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Edward S. Hunt House
St. Michaels
private

1888

An entry in the Easton Gazette of November 3, 1888, documents the fact that, "Mr. Edward S. Hunt is having a new dwelling house erected on the lot recently purchased of and adjoining his father's property, corner of Steamboat Avenue and Talbot Street." The item in the paper also mentioned that builders, Thomas E. and Charles E. Spencer were accomplishing the work. Edward S. Hunt owned the property until 1922. Hunt's father's house stood immediately south on the corner of North Talbot Street and Mill Street.

The two-story, center hall dwelling is distinguished by a two-story porch, although the original porch posts and balusters have been replaced. The interior is finished in a straightforward manner, however the stair is somewhat unusual with a decorated newel post and diagonal board sheathing below the stringer.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD S. HUNT HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ²⁰⁵ ~~211~~ North Talbot Street not for publication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 Townsend Wright

street & number telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 335

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 335

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-622

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Edward S. Hunt house stands on the east side of Talbot Street north of Mill Street in northern St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, center hall frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1880, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick pier foundation and is sheathed with German siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a single bay shed roofed addition.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with a two-story turned post porch covering the full front of the house. Turned balusters and replacement posts have been added since the original supports were removed when the porches were enclosed. The partially glazed front door is topped by a four-light transom and is flanked by three-light sidelights. To either side of the front door is a six-over-six sash window. The second floor porch is still enclosed with a series of modern windows. The knee wall is covered with asbestos shingles. A door that opens onto the second floor porch is flanked by six-over-six sash windows as well.

The south gable end is marked by an asymmetrical placement of six-over-six sash windows on each floor with a single four-over-four sash lighting the attic. The eaves are extended and finished with a short return at the base. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stack. The north gable end is detailed in a similar manner except that the brick stack rises against the outside wall.

The east (rear) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a single-story shed roofed addition covering the northern two bays of the first floor. The southern bay is filled with a six-over-six sash window, and the second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The narrow center hall contains the stair which is distinguished by a square newel post with a turned finial. Diagonal beaded board sheathing covers the wall space beneath the stringer. The sawn balusters support a molded handrail. Four-panel doors open into the adjacent rooms which are finished simply with ogee molded baseboards. The south room retains a Victorian mantel. The second floor is finished in an unremarkable manner. A beaded board partition closet is a feature of the south bedroom.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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 1888 **Builder/Architect** Builders, Thomas H. Spencer

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D Charles E. Spencer
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.

The Edward S. Hunt house is a substantial two-story, three-bay frame house that stands on the east side of Talbot Street. The center hall, single-pile frame house is distinguished by a two-story porch, although the porch posts and balustrades are replacements. The late nineteenth-century interior is finished in an unremarkable way except for the stair which is fitted with a decorated square newel post, diagonal beaded board sheathing, and turned balusters. This house is the nearest structure to the northeast corner of North Talbot Street and Mill Street and therefore helps define the intersection and at the same time adds to the nineteenth-century character of Talbot Street. The building has recently undergone a renovation, but the essential integrity of the house has been retained.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

An entry in the Easton Gazette of November 3, 1888 documents the fact that, "Mr. Edward S. Hunt is having a new dwelling house erected on the lot recently purchased of and adjoining his father's property, corner of Steamboat Avenue and Talbot Street. Thomas E. Spencer and Charles E. Spencer are doing the work." Edward S. Hunt retained ownership of the house and lot until 1922 when it was sold to Eliza A. Morrison.(193/95) Edward S. Hunt's father's house formerly stood on the corner of what is now called Mill Street and North Talbot Street where a small park is located at present.

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YEAR: 1956 VOL: 335 PAGE: 335
FROM: William H. T. Johnson PRICE:
TO: Wilson Warner and Ernestine Warner
NOTES Begins at SW corner of late Thomas Willey; run E with Willey 76' to Peter D. Hunt; with Hunt S 34 feet to Peter D. Hunt's lot; with Peter D. Hunt 68 feet to Talbot Street; with street N 40 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Johnson by Jackson 1956, 331/178.

YEAR: 1956 VOL: 331 PAGE: 178
FROM: Martha L. Jackson, widow PRICE:
TO: William H. T. Johnson
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Jackson by Morrison 1922, 193/97.

YEAR: 1922 VOL: 193 PAGE: 97
FROM: Eliza A. Morrison PRICE: \$800
TO: John N. Jackson
NOTES Same description.
To Morrison by Hunt 1922, 193/95

YEAR: 1922 VOL: 193 PAGE: 95
FROM: Edward S. Hunt PRICE: \$725
TO: Eliza A. Morrison
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Edward S. Hunt by Peter D. Hunt 1888, 109/172. Except the part conveyed by Edward S. Hunt to Peter D. Hunt 1935, 145/36.

YEAR: 1889 VOL: 109 PAGE: 405
FROM: Edward S. Hunt PRICE:
TO: O. Harper Benson
NOTES Mortgage for \$150 secured by this lot.

EASTON GAZETTE, 3 NOV 1888. Mr. Edward S. Hunt is having a new dwelling house erected on the lot recently purchased of and adjoining his father's property, corner of Steamboat Avenue and Talbot Street. Thomas H. Spencer and Charles E. Spencer are doing the work.

This should establish the date the house was erected, and by whom. All efforts to trace the lot beyond the following deed have failed. A deed which might have provided a clue (to the adjacent lot to the North) has been removed from the land record book. All other deeds lack adequate descriptions!

YEAR: 1888 VOL: 109 PAGE: 172

FROM: Peter D. Hunt and Mary L. Hunt PRICE: \$75

TO: Edward S. Hunt

NOTES: Begins SW corner of Thomas Willey; run with Willey 103 feet; then through the center of a stable, South 34 feet; then West 95 feet to Talbot Street; with street North 40 feet to the beginning.

A part of the land conveyed to Peter D. Hunt by Lowe and Ensey 1886, 104/407.

Deed 1886, 104/407 does not include this lot. It begins (as does this one)"at the SW corner of James Mitchel- now Thomas Willey" and runs South 97 feet to Willow Street; then runs N 77 30' E with Willow Street 94 feet to Levi Jones, etc. These are the same distances as the PRESENT CORNER LOT which begins at the South end of the 40 foot lot sold by Peter to Edward Hunt.

In 104/407, Peter Hunt buys 97 feet on Talbot from Lowe and Ensey. In 109/172, (above) Peter sells 40 feet on Talbot Street to his son Edward. In 1941, the trustee of Mary D. Hunt's estate sold the 97 feet to J. Norman Marshall. Problem: where did Peter get the 40 feet he sold to his son?

Using only metes & bounds, subject to a possible difference between the original corner of Willow Steet, the lot was probably part of the "schoolhouse lot". The "schoolhouse lot" is mentioned in the St. Michaels Survey of 1804-1806. There is a mention of it in an early 19th century deed as the "St. Michaels Male Academy".

Have spent a lot of time on this property but cannot account for the lot prior to 1888.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



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H. C. DODSON'S ADD.

DODSON AVE.

Dodson & White's
Brick Yard

Res. J.S. Hambleton

S. Attridge

CHERRY ST.

FREMONT ST.

TALBOT ST.

GREEN ST.

MULBERRY ST.

CHURCH ST.

WATER ST.

ST. MARY'S SQUARE

ST. MARY'S SOUTH GATE

ST. MARY'S

MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

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

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

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

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

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

ES B. N., 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. S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-righting, and all work appertaining thereto. Instructive 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 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, Groceries, 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.

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.

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. R. LEONARD, Freightier of Grain of all kinds to any point.

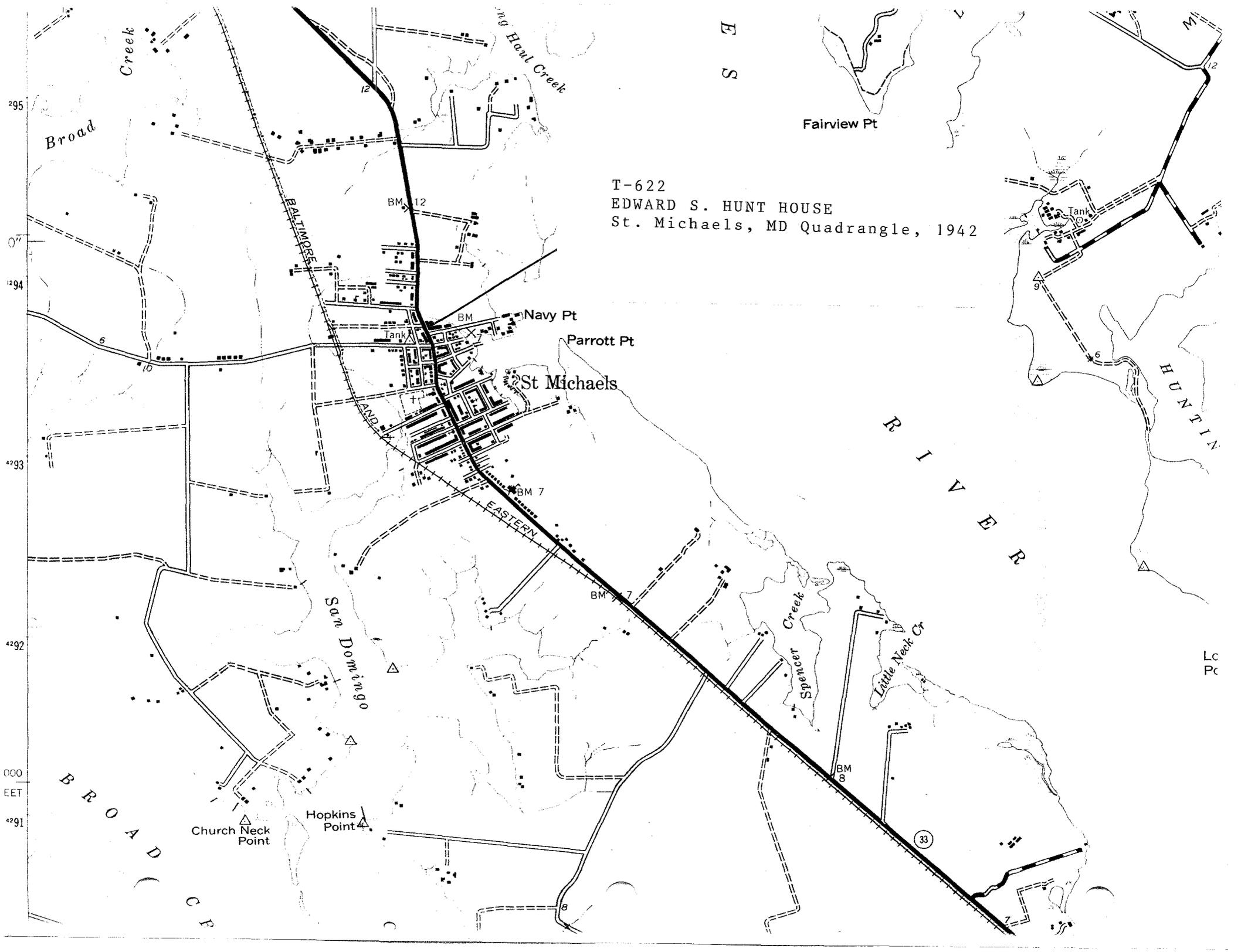
OMAS MADEB, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

MEMI 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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EDWARD S. HUNT HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle, 1942



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EDWARD S. HUNT HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southwest elevation

1/88 Paul Touart photographer

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EDWARD S. HUNT HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

East elevation

1/88 Paul Touart, photographer

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