

T-695  
John Q. Larrimore House  
St. Michaels  
Private

c. 1907

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Standing on the corner of Church and Mulberry streets the two-and-a-half story side hall/parlor frame dwelling is a familiar architectural form with its asymmetrical three-bay elevation and center cross gable. Unusual to the house is the central chimney stack. The early twentieth century dwelling stands in a row of contemporary structures along Mulberry Street, most of which date to the late nineteenth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN Q. LARRIMORE HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 101 Mulberry Street  not for publication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 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

street & number 101 Mulberry 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 289

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 275

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-695

|                                          |                                       |                                             |                                                   |                    |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <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 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 John Q. Larrimore house is located at 101 Mulberry Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces south with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1907, the two-and-a-half story side hall/parlor main block is supported by a low masonry foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered in asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a two-story service wing.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance filling the eastern bay. The partially glazed front door is flanked on the left by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. Stretching across the full front of the house is a square columned hip roof porch. Three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. Highlighting the roof is a cross gable pierced by a pointed arch attic window. Unlike most houses in St. Michaels a center brick chimney protrudes through the roof.

The west gable end is marked by pairs of two-over-two sash windows that light each floor including the attic. The east gable end is pierced by two-over-two sash as well. Slightly extended eaves are finished with short returns at the base of the roof.

The interior of the house was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-695

| 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/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input checked="" 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 John Q. Larrimore house stands at the corner of Mulberry and Church streets in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story side hall/parlor frame dwelling is a familiar architectural form with its asymmetrical three-bay elevation and center cross-gable. Unusual to the house is the central chimney stack. The early twentieth century dwelling stands in a row of contemporary structures along Mulberry Street, most of which date to the late nineteenth century.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

For a large part of the nineteenth century this corner location was the site of a carpenter's shop that figures in an 1878 court settlement concerning this Mulberry street property. In 1878, Joshua W. Bryant, trustee sold "Lot 3" of the divided Thomas property to Edward Harrison for \$220, ((85/39)) who in turn sold it to Johanna Collins that same year for \$210. ((85/40)) The adjacent 60' lot fronting Mulberry Street, identified as "Lot 2" in the chancery case was sold to Collins as well for \$505. ((85/41)) In the suit both parties admitted that there were rents collected on the improvements, which, at the time of the sale, included a house on "Lot 2" and a carpenter's shop on "Lot 3." The dwelling and shop were apparently rented thorough the balance of the nineteenth century, until John Q. Larrimore purchased a 47-foot corner lot from the heirs of Johanna Collins. (148/402) The \$550 purchase price would not have included a substantial dwelling like this house. John Larrimore died in 1911, and the house and lot went to his wife and children.



YEAR: 1950 VOL: 289 PAGE: 275 PRICE: \$2000

FROM: Margaret M. Larrimore, widow

TO: Edward B. Watkins and Elsie L. Watkins

NOTES: Begins at NW corner of former Thomas B. Jones, now J. Norman Marshall; run N. 43'6"; then NE 6'; then N 70' 5"; then W 12'7" to Church Street; S with Church Street to Mulberry; E with Mulberry 47' to the beginning.

Conveyed to John Q. Larrimore by Thomas B. Baker 1907, 148/402. John Q. died in 1911 and property went to wife and children. The children were bought out in 1940, 246/125.

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 148 PAGE: 402 PRICE: \$550

FROM: John B. Baker, atty.

TO: John Q. Larrimore

NOTES: Sale was made under a power of attorney given by nine Collins, and two Niemans, the heirs of Johanna Collins, dcd. (148/185)

Same description. This deed erected the 47-foot lot.

Conveyed to Johanna Collins by Edward and Susannah Harrison 1878, 85/40. Also a portion of land conveyed to Johanna Collins by Joshua Bryant, trustee 1878,85/41

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 40 PRICE: \$210

FROM: Edward Harrison and Susannah Harrison

TO: Johanna Collins

NOTES: A lot 38 feet on Mulberry Street lying west of, and adjoining a lot about to be conveyed to Collins by Joshua Bryant.

Conveyed to Harrison by Joshua W. Bryant, trustee 1878, 85/39.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 41 PRICE: \$505

FROM: Joshua Bryant, trustee

TO: Johanna Collins

NOTES: Sale was made in accordance with Circuit Court decree in the case, Martha Benson vs Frances Thomas and others. This is "lot number two" in the referenced case. It is cited here as the source of the nine feet which, when added to the 38 feet of the previous deed, makes the 47 feet front on Mulberry Street of the present lot.

This was a 60-foot lot and with its purchase, Johanna owned a total of 98 feet on Mulberry Street. The 98 feet, containing a dwelling house and a "carpenter shop" (at least in 1878), remained in the Collins family until the 47 foot lot was sold to John Q. Larrimore in 1907.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 39 PRICE: \$220

FROM: Joshua W. Byant, trustee

TO: Edward Harrison

NOTES: This was sold as "Lot number 3" of the Benson-Thomas Case (Chancery, 15/297). According to the description it is 38 feet on Mulberry Street, west of Lot number 2, sold to Johanna Collins. It was improved by a CARPENTER SHOP at the time of sale. The newspaper account of the 1870 fire mentions the carpenter shop of Blades and Dyott (builders) which may have been located here.

The Benson-Thomas Case relates that a Martha Benson paid a friend, Mary Thomas to purchase a lot for her at the sale of the real estate of John and Mary Thompson in 1842. Mary Thomas was to keep Martha's interest in the transaction a secret (and did!). Thirty-two years later Mary Thomas died intestate, leaving heirs. Martha Benson sued to be declared the sole owner of the property. The Court disallowed Martha's claim and ordered the property sold, with Martha getting a share with the heirs.

The lot purchased by Mary Thomas was "Lot number 3" of the 1842 Thompson sale. It was 130 feet on Mulberry Street, running back to the marshy ground which had once been "Church Cove". When Joshua Bryant put the lot up for sale he divided it into three parts: Lot #1.- 30 feet; Lot #2.- 60 feet; and Lot #3.- 38 feet to the corner of Church Street.

In the suit, both sides admit that there were rents collected on the property which, at the time of sale, included a house on #2. and a carpenter shop on #3.

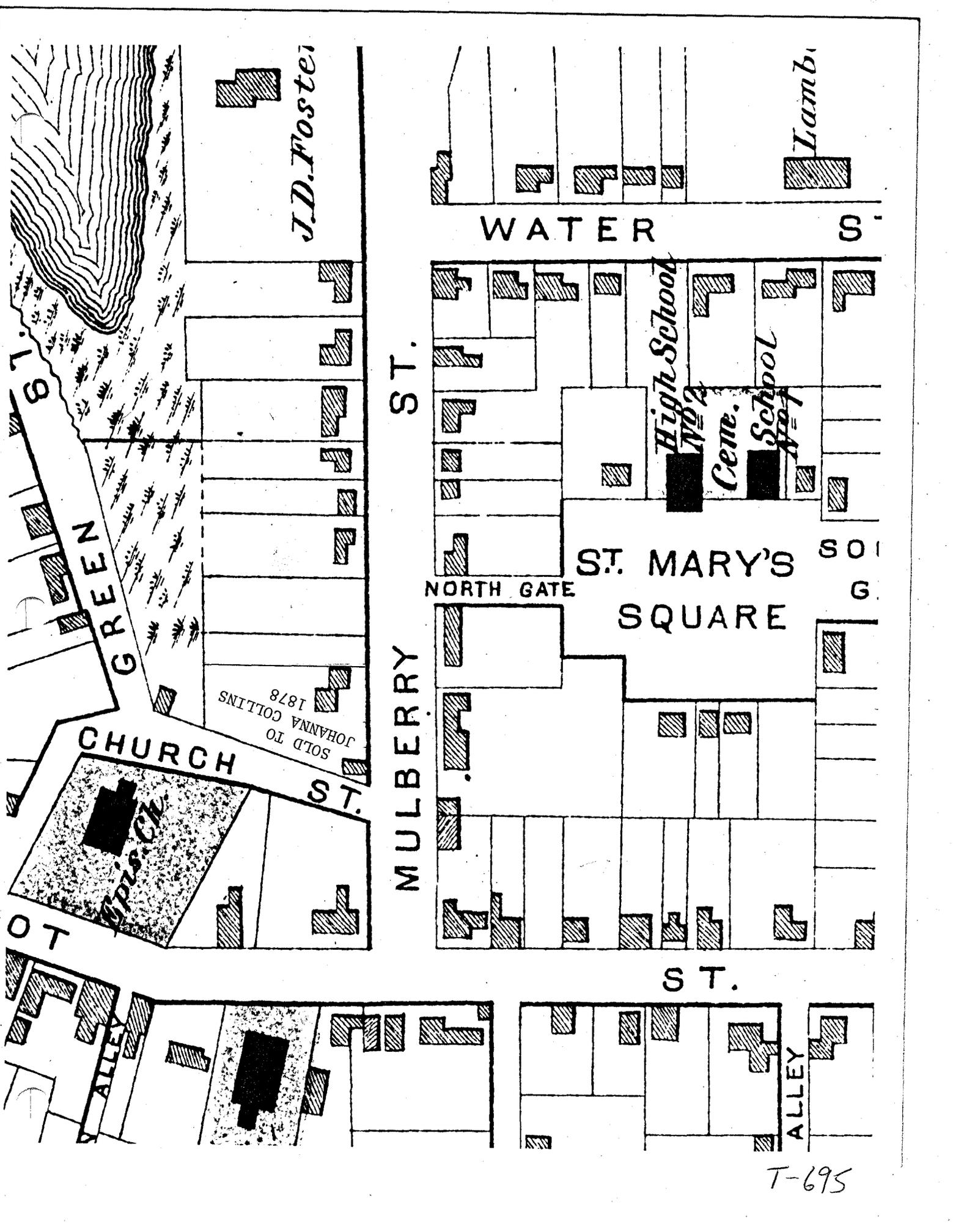
YEAR: 1845 VOL: 58 PAGE: 39 PRICE: \$97

FROM: Samuel Hambleton, Jr. Trustee

TO: Mary Thomas

NOTES: Described as the parcel mentioned as "Lot number 3" in the Public Sale of the real estate of John and Mary Thompson. According to the survey, it was 130 feet on Mulberry Street from Church Street to the lot of James Dodson, dcd.

This deed will be fully discussed in connection with the adjoining property,  
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*J.D. Foster*

ST. GREEN  
CHURCH ST.

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ALLEY

WATER ST.

ST. MULBERRY

ST. MARY'S  
NORTH GATE  
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ST. MULBERRY

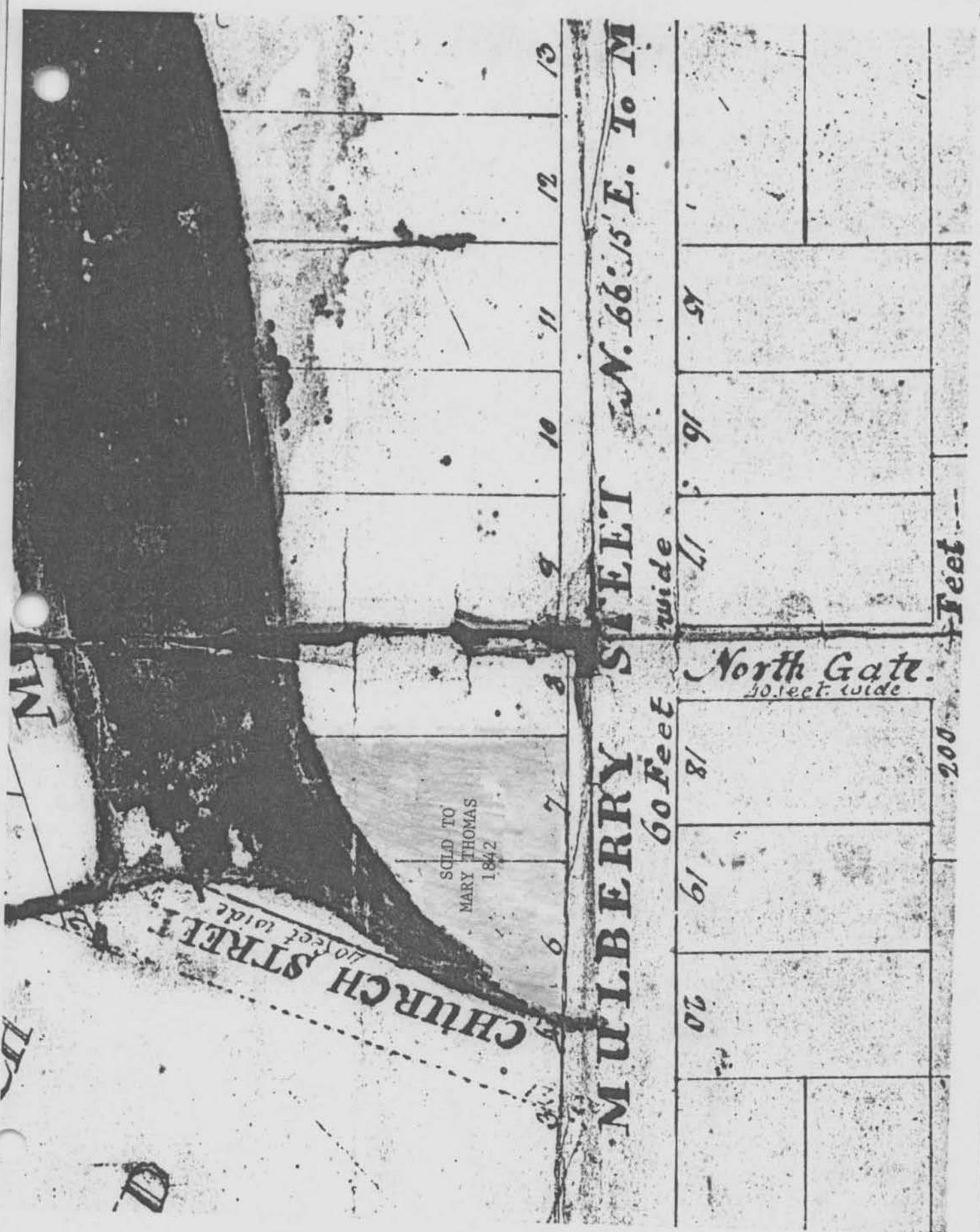
ALLEY

High School  
No. 2  
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School

Lamb

SOLD TO  
JOHANNA COLLINS  
1878

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SOLD TO  
MARY THOMAS  
1842

MULBERRY STREET N. 66:15' E. To M

CHURCH STREET  
10 feet wide

60 Feet  
wide

North Gate  
30 feet wide

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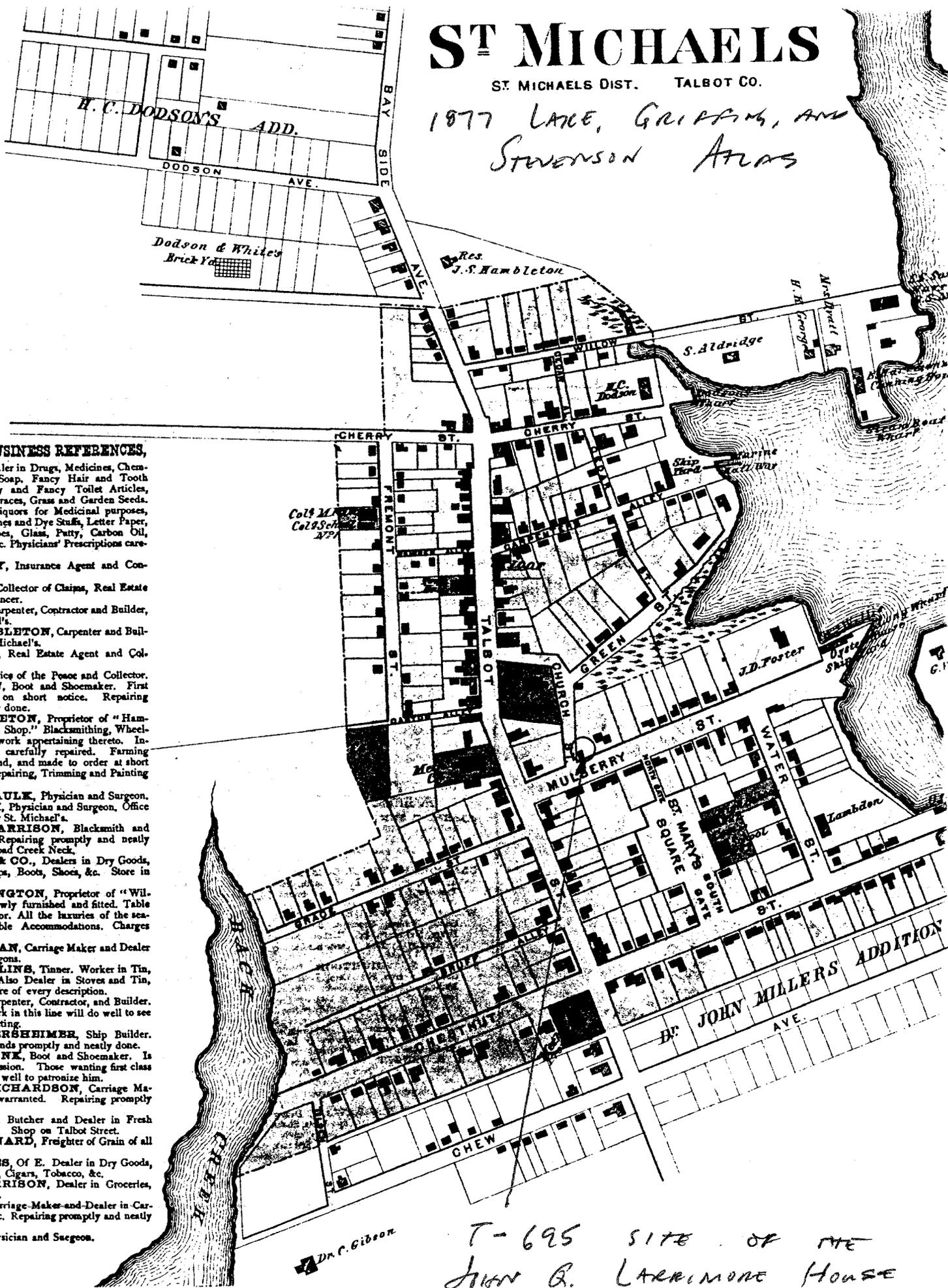
200 Feet



# ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

1977 LACE, GRIFFING, AND  
STEWENSON  
Atlas



**MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,**

- DODSON,** Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Sashes, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Stoves, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY,** Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- F. W. DEAN,** Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. S. DYOTT,** Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ED. H. HAMBLETON,** Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- W. S. ELLISON,** Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.
- W. SPARROW,** Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- W. 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, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Ink-presses and all machinery carefully repaired. Farming implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.
- WILLIAM CAULE,** Physician and Surgeon.
- JAMES BETH,** 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.
- W. WEAVER & CO.,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- W. 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.
- 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.
- ALFRED HERGERSEHIMER,** Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- EVER FAIRBANK,** Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- W. KRIBSON & 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.
- FT. C. R. LEONARD,** Freightor of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- W. OMAS BLADES,** Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- W. W. HARRISON,** Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.
- W. S. KILMON,** Carriage-Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- A. DODSON,** Physician and Surgeon.

T-695 SITE OF THE  
JOHN Q. LARRIMORE HOUSE

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

E  
S

Fairview Pt

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JOHN Q. LARRIMORE HOUSE  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle  
1942

BALTIMORE

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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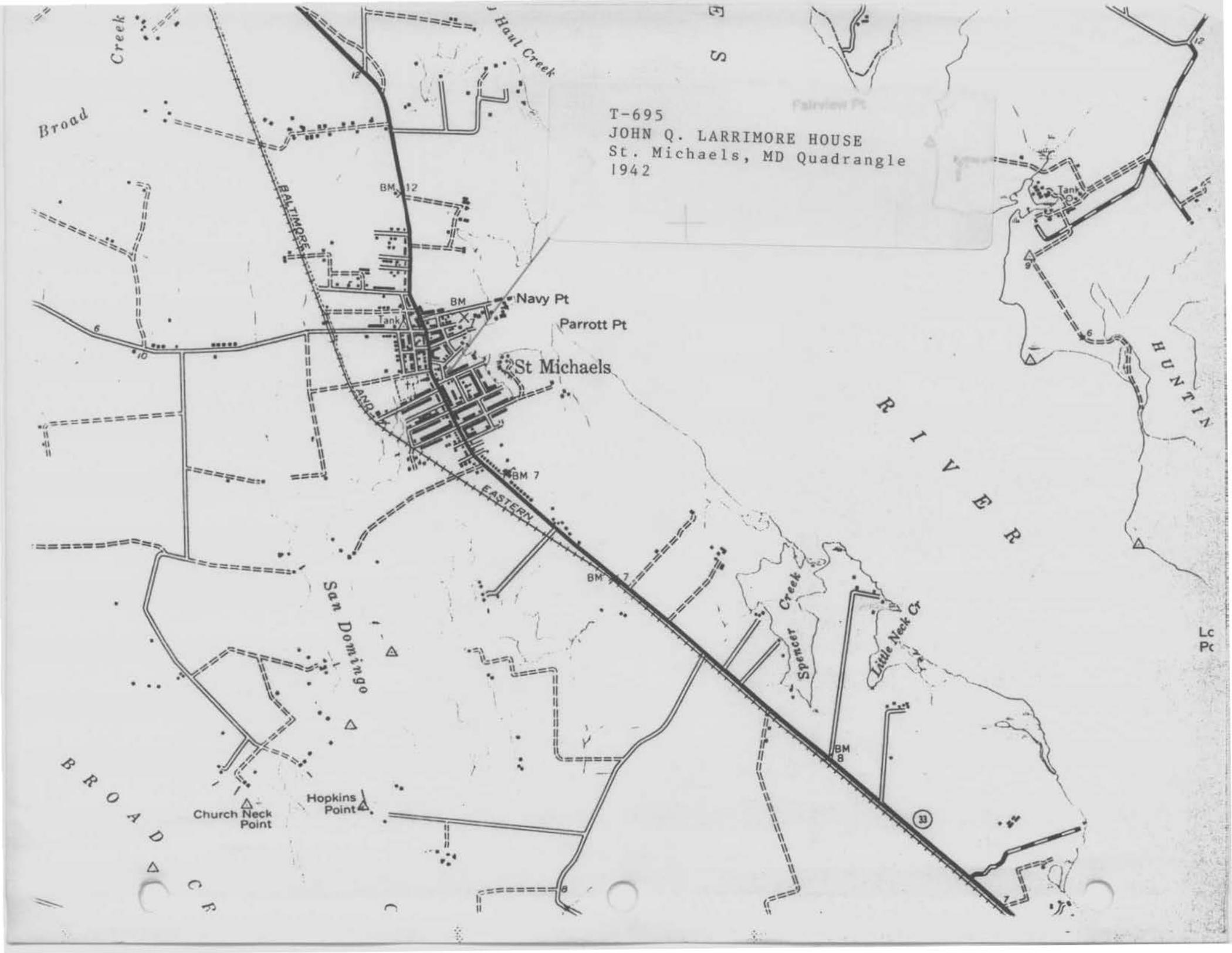
Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

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JOHN Q. LARRIMORE HOUSE

South elevation

5/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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