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Amelia Ross House  
St. Michaels  
private

c. 1873

The Amelia Ross house, built around 1873, is a standard two-story, three-bay frame dwelling with a symmetrical main elevation and a turned post front porch that defines North Talbot Street. Amelia Ross, who appears in the county land records, is credited with financing the construction of the dwelling after she purchased the lot from Josiah Fairbank for \$125; a sum that would not have included a substantial improvement. Shortly afterwards two mortgages were made with the Workingman's Building & Loan Association of St. Michaels with the lot as collateral. Amelia Ross did not own the property very long for she sold it in 1876 for \$730. This higher price indicates the house had been built at the time of transfer to the grantee, Louisa E. Baker.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic AMELIA ROSS HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 110 North Talbot Street \_\_\_ not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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 checked="" 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

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 236

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 39

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 Amelia Ross house stands at 110 North Talbot Street in the northern commercial district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the main gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1873, the two-story frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing.

The front (east) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The molded four-panel front door is flanked by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. Stretching across the front of the house is a turned post hip roof porch decorated with sawn corner brackets. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The north and south gable ends are lighted by six-over-six sash windows to either side of interior end brick stove chimneys. The gable ends are flush.

The rear two-story wing has an interior end brick chimney, and it is lighted by six-over-six sash windows also.

The interior finishes 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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 Amelia Ross house, built around 1873, is a standard two-story, three-bay frame dwelling with a symmetrical main elevation and a turned post front porch. Aside from a layer of vinyl siding the house appears relatively unaltered, and the period architectural features contribute to the historic, late nineteenth century character of North Talbot Street. With increasing pressure on these dwellings for conversion to commercial space, efforts should be made to insure the preservation of the original exterior fabric.

**HISTORY AND SUPPORT**

Amelia Ross, who appears in the Talbot County land records, is credited with financing the construction of this vernacular two-story frame house around 1873. She purchased the lot in that year from Josiah Fairbank for \$125, a sum that would not have included a substantial improvement. (79/155) Shortly thereafter two mortgages were made to the Workingman's Building & Loan Association of St. Michaels with the lot as colateral. (See 79/161, and 81/509) Amelia Ross did not own the property very long for she sold it in 1876 for \$730. (83/70) This higher price indicates the house had been built at the time of transfer to the grantee, Louisa E. Baker.



AMELIA ROSS HOUSE

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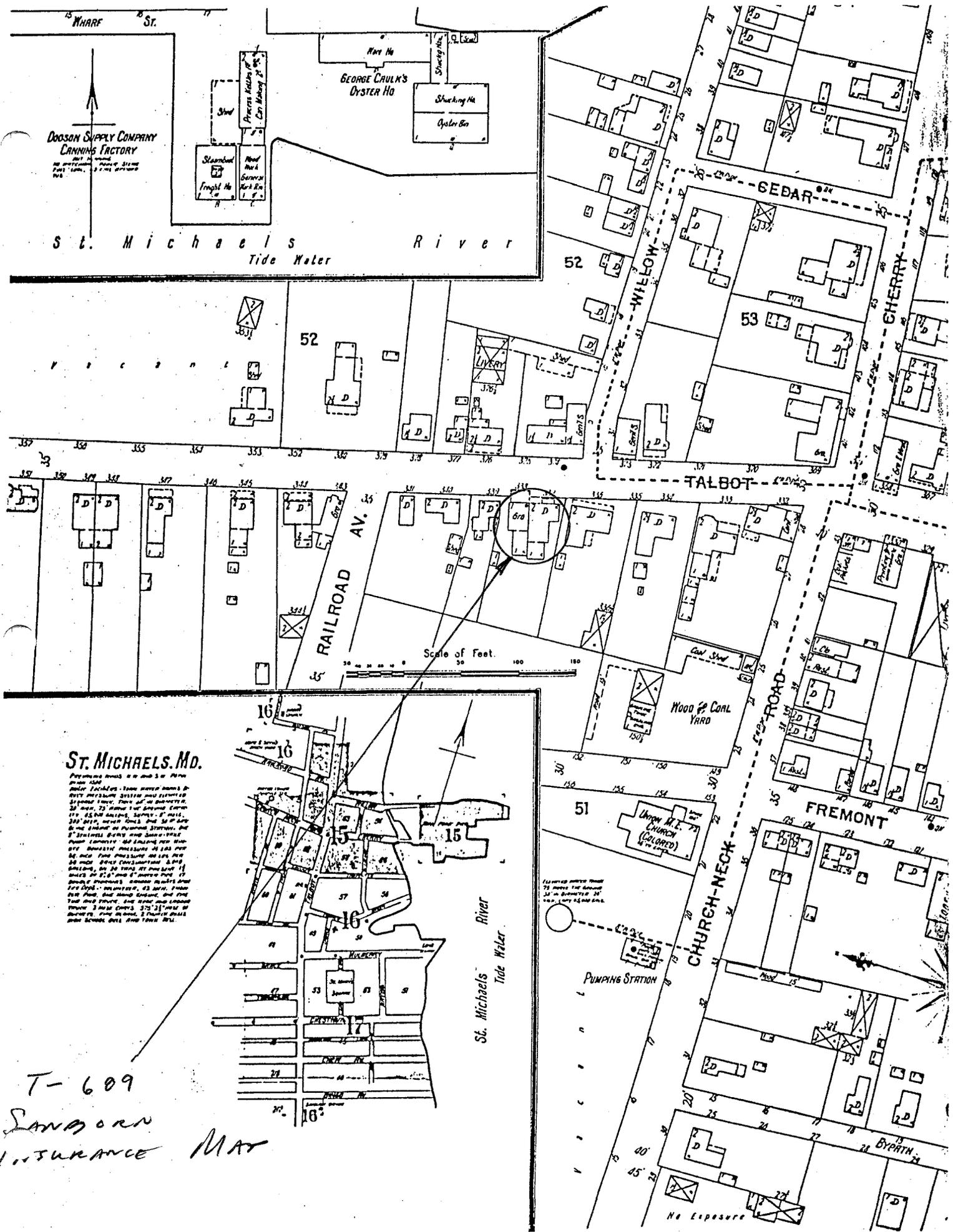
YEAR: 1935 VOL: 236 PAGE: 39  
FROM: Mary Alice Sterling PRICE:  
TO: Blancheford Wilson  
NOTES Mary Alice Sterling is former wife of W. H. Wilson.  
Same lot described in 1915, 170/364.  
To W. H. Wilson by Smith and Harrington 1915, 170/364.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 170 PAGE: 364  
FROM: John E. Smith, George W. Harrington and Ipha M. Harrington PRICE: \$900  
TO: William H. Wilson  
NOTES Begins at the NE corner of Rowena Harrison; run with Harrison NW 101 feet  
to P. T. Hambleton; with Hambleton N 50 feet; then SE 61 feet; then NE 20 feet  
to Talbot Street with Talbot Street S 62 feet 6 inches to the beginning.  
Conveyed to Smith and Harrington by Hopkins 1914, 169/26

YEAR: 1914 VOL: 169 PAGE: 26  
FROM: Edward F. Hopkins and Helen G. Hopkins PRICE: \$800  
TO: John E. Smith and George W. Harrington  
NOTES Same description.  
To Hopkins by Baker 1913, 164/921.

YEAR: 1913 VOL: 164 PAGE: 421  
FROM: Louisa E. Baker and others PRICE: \$750  
TO: Edward F. Hopkins and Helen G. Hopkins  
NOTES The "others" are: Lina M. Ross, Walter A. Ross, Kate A. Dickey, and  
John M. Dickey. (Heirs of John W. Baker)  
Part of the land devised by John W. Baker by will 17/127.  
Baker leaves the "house and lot where I now reside and the house and lot north  
of and adjoining said property...being a house and lot purchased by me of the  
heirs of Philip Dennis"

YEAR: 1876 VOL: 83 PAGE: 70  
FROM: Amelia Ross and Robert C. Ross PRICE: \$730  
TO: Louisa E. Baker  
NOTES For description see 1873, 79/155  
To Ross by Josiah Fairbank 1873, 79/155.



**St. Michaels, Md.**

Property maps in 10 and 1/2 inch scale. Shows streets, lots, and buildings. Includes names of streets and lots. Shows the location of the St. Michaels River and the St. Michaels Tide Water. Shows the location of the Dooson Supply Company Canning Factory and the George Caulk's Oyster Ho. Shows the location of the Wood & Coal Yard and the Union M.E. Church (Colored). Shows the location of the Pumping Station. Shows the location of the Church-Neck, Fremont, Willow, Gedar, Talbot, and Cherry streets. Shows the location of the Railroad Av. and the St. Michaels River. Shows the location of the St. Michaels Tide Water. Shows the location of the Dooson Supply Company Canning Factory and the George Caulk's Oyster Ho. Shows the location of the Wood & Coal Yard and the Union M.E. Church (Colored). Shows the location of the Pumping Station. Shows the location of the Church-Neck, Fremont, Willow, Gedar, Talbot, and Cherry streets. Shows the location of the Railroad Av. and the St. Michaels River. Shows the location of the St. Michaels Tide Water.

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 SANDERSON  
 INSURANCE MAP

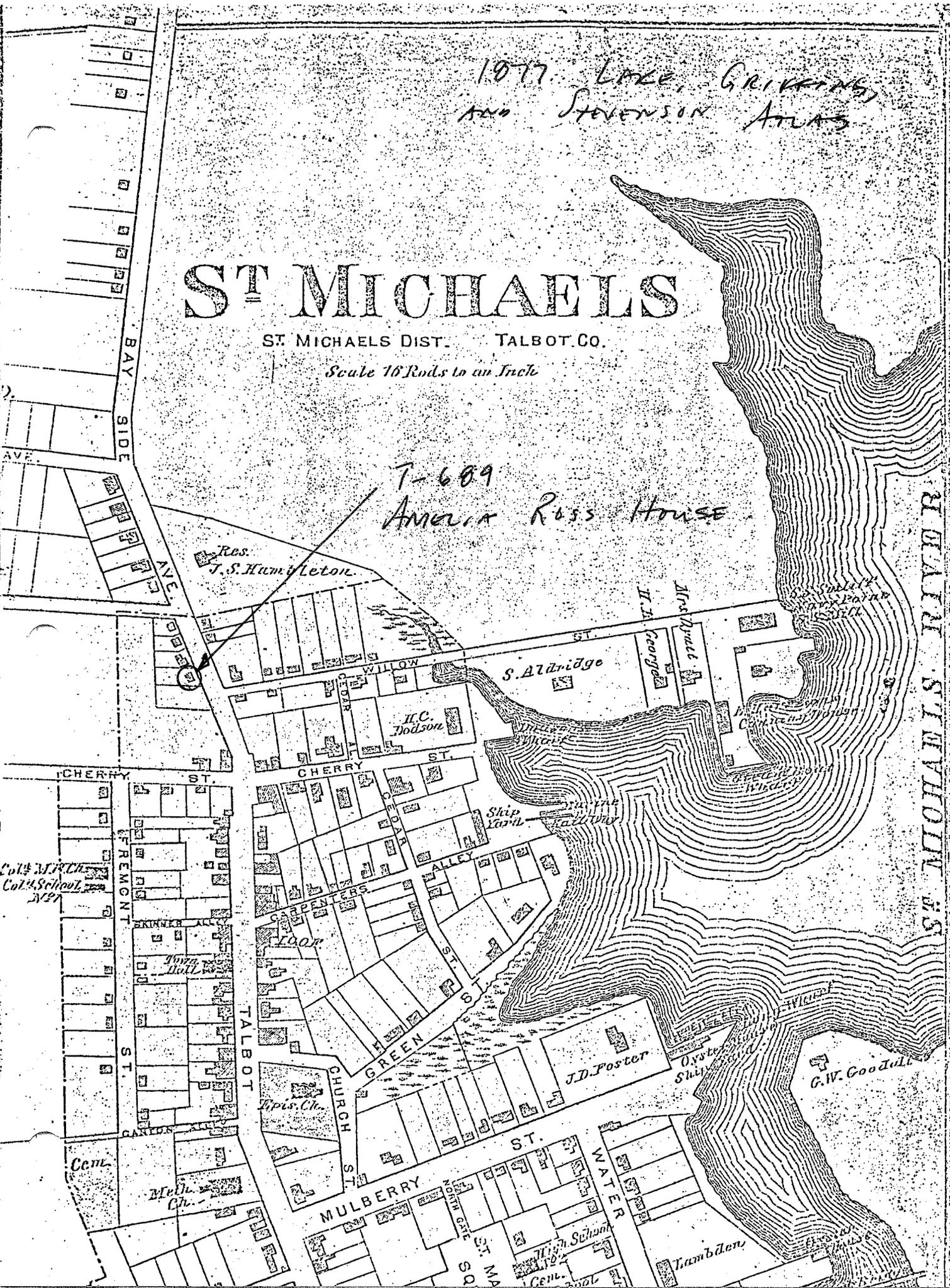
1977 Lake, Griking,  
AND STEVENSON ATLAS

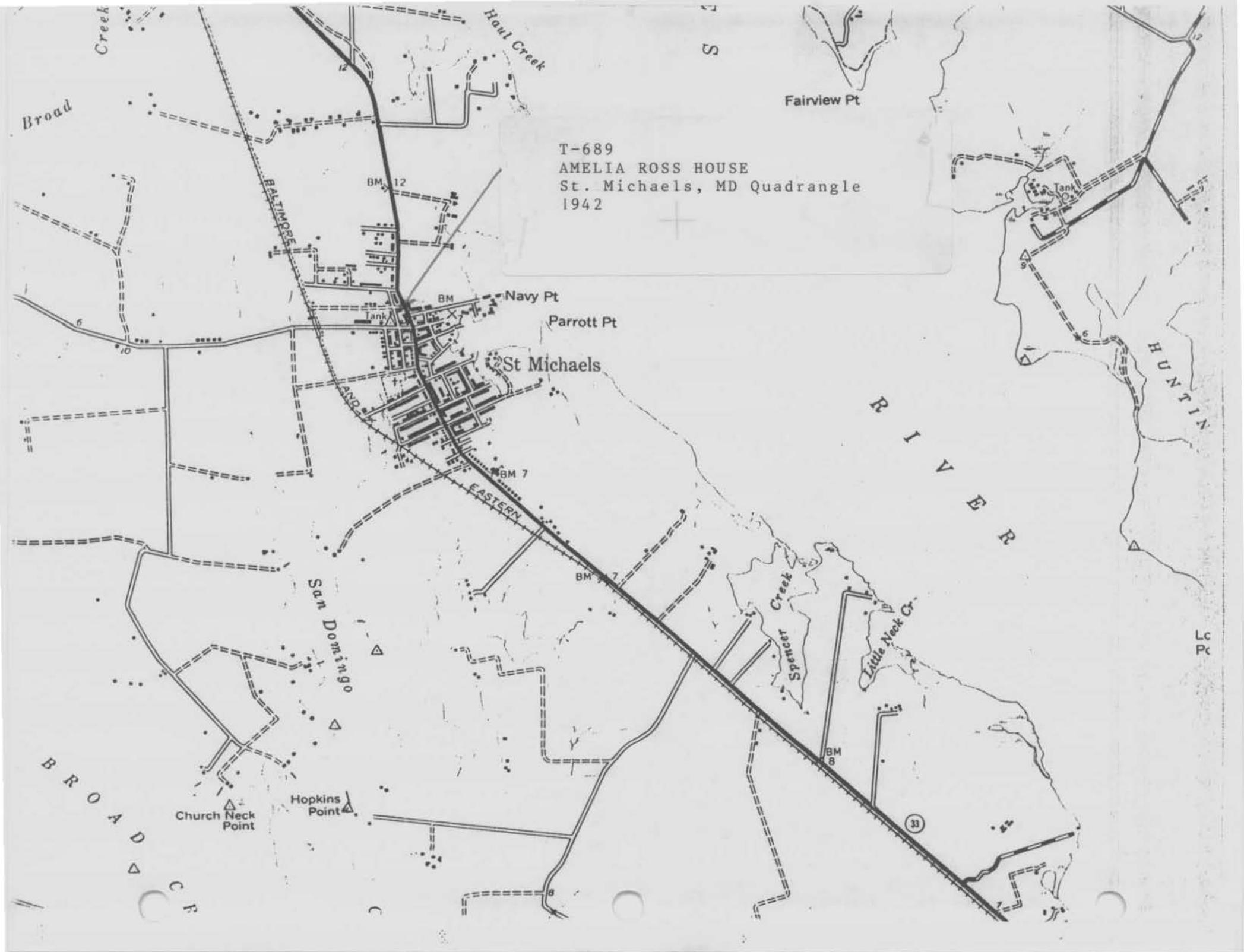
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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

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America Ross House





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AMELIA ROSS HOUSE  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle  
1942

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE  
AND  
ANNE ARUNDEL

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

Spencer  
Creek

Little Neck Cr.

BM 8

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Church Neck  
Point

Hopkins  
Point

BROAD  
CREEK

HUNTING  
RIVER

Lc  
Pc



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AMELIA ROSS HOUSE

East elevation

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

5/89/Paul Touart, photographer

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