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c. 1872

Mary Fairbank House
St. Michaels
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-740

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MARY FAIRBANK HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 103 West Chew Street not for publicationcity, 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 491

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 72

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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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 Mary Fairbank house stands at 103 West Chew in the southern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces south.

Initially erected around 1872, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a low brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with a layer of aluminum siding. The low pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a story-and-a-half wing that appears to be the same age as the front section, while a modern addition extends the rear wing to the east.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by a three-light transom and three-light sidelights. Stretching across the front of the main block is a Tuscan columned porch topped by a seamed metal roof. Lighting the second floor are six-over-six sash windows hung with louvered shutters as well. The cornice is boxed.

The side elevations are marked by six-over-six sash windows on each floor, several of which retain louvered shutters. The Tuscan columned porch stretches around the east side of the main block to service a secondary entrance in the modern east side wing.

Partially covered by the east end addition, the rear wing is a story-and-a-half one-room plan structure with an interior end brick chimney.

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
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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: <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.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

As the population of St. Michaels expanded during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, additional land was divided into town lots, especially on the south side. West Chew Street was opened as a new avenue around 1870 with lots divided on each side. Mary Fairbank purchased a 60' by 120' lot on the north side of the street and financed the construction of this two-story, three-bay frame residence.(79/153) The house is designated on the 1877 St. Michaels town map as well as "Gray's atlas," drawn about five years earlier. The heirs of Mary Fairbank sold the house and lot in 1918 to Thomas J. Marshall.(179/214)

MARY FAIRBANK HOUSE

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YEAR: 1975 VOL: 491 PAGE: 72

FROM: Helen V. Marshall \$21,000

TO : Joseph H. Battin and Mary T. Battin

NOTES: Begins at the SW corner of Ida V. Seymour; run with the N side of Chew Avenue 60 feet to lot number 4; with #4 120 feet to a 15' alley; with the alley 60 feet to lot number 2; with #2 120 feet to Chew Avenue and the beginning.

Conveyed by Mary V. Tarr and others to Thomas J. Marshall 1918, 179/215.

Devised by Thomas J. Marshall to Helen V. Marshall 1962, 33/209.

Conveyed by Thomas J. Marshall to his parents, Edward Clark Marshall and Mary M. B. Marshall 1924, 199/6 (life estate).

YEAR: 1918 VOL: 179 PAGE: 214

FROM: Heirs of Mary Fairbank* \$700

TO : Thomas J. Marshall

NOTES: * The heirs of Mary Fairbank were: Mary V. Tarr, William J. Tarr, Lawrence W. Lambdin, Algie W. Lambdin, and Julia A. Lambdin.

Same description.

Conveyed to Mary Fairbank by Mary C. Gibson 1872, 79/153.

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 79 PAGE: 153

FROM: Mary C. Gibson

TO : Mary Fairbank

NOTES: Begins at the SW corner of Josiah Stack by a new street called Chew Avenue; runs 60 feet to lot number 4; with #4 120 feet to a 15 foot alley; with the alley 60 feet to number 2; with #2 120 feet to Chew Street and the beginning.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 434

FROM: John Harrington and Henrietta M. Harrington

TO : Mary C. Gibson

NOTES: Area was 29+ acres. The lat was drawn in 1890 when the daughters of Mary Gibson divided the remaining acreage of the tract purchased by Mary C. Gibson in 1867. Mary died in 1875, having disposed of the lots on both sides of Chew Avenue.

A structure is shown on the lot on the "Lake Atlas" of 1877 and on "Gray's Atlas" drawn about 5 years earlier.

YEAR: 1853 VOL: 65 PAGE: 260

FROM: Mary K. Harrington and children PRICE: \$3000

TO: John Harrington

NOTES : Tracts included in the deed are "Mattons Garden", "Point Lookout", "Chance", "Janes Progress", and "Parsley Neck". A detailed survey is in the deed. There are 133 acres, "including the home farm of the late Nathan Harrington, deceased".

YEAR: 1815 VOL: 37 PAGE: 303

FROM: John Dorgan PRICE: \$1400

TO: Nathan Harrington

NOTES Part of Chance, Janes Progress and Parsley Neck. Dorgan sold Harrington the "land which lies to the Southwestard of the main road leading from St. Michaels to Easton" with a total of 51 acres 24 perches. The deed states that the land was conveyed to John Dorgan by Elizabeth Sherwood 31 December 1813.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288

FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: \$487.902/3

TO: John Dorgan

NOTES The deed was made in accordance with a decree of the Chancery Court, Dec. Term, 1812 (1812, 36/291), Dorgan vs the heirs of Hugh Sherwood. Apparently, a deal had been made between Thomas Sherwood, father of Hugh, and John Dorgan to sell Dorgan all of the land Thomas Sherwood had purchased from John Thompson in 1791 and from William Harrison in 1785. This amounted to all of Braddock's unsold land - parts of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", "The Beach", "Chance", and "Matthew Circumvented". Both Thomas and Hugh Sherwood died and the widow Elizabeth was forced to honor the committment.

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 299

FROM: John Thompson PRICE: p84cm

TO: Thomas Sherwood

NOTES "All the land which formerly belonged to James Braddock lying to the South ward of a line drawn from the East end of Chestnut Street on a cove of St. Michaels River straight with said street across the main road to Broad Creek". (No further description).

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 413
FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p500sp
TO: John Thompson

NOTES "All that part of two tracts of land near St. Michaels Church called "Chance" and "James Progress" which was purchased by James Braddock from George Gleave formerly in possession of James Hewes on the South side of the main road" The deed also included lot number 7 (which Thompson already owned) and lot 14 - "known by the name of The Shipyard".

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 417
FROM: John Thompson PRICE: p600sp
TO: James Wignal

NOTES The deed is to ALL of James Braddock's unsold real estate. Braddock had left all of his real estate to Thompson by his will of 1782. The property had apparently been bought with funds provided by the firm of Gildart & Gawith of Liverpool, England of which Wignal was the legal representative.

YEAR: 1775* VOL: 20 PAGE: 484
FROM: George Gleave PRICE: p40s10d11
TO: James Braddock

NOTES * the land was bought in two installments. The second deed is 1776,20/529. The property consisted of 43 1/4 acres (less 3 1/4 acres sold to Rachel Hewes). Gleave was a Tory who left the country at the beginning of the Revolution. He is also mentioned in Braddock's Power of Attorney as owing money to Gildart & Gawith.

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YEAR: 1775 VOL: 20 PAGE: 473

FROM: James Hewes, Blacksmith PRICE:

TO: George Gleave, Merchant

NOTES The plantation where James now lives. Part of "Chance" and "Janes Progress 43 1/4 acres.

James Hewes probably inherited the land from his father (or brother) John Hewes. John Hewes' father (also named John) was given all his father David Hewes property ("moveable and immoveable - quick or dead") by deed 1737, 14/313.

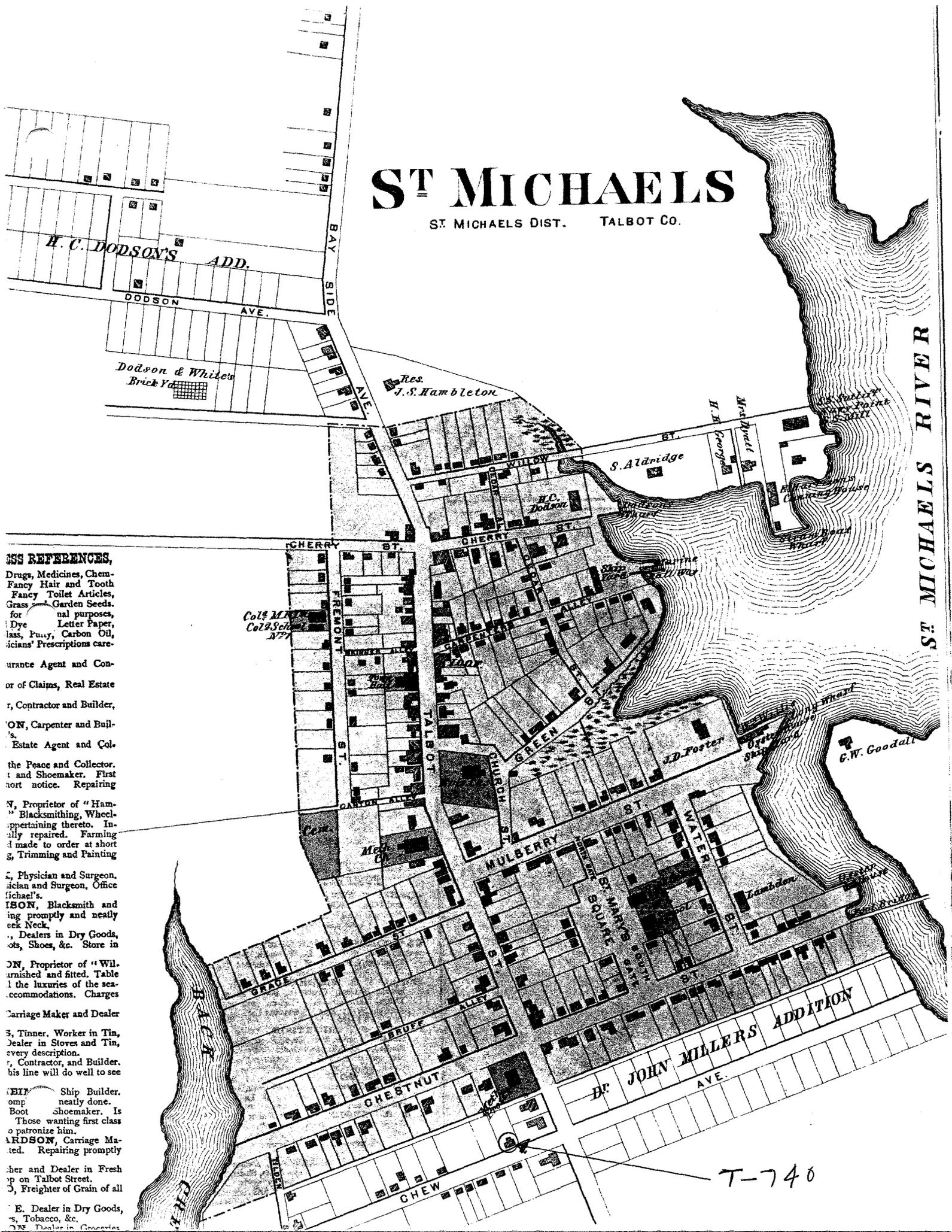
One hundred six Chestnut Street is probably located on "Chance" - a resurvey made for Edward Elliott in 1732 or on "Taylor and Jane's Discovery" patented by George Taylor in 1695.

James Hewes could have acquired the land in 1739, 14/451 George Taylor to John Hewes. Part of "Chance" and "Taylor and Jane's Discovery".

It could also have been 1742, 15/299 George Taylor to John Hewes. For a "valuable consideration" John Hewes got 100 acres of "Chance" and "Taylor and Jane's Discovery"....."to be laid out"! (Considering the area of land available, there must have been considerable overlap between "Taylor and Jane's Discovery", "Chance" and "Jane's Progress". Since it was all "in the family" - Taylor-Hewes-Hatton-Elliott it probably made little difference.

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- Grass and Garden Seeds.
- for all purposes,
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- last, Fussy, Carbon Oil,
- Physicians' Prescriptions care-
- Insurance Agent and Con-
- of Claims, Real Estate
- r, Contractor and Builder,
- ON, Carpenter and Build-
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- the Peace and Collector.
- t and Shoemaker. First
- ort notice. Repairing
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- s, Tobacco, &c.
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MARY FAIRBANK HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

AND

EAST

RIVER
HUNTING

San Domingo

Sentry Ct

Little Neck Ct

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BM 8

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BROAD
CREEK

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MARY FAIRBANK HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southeast elevation

11/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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