

T-623  
Lynda Kelley House  
St. Michaels  
private

c. 1825 and later

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Currently owned by Lynda Kelley, the frame structure has changed radically since it was erected with a major reworking of the building during the early 1970s. The house appears also to have undergone changes during the early twentieth century as well. With these major remodelings the house has not survived with any notable early nineteenth-century features.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common LYNDA KELLEY HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 116 East Chestnut Street  not for publicationcity, 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Lynda Kelley

street &amp; number 116 East Chestnut 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 495

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 799

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-623

<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 Lynda Kelley house is a story-and-a-half, three-bay frame dwelling that stands at 116 East Chestnut Street at the northwest corner of the intersection of New Lane and East Chestnut Street. The three-bay frame house faces south with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Probably built during the early nineteenth century, this story-and-a-half frame house has been extensively remodeled, especially during the early 1970s when the interior was reworked and a wing extended to the rear. The house is sheathed with artificial weatherboard siding, and the structure is covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof.

The south (main) elevation is fully covered by a Tuscan columned porch. The porch roof continues that of the main house. Fixed in the western of the two bays is a side, glazed door entrance, and new windows have been introduced in the western bay. The roof is marked by a large shed roofed dormer that is filled with a pair of diamond-pane sash windows.

The east side elevation is highlighted by a rebuilt exterior brick stack with flanking sash windows. Remaining at the first floor level is a brick firewall evidently rebuilt in the place of the original structure when the house was remodeled. The west gable end, on the other hand, is marked by a narrow modern window that lights the stair hall. The back of the front block is fully covered with a story-and-a-half rear wing that includes a side entrance off New Lane.

The house interior has been completely reworked. Aside from an early twentieth-century style stair in side hall, the finish materials have been replaced within the last twenty years.

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

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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

## 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.

The Lynda Kelley house is a remodeled story-and-a-half frame dwelling that stands along East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels. Dating from the early decades of the nineteenth century, the frame house evidently followed the same two-room floor plan as other story-and-a-half dwellings in St. Michaels. However, during the early 1970s the structure was extensively reworked with the removal of most early nineteenth-century features.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The history of this corner lot suggests that Levin Blades erected the story-and-a-half frame house after his purchase of the lot in 1820 from Wrightson Jones (42/294). Blades evidently resided on the property until his death when his estate was divided and "Lot 66" was transferred to Ann Blades and other heirs. In 1848, Levin Blades' son, Thomas, sold the 60' by 120' lot to Robert Dawson who shared ownership of the property with his wife, Sarah, until 1857.(67/549) Since the Civil War period, the house and lot have been held by over a dozen individuals.



LYNDA KELLEY HOUSE

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YEAR: 1975 VOL: 495 PAGE: 799

FROM: Chesapeake General Development Co. PRICE:

TO: Lynda Croxton Kelley

NOTES Begins at lot of Annie E. Radcliffe; run South 120 feet to Boundary Alley; then East 36 feet to Charles W. Willey; North 120 feet to Chestnut Street; West 36 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed to the Chesapeake General Development Co. by George B. Grupe 1974, 482/256.

This deed and all those following, back to 1857, refer to the adjacent lot on the ~~East~~ side as being owned by various Sewells and Willeys. In 1888, Dr John Miller bought a 20 foot strip from Charles W. Willey as an access road to his development on Chew Avenue. This strip is now called "New Lane". The Kelley deed has never been corrected to reflect the change.

YEAR: 1974 VOL: 482 PAGE: 256

FROM: George B. Grupe PRICE:

TO: Chesapeake General Development Co.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to George B. Grupe by Wells 1974, 481/37.

According to Mrs. Bernice Leonard who owns the adjacent property, The Chesapeake General Development Company carried out a drastic remodeling of the house which changed it from its original story-and-a-half two room "St. Michaels Cottage" with a two-room corner fireplace to its present configuration.

YEAR: 1974 VOL: 481 PAGE: 37

FROM: Margaret E. Wells PRICE:

TO: George B. Grupe

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Wells by James Robinson and Gustave A. Van Lennep, Jr., Personal Representative of Grace V. Trice 1973, 475/341.

YEAR: 1973 VOL: 475 PAGE: 341

FROM: James Robinson and Gustave A. Van Lennep PRICE:

TO: Margaret Wells

NOTES Same description. Robinson and Van Lennep were Personal Representatives of Grace V. Trice, dcd.

Conveyed to Grace V. Trice by Anna H. Little and others 1962, 381/709.

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 381 PAGE: 709

FROM: Anna H. Little, Lillian M. Gibbons and Welcome Gibbons PRICE:

TO: Grace V. Trice

NOTES Begins at the NE corner of Annie E. Radcliffe; run South 120 feet to Boundary Alley; with the Alley East 36 feet to Charles W. Willey, dcd.; then North 120 feet to Chestnut Street; then with the street 36 feet to the beginning Conveyed to Lillian M. Gibbons by Anna H. Little 1962, 381/73A

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 381 PAGE: 73A

FROM: Anna H. Little PRICE:

TO: Lillian M. Gibbons

NOTES Same description. Subject to a life estate of Anna H. Little. Conveyed to Little by Fairbank 1955, 324/572.

YEAR: 1955 VOL: 324 PAGE: 572

FROM: Oliver T. & Gladys and Alfred R. & Lola M. Fairbank PRICE:

TO: Anna H. Little

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Kate R. Fairbank by F. Janie Fairbank 1924, 203/494.

Kate died intestate in 1931 and the property went to her husband Oliver T. Fairbank and to her sons, Oliver T. Jr. and Alfred R.

YEAR: 1924 VOL: 203 PAGE: 494

FROM: F. Janie Fairbank PRICE: \$275

TO: Kate R. Fairbank

NOTES Same description.

To F. Janie Fairbank by Oliver T. Fairbank 1923, 193/460.

YEAR: 1923 VOL: 193 PAGE: 460

FROM: James H. and Margaret S. Bryan PRICE: \$275

TO: Oliver T. Fairbank

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Bryan by Morris 1915, 169/453.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 169 PAGE: 453

FROM: Laura A. Morris and W. D. J. Morris PRICE: \$300

TO: James H. and Margaret L. Bryan

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Laura Morris by W. D. J. Morris, trustee, and William H. Seymour and Clarissa Seymour 1908, 152/310.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 152 PAGE: 310

FROM: Wm. D. J. Morris, trustee for heirs of Wm. T. Spurry PRICE: \$200

TO: Laura Morris

NOTES By a 1905 decree of the Orphan's Court which authorized the sale, the house and lot were sold to William H. Seymour for \$200.

YEAR: 1869 VOL: 75 PAGE: 466

FROM: William Sewell and Ann L. PRICE:

TO: William T. Spurry

NOTES Begins on Chestnut Street at the corner of a lot of John Blades; run South 120 feet to Dr. John Miller; then West 36 feet to Charles Willey; then North 120 feet to Chestnut Street; then with the street to the beginning. 1898, 130/21 is a mortgage for \$350.

YEAR: 1865 VOL: 72 PAGE: 177

FROM: Jasper Yewall, admin. of Richard Tarr, dcd. PRICE: \$250

TO: William Sewell

NOTES Begins at Charles W. Willey; runs with Chestnut Street SW 37 feet to John W. Blades; then SE 120 feet to John Miller; East 37 feet to Willey; NW 120 feet to the beginning.

YEAR: 1859 VOL: 68 PAGE: 366

FROM: Joseph Sewell PRICE: \$125

TO: Richard Tarr

NOTES Begins on West side of lot of Joseph Sewell; run West with Chestnut Street 35 feet to heirs of James Hambleton; then SW 120 feet to Dr. John Miller; East 35 feet to Sewell; then North 120 feet to beginning.

YEAR: 1857 VOL: 67 PAGE: 549

FROM: Robert Dawson and Sarah Dawson PRICE: \$275

TO: Joseph Sewell

NOTES Begins on West side of Joseph Sewell; run West with Chestnut Street 35 feet to James Hambleton; SW 120 feet to Dr. John Miller; East 35 feet to Sewell; then North 120 feet to the beginning.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 408

FROM: Thomas Blades of Levin PRICE: \$175

TO: Robert Dawson

NOTES All of lot 66 (60 x 120).

YEAR: 1846 VOL: 59 PAGE: 370  
FROM: Samuel H. Blades and Elizabeth Blades PRICE: \$300  
TO: Thomas Blades  
NOTES Lot number 66. Begins NE corner of lot 67 runs 60 feet to lot 65.

Conveyed to Samuel Blades by William Townsend and John Harrington at the division of the real estate of Levin Blades who died intestate in 1840. 1841, 55/510.

YEAR: 1841 VOL: 55 PAGE: 510  
FROM: William Townsend and John Harrington PRICE:  
TO: Ann Blades and others  
NOTES Division of real estate of Levin Blades to heirs. "We also certify that we did allott (sic) and assign to Samuel Blades the House and Lot and Premises where William Tarr now resides by his paying to his brother Levin Blades the sum of thirty dollars..."

Conveyed to Levin Blades by Wrightson Jones 1820, 42/294.

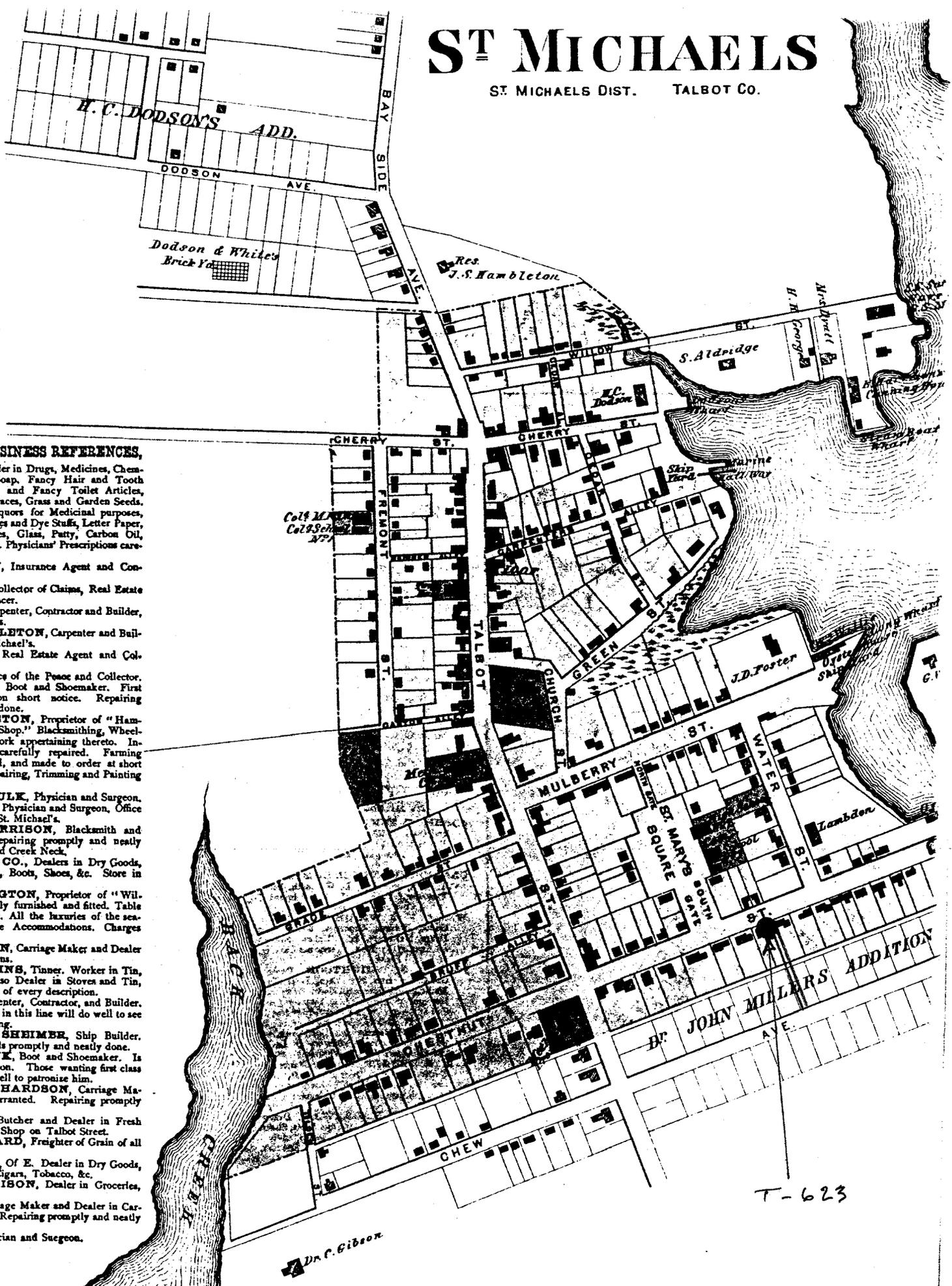
YEAR: 1820 VOL: 42 PAGE: 294  
FROM: Wrightson Jones PRICE: \$68  
TO: Levin Blades  
NOTES Lot number 66.

YEAR: 1817 VOL: 39 PAGE: 203  
FROM: John Dorgan PRICE: \$50  
TO: Wrightson Jones  
NOTES Lot Number 66. First Sale of the lot. Part of Janes Progress.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288  
FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: \$487.90  
TO: John Dorgan  
NOTES By a Chancery Court decision in 1812, John Dorgan acquired parts of Bentley Hay, Janes Progress and The beach which had been purchased by Thomas Sherwood from John Thompson and William Harrison 1791, 24/299 and 1785, 23/115. The land on which the lots on the South side of Chestnut Street are located is described as "All the land formerly belonging to James Braddock lying to the Southward of a line drawn from the East end of Chestnut Street on a cove of St. Michaels River straight with the Street across the main road to Broad Creek.

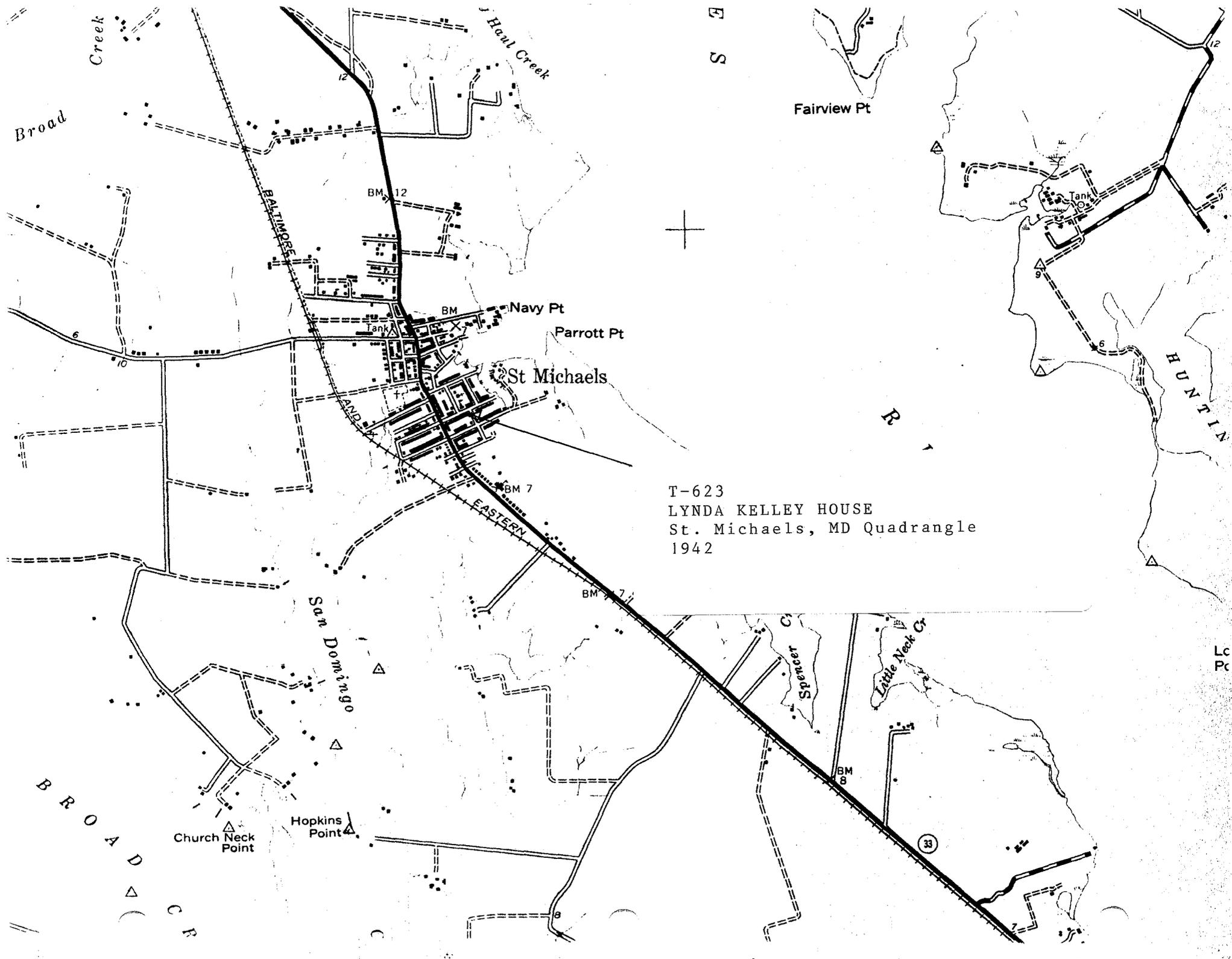
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