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c. 1875-1900

Old Barber Shop

St. Michaels

private

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Evidently built during the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, this two-story rectangular building has been used for a variety of purposes. The Sanborn Insurance maps indicate at least five different businesses including a bank, barber, cobbler, savings institution and a Chinese laundry.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Barber Shop

## 2. Location

street & number 100 Carpenter Street  not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dianna Mautz

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-551

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## Old Barber Shop description

The Old Barber Shop stands on the east side of Talbot Street at 100 Carpenter Street in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story frame commercial building faces north with the main gable running on a north/south axis.

The two-story parapet front frame structure is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of asbestos shingles and aluminum siding. The gable roof behind the parapet is covered with asphalt tile shingles.

The north elevation is two-bays wide and consists of an altered storefront. The corner entrance into the old shop remains with a replacement door. Shop windows to each side have been infilled and pierced with modern sash windows. A side entrance to the second floor apartment is located in the east bay. A mid-level cornice stretches across at the second floor level and survives with small Victorian brackets. The second floor is pierced by two 6/6 sash windows while the attic is lighted by a fixed six-pane window. The parapet front has an arched center section.

The east side elevation is a plain asbestos shingled wall, while the west side is marked by a few 6/6 sash windows. A block stove stack rises against the rear corner of the east wall. A shed addition extends from the south gable end.

The shop interior has been stripped of all late 19th-century woodwork in an effort to convert the building into apartments. The partitioned side stair to the second floor does retain a heavily turned newel post and turned balusters. The second floor apartment has been similarly stripped of any period details.

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# 8. Significance

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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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Significance

The Old Barber Shop on Carpenter Street is one of the few parapet front commercial buildings still left in St. Michaels and the only one to have an arched parapet. Often thought of as a midwestern architectural form, these parapet fronts were popularly used throughout the mid to late 19th century in countless small towns with no apparent geographic bias. Although this particular example has been stripped of most interior features, it is a significant commercial building with its basic exterior fabric intact. Due to its unusual arched parapet, actions should be taken to insure its preservation.

### History and Support



DIANA MAUTZ - 100 CARPENTER STREET

Year: 1983 Vol: 577 Page: 410  
From: Genevieve W Luscombe Price: \$40,000  
To: John F Mautz and Diana G Mautz  
Notes: See attached deed and plat.

Includes 100 and 102 Carpenter street.

The property devised to Genevieve Luscombe by her father's will:  
1954,34/39. Her father, Clarence Waters bought the property from Thomas E  
Harrison, 1917,179/182.

Year: 1954 Vol: 34 Page: 39  
From: Price:  
To:

Notes: Will of Clarence H Waters: I Clarence H Waters of St. Michaels, Talbot  
County, Maryland do hereby make my last will and testament.  
To my daughter, Genevieve Waters Luscombe I give and bequeath everything,  
stocks, bonds, real estate, insurance, everything that I own. Signed 12/9/59.  
Probate 1965.

Clarence Waters was a barber who was apparently very successful, invest-  
ing heavily in real estate in and near St. Michaels. He had his barber shop  
at 100 Carpenter Street.

Year: 1917 Vol: 179 Page: 182  
From: Thomas E Harrison and Octavia L Harrison Price: \$500  
To: Clarence Waters

Notes: Begins at the NE corner of a lot sold to Thomas E Harrison by John H W  
Wales, Noble Grand of Lodge 66, IOOF in 1908; run with Carpenter St. W 18'4";  
then S 54'6"; then E 18'4"; then N 58' to the beginning.

Harrison's deed is 1908, 153/301.

Copy of deed attached.

Year: 1909 Vol: 153 Page: 301  
From: John H W Wales, Noble Grand of Bayside Lodge, #66, IOOF Price: \$1550  
To: Thomas E Harrison  
Notes: See copy of deed attached.

Reference to the deed shows that Samuel H Wrightson sold the land to the lodge in 1849 but that the deed was never recorded. None of the properties sold by Samuel Harrison Wrightson (and there are several) show how he acquired them, although they were all Harrison lands. Samuel H Wrightson was the son of Eliza Wrightson, daughter of Joseph and Mary Harrison who became the owners of "Joseph's Lot". Wills and property accounts have not been researched at this time. *no will - no sale - no nothing!*  
1909, 153/302 is a mortgage for \$850 from the Citizens' Bank of St. Michaels to Thomas E and Octavia L Harrison.

This deed also includes the Lodge Building as well as the Mautz property.

The Sanborn Fire Insurance maps show the following for this building:

- 1891 Barber (? - hard to read)
- 1896 Bank
- 1901 Savings Bank
- 1907 cobbler (?)
- 1927 "S"
- 1912 Chinese Laundry

# CARPENTER STREET

TALBOT ST.

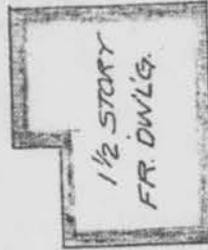
DRILL HOLE

$N 63^{\circ} 33' 03'' E - 59.83$

I. PIPE

formerly  
R. STEWART No  
EVELYN S. BELL

$N 22^{\circ} 37' 18'' W - 58.00$



AREA =  
0.087 ACRES ±

$S 23^{\circ} 12' 43'' E - 69.00$

DOUGLAS S. HOPE, ET. UX.

I. PIPE

21.52'

$S 73^{\circ} 51' 55'' W$

FENCE LINE

$S 74^{\circ} 03' 29'' W - 39.29'$

I. PIPE

PLAT SHOWING  
LOT BELONGING TO  
**GENEVIEVE LUSCOMBE**

THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS  
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND  
1"=20' 5-27-83

J. TILGHMAN DOWNEY  
BOX 563

ST. MICHAELS, MD.  
21663

MTD.7

For Recording

June 2:10 P.M.

AUG -8-83 \* 27578 \*\*\*\*345.00  
AUG -8-83 A E27578 \*\*\*\*200.00  
AUG -8-83 A E27577 \*\*\*\*132.00  
AUG -8-83 A E27576 \*\*\*\*13.00

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Easton, Md. 21601

130 N. Washington St.

returned to Franch, Earnest & Cowdrey

THIS DEED, Made this 2th day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-three (1983), by Genevieve W. Luscombe of 504 Launfall Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19463, State of Maryland.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), including the amount of any mortgage or deed of trust given or assumed by the grantee herein, the receipt of which being hereby acknowledged, the said Genevieve W. Luscombe does hereby grant and convey unto John F. Mautz and Diana G. Mautz, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described property, to wit:

ALL that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, and according to a Plat entitled "PLAT SHOWING LOT BELONGING TO GENEVIEVE LUSCOMBE IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND" prepared by J. Tilghman Downey, dated May 27, 1983, and intended for recording among the Plat Records of Talbot County, Maryland, simultaneously with the recording of these presents, is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at the end of the first or nearly West 18 feet, 4 inches line of that tract or parcel of land conveyed by and described in a deed from Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison, his wife, to Clarence Waters, by deed dated 11, July 1917, and recorded among the land records of Talbot County in liber C.B.L. No. 179, folio 182, said point being on the Southerly side of Carpenter Street, and running thence binding thereon North 63 degrees 33' 03" East 59.83 feet to the lands of D. S. Hope, et al., thence leaving Carpenter Street, South 23 degrees 12' 43" East 69.00 feet to a pipe, thence binding on a fence as now situated South 74 degrees 03' 29" West 39.29 feet to a fence post, thence South 73 degrees 51' 55" West 21.52 feet to a pipe now set at the southeasterly corner of the lands formerly of Bell, thence binding thereon North 22 degrees 37' 18" West 58.00 feet to the beginning hereof, containing 0.087 acres of land, more or less.

BEING a part of the property devised unto the said Genevieve W. Luscombe by the Last Will and Testament of Clarence H. Waters dated December 9, 1954, and recorded among the Will Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, in Liber RRS No. 34, folio 39. AND BEING ALSO the same lots or parcels of land described in the following two Deeds: (1) Deed to Clarence Waters from Thomas E. Harrison, et ux, dated July 11, 1917, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, Maryland, in Liber No. 179, folio 182, and (2) Deed to Clarence H. Waters and Mabel O. Waters, his wife, from Albert L. Fairbank, et ux, dated November 28, 1925, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, Maryland, in Liber No. 204, folio 403. The said Mabel O. Waters having predeceased him, title to the said property became vested in the said Clarence H. Waters as the surviving tenant by the entirety.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same belonging and in any wise appertaining.

1917, 179/82

100 CARPENTER STREET

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DEED.

THOMAS E. HARRISON  
OCTAVIA L. HARRISON, His wife.) A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following Deed or  
TO Instrument of writing was received to be recorded, and  
CLARENCE WATERS. is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit:-

THIS DEED, Made this Eleventh day of July in the  
U. S. Internal Revenue Stamps ) year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, by Thomas  
\$ .50 ) E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison, his wife, of Talbot

County, State of Maryland,

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison, his wife do grant and convey unto Clarence Waters his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all that lot, part of lot or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING for the same at the North East corner of the lot sold to Thomas E. Harrison by John E. W. Wales, Noble Grand of Lodge no. 66, I. O. O. F. of Talbot County, on December 26th 1908 and running thence with Carpenter's Street or Alley nearly, West, eighteen (18) feet 4 inches; thence nearly South fifty four (54) feet 6 inches; thence nearly East eighteen (18) feet 4 inches, parallel with first line (or nearly so); thence nearly North fifty-eight (58) feet to the beginning. This last line being parallel to the second line.

T. E. Harrison's deed, above referred to being duly recorded in Liber F. G. W. No. 153 folio 301.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same belonging, or anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the lot, part of lot or parcel of ground and premises; above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Clarence Waters in fee-simple.

AND the said Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia. L. Harrison hereby covenant that they will warrant specially the property hereby granted and conveyed; and that they will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

WITNESS the hands and seals of said grantors.

Test: Albert C. Lewis.

Thomas E. Harrison. (Seal).  
Octavia L. Harrison. (Seal).

STATE OF MARYLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, to wit:

HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this Eleventh day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen beforeme, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot County, aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison and each acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be his act.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Albert C. Lewis.

Notary Public.



*Examine*

*Copy in 1919 of record to Mr. Highmeyer, Auditor of 1917*

John H.W.Wales, Noble  
Grand of Bay Side Lodge  
No. 66, I.O.O.F. of Talbot County  
to  
Thomas E. Harrison

Be it remembered that on this 7th day of January  
A.D. 1909 at 12 o'clock M. The following DEED or  
Instrument of Writing was received to be recorded  
and is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit:  
THIS DEED, Made this 26th day of December in the

year one thousand nine hundred and eight by John H.W.Wales, Noble Grand ( President) of  
" Bay side Lodge No. 66, I.O.O. F. of Talbot County"

WHEREAS Samuel H. Wrightson sold the lot hereinafter described to the aforesaid Bay Side  
Lodge No. 66, and conveyed the same by Deed duly executed in the year 1849, which Deed having  
been mislaid or lost without having been recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County  
and the said Bay Side Lodge having now sold said lot and premises unto Thomas E. Harrison of  
Talbot County, Maryland,

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS  
(\$1550.00) the said John H.W.Wales, Noble Grand of Bay Side Lodge No. 66 I.O.O.F. of Talbot  
County doth grant and convey unto Thomas E. Harrison, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple,  
all that lot or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in the town of St. Michaels, Talbot  
County, Maryland, fronting on Talbot Street thereof and beginning at the North West corner  
of the lot hereby conveyed at the intersection of Carpenter's Alley and Talbot Street and  
running thence in a Southerly direction with said Talbot Street forty four feet to the lot of  
J.Ed. Watkins; thence with said Watkins lot in an Easterly direction seventy nine and five  
twelfths (79.5/12) feet to the lot belonging to S.S.S. Covey; thence in a Northerly or North  
westerly direction sixty- four (64) feet to Carpenter's Alley; thence with Carpenter's Alley  
sixty (60) feet to the beginning.

TOGETHER, with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being; and all  
and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages,  
to the same belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the lot of parcel of ground and premises; above described and mentioned

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DR. DODSON'S  
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ST MARY'S  
SQUARE

METHODIST  
CEMETERY

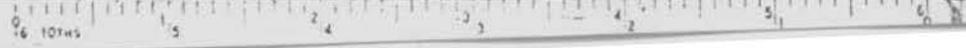
BACK CREEK

MAP  
OF  
ST. MICHAELS

TALBOT CO. MARYLAND

SCALE  
1" = 100'

JAN. 1, 1885. THOMAS F. BARD

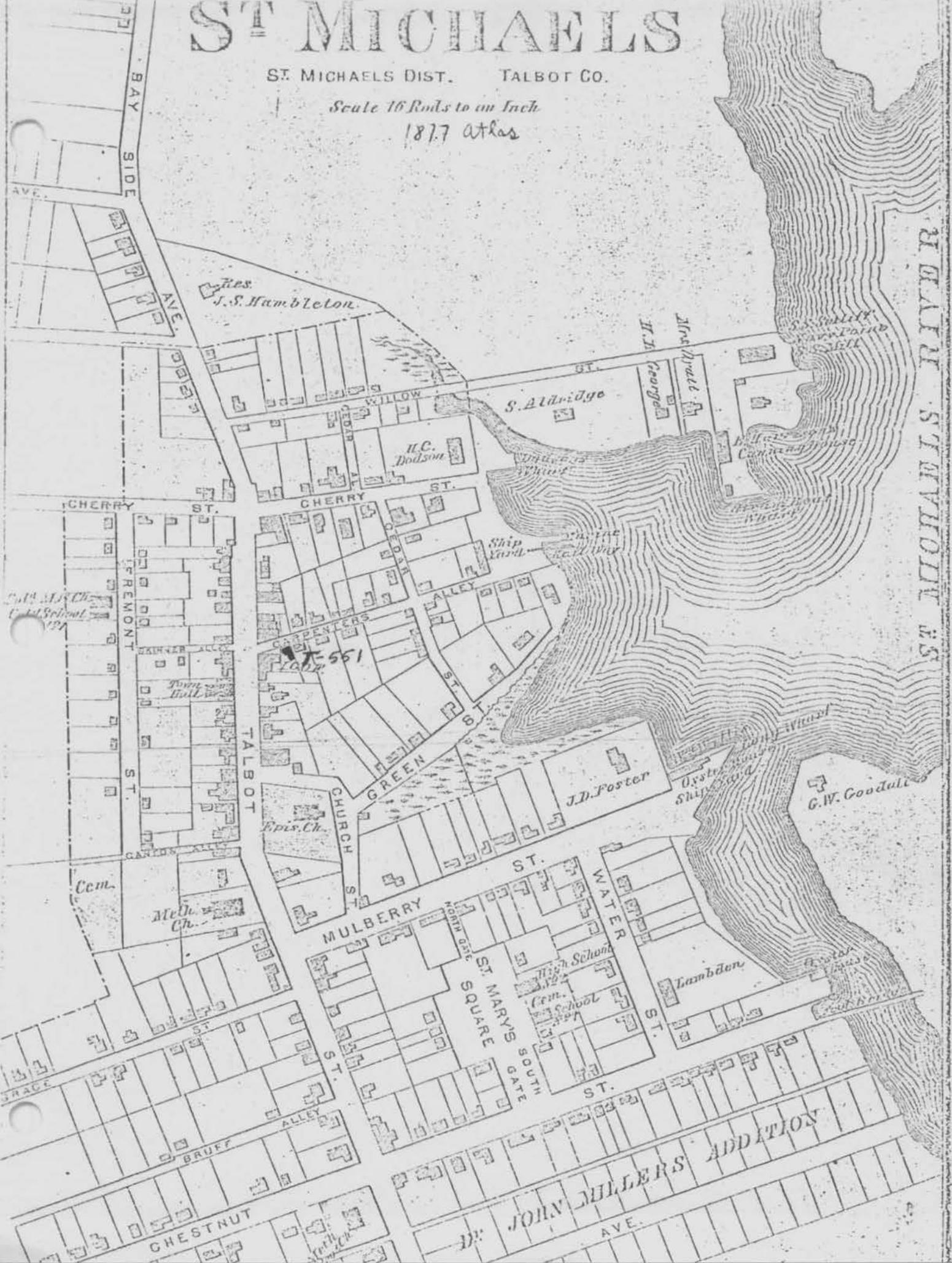


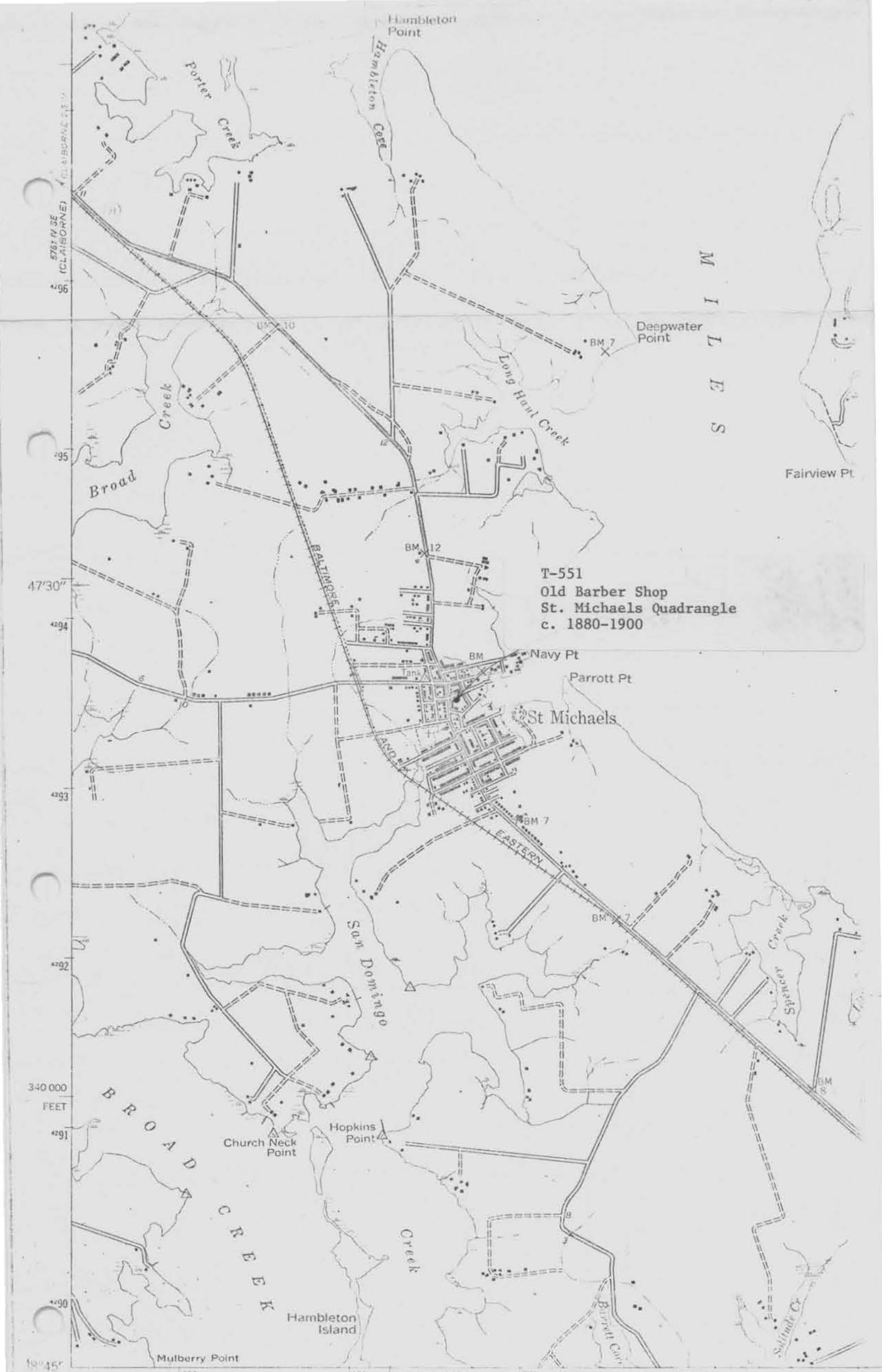
# ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 Atlas





Mapped by the Army Map Service  
 Published for civil use by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USC&GS



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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Northeast Elevation

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Northwest Elevation

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