

Maggie's Place  
20 North Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-407  
C1880

Maggie's Place is housed in a two story brick commercial building of about 1880. Architectural interest is found in the bands of molded brick which make up the cornice. The facade has a liveliness created by the syncopated rhythm of the second floor windows with the larger in the center. The louvered blinds closing these windows and delicate cast iron grille are probably original.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Chaffinch Building

AND/OR COMMON

Maggie's Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

20 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ronald N. Fox

Telephone #: 301-822-0652

STREET & NUMBER

RD #4

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 #: 458 458  
Folio #: 196 191

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-407

# 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 flat-fronted brick building is located on the east side Washington Street across from the Talbot County Court House. The old street known as Magazine Alley runs along its southern wall; its northern neighbors are modern buildings.

The building is two stories in height and three bays wide; it has a flat roof which slopes to the rear. Now used as a women's clothing store, Maggie's Place, the store front and rear additions are modern.

The most notable feature of this building is its facade of dark red brick with molded brick and marble details. The pilasters at either side of the facade and the cornice display this kind of ornamental work.

The cornice is quite elaborate, with a graceful integration of design motifs. The upper-most course is a thin cove of marble. Beneath this and partially in its shadow are courses of molded red brick and unmolded yellow brick. In the "frieze" are three inset panels of brick with trim of a molded egg and dart pattern. Brick used through is smooth and dark red in color; it is laid in common bond. Additional molded brick is found at the mid-point of the second floor windows and at the window openings.

There are three window openings at the second floor level on the front facade. The center window is wider than those at the side; they are symmetrically placed. The louvered shutters which close the windows and the iron balustrade in front of these windows are shown in early photographs of the structure and appear to be original. No window sash or trim is visible.

The windows have segmental arches of brick; the sills are unmolded white marble. A belt course, mostly obscured by the sign board, runs at the second floor sill line.

No original details remain on the interior. The first and second floors and the basement are used as sales areas.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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                      C 1880                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT-                      John Cheezum

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This small brick commercial building is significant because of its molded brick detailing and pleasing proportions. It displays a use of ornamental brick favored in urban commercial buildings in the later part of the nineteenth century and is the best remaining example of this type of brick work in Easton. Located across from the Court House Square, it maintains the scale and rhythm of the "street wall" on the east side of Washington. Unlike many of the other buildings on the street, it has a liveliness created by the syncopated rhythm of the second floor windows and by the tension between its horizontal moldings and the verticles of the windows and pilasters.

A 1920 photograph shows an elegant, lacey cast iron sign on the roof with the name Chaffinch. Interesting in itself the sign made the building seem taller and more important than it seems now. The store front is hidden by an awning.

The building was built before 1885; it was probably constructed about 1880 by John Cheezum, a merchant, who was advertising his fine store at this address in 1877. He had purchased the property in 1857 from Robert Lambdis. Mr. Lambdis acquired the property in 1833 for \$2500.00, a sum which indicates that an earlier building was standing at that time.

L458/F196  
L51/F87

Ronald Fox now owns this property which was deeded to him from the estate of Benjamin Fox. In 1833, Robert Lambdin bought the premises from the original owners and in 1857 Caroline Lambdin sold it to John Cheezum. The building was an inheritance of Henrietta Maria Nicols from her mother and she and her husband Robert Goldsborough sold it for \$2500.00 in 1833. So, it was one of the early houses in the row across from the Court House.

L67/F392  
L51/F87

L330/F440

In 1956, Benjamin, Fred and Morton Fox acquired the building and shortly thereafter, Morton sold out his interest to Benjamin and Fred Fox.

L358/F441

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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	NA	COUNTY	
STATE		COUNTY	

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Easton

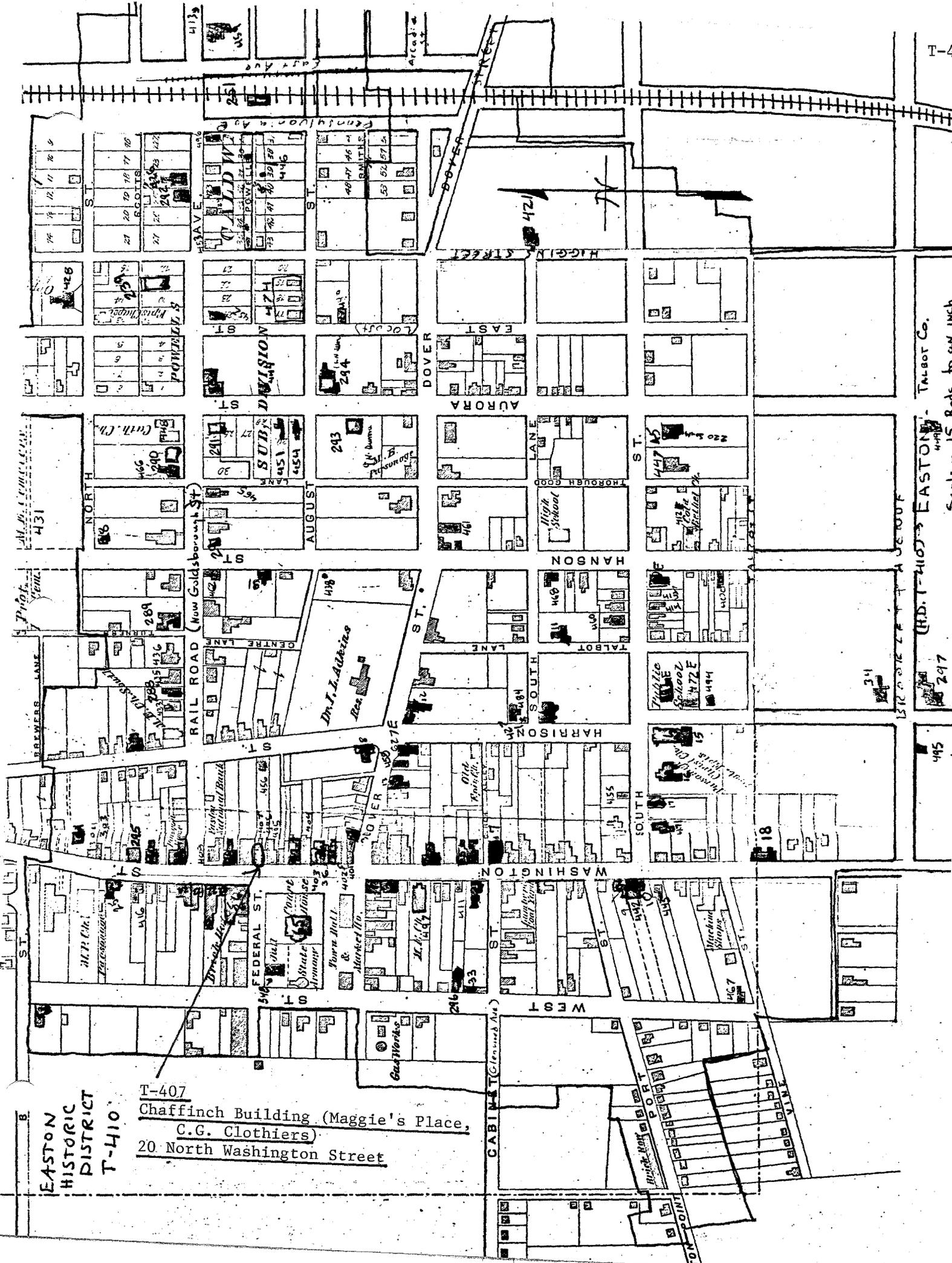
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Maryland

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**EASTON  
HISTORIC  
DISTRICT  
T-410**

**T-407**  
**Chaffinch Building (Maggie's Place,**  
**C.G. Clothiers)**  
**20 North Washington Street**

(RD. T-410) EASTON - TALBOT Co.

Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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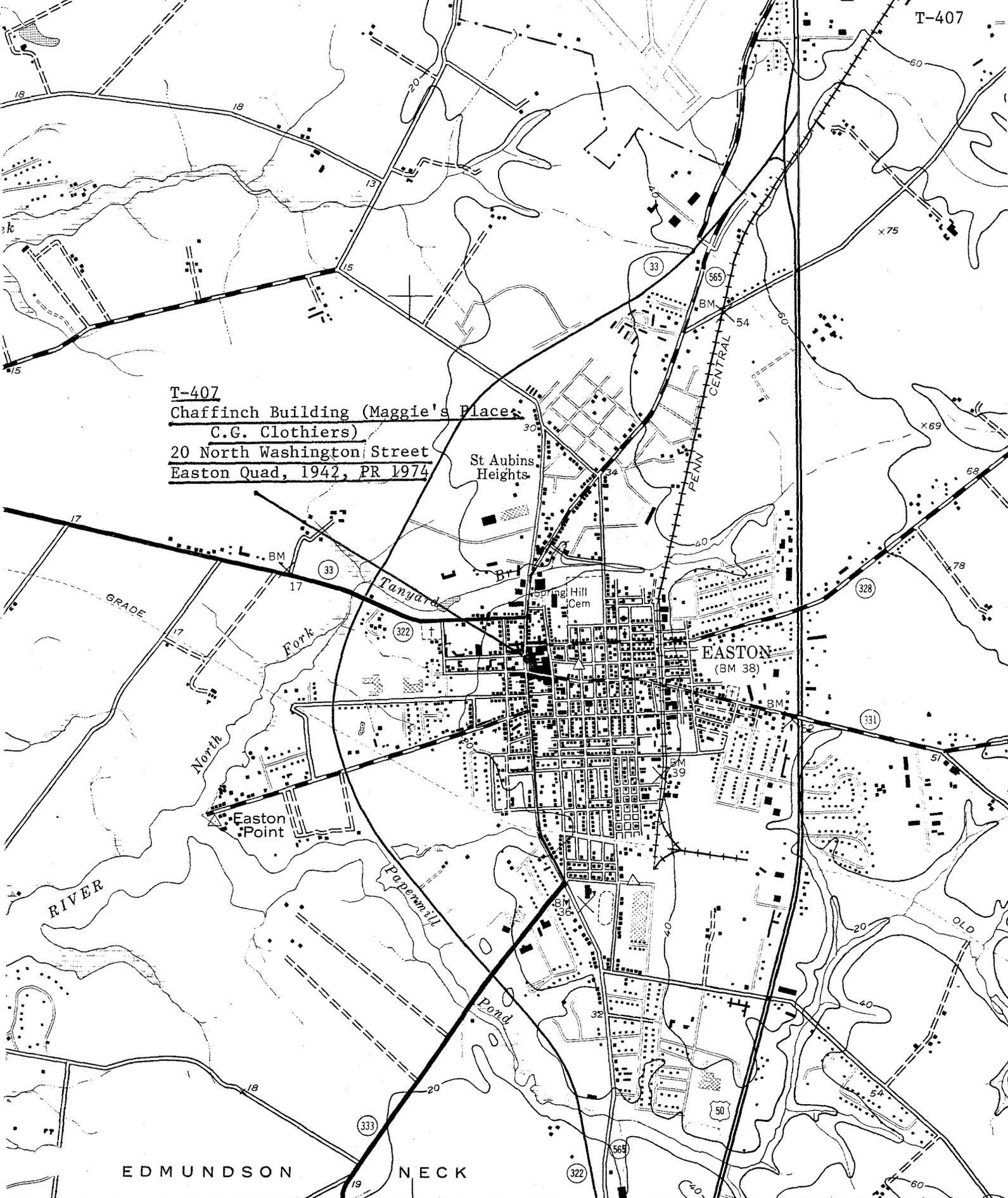
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20 North Washington Street  
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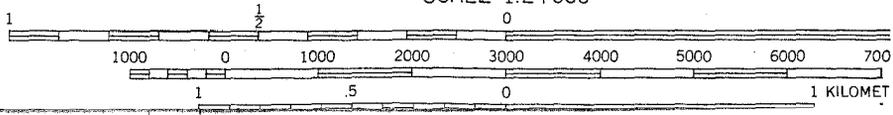
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AUGUST 1976

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