

The North Building
110-112 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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C1865-70

Three stories in height, the North building is covered with a shallow hipped roof pierced by tall brick chimneys and supported by bold brackets. A "widows walk" has been removed from the roof and a store front added. A mid nineteenth century building with Italianate verticality and detailing, it is one of the few of its type in Easton to have survived without substantial alterations.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

North Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

110-112 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(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input 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 checked="" 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

John C. North II

Telephone #: 301-822-4721

STREET & NUMBER

Box 419

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 #: 433

Folio #: 378

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul A. Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1976

___ 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 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 three-story frame building stands on the east side of Washington Street. At its north side is another three-story structure, the Brick Masonic Hall; to the south is a modern two-story office building. The building faces west.

The structure is three bays wide and two bays deep. The three stories are each quite tall giving the building a strong vertical quality. The low hipped roof was once topped by a wooden cresting, a remnant of which remains. To the rear of the building is a two-story ell; it is three bays long and wide. It may be contemporary with the main house; a kitchen fireplace remains in the back room.

The window openings are evenly spaced on each facade. The window sashes used are four over four. Louvered shutters flank the windows on the upper floors. The very wide frames are trimmed with heavy moldings.

The main entrance to the building is in the northern bay. There is an overlight in the segmental arch opening above the door; it has three lights. Sidelights flanking the transom and the door have deeply molded panels beneath. The transom bar has a row of tiny brackets. The door itself has four panels decoratively treated with heavy moldings.

A modern store front, added to the two southern bays, is not unsympathetic to the building design. The bracketed cornice, possibly dating from the nineteenth century, has been incorporated into the design. The central entrance leads to a suite of law offices occupied by the owner of the building. There are two large windows to either side of the door. The cornice at the roof shows the influence of the Italianate style on building design in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Closely spaced scroll-type brackets carry the widely projecting cornice, enlivening this simple, geometric structure.

The building retains most of its interior details. The stair is quite elaborate with heavy newel topped with an octagonal lantern; turned balusters and foliated step brackets are used on the open-string course. Although this is a standard catalogue stair readily available in the mid-nineteenth century, it is well-proportioned and rather grand.

The builder of this structure maintained the bold, even massive scale throughout the building. On the interior, the ceilings are very high; door and window surrounds are wide, about seven inches, and decorated with broad, deep composite moldings. The rooms are spacious and airy.

Two chimneys rise at the side walls; they are tall and have corbeled caps.

The building is used as apartments on the upper floors. The structure retains its early character and is well maintained. It is covered in aluminum siding painted beige. Trim is brown.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES C1845-70 BUILDER/ARCHITECT CHARLES H. STEWART

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It is representative of the buildings constructed after the decline of the Federal style, and shows Italianate verticality and detailing. Probably built during the middle of the nineteenth century, the building is one of the few of its type in Easton to survive without substantial alterations.

L433/F578 The North Building, as it is now known, was conveyed to John C. North II from John C. and Mary L. North in 1969. It has 40 feet frontage on Washington Street and adjoins the Masonic Building which stands on the North boundary. The property has been owned by the North family since 1920 when Robert North and William Neal bought the land and premises from Grace Howell and her husband and Mr. North bought out Neal's interest the same year. The building had earlier been purchased by E. L. F. Hardcastle in 1895 when he paid \$2000.00 for it at a sale of Richard H. T. Council's holdings to satisfy his creditors. Charles H. Stewart bought this and the adjoining premises to the north in 1866 from the estate of Miss Ann Smith and was living here when the northern two lots were sold to the Coates Lodge of Masons. Earlier deeds for those three lots describe only small shops and dwellings on them. It seems probable that Mr. Stewart built this as his home.

L101/F210

L187/F56

L73/F230

L91/F208

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE 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 Cynthia B. Ludlow, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

August 26, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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.

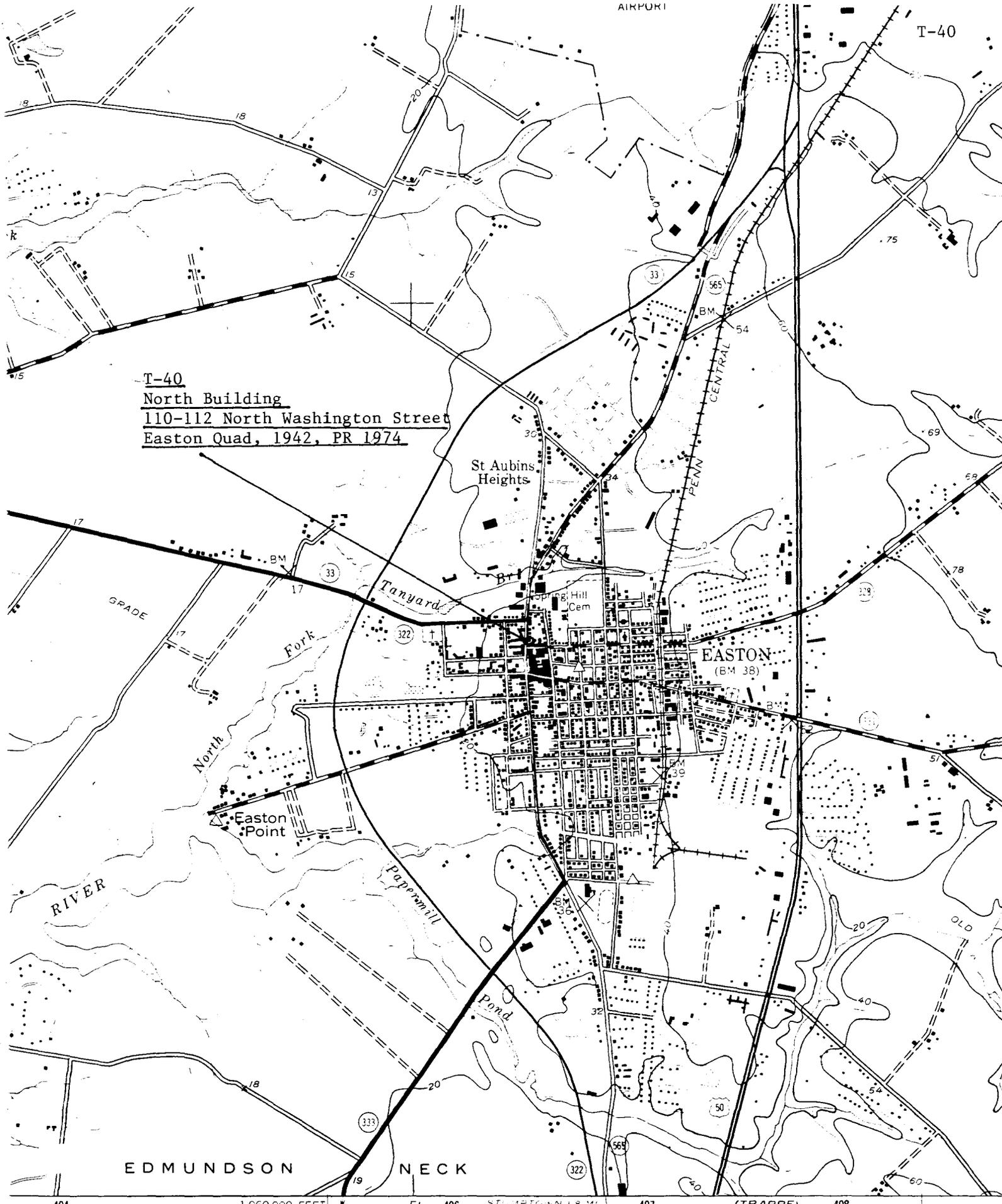
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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

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|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. 112 S. Washington Street | | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY | |
| ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling and Store PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Offices and Apartments WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 3 storeys | | 2. NAME North Building T-40 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1845 STYLE Romantic Italian Revival ARCHITECT BUILDER | 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION | | OPEN TO PUBLIC NO | |
| <p>This house is 3 bays square with a hipped roof. It is three stories in height. There are 2 chimneys at each end of the house. Along the first floor front is a Victorian store front with a heavy cornice of molding with carved heavy Victorian brackets. All of the windows are 2/2 with molded frames. There is a heavy cornice around the roof with large elaborate Victorian brackets. The roof cornice overhangs and is very heavy. This building is very attractive. It is freshly painted and is a very pleasing well proportioned structure. It is a good example of a c. 1845 early Victorian structure.</p> | | | |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE | | Endangered | Interior Exterior excellent |
| 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 August 28, 1967 | |

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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

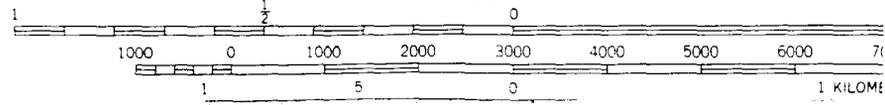


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The North Building
110 North Washington Street
Easton, Md
West facade

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July 1976

F. R. VERNON - WILLIAMS, JR.
510 DIAMOND STREET
EASTON, MARYLAND 21601



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west Facade

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