

36-38

~~27-29~~ Dover Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-458
C1885

Along with the Hill's Drug Store building (T-13) this double building among Easton's most decorative late nineteenth century commercial structures. Its dark red brick facade is articulated with massive pilasters and a pressed tin cornice.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 36-38
~~34-36 Dover 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 checked="" 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 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

Mary Koste

Telephone #: 301-822-0269

STREET & NUMBER

34-36 Dover 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 #: 392

Folio #: 574

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-458

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 double two-story building is one of the more elaborate of Easton's late nineteenth century commercial buildings. A flat-fronted structure, four bays wide, the building is enlivened by three pilasters of brick. Each is capped with a miniature pediment supported by corbelling. The pilasters are further enriched with slots and molded brick rosettes at the second floor and roof lines.

The cornice is pressed tin with a row of dentils and pierced fan design.

The four second floor windows have one over one sashes in narrow frames and segmental arches of rubbed brick, which contrasts with the dark red brick of the facade.

The building is a simple, rectangular one, a form usual in commercial row buildings. The flat roof slopes gently to the rear.

The buildings are used as shops. A modern shop front with an unfortunate pent roof has replaced original first floor details.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 C1885 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. With the Hill's Drug Store building, next door, this is among Easton's most decorative commercial building.

E392/F574 Mary Koster bought this property in 1964 at a Chancery Sale of the real estate of the late John Conomos. The property measures forty feet frontage on Dover Street, with a depth of fifty-two feet. Conomos had acquired the building in 1918 for \$5175.00 from the estate of John E. Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard had owned it since 1887. He paid \$1600.00 to Louis Wilson. Wilson acquired it in 1885 from Joseph Miller. From Miller, the ownership went back in rapid succession to Alphonse Townsend who leased the land, including the adjacent corner at Dover and Harrison Streets, in 1872, from Henry H. Goldsborough et. al. Mr. Townsend immediately took out a mortgage with the Workingmans Permanent Loan and Building Association for \$600.00. His widow was able to pay off the mortgage and sell this half of the property to William T. Stitchberry in 1877 and it passed from Stitchberry to Thomas R. Smith and then to Joseph Miller in 1880. Alphonse Townsend was a local attorney and seems to have been the builder.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
Sanborn Map, 1891.

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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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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

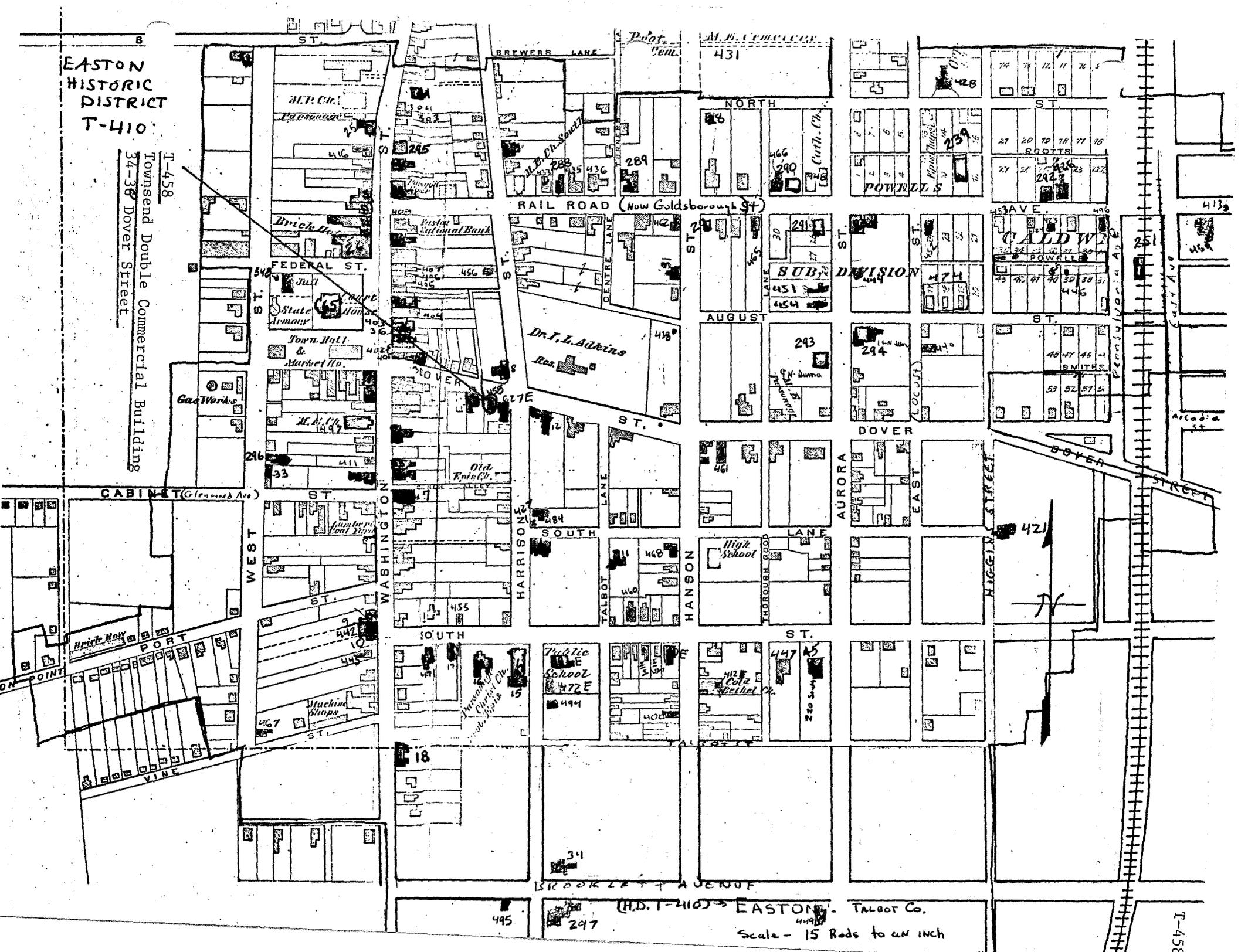
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

EASTON HISTORIC DISTRICT T-410

T-458
Townsend Double Commercial Building
34-38 Dover Street



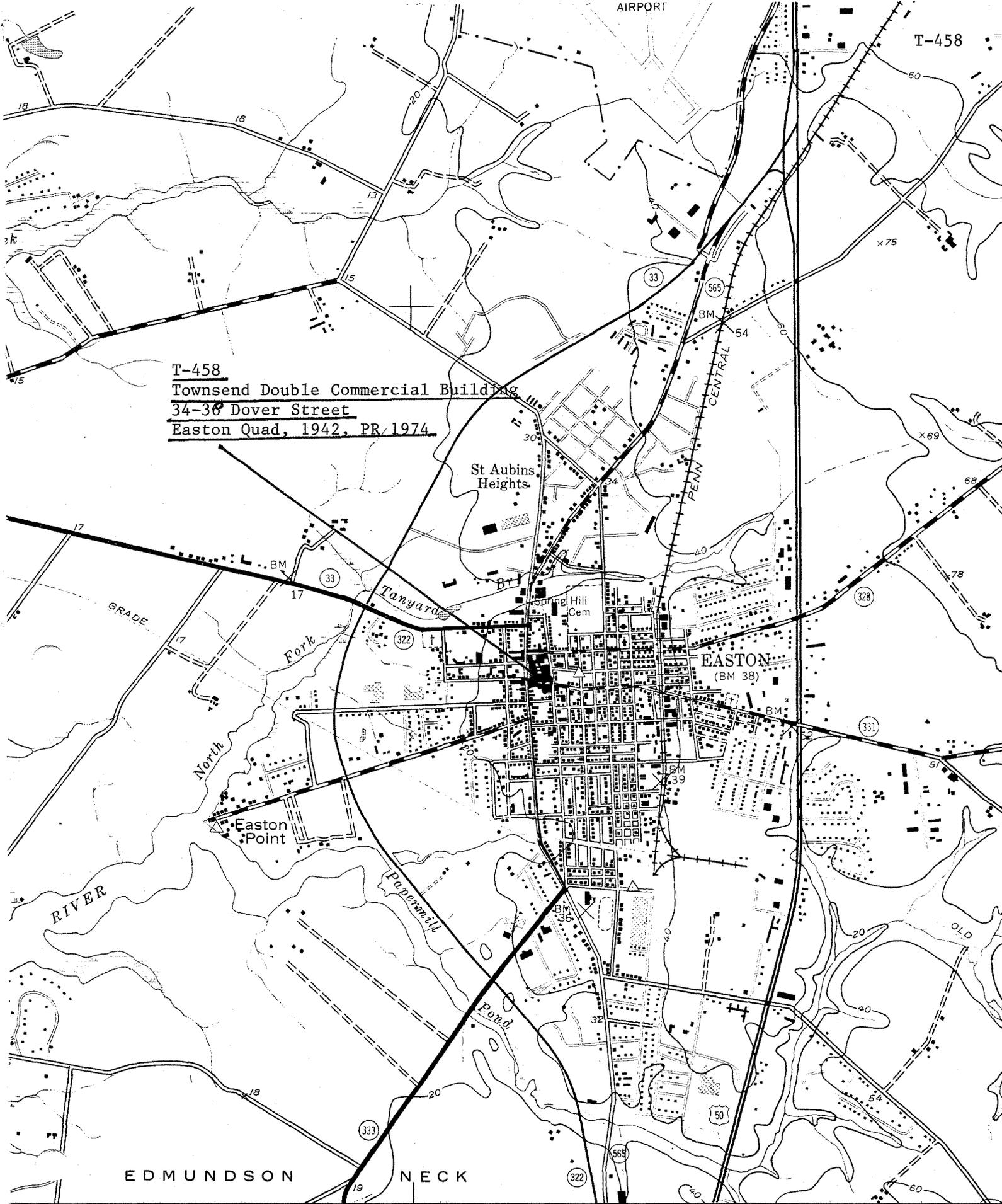
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(H.D. T-410) - EASTON - Talbot Co.

Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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Townsend Double Commercial Building
34-36 Dover Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR/1974.



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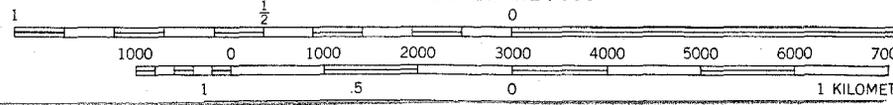
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36-38 DOVER STREET

EASTON, MD.

NORTH FACADE

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