

Rowen's Annex, South Building
Eight North Washington
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-36
C1795

The barrel vault covered walkway, now enclosed, running between this building and Six North Washington Street indicates that the buildings are contemporaries. Typical of modest Federal buildings, this one is three bays wide and has a Flemish bond brick facade. It is now connected to Ten North Washington Street, a similiar structure. Most interior details have been lost.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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Rowen's Annex, South Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8 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 type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING	<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	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

Rowen's Stationery, Incorporated

Telephone #: 301-822-2095

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 186

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 #: 496

Folio #: 452

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

1967 Survey of Easton, Maryland by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1967

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is the southern structure of what is called "Rowen's Annex". It is joined on the north to another 2 1/2 story Federal building (T-403) and they share a common store front. The buildings stand on the east side of Washington Street in the commercial district across from Talbot County Court House Square.

This is a Federal building, 2 1/4 stories high and three bays wide. Its front facade is of brick laid in Flemish bond. There are two gable dormers in the west slope of the gable roof. Little of the early character or detailing remains.

Original windows may be seen on the second floor front facade. The opening has a flat arch of gauged brick; the unbeaded window frames hold nine over six sashes. The sills are molded and project from the wall surface; this detail is unusual in the existing Federal period buildings in Easton, but is also seen on #10 North Washington Street (T-403). Old pictures show louvered shutters at these windows.

The dormers have a crownmold, cornice and return. The pilasters flanking the 6/6 sashes have broad reeding along their entire length and plain bases. The cheeks are covered with sheet metal.

The cornice with modillions appears to be a recent replacement and is identical to the cornice on #10 North Washington, Rowen's Annex South Building.

The roof of raised seam metal meets the brick curtain of #6 North Washington Street (T-35). The roof and cornice levels of the two structures match; these buildings have a barrel-vault covered walkway between them. This walkway has been enclosed but would resemble that which may still be seen between #115 (T-23) and #119 (T-24) North Washington Street. Double chimneys with a connecting brick curtain formerly rose above the walkway; the weight of the chimney was carried by the vault.

The basement and first floor have been converted to store sales areas; the second floor is now rented as offices. No early details are visible on these floors. On the third floor the only early details are a board and batten door and the ^{plaster stops} dormer cheeks; both of these details are a very simple-almost crude - treatment. The outline of the chimneys may be seen on the southern wall. This floor is used as storage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C1795 BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Mebuy

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A large number of Federal style buildings were constructed along Washington Street after the present courthouse building was constructed in 1794. These buildings, houses, shops and stores, formed the nucleus of the present town of Easton commercial district. This building is significant - even in its altered state - because it is one of these early structures.

This building was probably constructed between 1791 and 1798 by a William Mebuy who owned a lease on the property for those years. When he sold the lease to Bennett Wheeler in 1798, a brick building was standing at this location; it was occupied by Mr. Wheeler who may have kept a store on the first floor. Its use for many years after has not been discovered, however, by the turn of this century it housed a drug store as did its neighbor, #6 North Washington Street.

- L496/F452 1975 saw the end of a fine, old, hardware store, known as Shannahan and Wrightson, when the property was bought by Rowen's Stationery, Inc. The transaction included three adjoining parcels of land and buildings. This portion was deeded to Shannahan and Wrightson in 1965. It was sold to satisfy the creditors of Elmer E. Fox and his wife Charlotte, who had purchased it from the Hughes family in 1940. Walter Hughes was running a drug store here as early as 1893, when it was sold from the estate of Mrs. Ariana Leonard.
- L400/F458
- L397/F592
- L246/F464
- L120/F10

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
Pictured in Ingraham, Prentiss. Land of Legendary Lore, (Easton, Maryland:
The Gazette Publishing House) 1898.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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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STREET & NUMBER	Box 1171	August 17, 1976
CITY OR TOWN	Easton	TELEPHONE
		Mr. Paul Parsons, 301-822-2706 President
		STATE
		Maryland 21601

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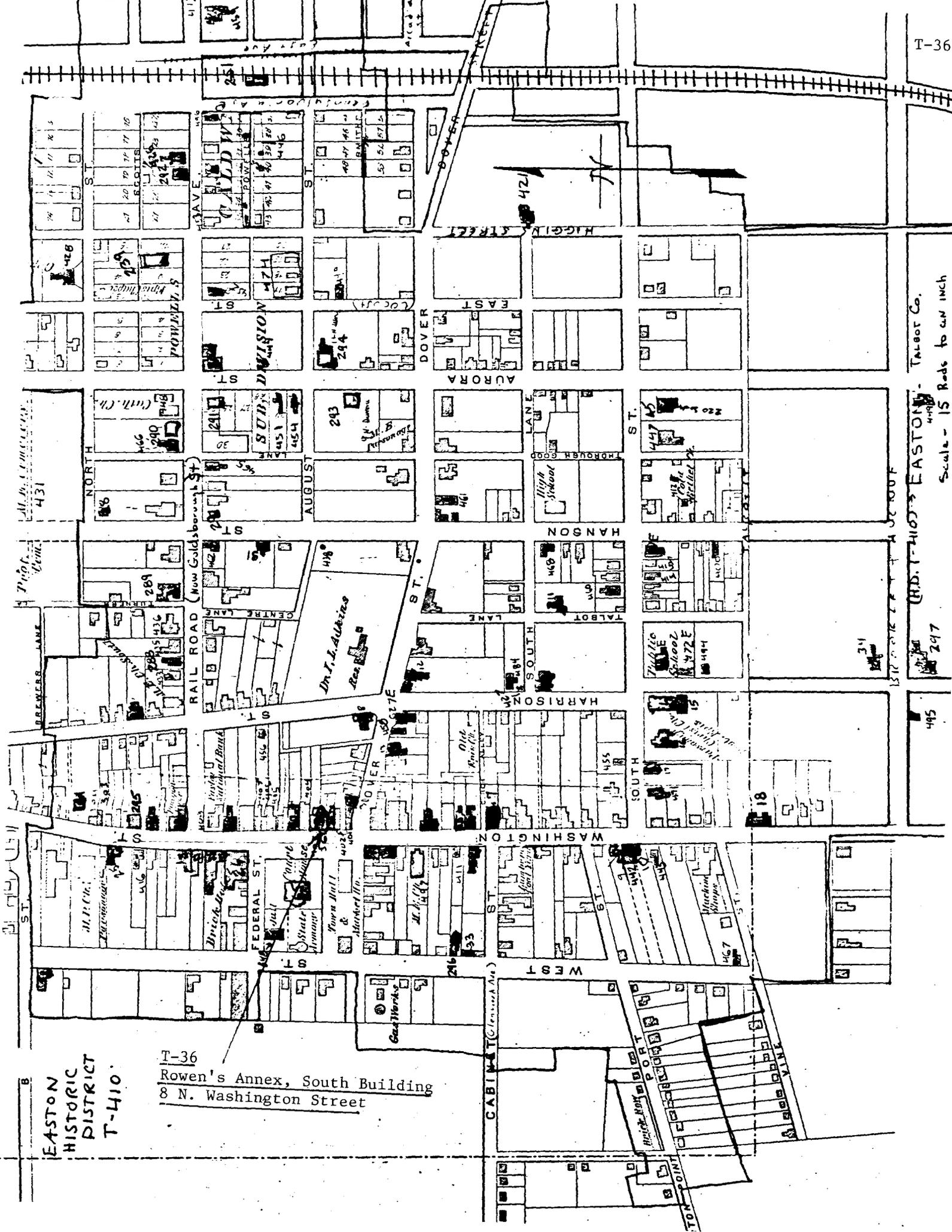
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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

1. STATE Maryland T-36 COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. Washington St. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Rowhouses (?) PRESENT OWNER Shannahan & Wrightson PRESENT USE Store WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD c. 1820 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC yes	
<p>The Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware Store is composed of two late Federal-style row houses each three bays wide with gently sloping A-roofs. The first storeys of both buildings have been remodeled into a neo-colonial shopfront. The second storeys, although sand blasted too much, still retain their fine brick work and their 8/12 windows with flat brick arches and molded wooden sills. A heavy cornice with modillions runs along the roof line.</p> <p>The row house on the left has 2 9/6 round arched dormers with radiating muntins. The one on the right has plain peaked dormers with 6/6 windows.</p> <p>Although altered, these two row houses still retain much of their original style and if treated with more care could be a fine addition to the Easton architectural scene.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
good but restored			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD 28/8/1967	





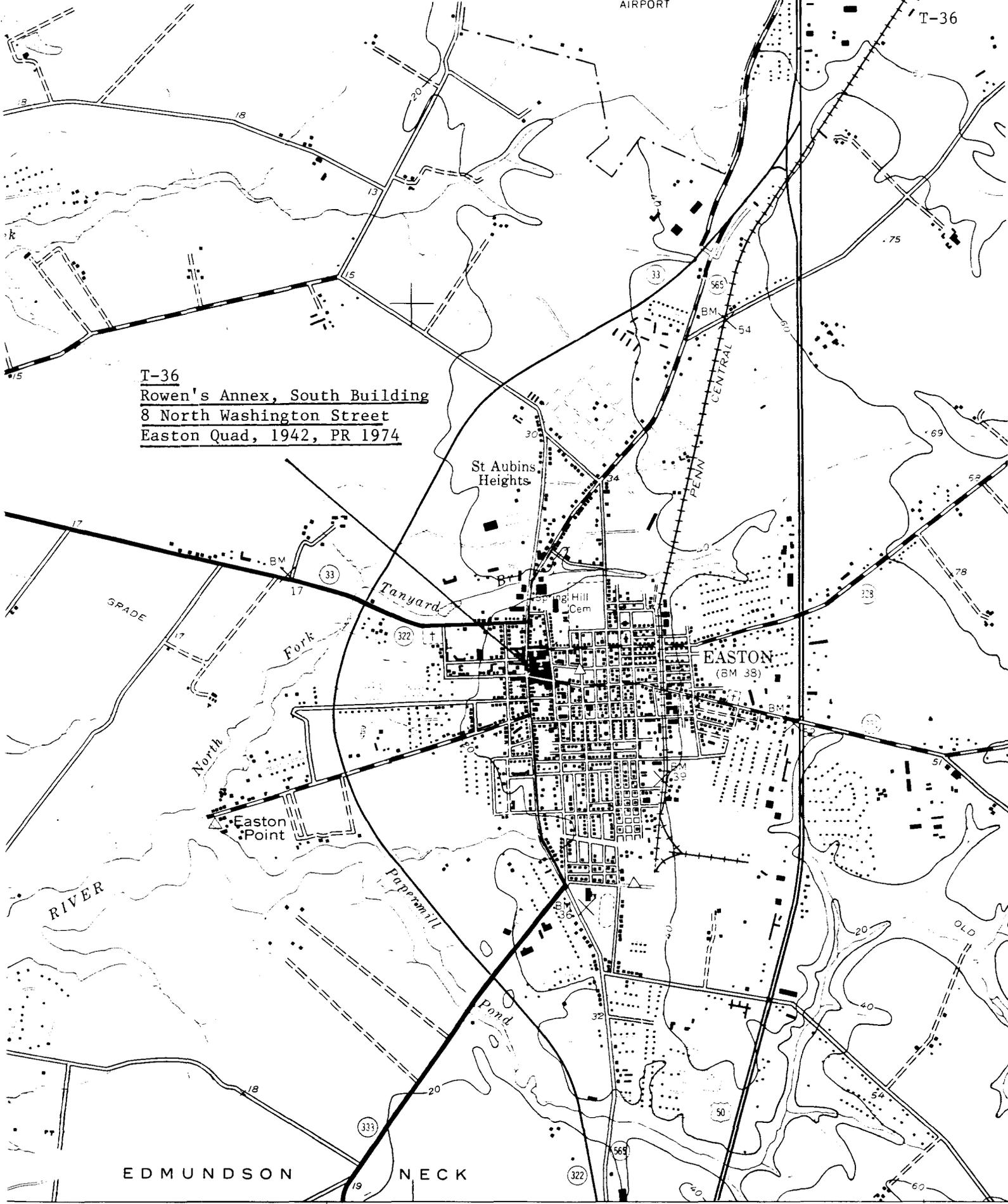
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T-36
Rowen's Annex, South Building
8 N. Washington Street

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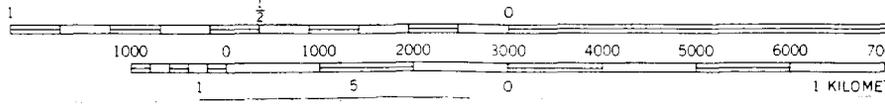
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8 North Washington Street
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The SHANNAHAN & WRIGHTSON HARDWARE CO

PEOPLES

T-403 (L)

T-36 (R)

Left Half

T-403

Rowen's Annex, North Building

10 North Washington Street, Easton

Right Half

T-36

Rowen's Annex, South Building

8 North Washington Street, Easton

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