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Sarah A. Lambdin House
St. Michaels
Private

c. 1878-1879

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 415 Water Street not for publication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	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

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 287

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 79

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

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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 Sarah A. Lambdin house stands at 415 Water Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-part frame dwelling faces west with the principal gable oriented on north/south axis.

Built around 1878, the two-story side hall/parlor frame house rests on a low brick foundation, and the building is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south gable end of the main house is a shorter two-story, two-bay wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is sheltered by a single bay gable roofed porch. The adjacent windows are hung with louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The north gable end is a plain asbestos shingled wall with a slightly extended eave. Rising through the peak of the roof is an interior end brick stove chimney.

The south end is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay wing which is lighted on the first and second floors by pairs of six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. A brick stove chimney rises through the south gable end.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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.

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SARAH A.
THOMAS LAMBDIN HOUSE

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YEAR: 1950 VOL: 287 PAGE: 79 PRICE:

FROM: William Reddie

TO: Grtace L. McSteen, Christine McSt. Vye, Helen McSteen Harris

NOTES: On the east side of Water Street. 82-foot front on Water Street; 210 feet deep to the waters of the harbor; bounded on the north by the former George B. Caulk and on the south by Elsie H. Fairbank.

Conveyed to Reddie by McSteen and Vye (clearance) 1950, 287/78.

Conveyed to McSteen and Vye by Reddie (clearance) 1945, 260/268.

Conveyed to Reddie by McSteen (clearance) 1945, 260/267.

Conveyed to McSteen by Wrightson (clearance) 1938, 240/562.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 240 PAGE: 567 PRICE:

FROM: Mary H. Lambdin and others

TO: Cornelia Wrightson

NOTES: Same description. A clearance designed to transfer the property to Grace L. McSteen (nee Lambdin).

Conveyed by Thomas H. W. Lambdin to Sarah A. Lambdin (his wife) by will, 1878.

No specific transfer of the property to Thomas H.. W. Lambdin. Deed 1881,92/256 Sarah A. Lambdin to Thomas L. Dawson for the adjacent lot number 56 states that lot 56 is "part of the land" that Thomas H. W. Lambdin inherited from his infant son, John Wesley Fletcher Lambdin who died in 1842 at the age of six years. It is also part of the lot John W. F. Lambdin obtained from Joseph and Sarah Robson 1837, 53/233

Deed 1837, 53/233 transfers only lot #56 to John Wesley Fletcher Lambdin. Lambdin would have been only one year old when he bought the lot!!

YEAR: 1826 VOL: 8 PAGE: 213 PRICE:

FROM: Thomas Kemp

TO: Sarah "Robinson" = Robson

NOTES: Thomas Kemp leaves his "lots in St. Michaels to his daughter Sarah "Robinson" . She was married to Joseph Robson.

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 227 PRICE:

FROM: Perry Spencer

TO: Thomas Kemp

NOTES: Spencer sells Kemp 3 lots in St. Michaels: 45, 56, 57 ("45" is an obvious error for "55", the lot begins at #54 on Water Street). The consideration was ALL of Kemp's interest in "Benson's Enlargement". The three lots were said to be "on The Beach". The deed appears to be the same as the following one, except that "all" is given in place of "part of Benson's Enlargement".

James A.

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 225 PRICE:

FROM: Perry Spencer, Shipwright

TO: Thomas Kemp, Boatwright

NOTES: This was part trade. Perry Spencer gives Thomas Kemp 3 lots in St. Michaels (numbers 55, 56, and 57) plus 85 pounds in "Spanish Dollars" at 7sh 6d per dollar. In return, Kemp sells Spencer PART OF "Benson's Enlargement". The deed was made 17 January 1791, on same date as 24/227.

No record was found of how Perry Spencer acquired the property. He was a brother of the first owner, Jonathan Spencer.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 256 PRICE: p10 sp

FROM: James Braddock

TO: Jonathan Spencer

NOTES: "One lot distinguished on the plat number 57". 60 x "to the creek".

The lot was part of "The Beach".

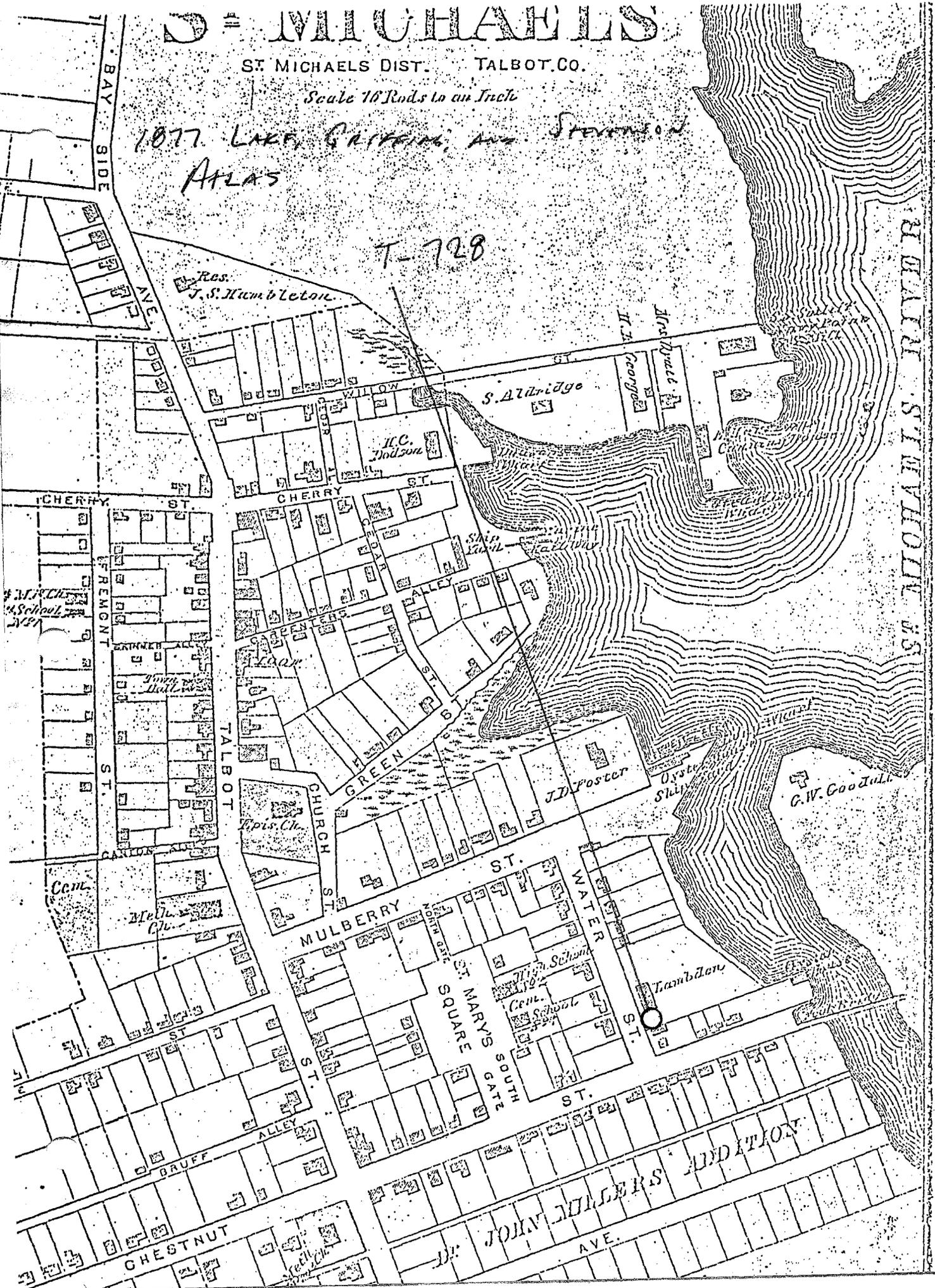
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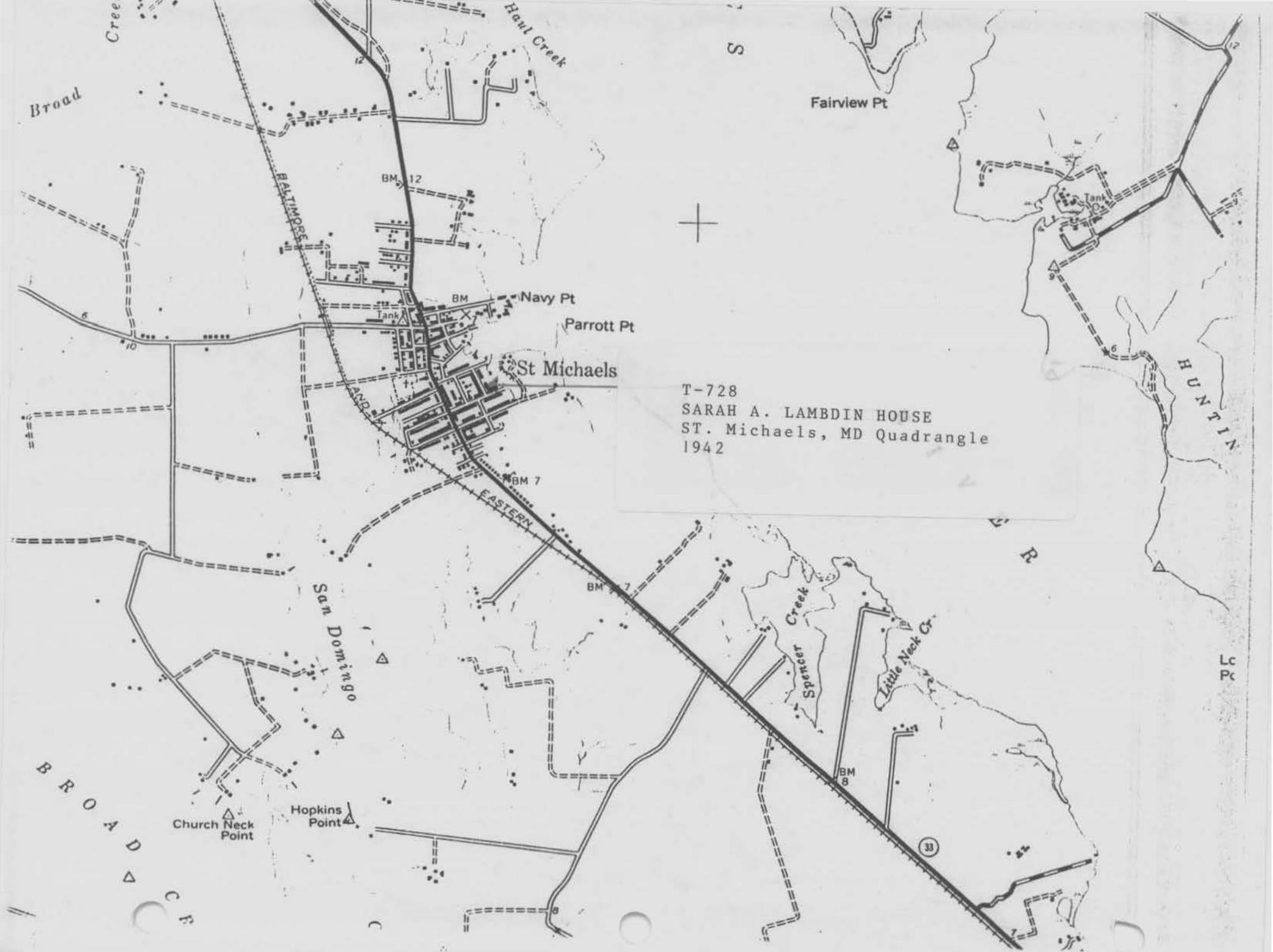
ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 10 Rods to an Inch

1077 LAKESIDE, GRIFFIN, AND STEVENSON
ATLAS

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SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE
ST. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942

Broad

Cree

Haul Creek

Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

Spencer Creek

Little Neck Cr.

BM 8

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BROAD CREEK

HUNTING

Lc Pt



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SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Northwest elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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