

T-743  
Bradford W. Harrison house  
St. Michaels  
Private

c. 1892

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BRADFORD W. HARRISON HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 109 East Chew Street  not for publication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 401

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 330

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

Survey No. T-743

<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 Bradford W. Harrison house is located at 109 East Chew Street in the southern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1892, the two-story, weatherboard frame house is supported by a replacement concrete block foundation, and the dwelling is covered by a layer of German siding. The medium pitched gable roof is sheathed with a layer of asphalt shingles. A two-story, three-bay frame wing extends to the rear.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded five-panel front door is framed by a three-light transom and three-light sidelights. Covering the first floor is a hip roof turned post porch that retains a seamed tin roof. The porch posts are trimmed with decorative corner brackets. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows.

The east gable end is marked by a new exterior brick chimney as well as two-over-two sash windows. The west end is pierced by two-over-two sash windows as well as a small louvered vent in the upper gable. The gable end eaves are slightly extended.

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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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
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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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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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*Bradford W. Harrison*  
~~BRADFORD MARTIN~~ HOUSE

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YEAR: 1965 VOL: 401 PAGE: 330  
FROM: Heirs of Minnie H. Martin \$4,500  
TO : L. Roy Straughn and Ellen S. Straughn  
NOTES: There are two parcels: (1) Lot number 6 on the plat of Miller's Addition  
43 x 120 .  
Conveyed to Martin by Harrison 1919, 181/346.  
(2) Is a strip adjacent to (1) 9 1/2 feet by 120 feet on side of lot number 7.  
Conveyed to Martin by Kirby 1923, 195/120.  
Devised by Minnie H. Martin to her three children: Myrta M. Temple, Marjorie  
H. Liebowitz, and Ralph J. Martin.

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 181 PAGE: 346  
FROM: Sydney L. Harrison, widow \$800  
TO : Ralph J. Martin  
NOTES: Lot number 6 on plat of Miller's Addition, 1887, 107/238.  
Conveyed to Harrison by Harrison 1910, 158/158.

YEAR: 1910 VOL: 158 PAGE: 158  
FROM: Joseph B. Harrison, assignee \$360  
TO : Sydney L. Harrison  
NOTES: Lot number 6. Sale made after default had occurred on a mortgage from  
Bradford W. Harrison to William M. Poisal 1892, 117/164  
Conveyed to Bradford Harrison by Fairbank 1891, 114/392.

1892, 117/164 Bradford W. Harrison to William M. Poisal is a mortgage for \$350

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 114 PAGE: 392  
FROM: Maurice H. Fairbank \$100  
TO : Bradford W. Harrison  
NOTES: Lot number 6.  
Conveyed to Fairbank by Morris 1890, 112/386.

YEAR: 1890 VOL: 112 PAGE: 386  
FROM: W. D. J. Morris \$75  
TO : Maurice H. Fairbank  
NOTES: Lot number 6.  
Conveyed to Morris by Miller 1888, 108/495.

YEAR: 1888 VOL: 108 PAGE: 495  
FROM: John Miller \$125  
TO : W. D. J. Morris  
NOTES: Lot number 6.  
Part of the 50 acres conveyed to Dr. John Miller by Nathan Harrington and  
James Benson.

Braddock W. Harrison

YEAR: 1858 VOL: 68 PAGE: 105  
FROM: Nathan Harrington and Sarah A. Harrington \$2,800  
TO : Dr. John Miller  
NOTES: Part of Beach, Bentley Hay, Jane's Progress, and Matthew Circumvented, about 50 acres. All of the remaining land that James Benson and Nathan Harrington bought from the heirs of John Dorgan in 1848 (61/451). James Benson conveyed his interest to Harrington by deed 1850, 63/250.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 451  
FROM: Heirs of John Dorgan  
TO : Nathan Harrington and James Benson  
NOTES: Part of "The Beach", "Bentley Hay", "Jane's Progress", and "Matthew Circumvented". About 50 acres. The first course of the deed began at the original (1804) boundary of the Town of St. Michaels at the foot of East Chestnut Street, 120 feet from the front of the lots on the street. It ran along the back of the Chestnut Street lots until it reached the main road, where it turned east. It included all of the land in "Miller's Addition to St. Michaels".

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: 1785 VOL: 23 PAGE: 115  
FROM: William Harrison PRICE: p275cm  
TO: Thomas Sherwood  
NOTES "All the following pieces and parcels of land, to wit: Part of a tract of land called "Bentley Hay"; Part of a tract of land called "Janes Progress"; and part of a tract of land called "Beach". All of the aforesaid pieces of land to extend as far as a street distinguished on the plat of St. Michaels as Chestnut Street.

YEAR: 1786 VOL: 23 PAGE: 116  
FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p275sp  
TO: William Harrison  
NOTES Deed runs through the chain of title of part of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", and "Beach". Begins with sale of Philip Wetheral's property to James Braddock; Braddock was in arrears with Gildart & Gawith; Braddock had willed his property to John Thompson; John Thompson has conveyed to Wignal as representative of Gildart & Gawith; now Wignal conveys to William Harrison.

*Braddock N. Harrison*

~~BRADDOCK~~ HOUSE

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YEAR: 1778 VOL: 21 PAGE: 66

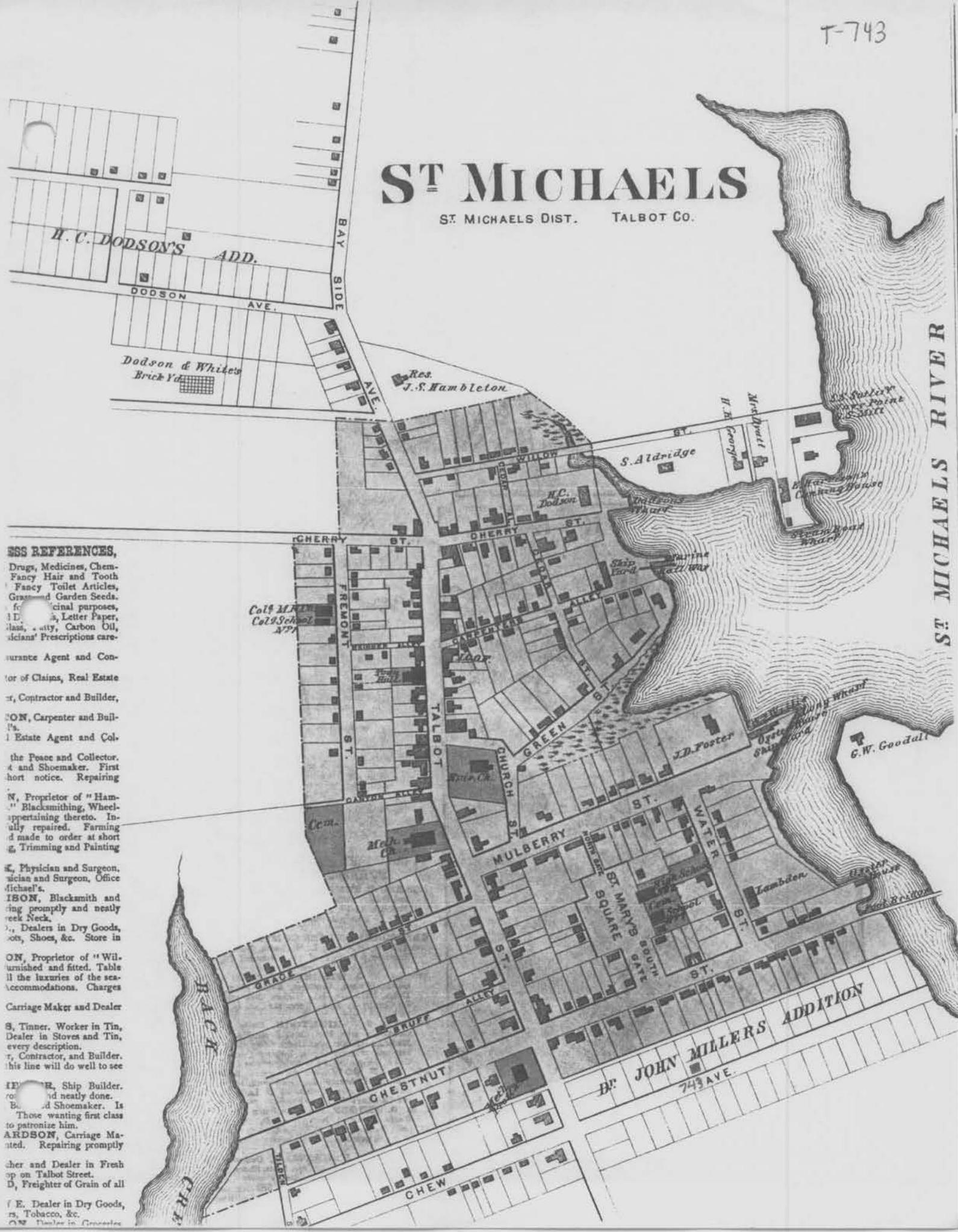
FROM: Thomas Kemp and Robert Richardson PRICE: p1550cm

TO: James Braddock

NOTES This was an "auction" of the real estate of Philip Wetheral. Braddock acquired 127 acres at this time, of which he used about 20 acres for his original "town of St. Michaels". Braddock's plat of St. Michaels has been lost and his plan for the town must be constructed from the deeds for land sold by him before his death in 1782. When the village was surveyed in 1806-1806 for erection into a legally constituted town, the surveyors were required to take into consideration the town plan of Braddock as indicated in his deeds. As far as it is possible to determine from the survey of 1804-1806, the land south of the back of the lots on Chestnut Street (East and West), although belonging to Braddock, was not included by him in his plan for the town. It was also not included within the town as surveyed in 1804-1806.

# ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



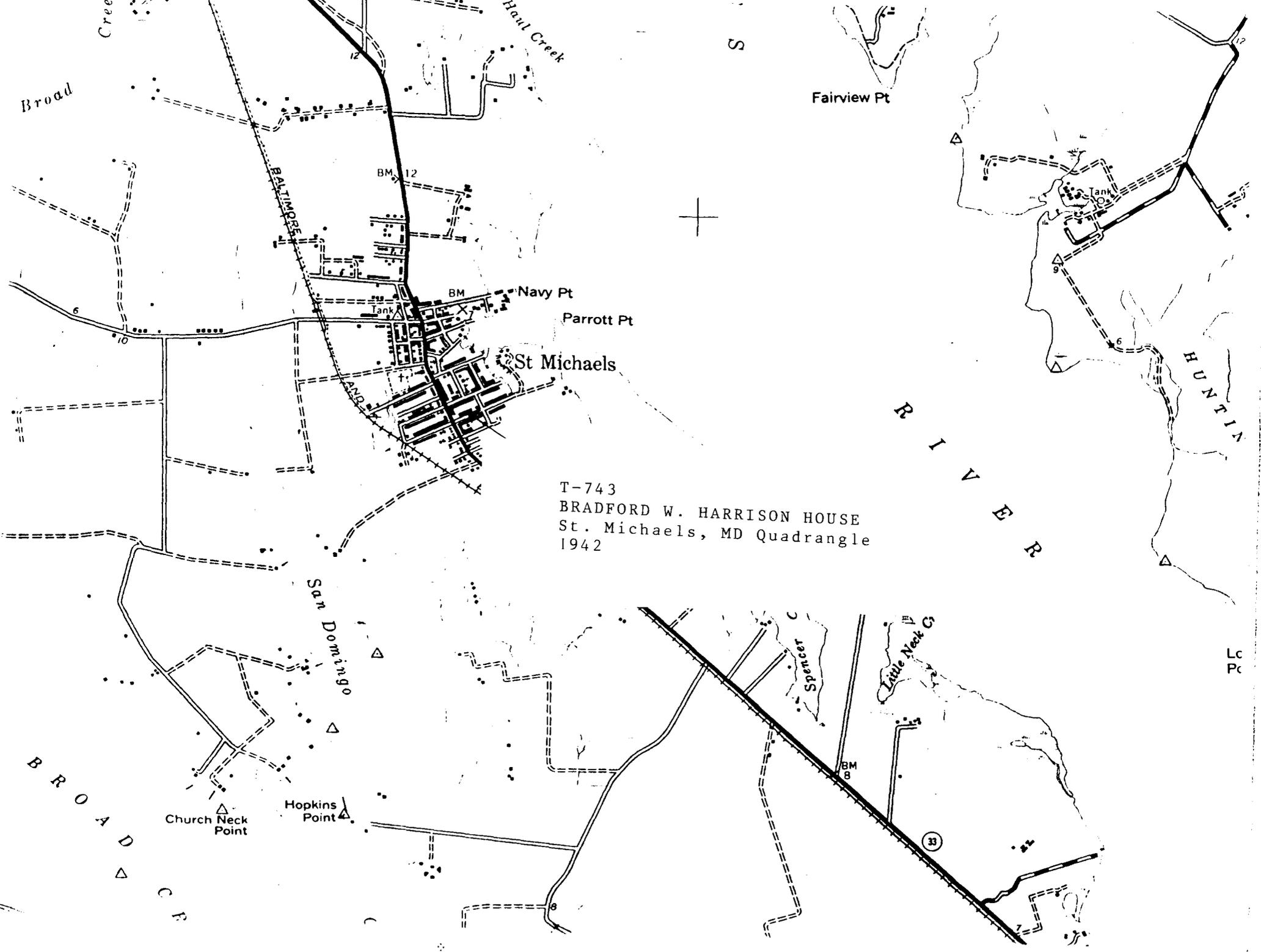
### BUSINESS REFERENCES,

- Drugs, Medicines, Chem-Fancy Hair and Tooth Fancy Toilet Articles, Grass and Garden Seeds, for medicinal purposes, I.D. Letter Paper, Mass. City, Carbon Oil, Physicians' Prescriptions care-Insurance Agent and Con- tor of Claims, Real Estate r, Contractor and Builder,
- SON, Carpenter and Build- ing.
- Estate Agent and Col- the Poace and Collector. t and Shoemaker. First hort notice. Repairing
- N, Proprietor of "Ham- " Blacksmithing, Wheel- pertaining thereto. In- ally repaired. Farming d made to order at short g, Trimming and Painting
- K, Physician and Surgeon, ician and Surgeon, Office h Michael's.
- IBON, Blacksmith and ing promptly and neatly eek Neck.
- , Dealers in Dry Goods, ots, Shoes, &c. Store in
- ON, Proprietor of "Wil- unished and fitted. Table ll the luxuries of the sea- accommodations. Charges
- Carriage Maker and Dealer
- S, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Dealer in Stoves and Tin, every description.
- r, Contractor, and Builder. his line will do well to see
- IE, Ship Builder. and neatly done.
- and Shoemaker. Is Those wanting first class to patronize him.
- ARDSON, Carriage Ma- nated. Repairing promptly
- her and Dealer in Fresh op on Talbot Street.
- D, Freighter of Grain of all
- E. Dealer in Dry Goods, rs, Tobacco, &c.
- Dealer in Groceries

ST MICHAELS RIVER

BACK RIVER

JOHN MILLERS ADDITION  
743 AVE.



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BRADFORD W. HARRISON HOUSE  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle  
1942

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BRADFORD W. HARRISON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southwest elevation

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