

Miller's House
23 Hanson Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-31
Late Eighteenth and
Early Nineteenth Century

Representing two early building forms, this small frame dwelling has a two story main house with an earlier one-and-a-half story wing. The steeply roofed wing has an enclosed corner stair and vertical headed exterior siding, now hidden. The main house stair appears to date from the early nineteenth century with later changes. Whether or not the building ever housed a miller is unknown; it is next door to Bartlett's old flour mill, now the Star Democrat building.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Miller's House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

23 Hanson Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES- RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES- UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Laurence and Lorraine Claggett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 467

Folio #: 089

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small house stands on the west side of Hanson Street. It is adjacent to the old flour mill, now the Star-Democrat Building, hence its name.

The main portion of the building is two stories high, two bays wide and covered with a gable roof. To the south is a small one-and-a-half wing with a steeply pitched A-roof. Both portions are covered with asbestous shingles.

The small A-roofed wing appears to be the earlier. The small window on the east facade have six over six sashes set in a narrow beaded frame. A shed dormer in the east roof slope appears to be an addition; the window has a four over four sash.

Two small windows are used to light the second floor room. They have four over two sashes and flat undecorated frames. Another window in the southern wall has a six over six sash.

The wing is entered from the west. The door frame is made of heavy timbers with beaded edges. The door is board and batten.

The rafter ends are enclosed in a deep box cornice with no moldings or decoration except a bead at the lower edge of the fascia. A beaded, tapered verge board decorates the gable. The original wide, beaded siding applied vertically has been covered with the modern shingles.

Inside the structure has a wide fireplace with an enclosed corner stair. Original random-width pine flooring remains on the second floor. Board and batten doors with HL hinges and wrought iron latches remain at the entrance and at the stair.

The larger portion of the house seems to have been added to the small wing early in the nineteenth century. In this structure wide random-width yellow pine flooring is used. Early doors with HL hinges may be found in the upstairs rooms and the rear exit.

This is a side hall plan building, one room deep and one room wide. A dog-leg stair rises the north wall. Irregularities in its scroll-type step brackets and turned balusters show them to be hand-made. The mantle appears to be a replacement.

The simple exterior is enriched by molded cornice above the windows and door; windows have one over one replacement sashes and undecorated frames. Their shutters are louvered. The entrance has a transom light; the transom bar is decorated with a line of chiseled leaf-like appliques. The door itself appears to be modern.

The structure stands very close to the street, shaded by an oak tree and covered with ivy. Modern shed additions have been built to the rear. The structure is used as rental property and despite needed repairs, it retains its historic character.

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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/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 late eighteenth, early nineteenth centuries BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Councill

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significant for its architecture, this small dwelling represents two early building forms. The steeply roofed one-and-a-half story wing with one room per floor and an enclosed corner stair beside the fireplace is the earlier. The two-story frame structure with a side hall plan is commonly seen in small vernacular buildings throughout the nineteenth century.

The small one-and-a-half story wing appears to be quite early. The beaded exterior siding is rare in the town, this being its only known example. Although the fireplace has been removed, its position and size can still be determined. The later portion is notable for its stair and for the early hardware it contains.

The structure is quite charming. It has suffered greatly from insensitive remodelings, however, and is now in need of repair.

- L51/F421
- L52/F451
- L67/F25
- L178/F390
- L178/F442
- L291/F179
- L467/F89

The Lots, 14 and 15, on the original town plat came through the Henry Nicols family and in 1834 were sold to James Parrott for \$46.00. The following year Henrietta Councill paid Mr. Parrott \$80.00 for the lots. By 1856, Henrietta Councill had married Thomas Gale and they deeded the property to her father Joseph Councill and her sister Sally. The deed states that Joseph had built a dwelling house and other buildings. It was agreed that the Gales' should convey the southern half of the lot in consideration of the buildings, valued at not less than \$500.00. In 1918 Sarah (Gale) Carmine sold the property to Herbert Gale and he immediately conveyed it to Fannibel Walker. She died intestate in 1950 and it was sold by her two surviving heirs, Nora Shure and Mary Hustleby. A succession of owners has come to the present one, Lorraine B. Claggett.

It is not certain why it is called "The Miller's House". A mill stood adjoining on the southern line and possible Joseph Councill worked there.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO

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| <p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. 23 Hanson Street</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Millers House PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Shingled Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 w/attic and 1 1/2</p> | <p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME Old Mill House T-31</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD mid 18th C. & later STYLE Maryland Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p> |
| <p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no</p> <p>This is a small frame colonial house. The main house is 2 bays wide and 2 bays deep with a small attic above. The windows are Victorian 2/2 replacement sashes. The roof is a A-roof which slopes gently from front to rear. There is an exterior chimney which rises from the left end of the house. At this side of the house there is a small 1 bay wide 1 bay deep 1 1/2 storey wing with a very steeply pitched A-roof. The windows are 6/6 sashes and have very old bubbly glass. There is one shed dormer on the roof. On the exposed gable end there are 2 tiny windows in the attic. Along the roof line of the front of the house a huge roof beam extends.</p> <p>This small wing appears very old and probably dates from the mid 18th century. The larger portion of the house is probably c. 1820. There are old forged hinges and window hardware in the old part of the house.</p> <p>This house is very well-maintained and is an attractive very old frame structure. It is probably one of the earliest dwellings in Easton.</p> | |
| <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior</p> | |
| <p>6. LOCATION MAP <i>(Plan Optional)</i></p> | <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> |
| <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES <i>(Author, Title, Pages)</i> INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> | <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul A. Brinkman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DATE OF RECORD August 29, 1967</p> |

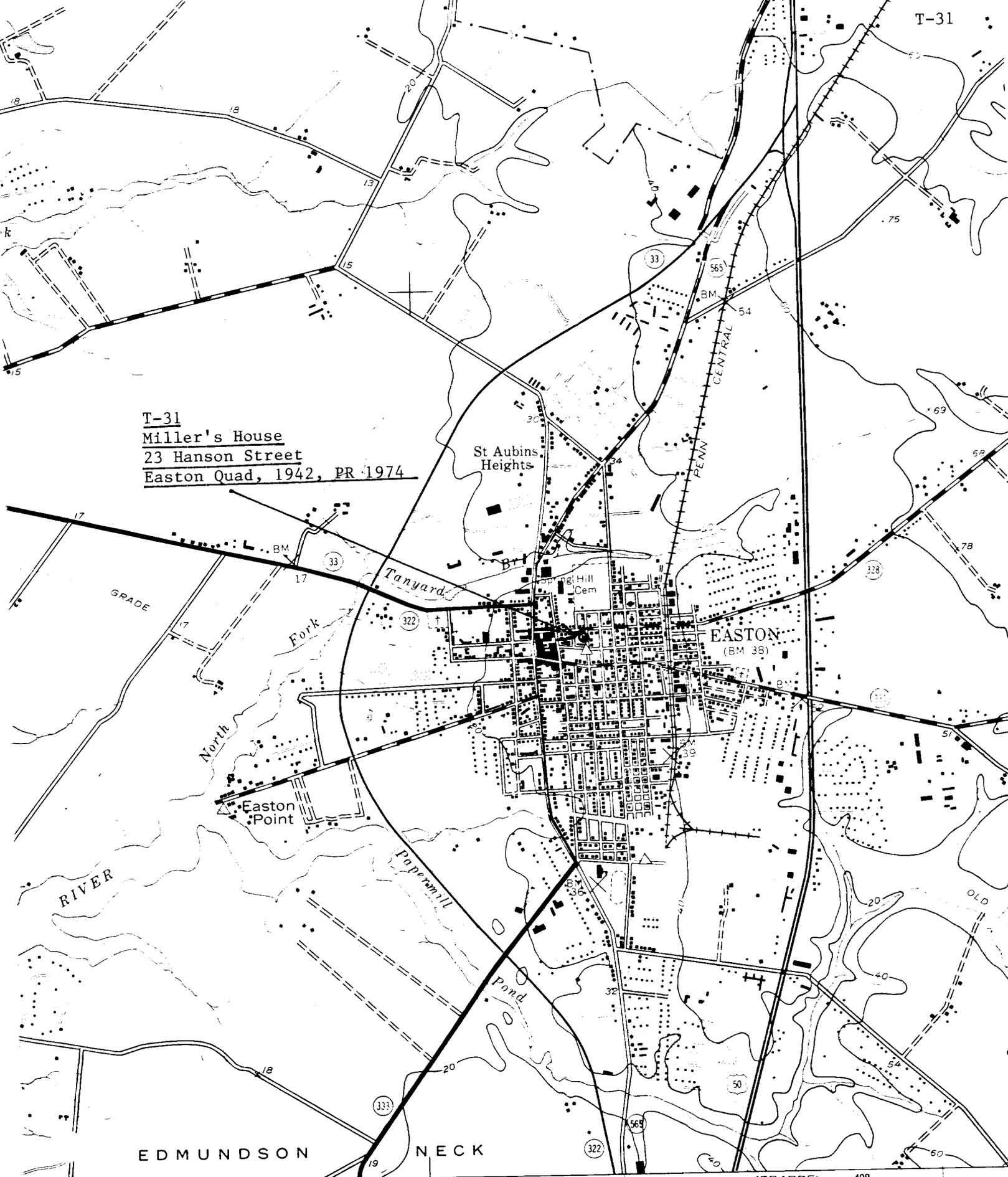


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 (RD. 1-1107)

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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



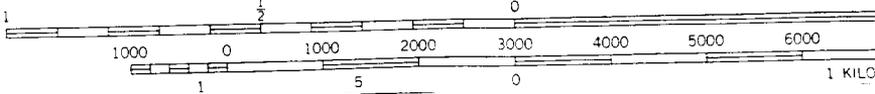
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Miller's House

23 Hanson Street, Easton

East Façade



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Miller's House

23 Hanson Street, Easton

Southeast Facade