

T-588

Fred Foster House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1850-1870

The Fred Foster house stands in a row of mid to late nineteenth-century dwellings on the south side of East Chestnut Street. The two-story, two-part house with a stepped elevation is a common house type to St. Michaels, and the exterior is finished with standard features such as the turned post porch, the two-over-two sash windows, and the sidelighted entrance.

Construction of the two-story frame house is estimated to date to the third quarter of the nineteenth century between 1849 and 1866. In 1849 Martha Ann Lane acquired this property, designated as "Lot 72," for an unspecified sum, and seventeen years later she transferred the lot to Charles Blake for \$600. The significant transfer price in 1866 along with the mid nineteenth-century architectural features suggest the house was erected after 1849 for Marthan Ann Lane.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T - 588

Magi No. 2105885504

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Fred Foster House

2. Location

street & number 104 East Chestnut 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 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	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 Frederic H. Foster

street & number 104 East Chestnut St. 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 490

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 344

city, town Easton state MD.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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 Fred Foster house stands at 104 E Chestnut Street two doors east of Talbot St. in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story frame house faces north with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1850-1860, the two-story, two-part frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with aluminum siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt tiles, and the boxed cornices and extended eaves are covered with aluminum as well. The main house is a three-bay side hall/parlor plan dwelling, while a similarly sized three-bay section extends eastward.

The north elevation of the main block is marked by a side entrance with a partially glazed door framed by three-light sidelights and a single-pane transom. The adjacent two bays are filled with two-over-two sash windows. The second floor of the main block is lighted by three smaller two-over-two sash windows. The adjacent three-bay section is slightly shorter than the main house. A partially glazed door with a two-light transom marks the easternmost bay, and a pair of two-over-two sash windows light the first floor. The second floor is defined by three two-over-two sash like the main block. Stretching across the entire house is a turned post front porch with decorative corner brackets. A narrow brick stack rises through the roof of the center of the eastern section.

The west gable end of the main block is a plain wall of aluminum siding aside from a small square opening in the gable end used currently as a vent. A brick stove stack rises through the peak.

The south (rear) elevation follows a similar fenestration with a back entrance to the side hall of the main block. The door is topped by a two-light transom, and two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors. A single story shed addition stretches across the eastern section of the house and six-over-six sash windows provide light on both floors.

The interiors of both sections have been moderately remodeled during the 1960s and 1970s. The principal stair has a turn of the century newel post and railing along with a decorated stringer. A slate mantel survives in the parlor, and four-panel doors provide access between rooms. The eastern section has been largely reworked as well, but a corner winder stair remains in the kitchen, and a two-panel Greek Revival style door remains between the kitchen and dining 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
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<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

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 Fred Foster house stands in a row of third quarter of the nineteenth-century dwellings on the southside of East Chestnut Street. The two-story, two-part house with a stepped elevation is common in St. Michaels, and the exterior features including the turned post porch, the two-over-two windows, and the side-lighted entrance are consistent features shared by neighboring structures. Similar to many St. Michaels dwellings, the interior has been moderately reworked during the last twenty years.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Construction of the two-story frame house is estimated to date to the third quarter of the nineteenth century between 1849 and 1866. In 1849, Martha Ann Lane acquired this property, designated as "Lot 72," for an unspecified sum (62/377), and seventeen years later transferred the lot to Charles Blake for \$600. The significant transfer price in 1866, and the mid nineteenth-century architectural features suggest the house was erected after 1849 by Martha Anne Lane.

YEAR: 1975 VOL: 490 PAGE: 344
FROM : Benjamin J Cook PRICE:
TO : Frederick H and Phyllis M Foster
NOTES: Begins at NW corner of Mary H Baggs; run SW with Baggs 120' to
Boundary Alley; with alley W 60' to former Denny Williams; then N 120' to
Chestnut Street; then E 60' to beginning.
Conveyed to Benjamin J Cook and Alderetta S Cook by Jean Lang Reeder, 1964
393/432.

YEAR: 1964 VOL: 393 PAGE: 432
FROM : Jean Lang Reeder and Robert C Reeder, Westfield, N. J. PRICE: \$7500
TO : Benjamin J Cook
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Eugenie M Lang by Jennings B Quillen and Lotus K Quillen 1951,
292/34. Devised by Eugenie M Lang to her daughter Jean Lang Reeder by Will
1938, 30/218. Lot subject to a sewer easement to the Town of St. Michaels.

YEAR: 1951 VOL: 292 PAGE: 34
FROM : Jennings B Quillen and Lotus K Quillen PRICE:
TO : Eugenie M Lang
NOTES: Same description
Conveyed to Jennings B Quillen by Ruth R Startt 1946, 270/388 (parcel 1.)

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 270 PAGE: 388
FROM : Ruth R Startt, unmarried PRICE:
TO : Jennings B Quillen and Lotus K Quillen
NOTES: Parcel 1, same description. Title Clearance.
Conveyed to Ruth R Startt by Jennings B Quillen and Lotus K Quillen 1946,
270/388.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 270 PAGE: 387
FROM : Jennings B Quillen and Lotus K Quillen PRICE:
TO : Ruth R Startt
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Jennings B Quillen by four Quillens 1926, 206/33

YEAR: 1926 VOL: 206 PAGE: 33
FROM : Quillens (see below) PRICE:
TO : Jennings B Quillen
NOTES: There are three parcels of which this is parcel three. Same description
The grantors were: Jehu D Quillen, Raymond T Quillen, Samuel M Quillen and
Clinton E Quillen and their spouses.
Conveyed to the above grantors by George B Taylor 1920, 187/400.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 187 PAGE: 400
FROM : George B Taylor and wife PRICE:
TO : Samuel M Quillen, Jehu D Quillen, Raymond T Quillen, Jennings B Quillen
NOTES: Same description.

The deed states: "conveyed to George B Taylor by George W L Jefferson, 1920,...."
No volume or page is given and a reference to this transaction was not found in
the Land Records; however, a mortgage from George W L Jefferson to the St
Michaels Savings Bank indicating ownership of the lot by Jefferson as late as
1915 was found.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 171 PAGE: 140
FROM : George W L Jefferson PRICE: \$300
TO : St Michaels Savings Bank
NOTES: The mortgage is secured by a lot 60 x 120 between Sarah F Chesley on the
East side and a lot of the divesees of the late Denny Williams on the West side.
Conveyed to George W L Jefferson by James Benson 1890, 107/89 and 112/380.

YEAR: 1890 VOL: 112 PAGE: 380
FROM : James Benson and Marianna Benson PRICE: \$150
TO : George W L Jefferson
NOTES: Begins at Denny Willams lot and runs 30 feet on Chestnut to a lot
already owned by George W L Jefferson.

YEAR: 1887 VOL: 107 PAGE: 89
FROM : James Benson and Marianna Benson PRICE: \$400
TO : George W L Jefferson
NOTES: Begins at Mary H Baggs lot runs back 120' to Dr. Millers land. Is 30'
on Chestnut Street. It is 1/2 the lot purchased by James Benson from Lydia R
Dawson, Rowena E Dawson, E Louise Brown and William H Brown 1885, 102/192.

YEAR: 1885 VOL: 102 PAGE: 192
FROM : Lydia R & Rowena E Dawson and E Louisa Brown & Wm R PRICE: \$400
TO : James Benson
NOTES: Begins at lot of Denny Williams and front 60' on Chestnut Street
Conveyed to Lydia, Rowena, and E Louisa Dawson by Wm H Withgott, trustee
1883, 96/358.

YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 358
FROM : William H Withgott, trustee PRICE: \$375
TO : Lydia, Rowena, and E Louisa Dawson
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to William H Withgott, trustee for Rosanna Withgott by Thomas J
Warren, late trustee 1881, 93/106.

YEAR: 1881 VOL: 93 PAGE: 106

FROM : Thomas J Warren, late trustee PRICE:

TO : William H Withgott, trustee

NOTES: In 1874, William B Canfield of Baltimore for \$500 appointed Thomas J Warren trustee for Rosanna Withgott. Warren relinquished his trust and William H Withgott is appointed.

Conveyed to Thomas J Warren by William B Canfield 1874, 80/93.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 93

FROM : William B and M Virginia Canfield PRICE: \$500

TO : Thomas J Warren

NOTES: Warren appointed trustee for Rosanna Withgott.

Conveyed to William B Canfield by Charles Blake 1868, 74/368.

YEAR: 1868 VOL: 74 PAGE: 368

FROM : Charles and Elizabeth C Blake PRICE: \$525

TO : William B Canfield

NOTES: 60 x 120. Adjoining lots of Dr. Joseph Spencer and heirs of Fanny Auld. Is lot 72 on plat of St. Michaels

Conveyed to Charles Blake by Richard C Lane and Martha 1866, 73/19.

YEAR: 1866 VOL: 73 PAGE: 19

FROM : Richard C and Martha Ann Lane PRICE: \$600

TO : Charles Blake

NOTES: Same as previous description.

Deeded to Martha Ann Lane by her father, Benjamin Blades 1849, 62/377.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 377

FROM : Benjamin Blades PRICE: L & A

TO : Martha Ann Lane

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Benjamin Blades by John Dorgin 1817, 39/252.

YEAR: 1817 VOL: 39 PAGE: 252

FROM : John Dorgin, Blacksmith PRICE: \$50

TO : Benjamin Blades, Laborer

NOTES: Is part of "Janes Progress". Described as lot number 72. Begins at lot 71 and runs to lot 73. This is the first sale of this lot as such.

Part of the land conveyed to John Dorgin by Elizabeth Sherwood 1813, 36/288.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288

FROM : Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: \$487.90 2/3

TO : John Dorgin

NOTES: By a Chancery Court decision in 1812, John Dorgin acquired parts of Bentley Hay, Janes Progress, and The Beach which had been purchased by Thomas Sherwood from John Thompson and William Harrison (1791, 24/299 and 1785, 23/115. The land on which T588 is located is described: "All the land which formerly belonged to James Braddock lying to the southward of a line drawn from the East end of Chestnut Street on a cove of St. Michaels River straight with the street across the main road to Broad Creek."

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



H. C. DODSON'S ADD.

DODSON AVE.

Dodson & Whitey
Brick Yd.

Res. J.S. Hambleton

S. Albridge

CHERRY ST.

CHERRY ST.

FREMONT ST.

Col. M. School
Col. School

TALBOT ST.

GREEN ST.

MULBERRY ST.

ST. MARY'S GATE

SQUARE

WATER ST.

JOHN MILLERS ADDITION

AVE.

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BACK CREEK

CHERRY CREEK

Dr. C. Gibson

MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Goggles, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Stoves, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

ES DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

EDD H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ES B. HARRISON, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

V. B. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-Righting, and all work appertaining thereto. Indicate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming Implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES BETH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

D. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

N. T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House." Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

GEORGE W. COLLINS, Tinsmith. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

E. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

HARRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

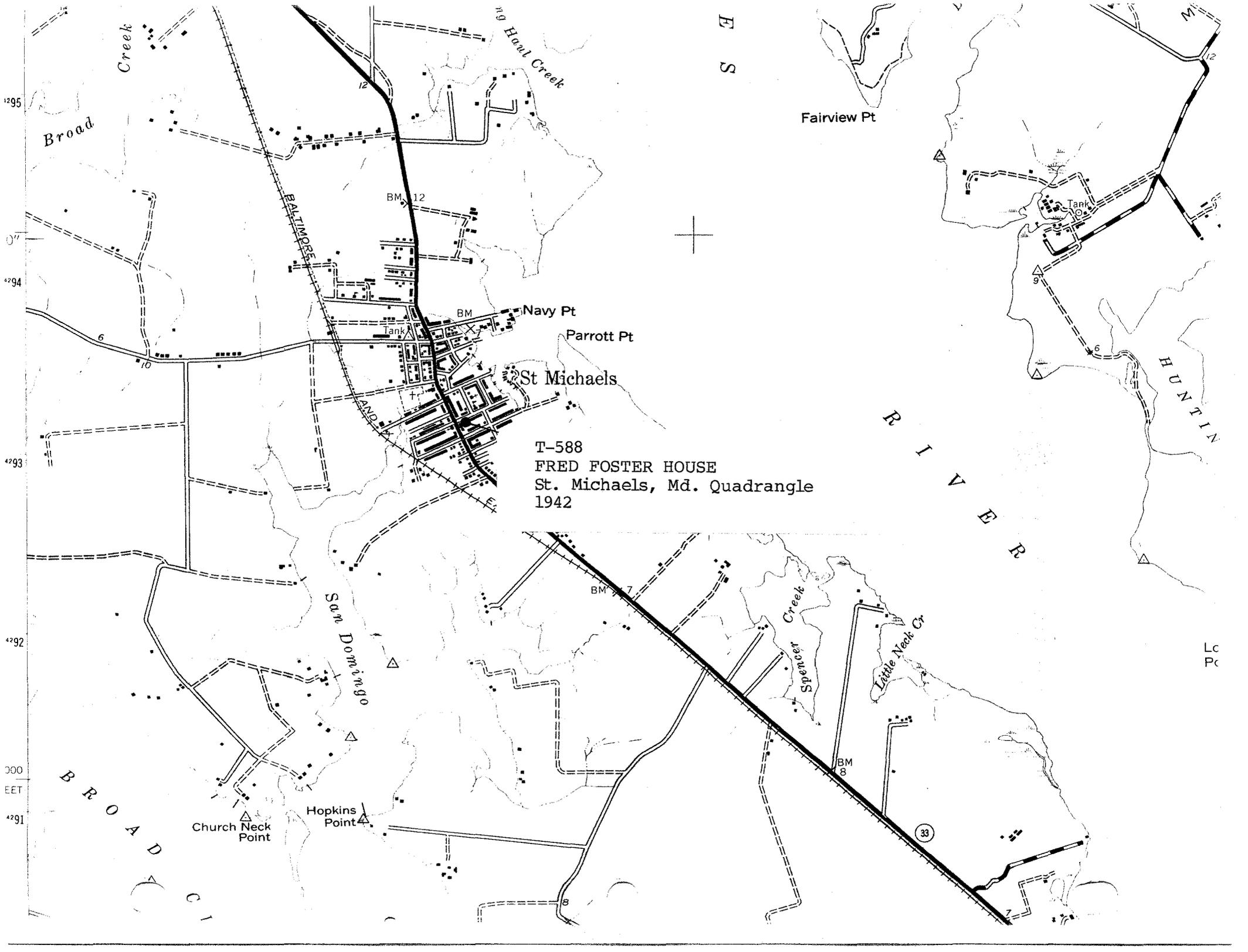
PT. C. LEONARD, Freightier of Grain of all kinds. Point.

TOMAS DES OF E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

WILLIAM HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.

S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DODSON Physician and Surgeon.



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FRED FOSTER HOUSE
St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
1942

Broad

Creek

San Domingo

BALTIMORE
AND
ANNAPOLIS

BM 12

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

Fairview Pt

Tank

San Domingo

BM 7

San Domingo
Creek

Little Neck Cr

BM 8

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BROAD

CREEK

HUNTING
RIVER

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