

Maryland National Bank
32-36 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-408
1902-03

The Maryland National Bank of Easton constructed this building as its headquarters. A rectangular brick structure, pilasters separate the leaded glass windows of the three floors. Bands of molded bricks decorate the parapet of the roof and mark the floor levels. The banking room inside has a coffered ceiling supported by stylized ionic columns.

RACERASE BOND
SOUTHWORTH CO. U.S.A.
35% COTTON FIBER

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure stands at the southeast corner of North Washington and Goldsborough Streets, at the end of Easton's largest commercial block. The building fronts on Washington Street; there is an addition in the rear which is entered from Goldsborough Street.

The building was constructed in 1902-03 by the bank then call the "Easton National Bank of Maryland". It is a building which is solid and geometric in appearance. Eight bays wide on Washington Street and ten bays on Goldsborough, the two story structure is made to seem taller by the use of a parapet on the roof. The building is constructed of Roman brick; articulation of the facade is achieved with brick pilasters and molded brick detailing at the cornice and foundation.

Brick pilasters with molded capitols define the bays. Tripartite windows with elaborate tracery in the round arch - shaped overlight are used in the northern and western bays, at the location of the first floor banking room. Second floor windows are positioned above the first floor windows; they are also tripartite with leaded glass overlight. Windows on both floors are held in place with deep frames trimmed with a bead. Molded brick enriched the cornice and parapet and is used in bands between the floors to create a lively interplay of horizontal and vertical elements. Above the second floor windows is a row of festoons. The projecting cornice is treated with rows of egg and dart moldings alternating with anthemion. Lions heads are found above the pilasters. The parapet is articulated above the pilasters with shields. Additional molded brick detail is seen at the second floor line; bands of quilloche move across the facades. Console-like keystones above the round arch windows are decorated with acanthus leaves.

The main entrance, a modern replacement, exists in the second bay from the north.

A rear addition was constructed in 1937 with Frank Ross, architect. It is of standard sized brick, two stories in height and six bays deep. It is connected to the rear of the main structure. It is a very simple structure with little architectural interest. Arched window and door openings reflect the detailing of the earlier building.

Inside, the banking room is a spacious one. The coffered ceiling is carried by stylized ionic columns with exaggerated entasis. Generous use of plaster detailing in relief emphasizes the Beaux Arts styling. Coffers are boarded with the same detailing seen on the exterior of the structure. A chain of holly leaves in plaster surrounds the windows. Detailing is well-integrated and restrained.

In recent years iron grilles have been removed from the tellers cages and the windows. The room has been painted pale green and neon lights installed in the coffers. Nevertheless the interior displays its Beaux Arts heritage and expresses the confidence of its builders.

The dark red of the exterior bricks have been painted white within the last ten years. Trim is blue.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1902-1903 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Easton National Bank of Maryland

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It is the only commercial building in Easton which displays the Beaux Arts classicism which dominated the architecture of the Eastern United States and Europe at the turn of the century. Monumental and formal, this style emphasized architectural compositions based on classical forms. The regularity and stability of this building's architecture made it a desirable symbol for this important banking institution.

In 1805, an act was passed authorizing the establishment of the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Annapolis, with a branch for the Eastern Shore, in Easton. A building was rented for five years for the monetary operations of the entire shore area. In 1810 the president and the directors of the bank bought a property from John and Mary Kennard along Goldsborough Street between Washington and Harrison Streets. A two-story brick building was erected and enclosed by an iron fence. In 1813 the lot adjoining, another 100 feet, on Goldsborough Street was added.

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In 1854, the Farmers Bank was able to achieve a complete secession from the parent bank and opened on January first as the Easton Bank of Maryland.

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In 1962, the Easton National Bank became a part of the Maryland National Bank and the property was so deeded.

This bank has had an incredible story of success. It has always been managed by local men of strength and integrity, with the needs of the agricultural and business community always considered with sympathy and understanding.

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The present building was started in 1904 after further deeds were conveyed during 1901 and 1902.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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(Easton, Maryland: Maryland National Bank) 1955.
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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

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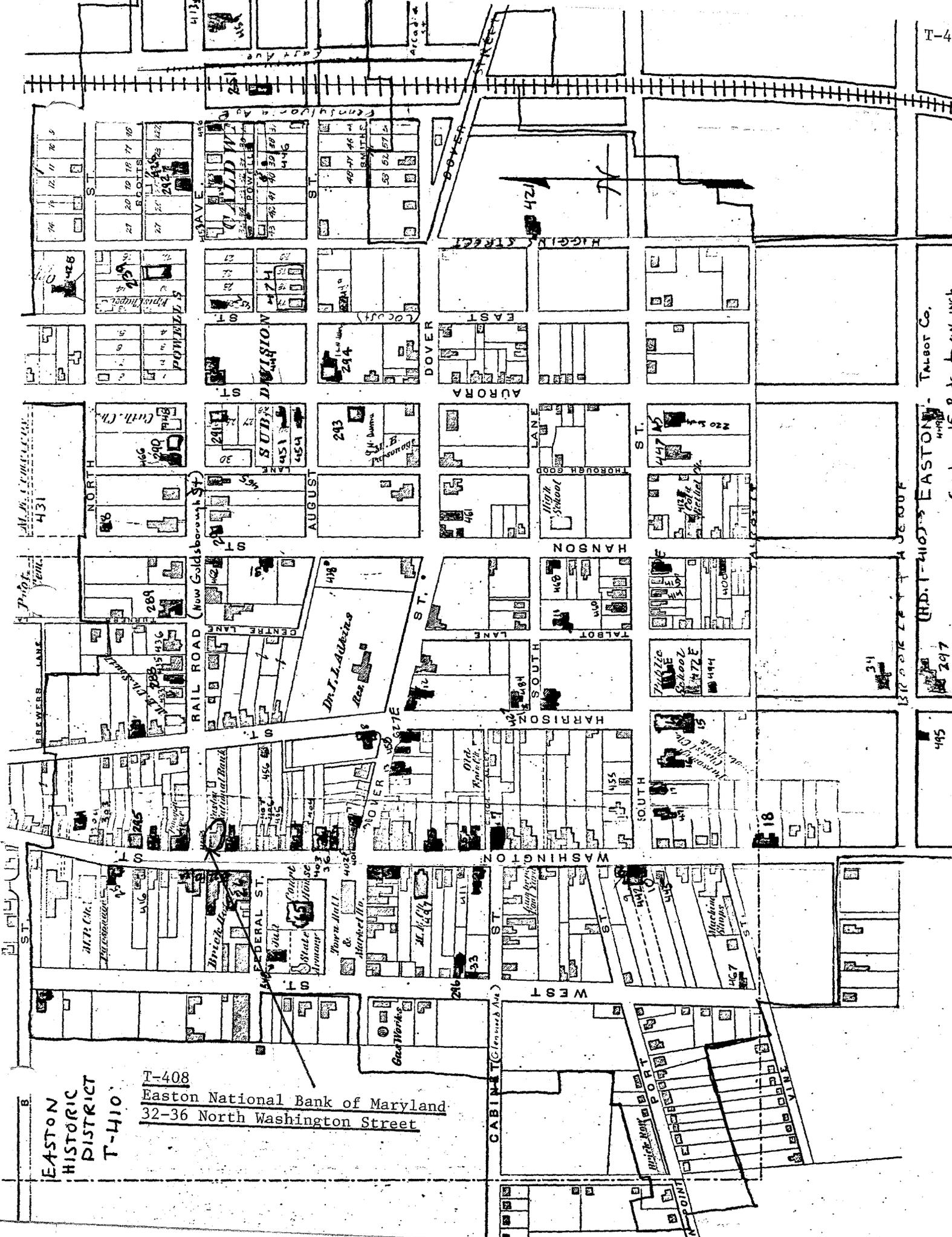
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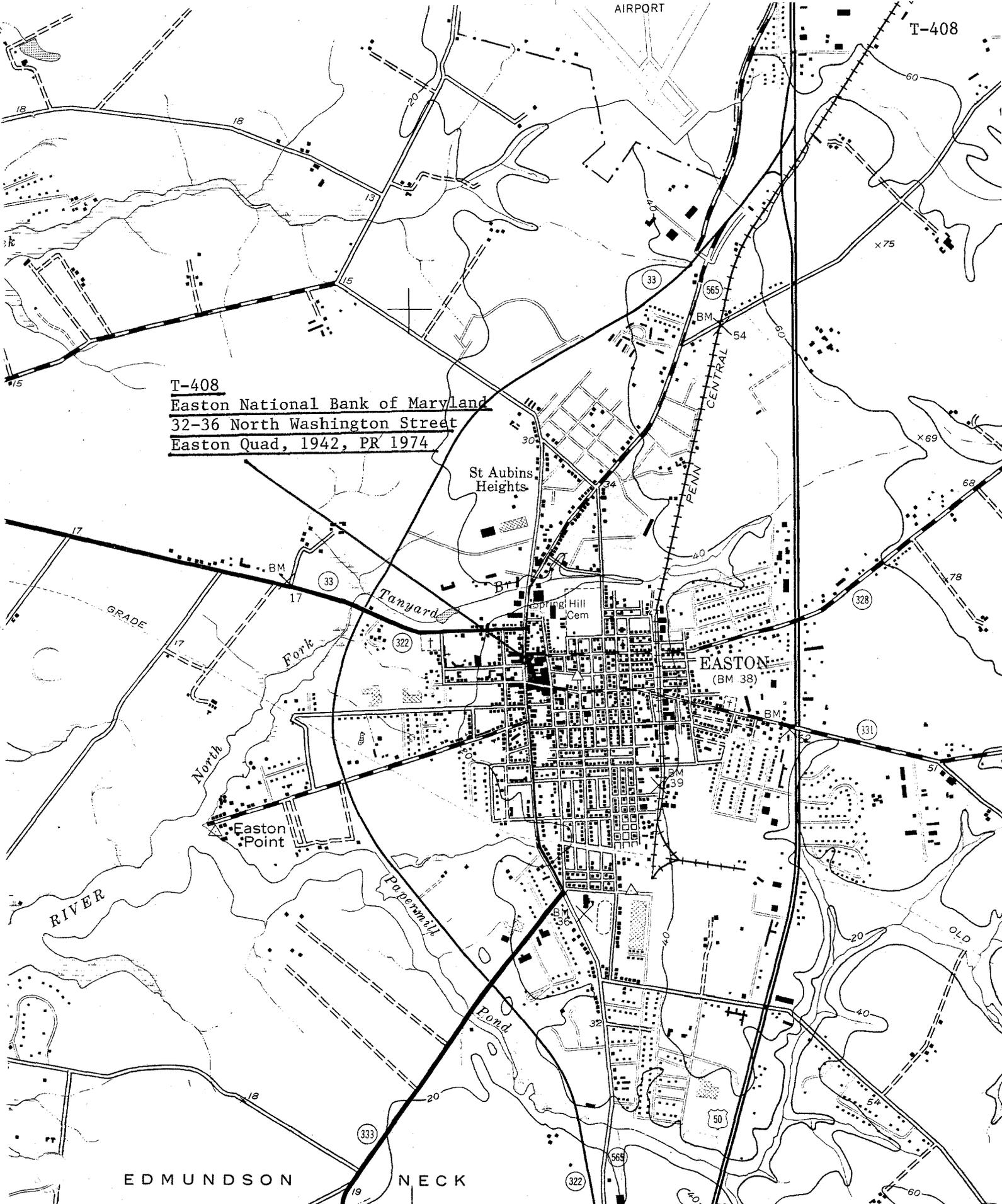
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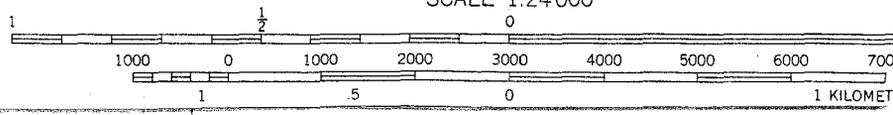
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