

Horsey House  
212 Brookletts Avenue  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-449  
C1890

Basically, a T-shaped frame building covered with a straight forward gable roof, the Horsey House has a three-and-a-half story corner tower with a flared, shingle covered hipped roof. Ornamental gable dormers protrude from the roof and finials top the buildings gable ends. Relatively conservative for the late nineteenth century, the dwelling contributes to the large array of Victorian architecture in the town.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Horsey House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

212 Brookletts Avenue

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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <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

Robert A. and Cynthia L. Woodward

Telephone #: 301-822-2626

STREET & NUMBER

212 Brookletts Avenue

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 #: 477

Folio #: 098

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-449

# 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 Victorian frame house stands at Brookletts and Aurora. The two-and-a-half story building is constructed in a T-shaped plan with the crossbar perpendicular to Brookletts. A three-and-a-half story tower which contains the main entrance and the interior stair stands at the northeast corner of the house. A one-story porch shades the north and east facades of the structure, and a half-hexagonal bay window in the north gable relieves the rectangularity of the structure.

The T-shaped portion of the house is covered with a gable roof. In the east and north gables is an infill decoration of crossed sticks and curved brackets, topped by a tall, pointed wooden finial. The square tower has a hipped roof; its deep, flared lower slopes are pierced by narrow gable dormers with widely overhanging eaves and lancet arch shaped window openings. The tower roof retains its original imbricated wooden shingles. Small scroll-type brackets support the eaves.

The porch is the most irregular feature of this straight-forward house. Following the contours of the plan, entrances (at the tower and in the east gable) are marked by a shallow pedimented gables. Square wooden columns which taper towards the top support the hipped roof and a simple railing with square, closely spaced balusters, encloses the whole.

Windows are used singly throughout the house. Each has a one over one sash and flat unmolded frames. They are placed regularly, centered in gables and the sides of the tower and along the sides of the blocks.

A two-story rear porch is decorated with similiar crossed-stick brackets as found in the gables.

The building is covered with gold-painted asbestous shingles. Trim is white and the tower roof brown. Green asbestous shingles are used on major roofs.

The structure stands in a neighborhood of large frame buildings of the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It is well cared for and used as a single family residence.

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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            |
| <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 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              |   |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES                      C1890                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large house appears to be a vernacular interpretation of the so-called Stick Style of the 1860's to 1890's. Basically a T-shaped building covered with a straight-forward gable roof, its tower and wooden brackets and finials reflect late nineteenth century fascination with verticality, picturesque roof lines and decorative elements, ultimately derived from structural ideas. Like many vernacular buildings of this period, the builder was conservative in the selection of the decorative elements; nevertheless, this building, a good representation of its period, contributes to Easton's array of nineteenth century architecture.

L177/F98                      Robert Woodward and his wife Cynthia bought this property  
 70/F104                      in 1973. It was owned in 1946 by J. Orland Horsey and other  
 L271/F96                      heirs of Elmer E. Horsey. It was sold to John C. North and  
 L279/F1                      Mary who sold it to the Charles E. Greenhaws, but were forced  
 L279/F52                      to take it back on a defaulted mortgage. They turned it over  
    to Willard and Wilsie North in 1948 who owned it until 1962.  
    During the next eleven years, there were several owners who  
    apparently bought it as an investment.

L171/F125                      Elmer Horsey took title to the house and lots from John  
 L127/F173                      Horsey in 1915. John Horsey bought the property in 1897  
    from the John Masons and the Walter Thompsons. He paid \$1500.00  
    for Lots 48 (60 feet facing on Brookletts Ave.) and 49 (78 feet  
    2 inches and running 130 feet on the west side of Aurora St.).  
 L100/F34                      Harriett W. Glanville had bought the lots, a part of Earle's  
    sub-division, in 1884 from John and Clara Earle. She sold  
    it, with the buildings, to Messers Mason and Thompson in 1895  
    for \$1000.00.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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**

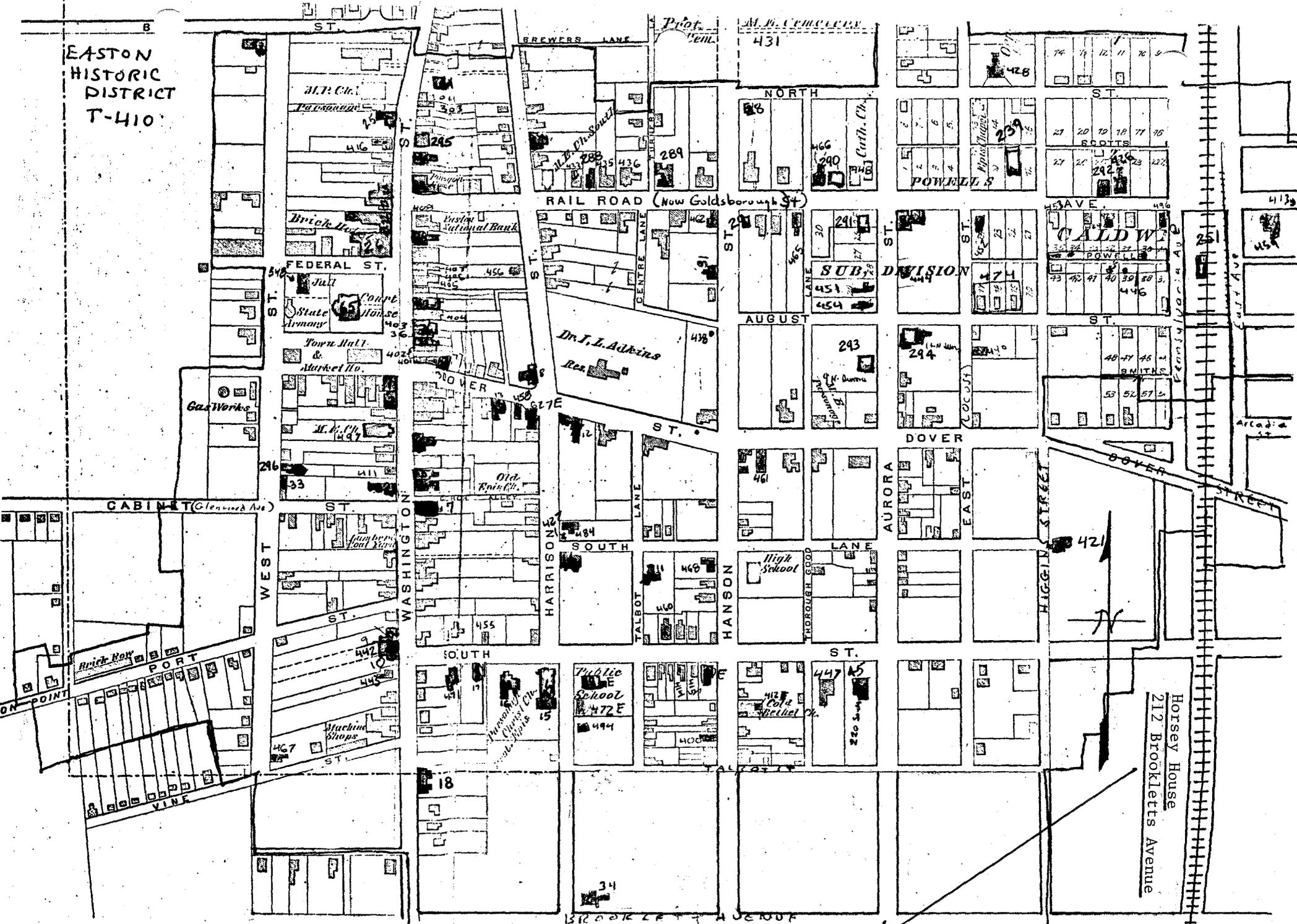
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|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| NAME / TITLE    | Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant   | Cynthia B. Ludlow, Research Historian                 |
| ORGANIZATION    | Historic Easton, Incorporated | DATE<br>October 14, 1976                              |
| STREET & NUMBER | Box 1171                      | TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,<br>301-822-2706 President |
| CITY OR TOWN    | Easton                        | STATE<br>Maryland 21601                               |

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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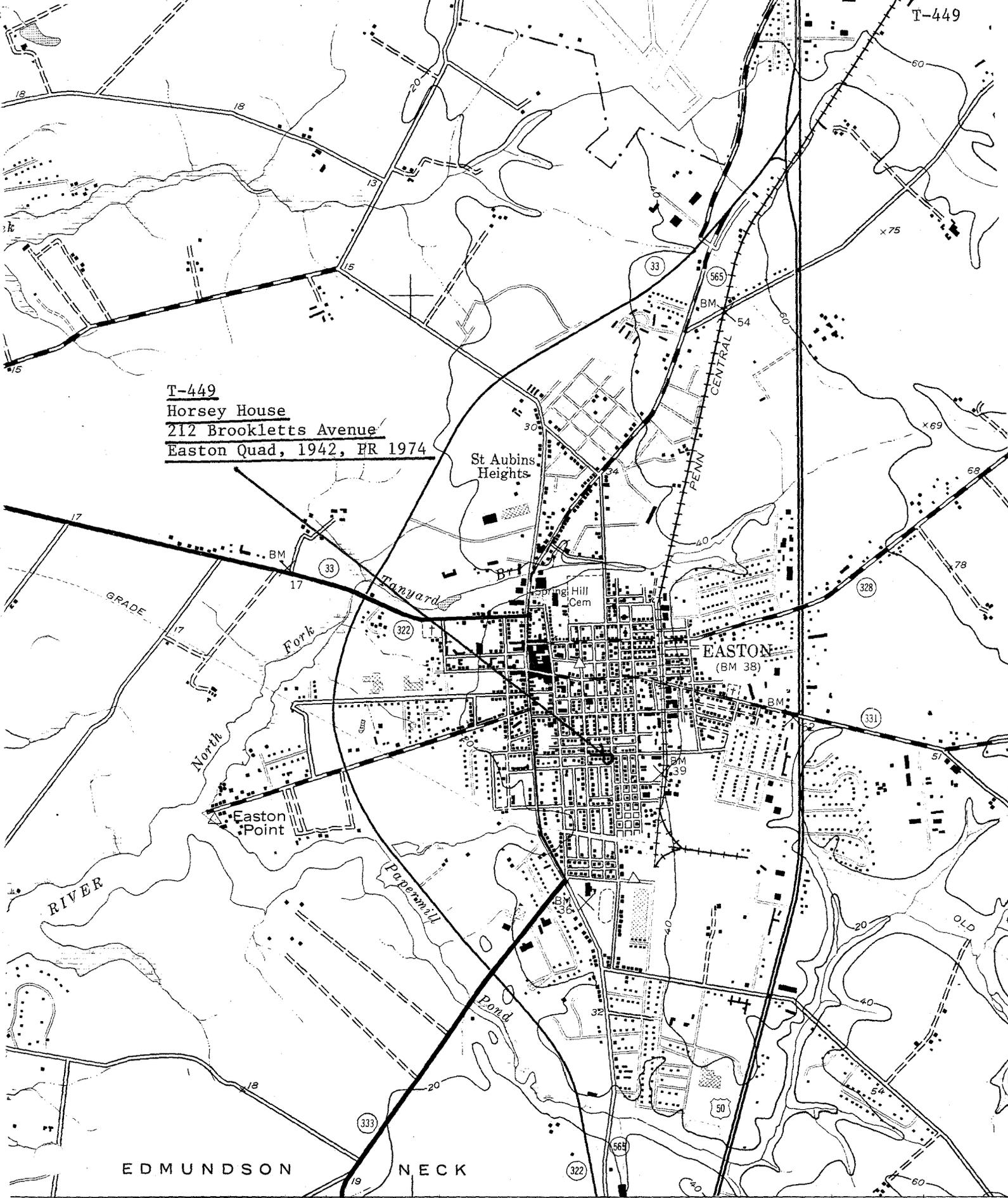
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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Heights

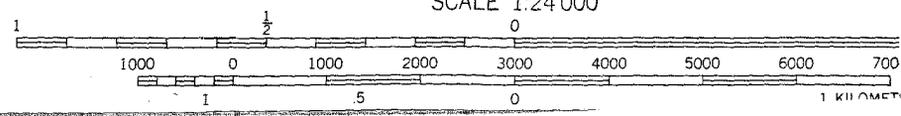
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Point

RIVER

Papermill  
Pond

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metric methods



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75%

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EASTON, MD.

VIEW LOOKING SOUTH WEST

AUGUST 1976

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