

McCrory's
24 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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C1805 and Later

Tall and well-proportioned, the McCrory's building adds to the interest of the Washington Street commercial district. Originally built before 1805 it is one of Easton's earlier structures and survives as an example of a Federal period building erected to serve as a storehouse. Three and a half stories in height, it has Flemish bond brick on the front facade and keystone window arches of tan sandstone. The mansard roof which now covers the building was added about 1920.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

24 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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	<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

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Telephone #: 301-822-0866

STREET & NUMBER

24 North Washington 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 #: 273

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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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 structure at 24 North Washington Street, is the largest building in the commercial district of Washington Street. It stands on the east side of the street, south of The Maryland National Bank, and is one of the most prominent buildings in town.

The brick building is five bays wide and four stories in height; the fourth floor is a mansard roof which was added between 1915 and 1927. The building is now connected in an "L" to a modern building which fronts on Goldsborough Street. The original portion, however, is about thirty feet in depth. A modern store front occupies the first floor.

The building has undergone major changes since its initial construction. Erected c1805 as the store house of Owen Kennard, it was a three-and-a-half story building of the Federal type. There was an A-roof which had two dormers facing west onto Washington Street; there may also have been dormers in the eastern slope of the roof. Huge double chimneys with curtains between them rise from the center of each gable end wall; these date from the original period. The outline of the base of these chimneys may be seen, although the wall was built up when the mansard roof was added.

The brick of the front facade, dating from 1805 is laid in Flemish bond. Although the wall has been painted, the brick work may be seen to be very nicely done; side walls are common brick laid in Liverpool bond.

The second and third floor windows are evenly spaced. They have plain trim joined with wooden pegs and an ovolo back bond molding. Twelve over twelve sashes are used on the second floor and eight over eight sashes on the third. Above the window openings is a flat keystone arch made of light tan sandstone. A simple arch without the carving seen on other Easton buildings of the period, they are set flush with the brick wall surface.

Sometime in the nineteenth century, the structure was evidently converted from a storehouse to two stores. It was also modernized, probably in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Old photographs show that the flat keystone arches have been covered with bracketed hoods, probably of carved wood. The cornice was also changed and a heavily bracketed one installed.

This cornice may be the one which remains on the structure: if not it was similar. The present cornice has a wide overhang and ornamental brackets over each window.

Photographs taken c1915 show the structure in its second phase. In 1921, the Sanborn Map shows its mansard roof. The interior also seems to have undergone a renovation about this time; interior details of the upstairs - then used as offices - would seem to date from c1920. Hoods above the windows have been removed.

As it remains, the mansard roof is covered with diamond-shaped shingles. A wide shed dormer containing six windows with sashes protrudes from the front. There are two small windows with nine over nine on either side of the chimneys on the side walls.

The upstairs is no longer occupied; in fair condition no early details remain from the earliest period. The exterior is well maintained despite the modern store front. The brick walls are painted red. Trim and the mansard fourth floor is white.

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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

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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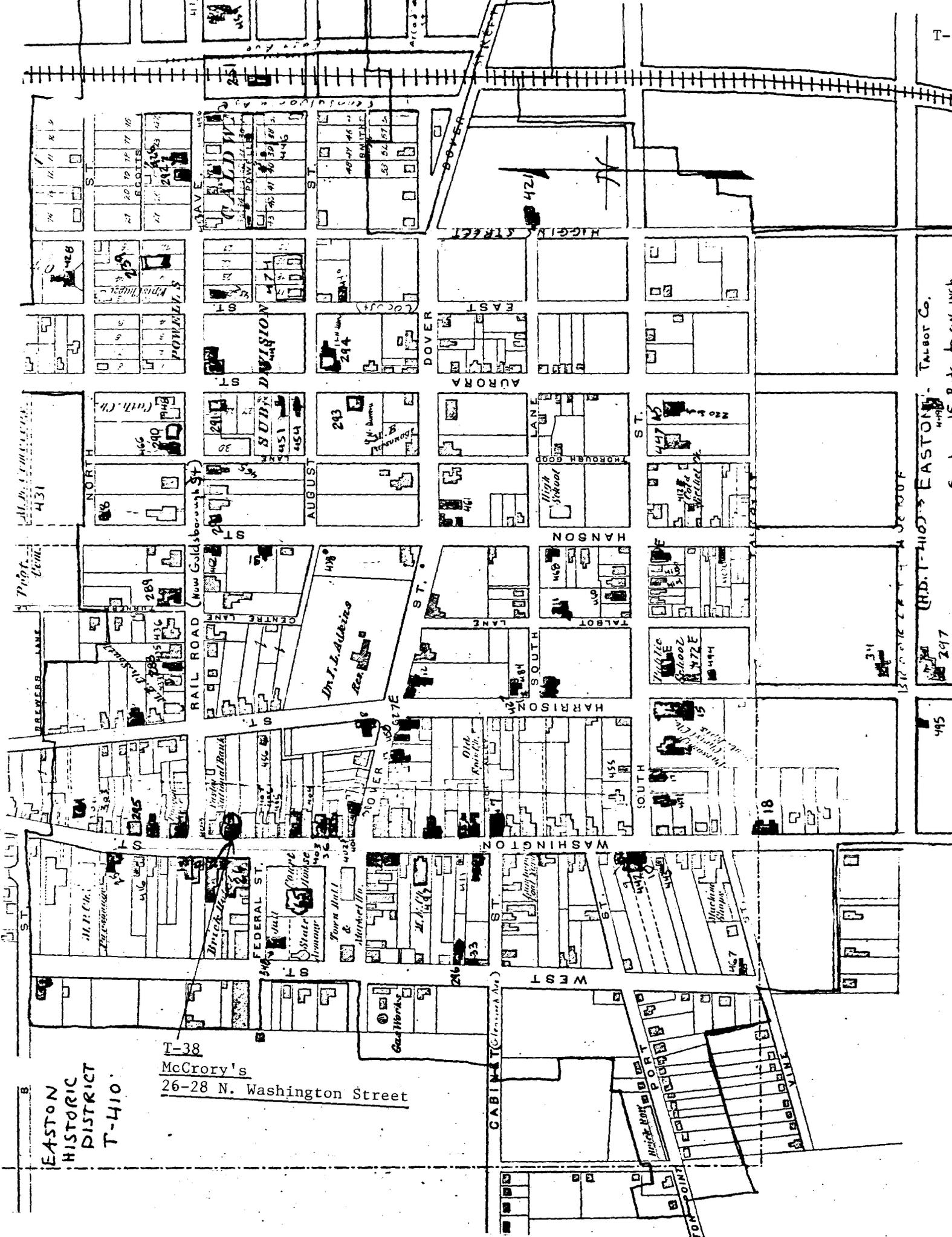
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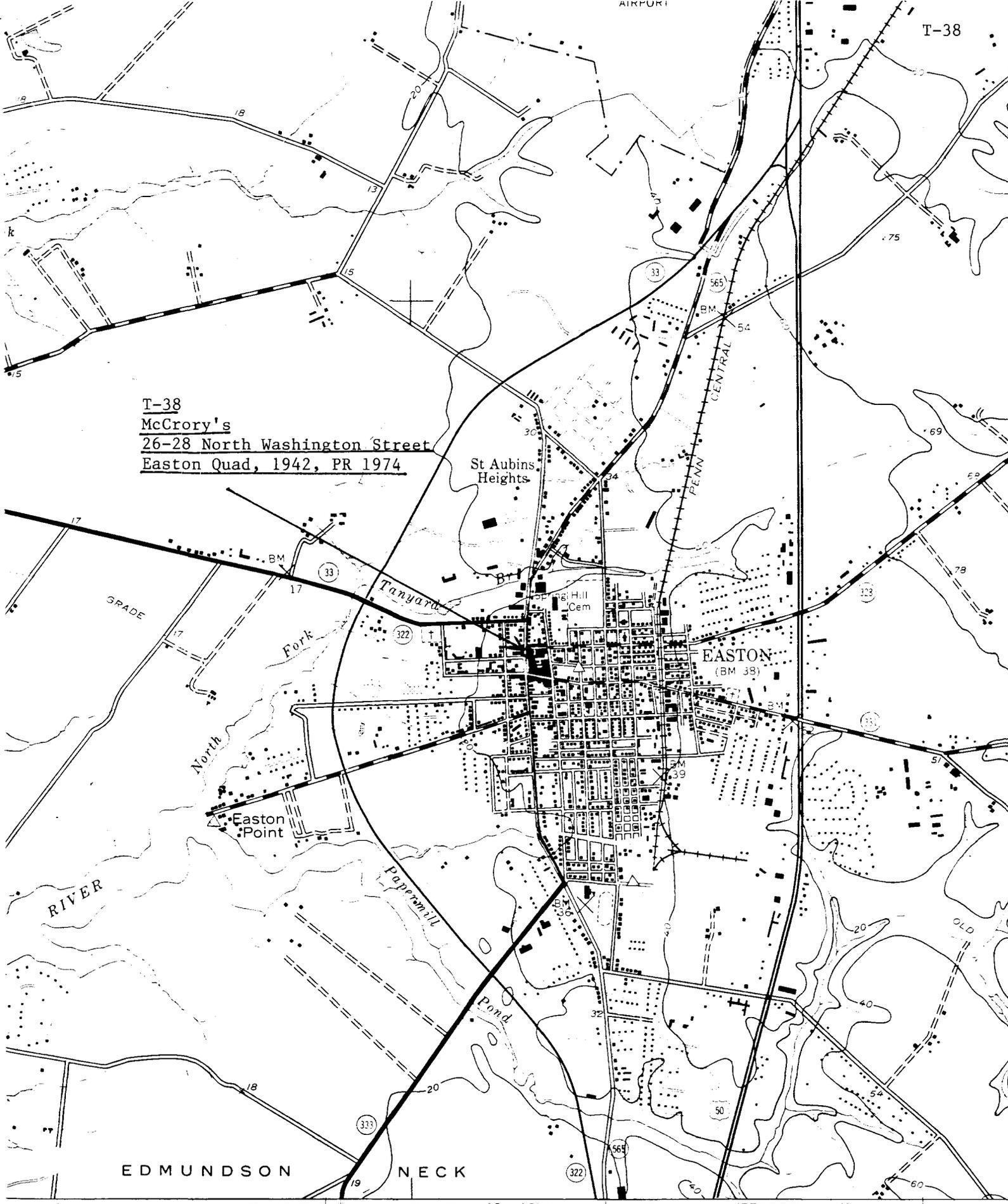
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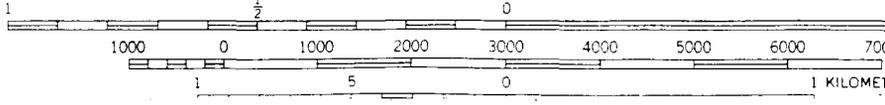
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