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c. 1860, c. 1885

Thomas J. Jefferson House
St. Michaels
Private

Architectural evidence and historical research indicate this Cherry Street frame house was erected in more than one stage. The main house was erected around 1860 and probably for Thomas J. Jefferson, who started leasing this lot as early as 1848. In 1860 Thomas J. Jefferson transferred legal ownership of "all that lot of ground with the house and improvements situated on Cherry Street" to to Mary E. Jefferson, however the property was mortgaged. In 1874 the property was purchased by Marion Caroline White, wife of Dr. Alward White. After Dr. White's death the house and lot were transferred to his daughter Emily Harrison, who in turn sold it to Mary V. George in 1884. A year later, in September 1885, the Easton Ledger ran a short notice on the construction activity at this site. The paper stated that, "Mr. H. K. George added a large back building to his house on Cherry Street." The property passed down through George family heirs until it was sold in 1919.

Survey No. T-721

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THOMAS J. JEFFERSON HOUSE , also Dr. Alward M. White House

and/or common SAMBOY HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 102 Cherry Street ___ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Victor MacSorley

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of the Talbot County Court liber 182

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 444

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-721

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Thomas J. Jefferson house stands at 102 Cherry Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built about 1860, the two-story side hall/parlor frame house is supported by a low brick pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with German siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing, which is dated by a reference in the Easton Ledger to 1885.

The north (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The paneled front door is framed by sidelights and a four-pane transom. To the left the windows retain their louvered shutters. Stretching across the full front of the house is a turned post porch with sawn corner brackets. The roof retains its covering of standing seam tin. Lighting the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows also fitted with louvered shutters. The eave above is distinguished by decorative brackets.

The east side of the house is covered on the first floor by a wraparound extension of the turned post porch. Six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floor. The eave is extended slightly, but it is not trimmed with the decorative brackets. An interior end brick stack protrudes through the roof.

The west gable end is a plain weatherboard wall aside from a single six-over-six sash window that pierces the upper gable.

Covering much of the south side of the main block is the two-story service wing, which is distinguished on the east side by a two-story, three-sided pavilion topped by a decorative metal cresting. The bay is lighted by four-over-four sash windows, and the cornice is trimmed with small brackets. The west side of the kitchen is partially sheltered by a two-story chamfered post porch which is trimmed by corner brackets as well. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the roof.

The interior was not seen.

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 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 Thomas J. Jefferson house is a prominent two-story side hall/parlor frame dwelling that distinguishes Cherry Street in the northern section of St. Michaels. The main block, a two-story, three-bay structure is typical of Civil War era buildings as is the two-story rear service wing. Highlighting the east side of the wing is a two-story pavilion that survives with a metal roof cresting.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

This two-story side hall/parlor frame house was erected evidently in more than one stage. The main house was built around 1860 and probably for Thomas J. Jefferson who started leasing this Cherry Street lot as early as 1848.(61/410) In 1860 Thomas J. Jefferson transferred legal ownership of "all that lot of ground with the house and improvements situated on Cherry Street." Although this reference provides evidence for an improved lot in that year it is not exactly certain if the the house standing is the one the deed refers to. In any case the main block was probably erected during the third quarter of the nineteenth century and within the next twenty-five years the house was enlarged by the subsequent owners, Mr. Harmon K. and Mary V. George. The Easton Ledger announced on September 10, 1885, that, "Mr. H. K. George added a large back building to his house on Cherry Street."

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 182 PAGE: 444 PRICE: \$1500
FROM: William E. Trenchard and Maude V. Trenchard
TO: W. Y. Reynolds

NOTES: A 2/3 interest. Bounded on the N by Cherry Street, on the S by Phillip Willey, on the W by Leonidas Dodson and on the E by James T. Sewell. The lot is 53 x 125.

Conveyed by Marion C. White and Alward M. White to Mary Virginia George, wife of Harmon K. George (lease) 1884, 99/355. Fee conveyed to Mary Virginia George by Emily Harrison 1884, 99/357.

Mary Virginia George died intestate in March 1918 and the property went to her child, Berenice George Trenchard wife of Wm. E. Trenchard and her two children Virginia Trenchard and George Trenchard. Virginia died April, 1918 and her 1/3 went to her father Wm. E. He here conveys his 1/3 and Virginia's 1/3.

YEAR: 1884 VOL: 99 PAGE: 355 PRICE: \$1650
FROM: Marion C. White and Alward M. White
TO: Mary V. George

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to White by Jefferson, Harrison & Dodson 1874, 80/272

The Easton Ledger, 1885, Sept. 10 has the following: Mr. H. K. George added a large back building to his house on Cherry Street.

YEAR: 1884 VOL: 99 PAGE: 357 PRICE: \$125
FROM: Emily Harrison
TO: Mary V. George

NOTES: Same description.

Same lot leased to Thomas Jefferson by Wm. H. Harrison 1848, 61/410. Same conveyed to Mary E. Jefferson by Thomas J. Jefferson by assignment 1860, 69/80. Also conveyed by deed of assignment 1874, 80/242 by Mary E. Jefferson, Edward Harrison, and Leonidas Dodson to Mary Caroline White. Being part of a lot left to Emily Harrison by her father's will.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 242 PRICE:
FROM: Mary E. Jefferson, Edward Harrison, and Leonidas Dodson, trustee
TO: Marion Caroline White

NOTES: Whereas Thomas J. Jefferson in 1861 conveyed to Leonidas Dodson in trust for Jeff's creditors all of his real estate, Leonidas sold to Edward Harrison in 1863, and Edward Harrison sold to Mary E. Jefferson. Now Mary E. Jefferson sells to Marion Caroline White, wife of Dr. A. M. White.

YEAR: 1860 VOL: '69 PAGE: 80 PRICE: \$300

FROM: Thomas J. Jefferson

TO: Mary E. Jefferson

NOTES: "all that lot of ground with the house and improvements situated on Cherry Street" Being the same leased to Thomas J. Jefferson by William H. Harrison 1848, 61/410.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 410 PRICE: Lease

FROM: William H. Harrison

TO: Thomas J. Jefferson

NOTES: Same description.

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

T-721, THOMAS
J. JEFFERSON
House

MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

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

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

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

S. DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, op at St. Michael's.

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

S. F. DON, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.

SPARNS, 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 "Hampton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Invaluable 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 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.

M. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, 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.

E. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSEEIMER, 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.

RRISON & 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, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

OMAS BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

FEMI LARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.

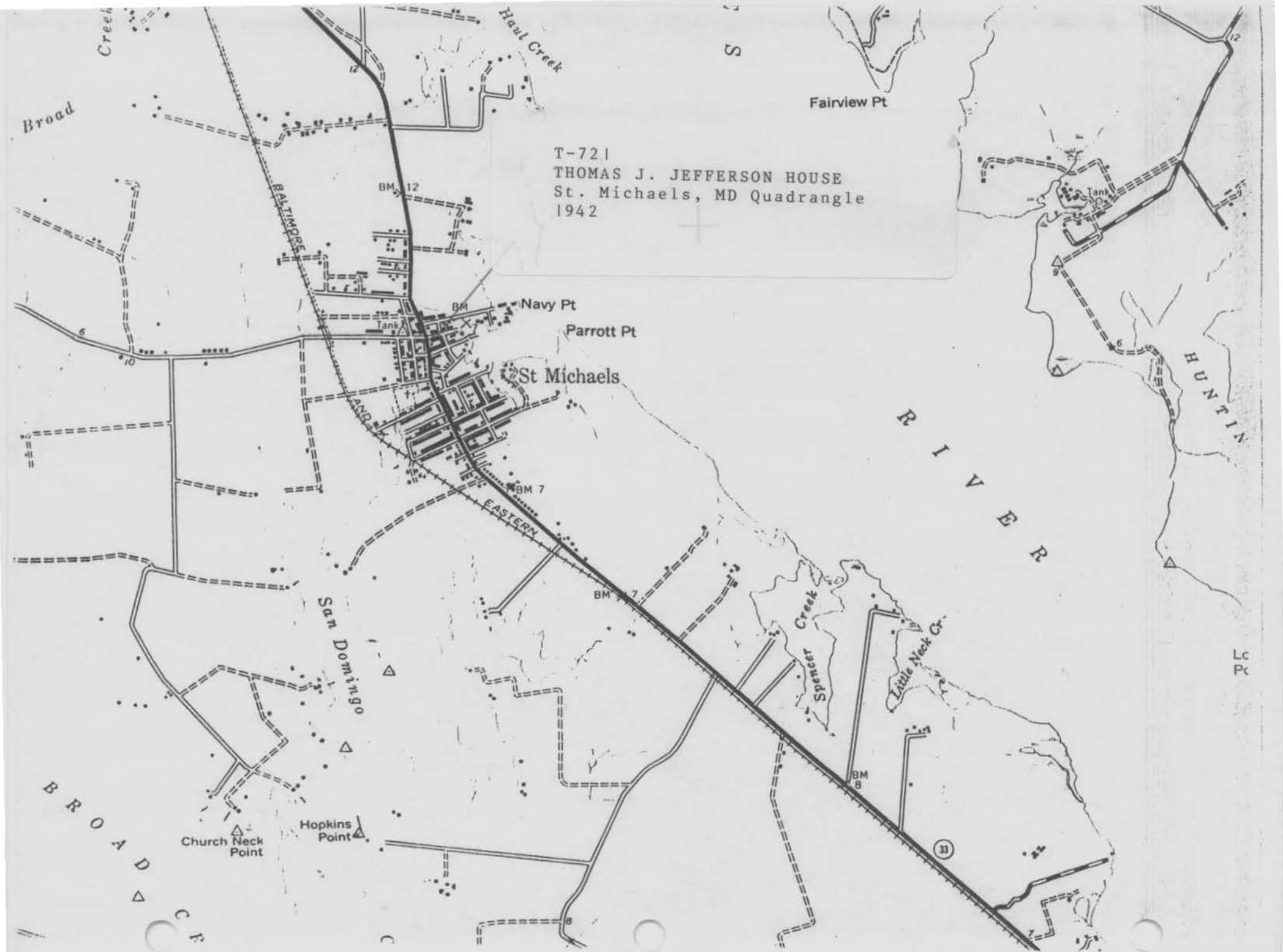
S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DOBSON Physician and Surgeon.

Dr. C. Gibson

1877, LACE, GRIPPING,
AND STEVENSON ATLAS





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THOMAS J. JEFFERSON HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

Fairview Pt

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

BROAD CREEK

HUNTING RIVER

HUNTING

Lc
Pc



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THOMAS J. JEFFERSON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

East elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust



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THOMAS J. JEFFERSON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northwest elevation

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