

T-565

c. 1825-1850

St. Michaels Lawnmower Shop

St. Michaels

private

Located behind the St. Michaels Hardware Store on the corner of Fremont Street and Canton Alley is a story-and-a-half frame building currently used as a lawnmower shop. The center hall frame dwelling is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is covered by a steeply pitched dormered roof. The exact history of the building has not been established, but the construction features suggest a second quarter of the nineteenth century date. Two similar buildings in town are the Lambdin house on Water Street (T-253), and the main block of the Rogers house (T-272).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-565

Magi No. 2105655411

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common House-St. Michaels Hardware (Lawnmower~~s~~ Shop)

2. Location

street & number NE Corner of Fremont and Canton Alley not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland 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 checked="" 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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

The St. Michaels Hardware lawnmower shop stands on the northeast corner of Canton Alley and Fremont Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the c. 1825-1850 center hall frame house is sheathed in weatherboards and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the east side of the building is a modern addition.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door has been replaced. Piercing the roof slope are two gabled dormers with six-over-six sash windows and slightly flared surrounds. The cornice to the building is boxed.

The gable ends are slightly different with unevenly placed six-over-six sash windows on the first floor. Rising against the north gable is a concrete block stove stack. Both eaves are finished with a simple barge-board.

The east side of the structure is largely covered by the modern addition.

Inside the main building follows a center hall, single-pile plan. A turn of the twentieth century stair rises to the second floor on either side of a squarish room.

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
<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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.

The St. Michaels Hardware lawnmower shop is a modest story-and-a-half frame house that dates to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Similar houses in town include the Rogers house (T-272), and the Lambdin house on Water Street (T-253). Due to its conversion to a shop the structure has lost most of its period features inside.

Year: 1964 Vol: 395 Page: 236

From: Russell F Smith & Hazel T Price:

To: Allan R Herridge & Kathryn M

Notes: Two parcels, one lot. (1) Fronts 45'9" on Talbot; runs back equal width 103'. Adjoining (2). See Higgins 1902, 139/385.

(2) Begins intersection Canton Alley & Talbot; run N with Talbot 33' to lot formerly Stephen Harrison (1); With (1), 100' to lot formerly Robert Stewart then S 33' to Canton Alley; then E 100' to beginning.

Also: leasehold on Canton Alley begins at corner of lot sold to Richard S Dodson and Thomas Sewell by Richard S Dodson, trustee of John Valliant. Runs N 18' to lot formerly Mary Leonard; then W 120' to Fremont Street; then S with Fremont 18' to Canton Alley; then E 120' to beginning. Leased by James LeCompte from Samuel A Harrison 1868, 74/

All above conveyed to Smith by Frank C Gratton, 1950, 289/247.

Year: 1950 Vol: 289 Page: 246

From: Frank O Gratton & Alice A Price: \$10,500

To: Russell F Smith & Hazel T

Notes: Three Parcels: (1) 45'9" on Talbot Street (1902,139/385 to Gratton by John C North 1943, 254/584); (2) Corner Talbot Street & Canton Alley, 33' N to (1); (3) leasehold, 18' x 120'. Emily L Ringgold owns fee.

(2) and (3) conveyed to Gratton by County Trust Co. 1939, 243/484

1950, 289/248 is mortgage on the property for \$6500 to St Michaels Bank.

Year: 1939 Vol: 243 Page: 484

From: County Trust Co. Price: \$5

To: Frank O Grattan

Notes: See 1950, 289/246.

Conveyed by G Elbert Marshall, assignee to County Trust Co 1937,239/428.

(1) was conveyed to Kate Hacker and Hyman Hacker by Richard S Dodson, 1914, 167/96

(2) 18' x 120' leased by James LeCompte from Sam A Harrison,1868,74/386.

Year: 1937 Vol: 239 Page: 428

From: G Elbert Marshall, assignee Price: \$3000

To: County Trust Company

Notes: Public sale on mortgage foreclosure. Mortgage 1921, 192/278 from Kate and Hyman Hacker to County Trust Co. Bid in by County Trust Co for \$3000.

(1) From corner Canton Alley N 33' to Stephen Harrison by 100' to Robert Stewart.

(2) Is the 18' x 120' lease from James LeCompte. Confirmed by Esther Valliant 1911, 159/175 and conveyed by Richard S Dodson to Kate & Hyman Hacker, 1914, 167/96.

(3) This parcel is on East side of Talbot Street

In this deed, (1) is same as (2) in 1950.

Year: 1914 Vol: 167 Page: 96

From: Richard S Dodson & Florence K Price: \$1550

To: Kate Hacker and Herman Hacker, husband

Notes: 33' on Talbot Street x 100'

(2) Begins on Canton Alley at corner sold to Richard S Dodson and Thomas H Sewell by Robert S Dodson; run N 18' to Mary Leonard; with Leonard W 120' to Fremont Street; S with Fremont St 18' to Canton Alley; E 120' to beginning.

Same land conveyed by Robert S Dodson, trustee for John Valliant to Richard S Dodson and T H Sewell, 1911, 159/176 (1)

(2) Same which James LeCompte leased from Samuel A Harrison, 1868,74/386; confirmed by deed from Esther Valliant, 1911, 159/175

Year: 1911 Vol: 159 Page: 176

From: Robert S Dodson, trustee Price: \$1110

To: Richard S Dodson and Thomas H Sewell

Notes: Sold to above inaccordance with deed of trust from John Valliant, 1910, 157/14.

See 1914, 167/96

Year: 1892 Vol: 116 Page: 439

From: Mary E LeCompte, administratrix of James L LeCompte, dcd Price: \$150

To: John Valliant

Notes: This is the 18'x 120' lot.

"Contrary to Maryland law" Mary had sold this property to herself.
The property is now sold to John Valliant.

Same property leased by James L LeCompte from Samuel A Harrison,
1868, 74/386.

Year: 1868 Vol: 74 Page: 386

From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease

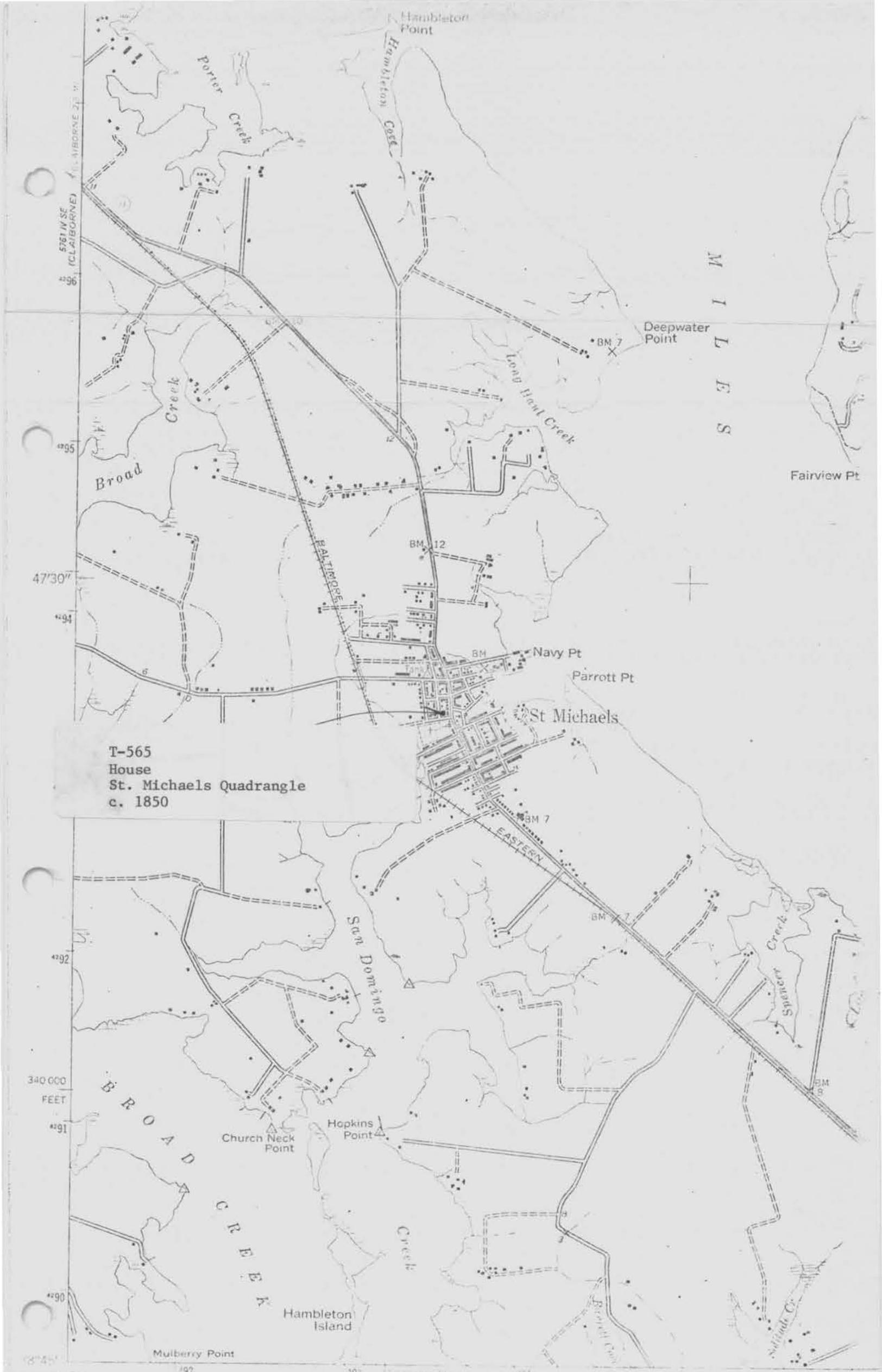
To: James LeCompte

Notes: Begins at Canton Lane; runs N 18' to Mary Leonard; with Leonard W 120'
to Fremont; then S 18' to Canton Lane; then E 120' to beginning.

This is first deed to 18' x 120' lot.

The fee ownership was not traced.

For the transactions involved with sale of property from "Canton Farm", see
the St. Michaels Hardware chain.



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House
St. Michaels Quadrangle
c. 1850



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West elevation
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