

One of the Langsdale House
121 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-304
Mid Nineteenth Century

Until 1974 this small frame house was one of a group of three mid nineteenth century houses which stood on the north edge of Easton's Commercial district. Two structures, T-301 and T-302 were threatened with demolition and moved. This building has a two-story front porch and second story oriel window covered with imbricated shingles. A detached row building, its architectural interest is limited to the facade. Recently restored, the building is used for offices.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Langsdale House

AND/OR COMMON

Langsdale House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

12~~th~~ North Washington 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Easton Mayor and Council

Telephone #: 301-822-2525

STREET & NUMBER

14 South Harrison Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 462

Folio #: 693

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

T-304

7 DESCRIPTION

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

This small two-story frame building stands on the east side of North Washington Street near the entrance to the Town parking lot. It faces west and stands very close to the sidewalk.

The main portion of this building is three bays wide and about 30 feet long. It has a low hipped roof. An addition to the rear is modern (1976); it is one-story in height with an A-roof and end chimney. This building is of the side-hall plan type, one room wide and two rooms deep. The main entrance and hall is in the south front bay. There is a dog-leg stair at the rear of the hall and an entrance to the rear addition. This structure was designed as a detached row house, intended to stand very close to the adjacent structure; therefore, architectural enrichment is limited to the front facade.

A two-story porch runs across the front of the building. It is liberally decorated with the flat, sawn-wooden ornament commonly used on buildings in the second half of the nineteenth century. Scroll-type brackets are used at the posts and balastrade on the first floor is a screen of fret-work carving. Carved console-type brackets support the second floor of the porch; they are enriched with pendant drops. Larger brackets identical in design carry the second floor roof of the porch and the oriel window which occupies the two northern bays on the second floor. Windows in each face of the oriel have two over two sashes. The railing of the second floor of the porch has simple turned balastrades.

The main entrance has an overlight and sidelights of colored glass panes. The door is modern.

The building is covered with German shiplap siding on the front facade. The oriel is covered with wooden shingles applied in an imbricated pattern.

Since being acquired by the Town of Easton in 1975, the building has been converted to offices. Paneling and dropped ceilings cover the original interior. The stair has been retained in good part, although with some repair. It is small and quite simple with turned balusters

8 SIGNIFICANCE

ERIOD	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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Mid Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT
before 1877

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It is the one remaining building of the four so-called Langsdale Houses which stood, side-by-side, along Washington Street until 1974. At that time the Town of Easton prepared to demolish the structures to provide access to a town parking lot. Subsequently, two of the houses (T-302) and (T-301), similiar in form and detailing to this one, were moved by Historic Easton, Incorporated to West Bay Street and privately restored. The other structure, a frame house possibly constructed during the first quarter of the nineteenth century was demolished.

Three of the Langsdale houses which exist were built in the mid-nineteenth century. Town houses standing close together, they formed a continuous and lively "wall" along North Washington Street. They were the only grouping of their type in Easton, being more typical of buildings which may be seen in St. Michaels, Maryland. Although this structure alone remains in its original location, it is a valuable document of a modest late nineteenth century dwelling.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
1877 Atlas of Easton, Maryland.

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

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

August 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY T-304

STATE Maryland
COUNTY Talbot
TOWN Easton VICINITY
STREET NO.

2. NAME 124 North Washington Street

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER Town Commissioners of Easton
PRESENT USE vacant
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES 2

DATE OR PERIOD 3rd quarter 19th century
STYLE Victorian
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

124 North Washington Street, Easton, adjoins the yard of an earlier house set back from the street on its north, and its close neighbor, 122 North Washington Street on the south. It is a three bay wide, two story, frame structure with hipped roof. In its general proportion it resembles 120 North Washington Street, but there its similarity ends, for on the second story, above its porch is a bay window and smaller porch. The first story porch has a pierced splat balustrade between its square posts. A cornice composed of ogee brackets with drops relieves the otherwise plain porch. Fish scale shingles adorn the walls of the bay window on the second story. The porch adjoining the bay window is more delicate than the first story, having a similar cornice, and delicately turned balusters. Both porches have pierced brackets at the tops of the posts.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered YES Interior Exterior FAIR



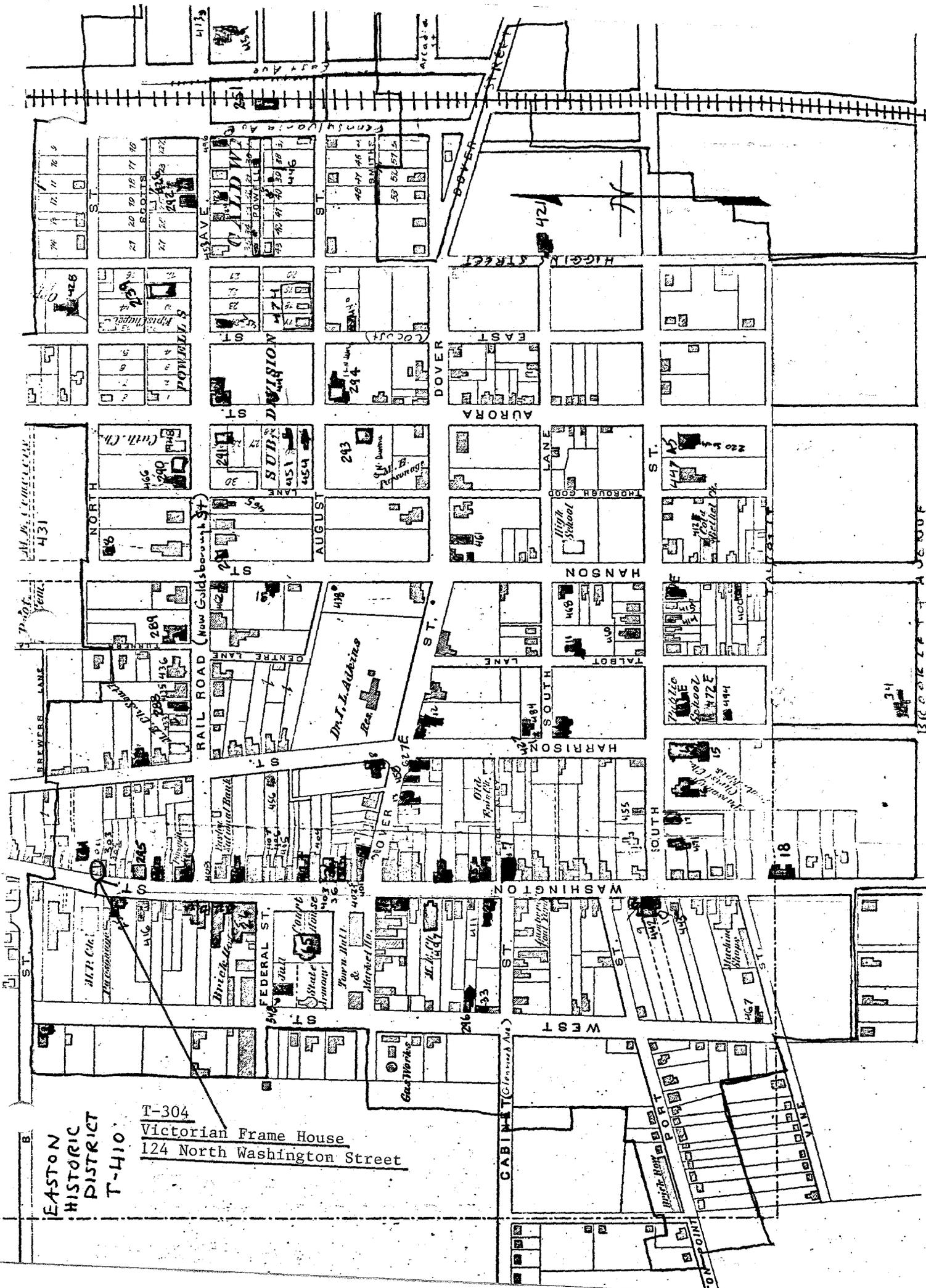
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
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DATE OF RECORD June 1972

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



EASTON
HISTORIC
DISTRICT
T-410

T-304
Victorian Frame House
124 North Washington Street

Scale - 15 Feet to an inch
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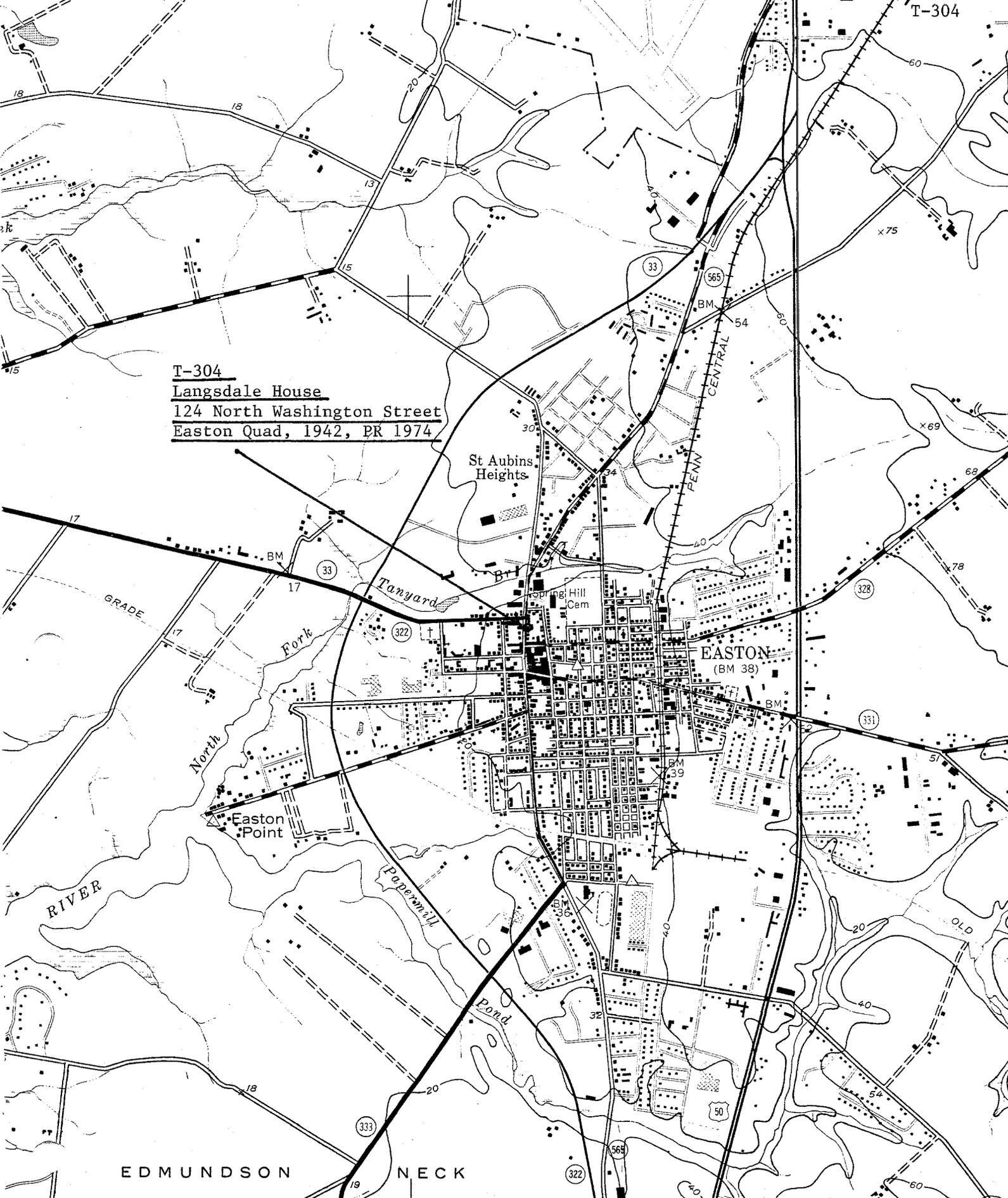
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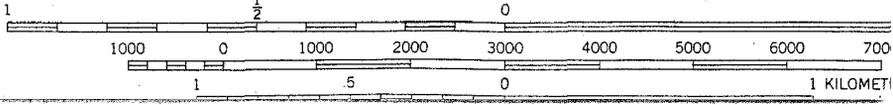
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Langsdale House
124 North Washington Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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124 North Washington Street
EASTON, Md.

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LANDDALE HOUSE
128⁴ No. WASHINGTON
EASTON, MD.

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