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James G. Jones House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1880-1890

The James G. Jones house stands in a line of second, third, and fourth quarter of the nineteenth-century houses on Grace Street in the center of St. Michaels. The plain two-story, four-bay frame house has been reworked but efforts to maintain its original street front appearance are evident. A chain-of-title for the lot suggests James G. Jones erected the two-story dwelling shortly after his purchase of the lot in 1881 for \$75. Two years later, James Jones and his wife, Mary, executed a mortgage between themselves and Annie L. Harrison, perhaps in an effort to pay for construction of their new house. The Joneses evidently occupied the Grace Street house for approximately eight years, until Annie Harrison's death. As assignee of Annie Harrison's estate, William R. Martin sold the mortgaged property to Lewis E. Ross in 1890. The next year Ross exchanged the Grace Street property with a house and lot owned by Hettie R. Ford. Since the late nineteenth century the house has changed over fifteen times.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James G. Jones House

and/or common Ethel Moore House

2. Location

street & number 104 Grace St. not for publication

city, 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 Ethel Moore

street & number 104 Grace Street 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 518

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 329

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

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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 James G. Jones house stands at 104 Grace Street in the western residential district of central St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay frame house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Probably built around 1881 to 1883, this two-story, two-room plan dwelling is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with a simple boxed cornice and slightly extended eaves. Rising through the center portion of the house is a narrow brick stove stack.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with an off-center entrance in the second bay from the west. The four-panel door is topped by a three-light transom. The adjacent bays are filled with six-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. The second floor is lighted by four evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows.

Both the east and west gable end walls are sheathed with plain weatherboards and do not have any window openings.

A single-story service wing, which has been enlarged and remodeled covers most of the south wall of the house. A two-story stair tower has been added to the southeast corner.

The interior of the main house has been extensively reworked with modern materials. The stair was moved from its original location against the center partition to a new space built against the southeast corner of the main block. The original floors have been retained where possible.

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
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<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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The James G. Jones house stands in a line of second, third, and fourth quarter of the nineteenth-century houses on Grace Street in the center of St. Michaels. The plain two-story, four-bay frame house has been remodeled, but efforts were made to maintain the original appearance of the street elevations while converting the house for modern needs.

STORY AND SUPPORT

A chain-of-title for this Grace Street house suggests James G. Jones erected the two-story dwelling shortly after his purchase of the lot for \$75 in 1881 (92/228). Two years later, James Jones and his wife, Mary, executed a mortgage between themselves and Annie L. Harrison, perhaps in an effort to pay for the construction of their new house. The Joneses evidently occupied the Grace Street house for approximately eight years, until Annie Harrison's death. As assignee of Annie Harrison's estate, William R. Martin sold the mortgaged property to Lewis E. Ross in 1890 (112/286). The next year Ross exchanged the Grace Street property with a house and lot owned by Hettie R. Ford (119/212). Since the late nineteenth century, the property has changed hands over fifteen times.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Historic St. Michaels date 4/30/87

street & number telephone

city or town St. Michaels state MD. 21663

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
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1977 VOL: 518 PAGE: 329
FROM: Richard Olney, Jr. and Isabel P Olney PRICE:
TO: Ethel L Moore
NOTES Begins at S side of Grace Street on dividing line between Richard Olney and James Wasylyshyn which is 198.1' on back of sidewalk from the curb on Talbot Street; run with dividing line S 19.09.13 E 108.76' to Mount; with Mount and Johnston S 69.50.00 W 36.25' to Allen; then N 19.09.13 W 108.76' to Grace Street then N 69.50.00 E 36.25' to beginning. .091 acres.
Conveyed to the grantors by Robert L Lippincott, Sr. 1977, 512/77. See plat 44/45.

YEAR: 1977 VOL: 512 PAGE: 77
FROM: Robert L & Edith Lippincott, Robert L & Joann Lippincott PRICE:
TO: Richard Olney, Jr and Isabel P Olney
NOTES Is "Parcel 1" (and only) Begin at NW corner of Lewis E Ross on S side Grace St; run W with Grace 36' 3" to NE corner of Samuel A D Harrison; S with Harrison 111' to James Seth; E with Seth and Sarah E Ridgeway 30' 3" to Ross; N with Ross 111' to the beginning.
Conveyed to the grantors by William H LeCompte et al 1975, 495/184.

YEAR: 1975 VOL: 495 PAGE: 184
FROM: William H LeCompte and Audrey B LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Robert L Lippincott Sr & Edith R; Robert L Lippincott Jr & Joann
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to grantors by Thomas Hunter Lowe et ux 1968, 430/408.

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 430 PAGE: 408
FROM: Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B Lowe PRICE:
TO: Martha E LeCompte, widow, William H and Audrey B LeCompte
NOTES Title clearance.
Conveyed to Thomas Hunter Lowe by Martha E LeCompte, widow 1962, 380/115.

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 430 PAGE: 406
FROM: Martha E LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Thomas Hunter Lowe
NOTES First step title clearance.
Conveyed to Martha E LeCompte by Thomas Hunter Lowe et ux 1962, 380/115.

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 380 PAGE: 115
FROM: Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B PRICE:
TO: Martha E LeCompte, widow
NOTES More title clearance.
Coveyed to Thomas Hunter Lowe by Martha E LeCompte, William H and Audrey B LeCompte 1962, 380/108.

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 380 PAGE: 108
FROM: Martha E, William H and Audrey B LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Thomas Hunter Lowe at ux
NOTES Parcel 1. Same description. Title Clearance.
Conveyed to Martha E LeCompte and Wm, H and Audrey LeCompte by Lee S Gillis
1959, 355/507

YEAR: 1959 VOL: 355 PAGE: 505
FROM: Martha E LeCompte and Wm H LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Lee S Gillis
NOTES Parcel 1. Same description. Clearance.
Conveyed to Romey B LeCompte, Martha E LeCompte, and Wm H LeCompte by Lee S
Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis 1956, 328/332.

YEAR: 1956 VOL: 328 PAGE: 332
FROM: Lee S Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis PRICE:
TO: Romey B and Martha E LeCompte and Wm H LeCompte
NOTES Parcel 1. Same description.
Conveyed to Gillis by same LeComptes 1956, 328/328.

YEAR: 1956 VOL: 28 PAGE: 328
FROM: Romey and Martha LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Lee S Gillis
NOTES Parcel 1. Same description.
Conveyed to Romey and Martha LeCompte by Ruth R Startt 1946, 265/40.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 265 PAGE: 40
FROM: Ruth R Startt, unmarried PRICE:
TO: Romey B and Martha E LeCompte
NOTES Same description. Clearance.
Conveyed to Startt by Romey and Martha LeCompte 1946, 265/38.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 265 PAGE: 38
FROM: Romey B and Martha E LeCompte PRICE:
TO: Ruth R Startt
NOTES Same description. Clearance.
Conveyed to grantors by Bessie S Carey and George W Carey 1919, 183/29.

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 183 PAGE: 29
FROM: Bessie S and George W Carey PRICE: \$600
TO: Romey B LeCompte
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Bessie S Carey by Robert Seymour 1913, 165/138.

YEAR: 1913 VOL: 165 PAGE: 138
FROM: Robert S Seymour and Grace PRICE: \$550
TO: Bessie S Carey
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Robert S Seymour by Walter G Bryan 1911, 159/156.

YEAR: 1911 VOL: 159 PAGE: 156
FROM: Walter G Bryan and Nora PRICE: \$600
TO: Robert S Seymour and Grace
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Walter Bryan by John M Marshall, et al heirs of Oliver P Marshall
1908, 152/435.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 152 PAGE: 435
FROM: John M Marshall and Sarah L and others* PRICE: \$500
TO: Walter G Bryan
NOTES Same description. *The others were: Laura E Jones and Thomas B, and Willie
L Smithman and John C. Inherited from Oliver P Marshall, dcd.
Conveyed to Oliver P Marshall by Hettie R Ford 1898, 129/398.

YEAR: 1898 VOL: 129 PAGE: 398
FROM: Hettie R Ford PRICE: \$500
TO: Oliver P Marshall
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Hettie R Ford by Lewis E Ross 1891, 119/212.

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 119 PAGE: 212
FROM: Lewis E Ross PRICE: *
TO: Hettie R Ford
NOTES Lewis E Ross exchanges this property (with a \$400 mortgage) for Hettie's
house and lot on the N side of Chestnut Street. Same description.
Conveyed to Ross by William R Martin, assignee of Annie Harrison 1890, 112/286.
The lot was mortgaged to Annie Harrison by James G Jones. Jones purchased it
from W J Fairbank and Frank S Orem 1883, 96/72.

YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 72
FROM: James G Jones and Mary M PRICE: \$300
TO: Annie L Harrison
NOTES Lot is 36' x 110'; runs from Lewis Ross to heirs of W W Bruff to James Harrison .
Conveyed to Jones by Wm J Fairbank and Frank S Orem 1881, 92/228

YEAR: 1881 VOL: 92 PAGE: 228
FROM: Wm J Fairbank & Rebecca and Frank S Orem & Kate PRICE: \$75
TO: James G Jones
NOTES Lot is 36' x 110'
Conveyed to Orem and Fairbank by Harrington heirs 1881, 91/203.

YEAR: 1881 VOL: 91 PAGE: 203
FROM: Harrington heirs PRICE: \$150
TO: Frank S Orem and William J Fairbank
NOTES Located on S side of Grace Street at NW corner of Joseph Hergesheimer; run with Grace St 72'6" to NE corner of James Harrison, Jr; S with Harrison 111' to W W Bruff; E with Bruff 72'6" to SW corner Joseph Hergesheimer; N 111' to the beginning.

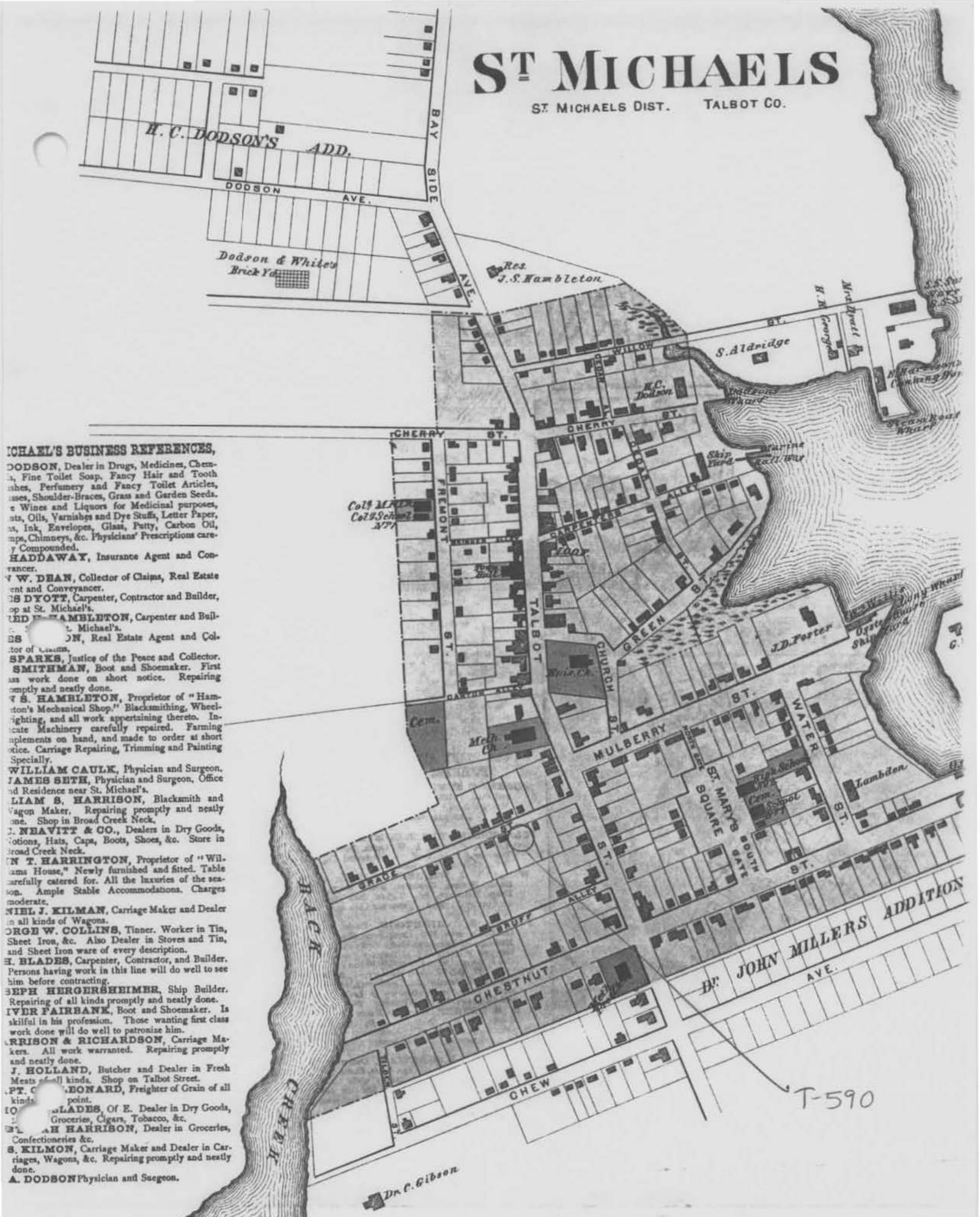
YEAR: 1868 VOL: 74 PAGE: 398
FROM: Nathan Harrington PRICE: lease
TO: William H Faulkner
NOTES This is a lease for 10 years for a lot on Polk Alley or Grace Street. Begins at the NW corner of Francis Townsend; runs with the alley to the NE corner of James Harrison; with Harrison to W W Bruff; with Bruff to the SW corner of Townsend; with Townsend to the beginning.

The chain is lost from this point. There is no documentation for acquisition of the property by Nathan Harrington. The land was bought by John Bruff from James Braddock (1781, 21/223) and from John Thompson (1790, 24/52 and 1791, 24/276). It was probably inherited by Thomas Bruff from John, but early 19th Century records showing transfers of this land have not been found.

The "Certificate of Survey" of 1806 refers to the land in which this property is included as follows: "The residue of the ground included in the outline of said town and assigned to Thompson's Square is not laid out in lots on account of some obstacles which will require some time to remove" This sentence is inserted after the description of lots 41, 42 and 43.

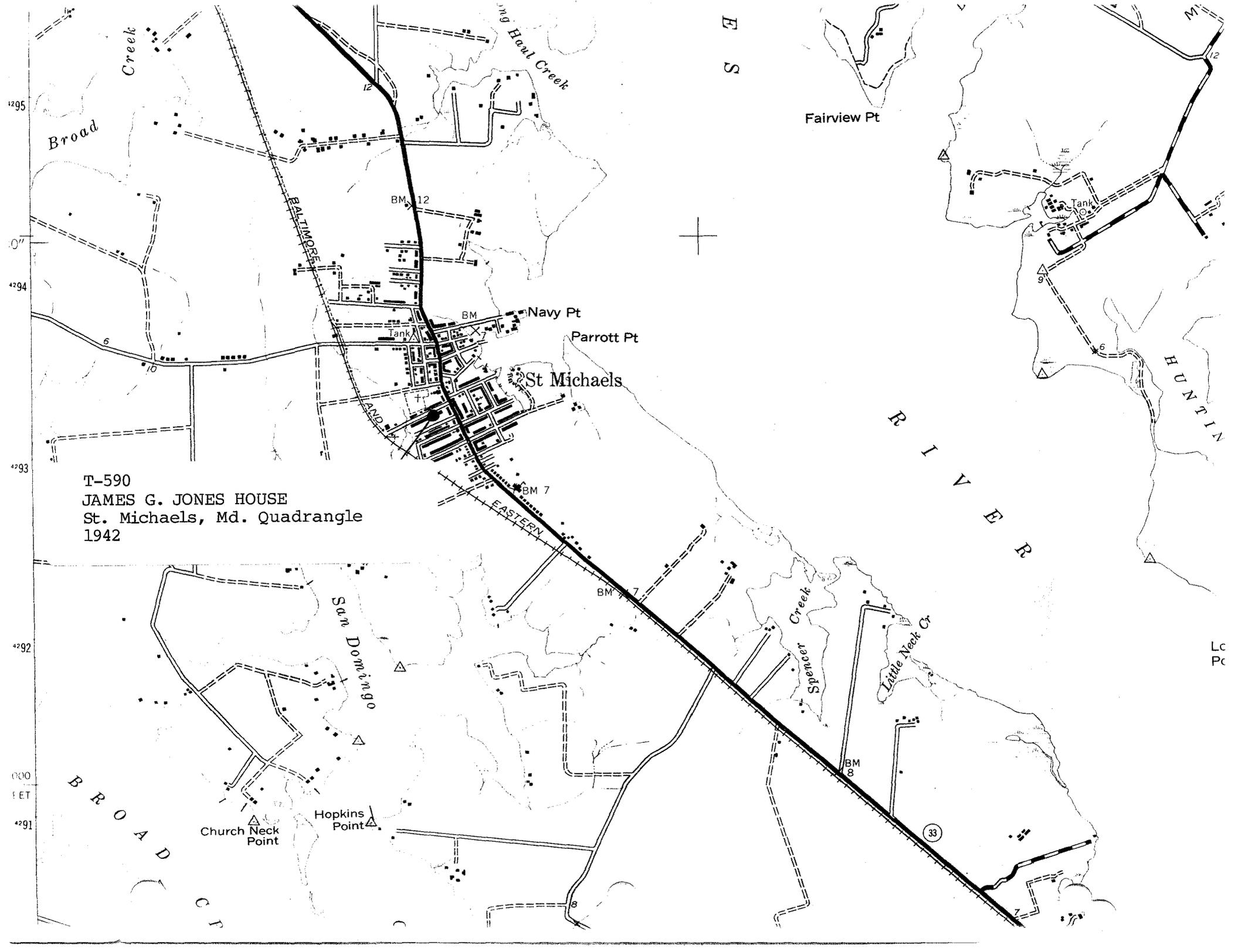
ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,
DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Trusses, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Candles, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
EDDYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
EDWARD HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
W. DEAN, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.
SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
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JAMES BETH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.
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J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
PT. O'NEILL, Freightier of Grain of all kinds. Point.
EDWARD BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
WILLIAM HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.
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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

North elevation

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