

T-682
Young House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1860

Although the core structure of the Young house dates to the mid nineteenth century, the building was heavily reworked during the 1940s and appears more like a twentieth-century bungalow. A full shed dormer was added across the the front along with a screened-in porch. Attached to the back of the frame structure was a dining room and kitchen wing. Despite the alterations, the house contributes to the historic nature of Water Street.

From the chain-of-title is appears James M. Seth erected this modest frame house as a rental property after his purchase of Lots 48, 49, and 50 in 1849. The Water Street lot was not sold again until 1915 when the property entered the Circuit Court of Talbot County for estate settlement. A structure appears at this location on the 1877 St. Michaels town map. The significant alterations on the house were accomplished after 1941 when Noble P. and Henrietta Estelle Seymour acquired the property.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common YOUNG HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 402 Water 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	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 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young

street & number 402 Water 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 251

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 266

city, town Easton state Md 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-682

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 Young house stands at 402 Water Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces east with the main gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, the wood shingled frame structure rests on a raised common bond brick foundation, and it is sheathed with an asphalt shingle roof. During the 1940s the original house was extensively reworked with a full shed dormer across the front and a long shed roofed service wing extends to the rear.

The east (main) facade is fully covered by a shed roofed screened in porch. Within the porch a center, partially glazed front door is flanked by paired six-over-two sash windows. The front door surround carries a beaded edge. Above the porch, the shed dormer is pierced by a series of seven six-over-six sash windows. Exposed above the windows is a row decorated rafter ends.

The gable ends are relatively plain with six-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors on the north end. Two-pane windows pierce the brick foundation wall. Lighting the second floor on the south wall is a single-pane sash window. The eaves to both ends are slightly extended.

The west (rear) wall of the main house is largely covered by a dining room and kitchen wing that extends farther westward with a single-story addition.

The interiors have been generally reworked with the removal of most nineteenth-century finishes. Upstairs a mid nineteenth-century partition with a four-panel door divides the second floor into two rooms. A two-panel door is found on the first floor left of the brick hearth.

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 checked="" 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.

Although the core structure of the Young house dates to the mid nineteenth century, the building was heavily reworked during the 1940s as a bungalow style dwelling. A full shed dormer was added across the front along with a screened-in porch, and to the rear a dining room and kitchen was attached. Nevertheless, the house contributes to the architectural character of Water Street as a reworked nineteenth-century house in bungalow style taste.

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YEAR: 1941 VOL: 251 PAGE: 266
FROM: Workingmen's Building & Loan Assn of St. Michaels PRICE:
TO: Noble P. Seymour and Henrietta Estelle Seymour
NOTES On West side of Water Street; 46 1/2 feet on street; back 81 feet;
adjoining Hattie F. Plummer on North, Josephine L. Fairbank on South.
Conveyed to the Workingmen's Building & Loan Assn. by John H. Caldwell
1936, 236/458.

YEAR: 1936 VOL: 236 PAGE: 458
FROM: John H. Caldwell and Florence M. Caldwell PRICE:
TO: Workingmen's Building & Loan Assn. of St. Michaels
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Caldwell by Robert D. Lambdin 1927, 212/228.

YEAR: 1927 VOL: 212 PAGE: 228
FROM: Robert D. Lambdin PRICE:
TO: John Herbert Caldwell and Florence Marie Caldwell
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Lambdin by Plummer 1919, 182/331.

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 182 PAGE: 331
FROM: Hattie F. Plummer PRICE:
TO: Robert D. Lambdin
NOTES Lot still 46 1/2 feet on Water Street by 81 feet back; adjoining land
of the grantor on North and Josephine L. Fairbank on South.
Conveyed to Plummer by T. Hughlett Henry, trustee 1915, 171/437.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 171 PAGE: 437
FROM: T. Hughlett Henry, Trustee PRICE: \$555
TO: Hattie F. Plummer
NOTES Sold by Circuit Court decree 1 July 1915: Mary S. Anderson and others
vs Aristides S. Goldsborough for the children of Susan E. Bryan.
Part of the land conveyed to James M. Seth by Robert L. Seth 1849, 62/249.
By Will of James M. Seth (prob. 1868) All rent and residue of real estate was to
go to his daughters, Mary F. Lowe and Sallie S. Covey. After their decease to go
to their children. Susan E. Bryan was daughter of Sallie S. Covey. James P.
Bryan and Susan E. Bryan became bankrupt and attempted to save her property by
creating a trust for their children. This was contested in court ... and the
Bryans lost...hence the sale.
The land here conveyed is 41 1/2 by 81 feet. In 1867 (73/435) James M. Seth had
sold 79 feet on the South side of lots 48, 49, and 50 to Joshua M. Fairbank
(T-617) and 55 feet off the North end to George M. Lambdin (1867, 74/243). Seth
originally owned 180 feet in the three lots; thus, the lot occupied by T-682
would have been 46 feet since 1867, leaving 4.5 feet unaccounted-for.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 249

FROM: Robert L. Seth PRICE: \$300

TO: James M. Seth

NOTES Lots 48, 49, 50 adjoining a lot held by the M. E. Church.
Conveyed to Robert Seth by Sarah Seth 1846, 60/103.

YEAR: 1846 VOL: 60 PAGE: 103

FROM: Sarah Seth, widow PRICE: *

TO: Robert L. Seth

NOTES *The consideration was L & A plus \$100. Lots 48, 49, and 50.

Have not found proof of transfer of this property to Sarah Seth.

Sarah Seth was the daughter of Daniel Lambdin. His will leaves his real estate to his daughters, Sarah Seth and Anne Winchester.

This lot is mainly number 49 of Braddock's original Town. It was conveyed to Daniel Lambdin by James Braddock 1778, 21/93.

YEAR: 1778 VOL: 21 PAGE: 93

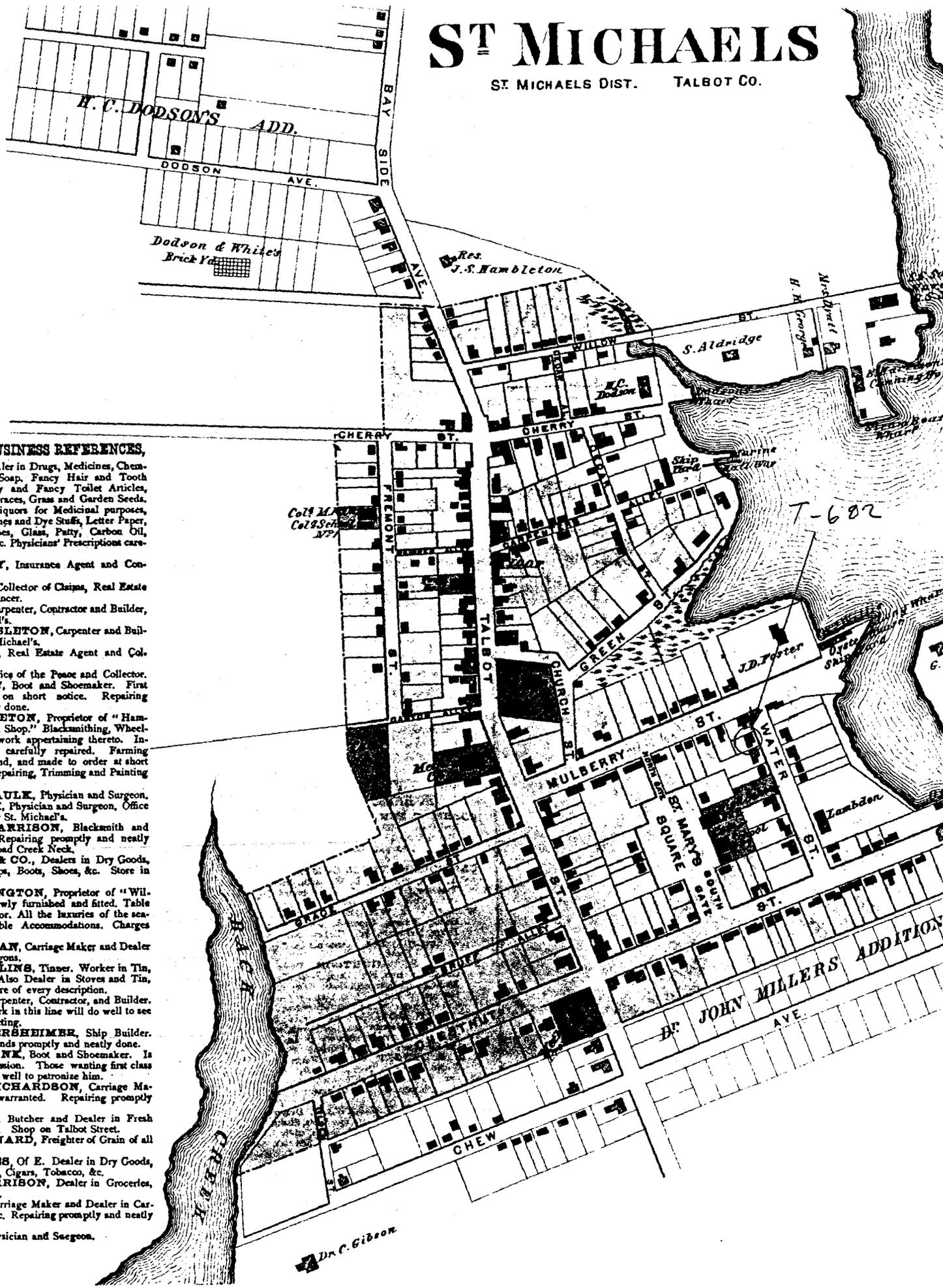
FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p40 cm

TO: Daniel Lambdin, "son of Elizabeth Lambdin, widow"

NOTES The original lot was 60 by 100 feet and was lot number 49 on the town plat. It was on the line between "Janes Progress" and "The Beach" -- probably "Janes 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, Spectacles, 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, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. DRAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- S. DYOTT**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- EDH. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- S. B. ...**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of ...
- PAUL ...**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. In-stantaneous Machinery carefully repaired. Farming Implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting especially.
- WILLIAM CAULK**, Physician and Surgeon.
- MES BETH**, Physician and Surgeon, Office Residence near St. Michael's.
- JAM S. HARRISON**, Blacksmith and Iron Worker. Repairing promptly and neatly. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.
- FEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- T. HARRINGTON**, Proprietor of "Willow House," Newly furnished and neatly done. Fully catered for. All the luxuries of the sea. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.
- L. J. KILMAN**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.
- E. W. COLLINS**, Tinsmith. Worker in Tin, Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- LADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. All having work in this line will do well to see before contracting.
- F. HERGENSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- T. FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is in his profession. Those wanting first class done will do well to patronize him.
- JOHN & RICHARDSON**, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. L. LAND**, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meat of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
- R. LEONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- S. BLADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- W. HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, &c.
- JOHN ...**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- DR. GIBSON**, Physician and Surgeon.

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

E
S

Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

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YOUNG HOUSE

St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle

1942

BM 7

EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

Spencer Creek

Little Neck Cr

HUNTING

Lc
Pc

B
R
O
A
D
C
R
E
E
K

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BM 8

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YOUNG HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northeast elevation

6/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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