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W. Reese Young House  
St. Michaels  
private

c. 1879

The W. Reese Young house, currently used as commercial shop space, is estimated to date about 1879 after the lot on which the house stands was assembled by W. Reese Young, beginning in 1878. From John, Henrietta, and Julianna Harrington, Young purchased a twenty-four foot wide section of their property that fronted Talbot Street for \$150. The next year Young increased the size of the Talbot Street lot by acquiring ten feet of Sarah W. Orem's property to the south. He paid \$62.50 for the Orem parcel. Both transfer prices suggest there were no existing improvements, and the 1877 St. Michaels map indicates that there were no structures standing on the larger Harrington half of the new lot. Young and his wife, Amelia, sold the house in 1886 to Cornelia R. Smith and Helen Goodsell for \$1450, a price that well suggests the two-story dwelling had been built. J. Fletcher Fairbank and his wife, Elizabeth, acquired title to the house in 1941, and Elizabeth held title to the property until it was sold in 1966.

The ell-shaped frame house is a well-preserved example of the late nineteenth-century dwellings designed with a two-story porch infill. The two-story pavilion with a two-story bay is an unaltered feature, and the interior has retained a large portion of its period Victorian woodwork.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-614

Magi No. 2106142611

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic W. REESE YOUNG HOUSE

and/or common ELIZABETH FAIRBANK HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 406 Talbot Street  not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Jules W. Grau

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 414

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 627

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

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<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 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 W. Reese Young house, also known as the Elizabeth Fairbank house and most recently converted into retail shops, stands at 406 Talbot Street in the southern business district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story ell shaped main house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Probably built around 1879, the two-story, four-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is sheathed by a uniform layer of German siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with seamed tin. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story ell service wing.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with a centered entrance. A projecting two-story pavilion flanks the entrance to the north, while four-over-four sash windows mark the two bays to the south. A shed roofed two-story porch covers the entrance wall and fills the corner created by the projecting pavilion. The heavily molded four-panel front door is topped by a three-light transom and flanked by two-light sidelights. The second floor is detailed in a similar fashion with a four-panel door opening onto the porch. The door is topped by a single-pane transom, and the adjacent bays are filled with four-over-four sash windows. The chamfered post porch retains sawn corner brackets and a sawn baluster handrail on the second floor. The projecting pavilion to the north is distinguished by a two-story bay and a hip roof. Both the first and second floor are pierced by round arched single-pane sash windows, and the eave is trimmed with small brackets. The south wall of the pavilion, which is sheltered by the porch, is pierced by four-over-four sash windows as well.

The south wall of the main block is a plain weatherboarded wall surface with a slightly projecting eave. Rising through the roof is a interior end brick stove stack finished with a corbelled cap. The north wall is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration of four-over-four sash windows, and a brick stack rises through the roof.

Extending to the rear is a contemporary two-story service wing that is partially covered with asphalt shingles. The service is detailed in a similar manner as the front block. On the west wall of the main house a rear four-panel door is topped by a single-pane transom, and four-over-four sash windows illuminate each floor.

The first floor woodwork remains essentially intact with a Victorian stair rising in the center of the dwelling. A heavily turned newel post and turned oak balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer has been partially covered by a new partition but sections of scroll decoration remain at the foot of the stair. Heavily molded surrounds flank four-panel doors that open into the adjacent rooms. The south room retains its Victorian mantel, and a four-panel door opens into a stair closet.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

The north room is finished in a simpler manner but retains ogee molded baseboards. The balance of the first floor and the second floor apartment were not seen.

# 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"/> 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**

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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.

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The ell-shaped frame house is a well-preserved example of the late nineteenth-century dwellings designed with an asymmetrical elevation and a two-story porch infill. The two-story bay window is an unaltered feature as well. In addition to an untouched exterior, the Victorian woodwork remains essentially intact on the first floor. This dwelling is one of the best preserved structures that has been changed from a domestic use into commercial shop space in recent years.



W. REESE Young House

406 TALBOT STREET

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YEAR: 1966 VOL: 414 PAGE: 627

FROM: Elizabeth H. Fairbank PRICE:

TO: Jules W. Grau

NOTES Begins SE corner of Daisey Warner; S 34' on Talbot Street to NE corner of Ada Lee; with Lee 120'; then N 34'; then E 120' to the beginning. Conveyed to Elizabeth H. Fairbank and J. Calvin Caulk by Lee S. Gillis 1950, 286/403 (parcel 2).

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 286 PAGE: 403

FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie PRICE:

TO: Elizabeth H. Fairbank and J. Calvin Caulk

NOTES Parcel 2. Same description. 34 x 120

Conveyed to Gillis by Elizabeth H. Fairbank 1950, 286/403.

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 286 PAGE: 403

FROM: Elizabeth H. Fairbank, widow PRICE:

TO: Lee S. Gillis

NOTES Title clearance to get J. Calvin Caulk on deed.

Conveyed to J. Fletcher Fairbank and Elizabeth H. Fairbank by Vestry, St. Michaels Parish 1941, 250/28.

YEAR: 1941 VOL: 250 PAGE: 28

FROM: Vestry, St. Michaels Parish PRICE:

TO: J. Fletcher Fairbank and Elizabeth H.

NOTES Devised to Vestry, St. Michaels Parish by Cornelia R. Smith 1916, 19/60.

Conveyed to Cornelia R. Smith and Helen Goodsell by W. Reese Young 1886, 103/58.

Half interest of Goodsell devised to Smith 1902, 19/57.

YEAR: 1886 VOL: 103 PAGE: 58

FROM: W. Reese Young and Amelia PRICE: \$1450

TO: Cornelia R. Smith and Helen Goodsell

NOTES Begins on the west side of Talbot Street 4'9" south of the southeast corner of the dwelling house formerly Sarah W. Harrington; run with Talbot Street south 24' to the northeast corner of Sarah W. Orem; with Orem west 120 feet to Wm. W. Bruff's heirs; north with Bruff 24 feet then east 120 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed to W. Reese Young by John Harrington, et al 1878, 86/345. Also includes a piece conveyed to W. Reese Young by Sarah W. Orem, 10' x 120' 1879, 86/362.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 86 PAGE: 345

FROM: John, Henrietta, & Julianna Harrington PRICE: \$150

TO: W. Reese Young

NOTES Same description.

Part of the ground John, Henrietta, and Julianna inherited under the will of Sarah W. Harrington. Since the lot was only 24 feet wide, Young added 10 more feet in 1879, which he purchased from Sarah W. Orem.

YEAR: 1879 VOL: 86 PAGE: 362

FROM: Sarah W. Orem PRICE: \$62.50

TO: W. Reese Young

NOTES Begins at SE corner of the heirs of Sarah W. Harrington, run with Talbot Street S 10 feet to a stone; W 120 feet to Wm. W. Bruff; then N 10 feet; then E 120 feet to the beginning.

Part of the land Sarah W. Orem inherited under the will of Nicholas Orem.

YEAR: 1877 VOL: 12 PAGE: 121 (WILL)

FROM: WILL OF SARAH W. HARRINGTON PRICE:

TO:

NOTES To brother John, wife Henrietta, and daughter Julianna one house and lot on Talbot Street and all other property real and personal. (Made 1875 Prob 1877) Sarah and John Harrington were children of Nathan Harrington (d.1843). John Harrington, father of Nathan bought lots 11 and 12 (42 and 43) from John Thompson 1791, 24/367.

YEAR: 1869 VOL: 11 PAGE: 343 WILL

FROM: PRICE:

TO:

NOTES Will of Nicholas Orem. To niece Louise Blades house and lot on Talbot Street now occupied by Capt. George H. Hopkins. On death of Louise it goes to Sarah W. Orem. (Made and probated 1869)

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 367

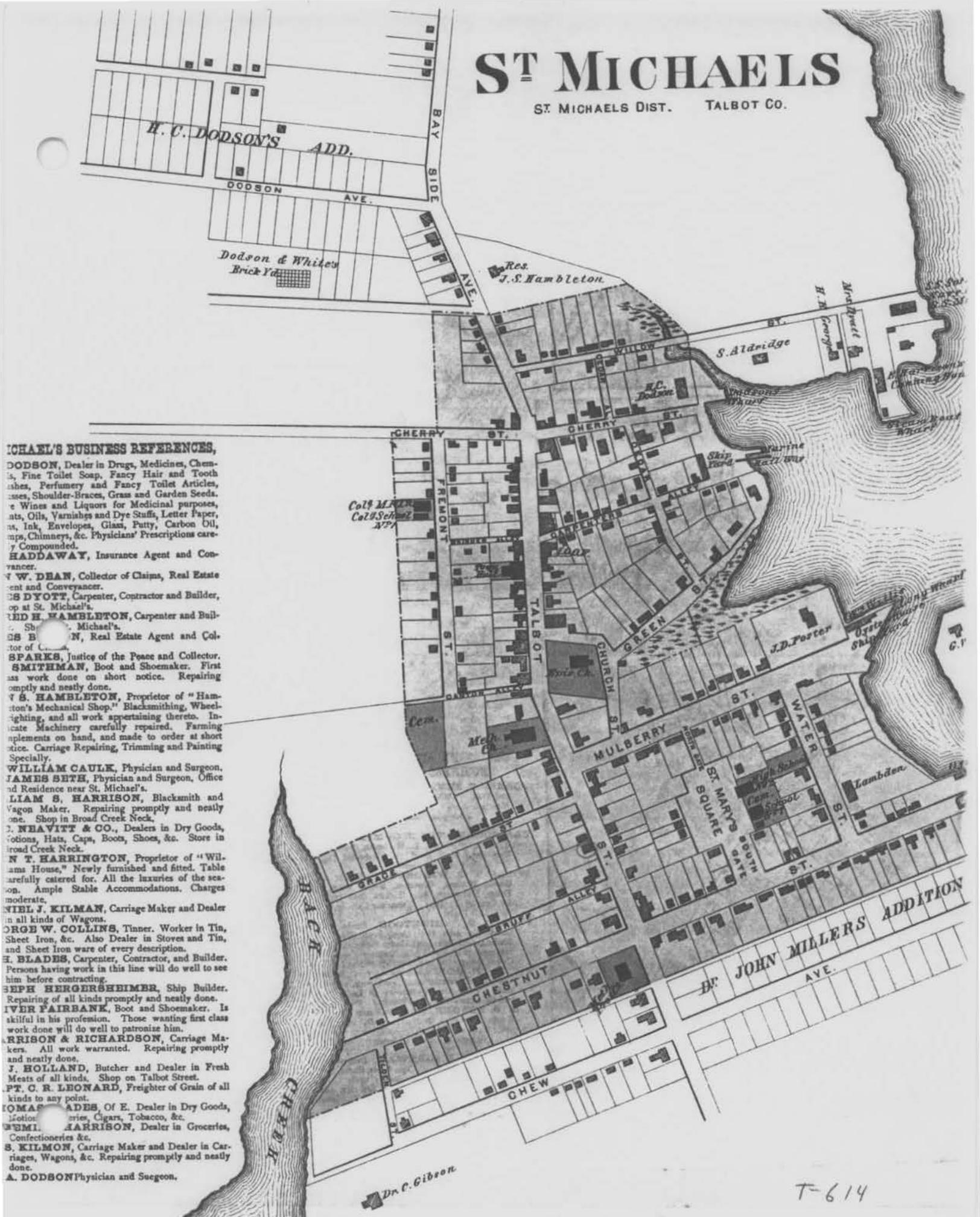
FROM: John Thompson PRICE:

TO: John Harrington

NOTES Lots 11 and 12 (renumbered in the Survey of 1804 as lots 42 and 43). The land was part of the property inherited by Thompson's father, John Thompson under the will of James Braddock in 1782. It was sold by Thompson to James Wignal in 1784 (21/417) who immediately sold it back to him (21/415). The property became known as "Thompson's Addition to St. Michaels". It was on the line between the original "Chance" and "Jane's Progress",

# ST MICHAELS

ST MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

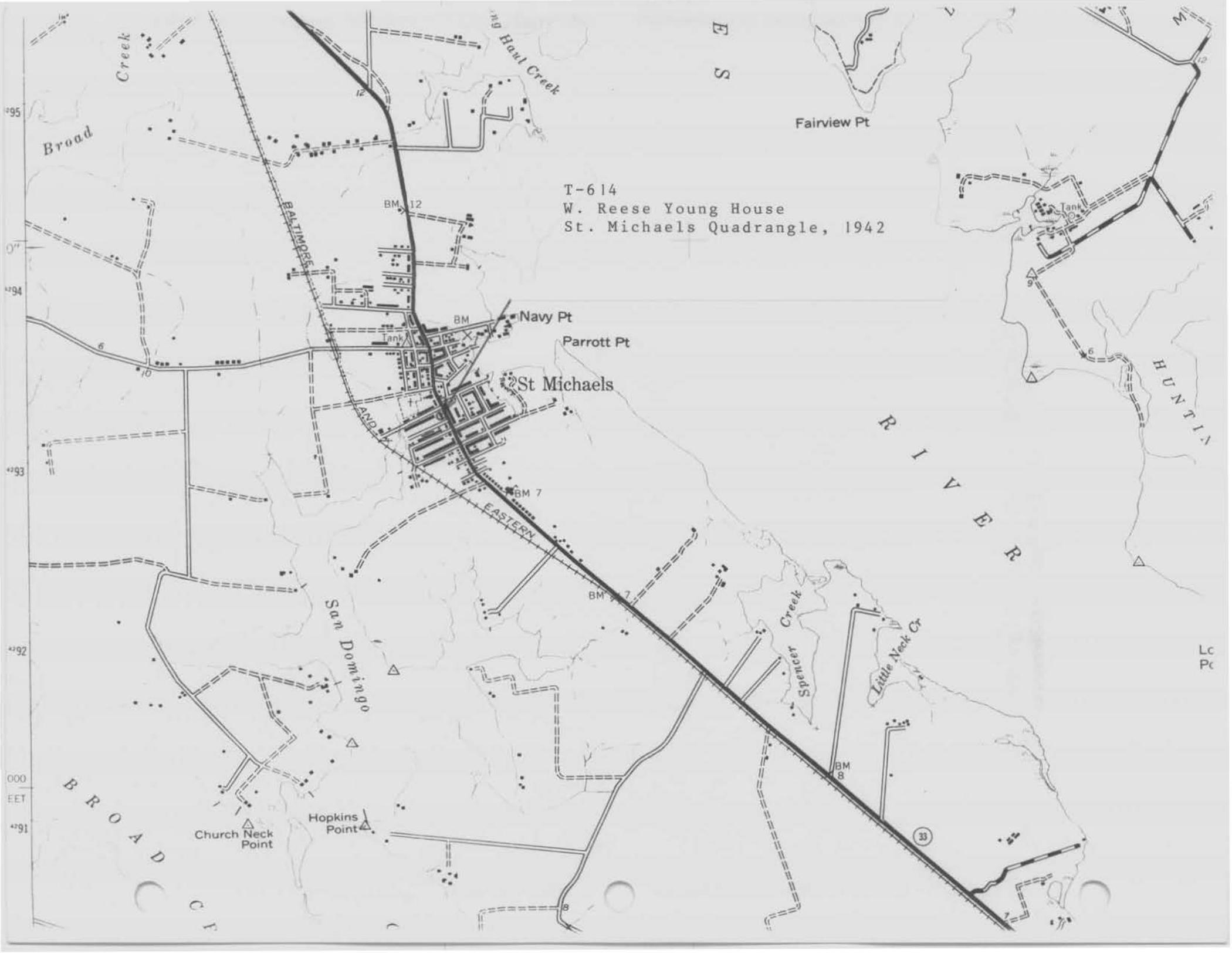


## ST MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Razors, 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, Nails, 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.
- JED H. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- S. B. ...**, 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.
- W. S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-figthing, 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 SMITH**, 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, Cottons, 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**, Tinner. 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 BERGERSHEIMBER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- IVER FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skilful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- BRISON & 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. R. LEONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- COMAR ...**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Cottons, 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.

Dr. C. Gibson

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W. Reese Young House  
St. Michaels Quadrangle, 1942

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Fairview Pt

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

BM 7

BM 8

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W. REESE YOUNG HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

East elevation

11/87 Paul Touart photographer

Negative, MD Historical Trust



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W. REESE YOUNG HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

11/87 Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust