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Dr. James Hope's Office
St. Michaels
private

c. 1871

The construction of this unusual single-story, two-bay frame commercial building is tied directly to the disastrous St. Michaels fire of 1870 that leveled a large section of the central business district. The bracketed office building was evidently erected at the same time as the adjacent two-story house and shop to the north. Dr. James Hope used this building as his medical office beginning around 1909 and continuing until the early 1920s.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. JAMES HOPE'S OFFICE

and/or common SWEET AMI CANDY SHOP

2. Location

street & number West side of Talbot Street 214 _____ not for publication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 _____

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 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. T-616

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.

Dr. James Hope's office, now housing the Sweet Ami candy shop, stands on the west side of Talbot Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story, two-bay frame shop building faces east.

Probably built around 1871 after the 1870 fire, this small single-story frame structure is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with German siding. The shed roof, covered with seamed metal sheets, assumes the shape of a mansard in front with an almost vertical slope to a shingled section above the cornice. The two-bay east elevation is marked by a partially glazed side door that is topped by a three-light transom. The adjacent bay is filled with a large size two-over-two sash window. The window apron is paneled. Stretching across above the openings is a prominent bracketed cornice.

The north side of the office building is a blind wall with a flush gable end, while the south side is marked by an exterior brick stack.

The west side is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window, and an air-conditioner has been vented through the wall as well.

The interior space is divided into two rooms that are plainly finished.

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 checked="" 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.

Dr. James Hope's office is an unusual building for St. Michaels. The single story two-room plan frame structure was erected shortly after the 1870 town fire that leveled a large section of the commercial district. The small two-bay building is unique for the town, and it exhibits distinctive mid nineteenth-century features. The steeply pitched east slope of the roof assumes the shape of a mansard that became popular during this period, and the cornice is highlighted by large decorative brackets. The front, four-panel door is typical of the period with its heavy moldings and three-light transom. This small building is highly unusual and strong efforts should be maintained to save the structure.

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



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HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

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

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

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

W. 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.

W. S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hampton'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 SEITH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

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

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

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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.

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PT. C. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

W. M. ADEB, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

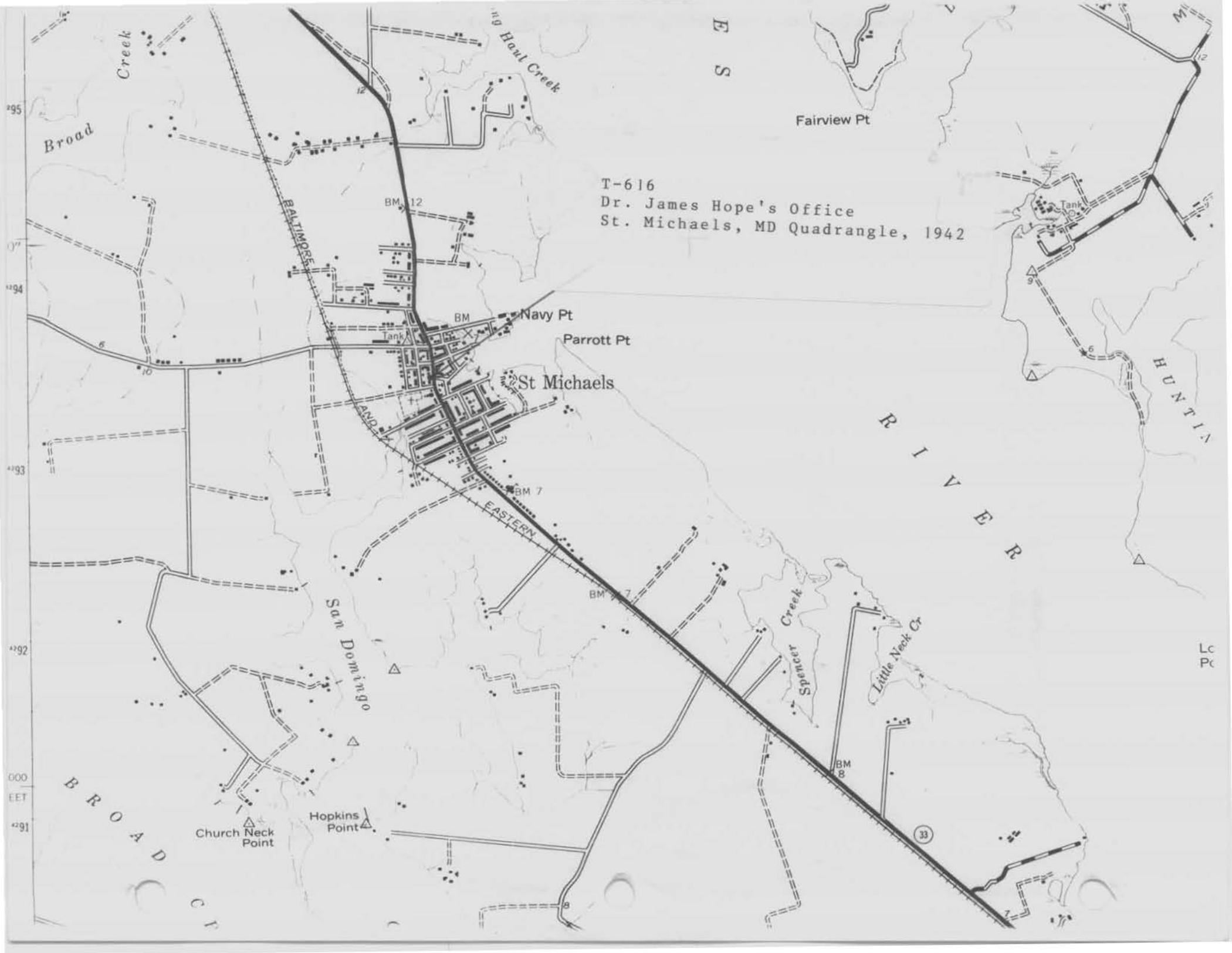
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A. DODSON, Physician and Surgeon.

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Col's School
N.P.

Dr. C. Gibson



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Dr. James Hope's Office
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle, 1942



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Dr. James Hope's Office

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

East elevation

1/88, Paul Touart photographer

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

West elevation

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Southeast elevation

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