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c. 1875

Sallie E. Mansfield House
St. Michaels
private

This two-story, four-bay frame house that now houses the Nilson Gallery was erected around 1875 for Sallie E. Mansfield, who purchased the lot in that year from John W. Gardener for \$155. The low purchase price suggests the lot was unimproved at the time, and the time the 1877 St. Michaels town map was published a dwelling had been erected on the site. Although the structure has been converted into commercial space, the basic integrity of the house has been preserved with original features such as the Tuscan columned porch, the four-over-four sash windows, and the seamed tin roof surviving.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SALLIE E. MANSFIELD HOUSE

and/or common Nilson Gallery

2. Location

street & number 403 Talbot Street not for publication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 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 Nilson Gallery

street & number 403 Talbot 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 183

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 156

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.

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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 Nilsen Gallery, historically known as the Sallie E. Mansfield house, stands at 403 Talbot Street in the center business district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay frame house faces west with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story frame house is supported by an in-filled brick pier foundation and sheathed with a combination of wooden shingles and aluminum siding. The The medium pitched roof is covered with seamed tin. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing that has been partially converted into an apartment.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation with an off-center Victorian paneled door. A single-pane transom tops the entrance. A three-sided bay window has been introduced north of the door, while an original two-over-two sash window fills the bay to the south. Stretching across the full front is a Tuscan columned porch. The second floor is defined by four four-over-four sash windows that are flanked by louvered shutters.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with blind walls and plain bargeboards that finish the flush ends.

To the east is the two-story service wing that is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, but not distinguished by unusual details.

The first floor interior, the only inside space seen, has been reworked as a commercial space. The stair has been rebuilt and a Victorian mantel has been brought in from another location.

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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Sallie E. Mansfield house, standing at 403 Talbot Street, has been converted into commercial space, but the basic nineteenth-century integrity of the building has been preserved. The four-over-four sash windows, the Tuscan columned hip-roof porch, and the seamed tin roof are nineteenth-century features repeated in adjacent buildings that line Talbot Street.

The house was evidently built for Sallie E. Mansfield around 1875 shortly after her purchase of the lot from John W. Gardener.(81/173) The \$155 transfer price for the lot indicates the property was sold unimproved. Between the 1875 transfer of the lot and the publication of the 1877 Talbot County atlas a house was erected on the site. Sallie W. Mansfield devised title of the property to her daughter, Mary, who sold the house in 1905 to Henry and Laura Aldrich.

403 TALBOT STREET

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YEAR: 1919 VOL: 183 PAGE: 156
FROM: Laura C. Aldrich PRICE: \$397.50
TO: Robert S. Higgins
NOTES Begins at SW corner of hotel lot on E side of Talbot Street; run NE 120'
to Cora D. Benson; with Benson SE 28 1/2 feet to late Benjamin H. Blades; SW
120 feet to Talbot Street; then NW 28 1/2 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Henry E. Aldrich and Laura C. Aldrich by Mary A. Mansfield sole
heir of Sallie E. Mansfield 1905, 145/426.

YEAR: 1905 VOL: 145 PAGE: 426
FROM: Mary A. Mansfield PRICE: \$450
TO: Henry E. Aldrich and Laura C. Aldrich
NOTES Same dimensions but "Begins at Denny Williams Hotel (now Clifton Hope and
W. D. J. Morris).
Property inherited by Mary A. Mansfield from mother, Sallie E. Mansfield who
died intestate. Conveyed to Sallie E. Mansfield by John. W., Gardner 1875,
81/173.

YEAR: 1875 VOL: 81 PAGE: 173
FROM: John W. Gardner PRICE:
TO: Sallie E. Mansfield
NOTES "In consideration of one town lot of land of the monetary value of \$155
adjoining the property of Mrs. Ann McDaniel and contiguous to the Town of St.
Michaels and in further consideration of \$25".
Conveyed to John W. Gardner by Henry H. Goldsborough and Wm. G. Roberts, trustee
to sell real estate of Hugh Marshall, 1875.
1875, 81/174 is a mortgage, Sallie E. and Charles H. Mansfield to John V. Lowe
for \$250

YEAR: 1875 VOL: 81 PAGE: 99
FROM: Henry H. Goldsborough and Wm. G. Roberts PRICE:
TO: John Wesley Gardner
NOTES By Circuit Court decree in regard to the estate of Hugh Marshall. This
lot is 120 by 28 1/2 and is erected from the "brick two-story house and lot on
Talbot Street" which measured 120 by 120 feet.

YEAR: 1876 VOL: 12 PAGE: 415

FROM: Chancery Record. PRICE:

TO:

NOTES Of the several properties of Hugh Marshall offered for sale, there were no bidders for the hotel and property 120' x 120' valued at \$2500. Two lots, each approximately 30 by 120 feet were then split off, one going to John W. Gardner for \$155, the other to Benjamin H. Blades for \$232.

According to the Record of Chancery 12/415, Hugh Marshall had bought the "brick house" on 25 August 1855 at a sheriff's sale by Clement S. Clark for \$2100. Clark erred and never made out a title.

In 1854, 65/428 Wrightson Jones, son of the original Wrightson Jones, obtained a mortgage from Harper, Fairbank, Harrington & Benson in which it was stated that the property was sold by Joseph Graham, sheriff to Elizabeth Jones, mother of the present Wrightson Jones. It was apparently a default on this mortgage which gave Hugh Marshall the opportunity to purchase.

YEAR: 1835 VOL: 52 PAGE: 85

FROM: Joseph Graham, Sheriff PRICE: \$490

TO: Elizabeth Jones

NOTES This sale was made as a result of a judgement for p10,000 against Joshua A. Faulkner, Robert H. Goldsborough, Wrightson Jones, and Thomas Henrix. The sale included the farm (or shipyard) "Beverly" and a two-story brick house in St. Michaels. Elizabeth Jones, widow of Wrightson Jones, was the highest bidder for the brick house. The deed mentions a "brick house and lot and two unimproved lots". The brick house and lot are here interpreted to mean a lot 120' x 120'.

YEAR: 1816 VOL: 38 PAGE: 424

FROM: Samuel Tenant PRICE: \$250

TO: Wrightson Jones

NOTES "Part of The Pentagone". Includes 3/4 of lot number 21, and lots 22 and 23. The description is as follows: beginning at the intersection of Talbot and Mulberry Streets S 23 45' E 180 feet to lot 24; N 66 15" W 120 feet; N 73 45' W 120'; S 56 15' W 30'; N 23 45' W 60' to Mulberru Street; with Mulberry Street S 66 15' W 90' to the beginning. Note: these courses and distances differ greatly from the original description of "The Polygon" due to the ridiculous way in which the tract was drawn up.

YEAR: 1809 VOL: PAGE:
FROM: Land Office PRICE:
TO: Samuel Tenant

NOTES This is a grant based on a resurvey of part of "Janes Progress" to Samuel Tenant. The land is stated to be "escheated" and the name of the tract is "The Polygon". Although Samuel Tenant was the surveyor of the new Town of St. Michaels (1804-1806) the survey is here signed by David D. Barrow, Surveyor, Talbot County.

By this grant Sam Tenant picked up 3/4 of lot 21 (of which 1/4 had been sold by James Braddock to Andrew Orem in 1781, 21/198). Legally, this lot should have gone to James Wignal in 1784, 21/417 when he bought "all" of James Braddock's unsold land from John Thompson. Sam would have noted this when he made his survey of St. Michaels in 1804. There is no record of Wignal selling this lot or lots 22 and 23.

A copy of Samuel Tenant's grant is attached.

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 415
FROM: John Dorgan PRICE: p20 sp
TO: James Wignal

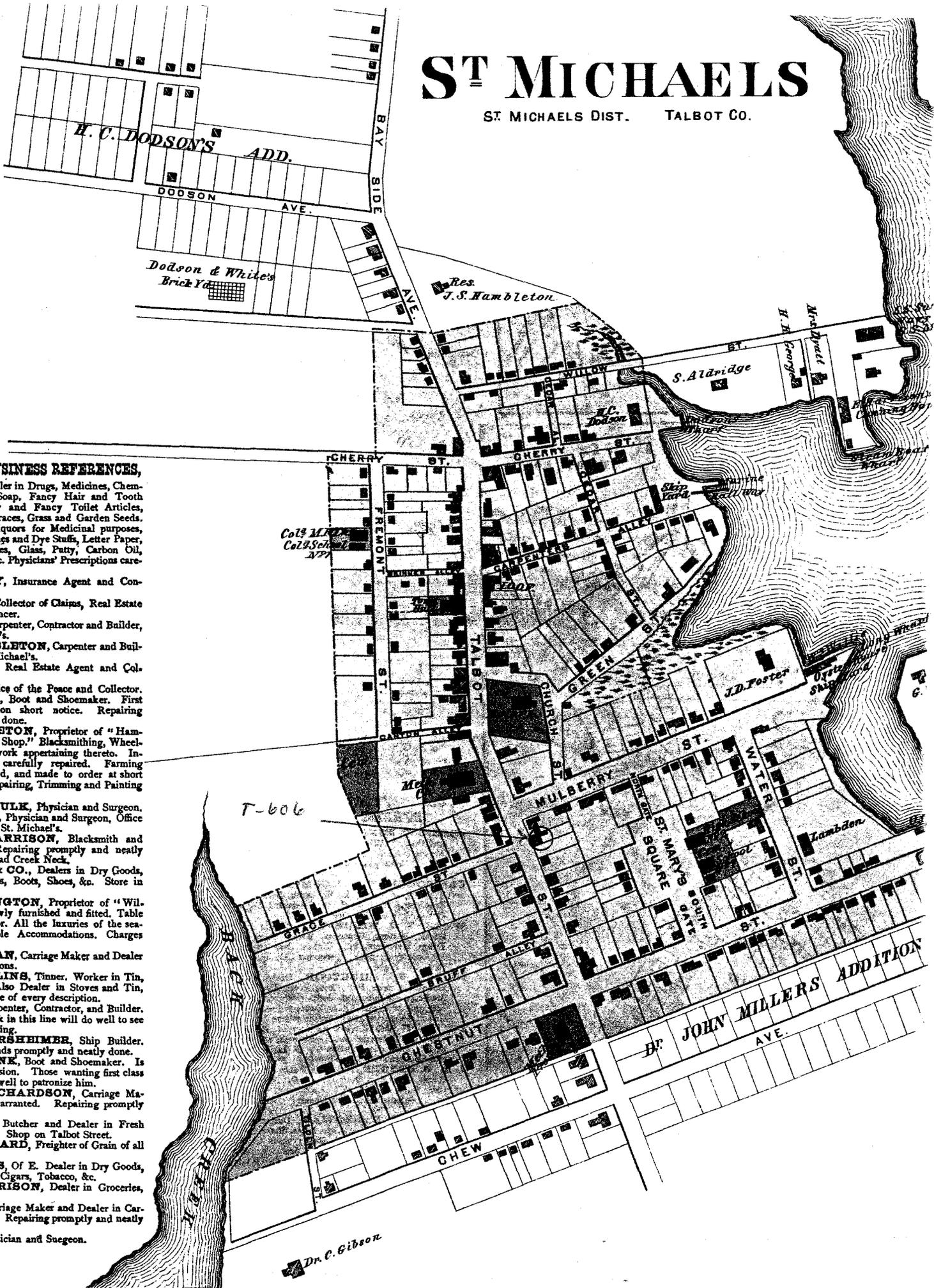
NOTES Begins at a cedar post on the E side of the main road. No reason for Wignal's purchase of this land has been found and there is no record of his selling it. This must have been noted by Samuel Tenant during his survey of St. Michaels, 1804-1806, and gave him the opportunity to acquire the lots as "escheated lands" in 1809. This 120-foot square was composed of lots 22 and 23 of James Braddock's original plan of St. Michaels, although the numbers were not mentioned in Braddock's deed to Dorgan. T-606 and T-607 are on lot 22.

YEAR: 1781 VOL: 21 PAGE: 231
FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p20 cm
TO: John Dorgan, Blacksmith

NOTES Part of Jane's Progress". Begins at a cedar post with 9 knotches on the E side of Market Street running thence N 66 15' E 120'; then S 23 45' E 120'; then S 66 15' W 120' to another post on Market Street; then N 23 45' W with Market Street to the beginning. The numbers of the lots were not mentioned here, although Braddock referred to them in almost all of his deeds. They were lots 22 and 23, of which lot number 22 is of concern here.

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, Ribbons, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY,** Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. W. DEAN,** Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- ES DYOTT,** Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- RED H. HAMBLETON,** Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ES I. JON,** Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.
- SPARKS,** Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN,** Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- Y. S. 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 CAULE,** Physician and Surgeon.
- JAMES SETH,** 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.
- J. NEAVITT & CO.,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- W. 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.
- WEL J. KILMAN,** Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.
- ORGE W. COLLINS,** Tinner, Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- I. BLADES,** Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- JEFF HERGERSEHIMER,** Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- VER FAIRBANK,** Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- RRISON & 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.
- P. T. C. R. LEONARD,** Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- J. MAHADES,** Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- W. M. HARRISON,** Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.
- W. KILMON,** Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. DODSON,** Physician and Surgeon.

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Dr. C. Gibson

State of Maryland
Talbot County to wit

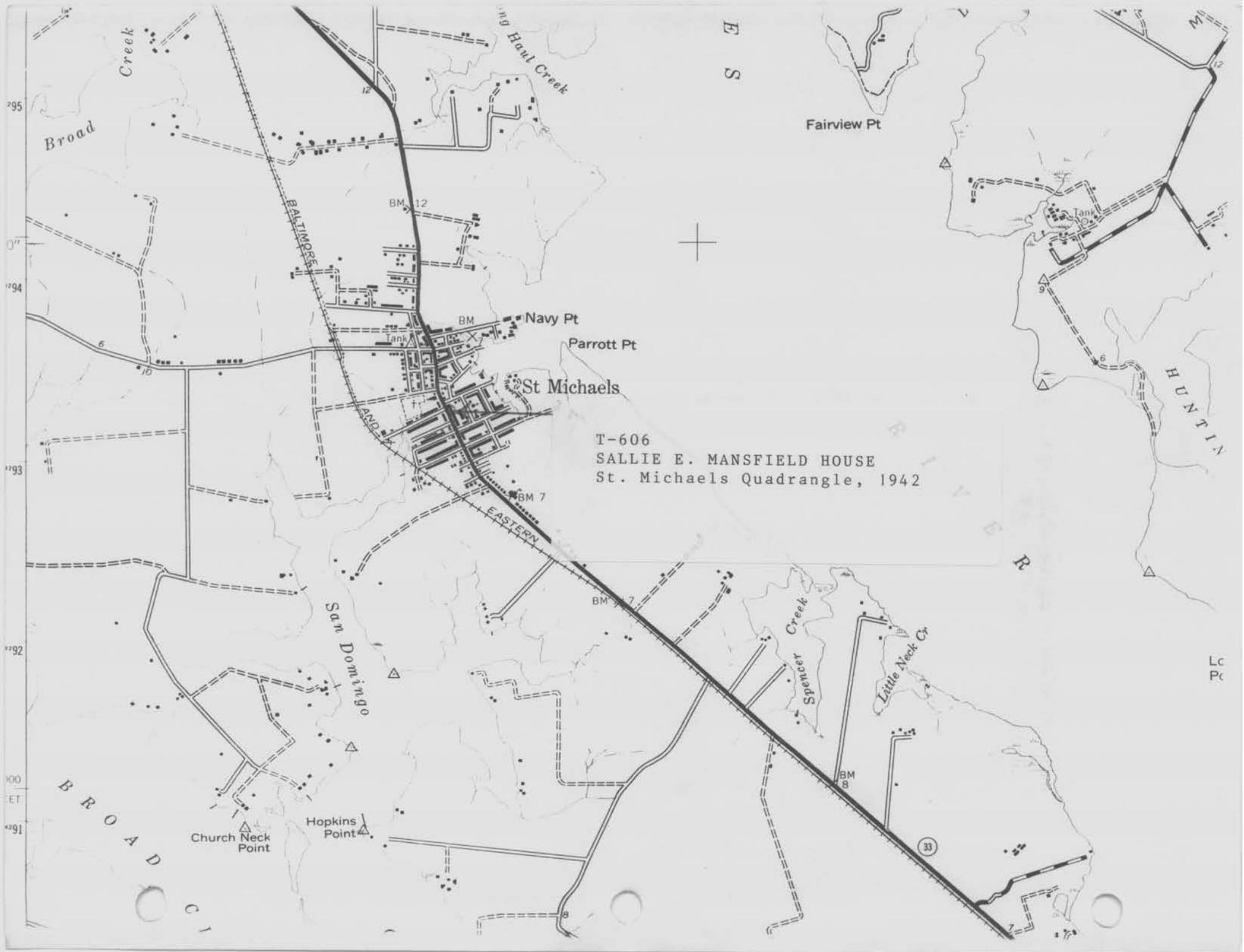
February 22 1809

By Virtue of a Special Warrant for Escheat
Lands, granted out of the Land Office for the Eastern Shore, unto
Samuel Stewart Esq. Leasing unto the 6th day of April 1808. to
recovery part or parts of a tract of land called James Baynes
lying and being in Talbot County, Originally on the day of
granted unto for acres, which part or parts
became the property of Giddens and Gwynne, which are aliens,
by which means the same became Escheat to the State of Maryland
land as may appear See -

I humbly Certify that by Virtue of the Warrant aforesaid I have carefully
reconnoyred for and in the name of him the said Samuel Stewart Esquire
parts of the aforesaid Tract, which are now distinguished in the plot of the
Town of St Michaels in Talbot County, aforesaid by lots numbered nine, ten,
thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty,
twenty one, twenty two, twenty three, twenty four, twenty five, twenty six,
twenty seven, twenty eight, twenty nine, and some other parts, of said tract
not designated by any number in the plot of said Town, and reduced the whole
into one entire tract or survey and called it The Polygon, Bounded
by a Stone set down at the West end of the intersection of Church and Talbot Streets
and running with Church Street North sixty five degrees forty five minutes
East four hundred and sixty feet, to lot number forty two, then thence
North twenty four degrees fifteen minutes West one hundred and twenty feet
then South sixty five degrees forty five minutes West sixty feet, then South
twenty four degrees fifteen minutes East one hundred and nineteen feet
then South sixty five degrees forty five minutes West two hundred and
eighty feet, then North twenty four degrees fifteen minutes West one hundred
and twenty feet, then South sixty five degrees forty five minutes West one
hundred and nineteen feet, then North twenty four degrees fifteen minutes
West one hundred and eighty feet, then North sixty five degrees forty five
minutes East one hundred and twenty feet, then North twenty four degrees
fifteen minutes West one hundred and twenty feet, then South sixty five
degrees forty five minutes West thirty feet then North twenty four degrees
fifteen minutes West sixty feet, then South sixty five degrees forty five minutes
West eighty nine feet, then North twenty four degrees fifteen minutes West
sixty feet, to the North side of Mulberry Street, then thence North
sixty five degrees forty five minutes East one hundred and sixty six feet
to lot number eleven, then thence North twenty four degrees fifteen
minutes West one hundred and fifty feet, to a Cove called Church Cove
then

then up said Cove South sixty five degrees four
hundred and twenty feet to lot number eight
twenty four degrees fifteen minutes East one
foot, then South sixty five degrees forty five
and eighty nine feet, then North eight degrees
forty nine feet, then North eighty two degrees Ea
of Church Cove aforesaid then North eight degrees
South eighty two degrees West thirty feet to the
South eight degrees East two hundred feet, the
forty five minutes West one hundred and fifty
feet aforesaid, and with that short straight
one mile and three eights of an acre of
David
Lawrence

And the aforesaid Escheat lands appear to
belong and have been valued the whole
there is on the aforesaid Escheat land
some old stone walls valued to
the value above the aforesaid Escheat land
for some of the building not worth paper
and a few barrels of port & coal &c



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Creek

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Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE

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Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

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SALLIE E. MANSFIELD HOUSE
St. Michaels Quadrangle, 1942

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EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

Spencer Creek

Little Neck Cr

BM 8

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Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BROAD

HUNTING

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SALLIE E. MANSFIELD HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

West elevation

11/87, Paul Touart, photographer

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