framed with an entablature supported by fluted round columns and flat pilasters. The vertical elements rest on stone bases; the porch is reached by a flight of five low stone steps. The double entrance doors have deeply molded panels, typical of the late nineteenth century. There is a fan-shaped transom light.

To the rear is a brick ell, two stories high with one room per floor. It is of brick, laid in English bond. The building is covered with a gable roof, and as noted above is probably contemporary with the main portion of the house. Indeed this portion retains mantles and chairrails which have characteristic Federal period detailing. Through the years brick additions were constructed along the north side of the rear wing. Consequently, the roof lines are irregular and tall chimneys with simple caps rise at right angles to each other at the original back wall of the rear wing, in the north addition near Goldsborough Street, and in the north wall of the old shallow roofed north wing. Behind this small wing is a three sided, octagonal bay window with tall slender windows and ornamental brackets. At the rear

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of the house, overlooking the garden, is a two story porch with pierced-work balustrade. There is a second porch behind the main house.

The inside of the house was altered in the late nineteenth century. The original stair was replaced and a wide opening cut between the main house and rear wing. The stair is of oak and rises to the third floor around an open well. Newels and intermediates are square and have octagonal caps. The balusters have sausage turnings and rest on a closed string course ornamented with reedings.

Two spacious rooms on the first floor right of the stair hall have late nineteenth century details. The window and door trim have bulls eye corner blocks which resemble details of the paneling of the stair spandrel. The present dining room, located in the rear wing, and the bedroom above have chairrails and mantles which appear to date from the Federal period, and window shutters enclosed in paneled shutter boxes which resemble the raised panel doors on the first floor. Mantles have rectangular openings, mantle shelves and reeded detailing on the frieze.

The building, long empty, has recently been rented as a private dwelling.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MAJOR HISTORICAL REFERENCES
Local and State Archives, etc.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1794-1798 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Deborah P. Dickenson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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L27/F179 The corner property on the southeast side of Goldsborough and Aurora Streets was purchased from Joseph Haskins in 1794 by Deborah Perry Dickenson, a widow, descendant of Admiral William Perry. In November 1805 she died leaving this property to her son Henry Dickenson, including the house, known as Foxley Hall, which she had built on this corner lot. The house was named in honor of Mary Foxley Tilghman, daughter of Colonel Oswald Tilghman and his wife, Patty Belle Harrison. Mary Tilghman married John Frazier in 1915.

L38/F44
L8/F453 In 1816 the property was sold to John Leads Kerr whose daughter married General Tench Tilghman. The property still remains in the family, having descended in line, from Col. Oswald Tilghman to his son, Col. Harrison Tilghman.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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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

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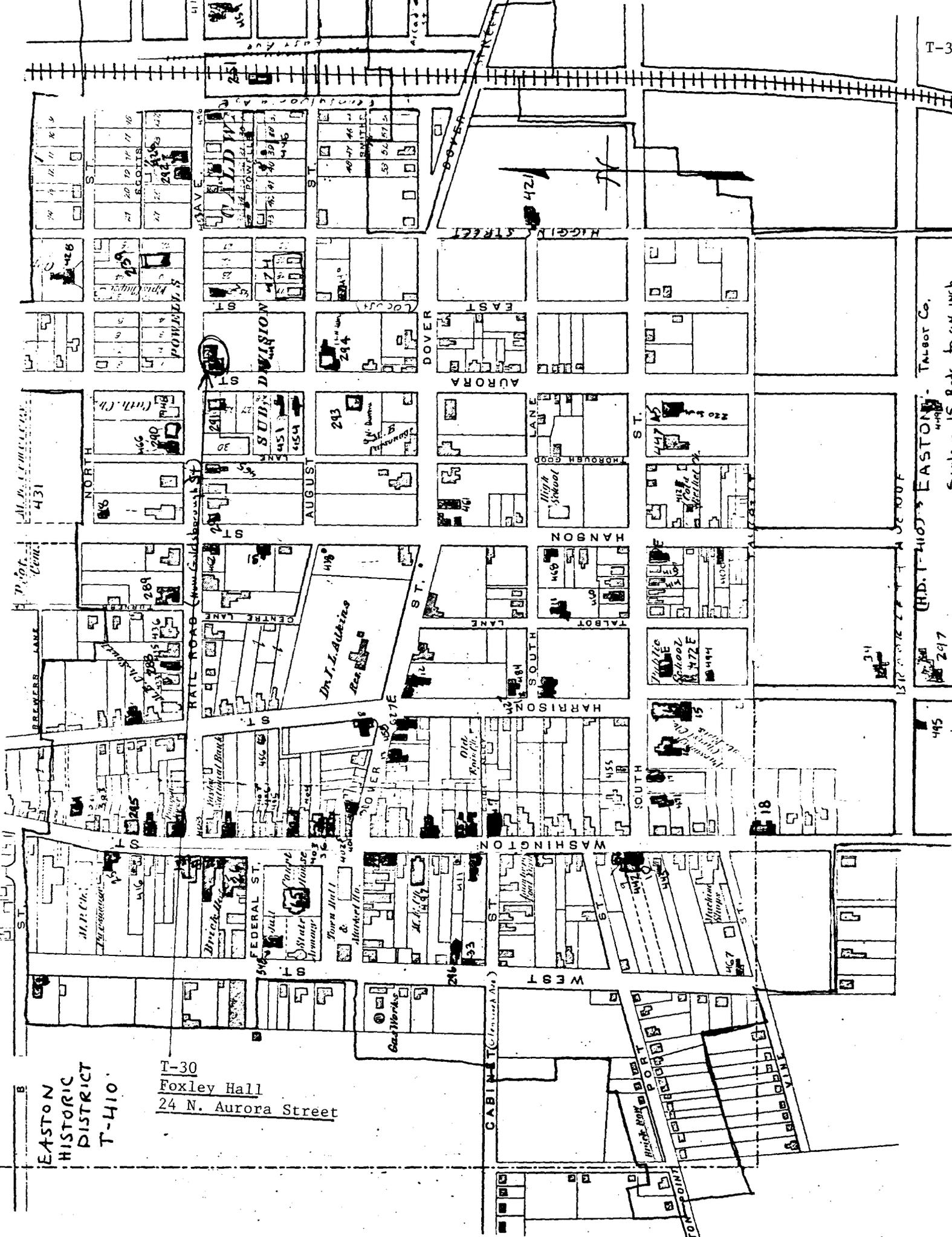
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CITY OR TOWN	Easton		

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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HISTORIC
DISTRICT
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Foxley Hall
24 N. Aurora Street

Talbot Co.
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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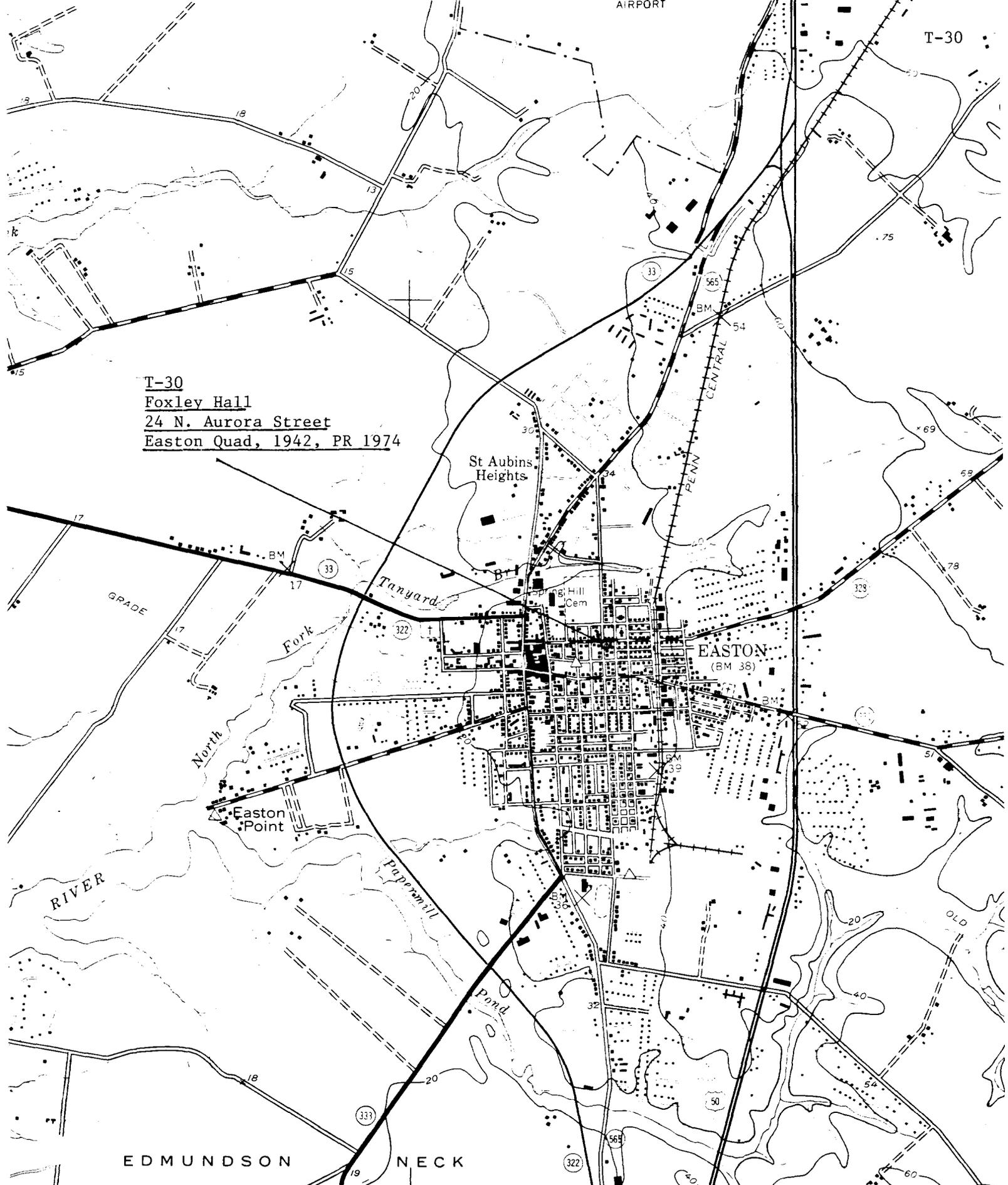
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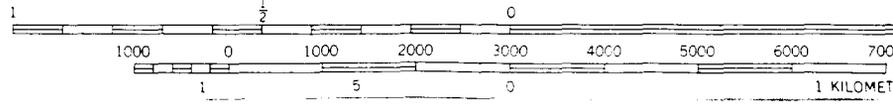
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EASTON, MD.

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9/76 VIEW TO SE

F. R. VERNON - WILLIAMS, JR.
510 DIAMOND STREET
EASTON, MARYLAND 216





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