

T-722

c. 1880

Edward N. Dodson House  
St. Michaels  
Private

In 1880, Edward N. Dodson acquired a leasehold on this lot fronting Cherry Street, and he presumably erected this two-story, T-shaped house shortly afterwards. In 1900, W. D. J. Morris, Dodson's appointed administrator transferred title of the house and lot to E. Ney Dodson, who owned the property until the mid 1940s. The property passed out of Dodson family hands in 1947.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-722

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 103 Cherry Street  not for publication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	
<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 telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 351

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 443

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 Edward N. Dodson house stands at 103 Cherry Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story T-shaped frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story center hall frame house is supported by a rusticated block foundation, and the structure is sheathed with German siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a projecting arm of the T plan fronting the street. The front door is recessed in the leg of the T-plan, and a two-story shed roofed porch shelters the main body of the house. A partially glazed front door is topped by a two-light transom. Flanking the adjacent bay is a four-over-four sash window flanked by louvered shutters. The porch is supported by Tuscan columns on the first floor and chamfered posts with sawn brackets on the second floor. Stretching between the second floor posts is a sawn baluster handrail. Another partially glazed door and four-over-four sash window mark the second floor.

The gable front elevation facing the street is highlighted on the first floor by a three-sided bay window with four-over-four sash windows on each side. The second floor is pierced by a single four-over-four sash window, and the upper gable is filled with a large triangular louvered vent. The eaves are extended slightly with short returns at the base.

The east side of the house is unusual for its two-story bay pavilion lighted by four-over-four sash windows on each floor.

The interior was 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
<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: <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.

The Edward N. Dodson house stands in a continuous row of nineteenth century frame buildings on the north side of Cherry Street. The T-shaped main block is a common house form for St. Michaels, especially with the two-story porch that fills the front corner of the T-plan. Single-story bay windows and a two-story pavilion add architectural variety to the frame house. Despite the repetitive nature of this house type, the well-preserved Edward N. Dodson house contributes to the historic integrity of Cherry Street and northern St. Michaels.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

In 1880, Edward N. Dodson acquired a leasehold on this lot fronting Cherry Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels. He presumably financed the construction of the house shortly afterwards. In 1900, W. D. J. Morris, the appointed administrator of Edward N. Dodson, transferred the title to the property to E. Ney Dodson (133/234), who owned the house and lot until the mid 1940s. The property passed out of Dodson family hands in 1947.(272/467)



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YEAR: 1958 VOL: 351 PAGE: 443 PRICE:  
FROM: Louise, Richard and Janice Whittington  
TO: Louis Sauber and Lois R. Sauber (of New York City)  
NOTES: (Parcel 2) Begins at SE corner of lot of Thomas Blades of E; runs with  
Blades N 120' to the NE corner of Blades; then E with P. T. Hambleton and Ida  
V. Seymour 60 feet to the NW corner of James H. Covey; with Covey S 120 feet  
to Cherry Street; with Cherry Street W 60 feet to the beginning. Being Lot #12.  
Conveyed to Whittington by Larrimer 1952, 300/80.

YEAR: 1952 VOL: 300 PAGE: 80 PRICE:  
FROM: Richard Nye Larrimer and Catherine H. Larrimer  
TO: Richard, Louise and Janice Whittington  
NOTES: Parcel 2. Same description.  
Conveyed to Larrimer by Davis 1947, 272/469 and by Kantner 1947, 273/86.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 273 PAGE: 86 PRICE:  
FROM: Leahmer M. Kantner  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: Same description.  
Conveyances: leasehold 31 Dec 1879, 89/347. Susan Thompson to E. Ney Dodson and  
assigned to E. Ney Dodson by W. D. J. Morris 1900, 133/234. On the intestate  
death of E. Ney Dodson, conveyed by G. Elbert Marshall and William Reddie, adm.  
to Walter N. Davis 1947, 272/469.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 272 PAGE: 469 PRICE: \$5,500  
FROM: Walter N. Davis and Laura A Davis  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: Same description.  
Subject to ground rent per 1879, 89/347.  
Conveyed to Davis by Marshall and Reddie, admin. of E. Ney Dodson 1947, 272/467.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 272 PAGE: 467 PRICE: \$3636.36  
FROM: G. Elbert Marshall and William Reddie, Admin. of E. Ney Dodson  
TO: Walter N. Davis  
NOTES: Same description  
Conveyed to E. Ney Dodson by W. D. J. Morris 1900, 133/234.

YEAR: 1900 VOL: 133 PAGE: 234 PRICE: \$1635 (?)  
FROM: W. D. J. Morris  
TO: E. Ney Dodson  
NOTES: Same description.

Also: 1899, 133/232 E. Ney Dodson to W. D. J. Morris. Made in accordance with Circuit Court decree in which W. D. J. Morris was appointed administrator of the estate of Edward N. Dodson.

YEAR: 1880 VOL: 89 PAGE: 347 PRICE:  
FROM: Susan Thompson (Dorchester County)  
TO: Edward N. Dodson  
NOTES: Lease. Lot number 12 with same decription.

Susan Thompson was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Harrison. Her first husband was Robert Dawson. By the will of Joseph Harrison (7/277, prob 1815) his daughter Susan Harrison was given "the house and lot in St. Michaels where Bill Dawson now lives". Bill Dawson was the father of Robert Dawson.

The property was part of "Joseph's Lot", patented by Joseph Harrison (1698-1755) On his death the land went to his son Thomas Harrison (1734-1801). On the death of Thomas Harrison, his daughter Mary (who married her third cousin Joseph Harrison, and mother of Susan (Dawson) Thompson) bought all of Thomas Harrison's land on the east side of the main road "called Joseph's Lot". (1802, 29/458 and a later quit-claim deed of 1809, 33/346.  
The block on the south side of Cherry Street bought by Mary's brother, Samuel (1802, 29/354) was specifically excluded.

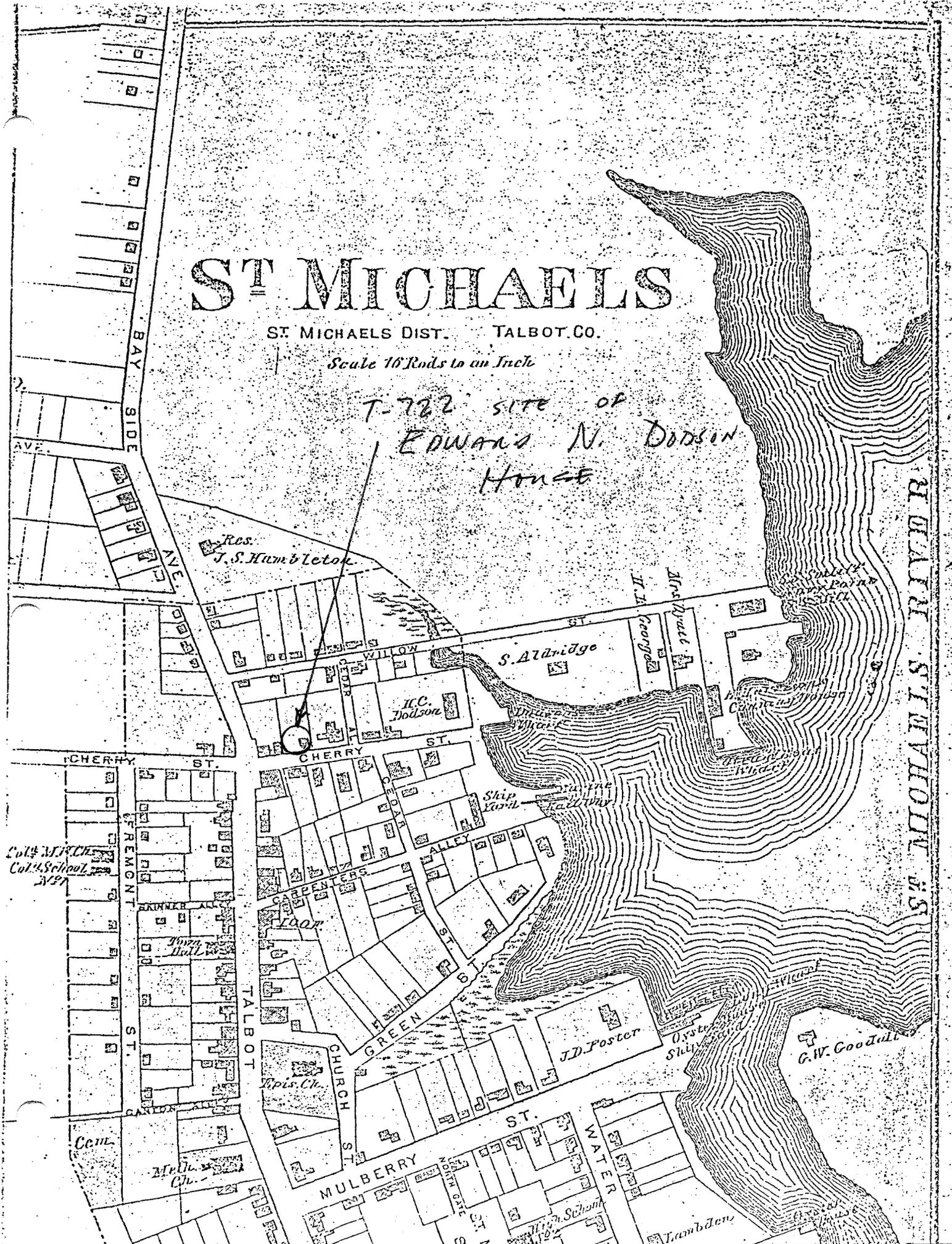
YEAR: 1947 VOL: 273 PAGE: 86 PRICE:  
FROM: Leahmer M. Kantner  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: The consideration was "\$100 and all reserved rent" for the fee title. The fee simple title of Susan Thompson was devised to Adeline Harrison 1880, 19/461. She willed it to Honora P. Kantner in 1932 (25/476) who devised it to Leahmer Kantner in 1937 (222/204).

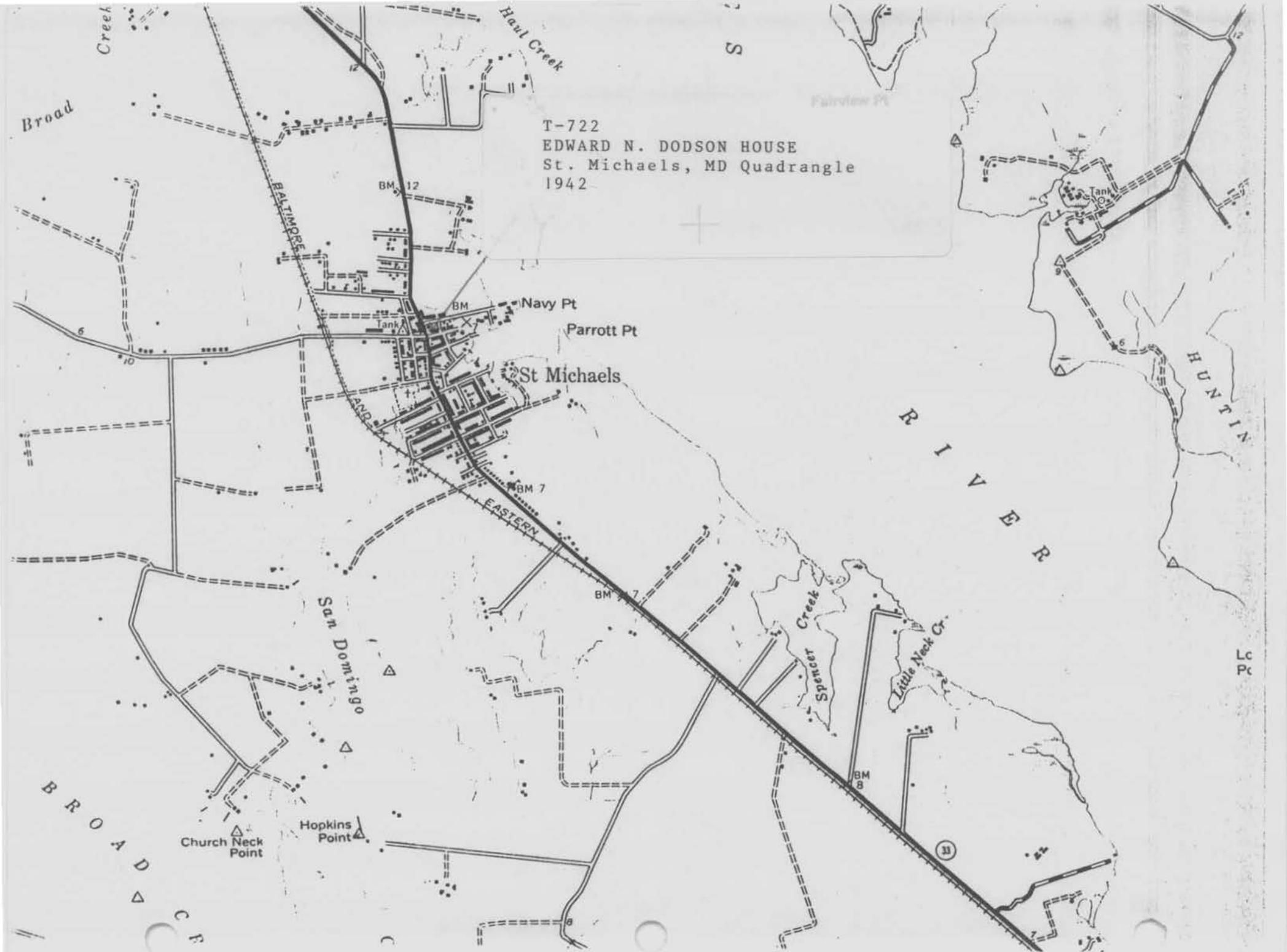
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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

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EDWARD N. DODSON  
HOUSE





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EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle  
1942

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

Fairview Pt

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

Creek

Little Neck Cr.

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BROAD  
CREEK

RIVER  
HUNTING

Lc Pc



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EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

South elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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