

Beta Shoe Store
14 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-37
Nineteenth Century,
First Quarter

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bata Shoe Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14 North Washington 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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING/S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Salvatore Stefano and John Lombardo

Telephone #: 301-822-2195

STREET & NUMBER

Route 50

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 #: 482

Folio #: 609

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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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 checked="" 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 structure stands on the east side of Washington Street across from the Talbot County Court House; it faces west. Magazine Alley runs along its north wall and it is adjacent to the Shannahan-Wrightson Building (T-40).

The building is brick, three bays wide and two-and-a-half stories in height. Its gable roof is taller and somewhat more steeply pitched than the other Federal period buildings on Washington Street. There are two gable dormers on the western slope of the roof; those at the rear of the building have been removed. Three additions form an ell to the rear. They have no distinguishing architectural features and appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century and twentieth century. There are two chimneys at the ridge of the roof. The one at the south wall, a double chimney with a corbelled cap, appears to be original; that at the north wall is modern.

The building has suffered substantial alterations; a large-scale store front has replaced its entire first floor. A portion of the Flemish bond brick facade remains, however, as do the windows with flat arches and eight over twelve sashes. The trim is a single one inch half round molding. The tall gable dormers have gently pitched roofs and round-headed windows with nine over six sashes. The window opening is flanked by fluted pilasters; there is a cornice and return. Despite needed repairs these features retain their original appearance. The roof is covered with raised seam metal painted green.

Probably added in a mid-nineteenth century renovation, the cornice is the building's most notable feature. The small console-type brackets alternate with stylized pierced-work festoons at the corona. Larger double console brackets with leaf-like feet are found at the corners of the building. A line of tiny half-globes and moldings decorates the frieze. Although added later, the cornice is well-scaled to the building and represents an interesting combination of periods of building. The original cornice remains on the rear facade; it is boxy and plain with original crown and bed moldings.

Inside all original details have disappeared from the first floor, which is now used as a shoe store. Upstairs, the early stair is gone, but examples of the original window and door trim remain as does the trim from the mid-nineteenth century renovation. Delicate Federal chair rails of composite moldings may be seen on the upper floor. The barrel vault dormers retain beaded plaster stops. Early yellow pine floors exist on both upper floors. On the second floor broad deeply molded door and window trim is used in the two main rooms. These rooms, located on the north side of the building are large with rather high ceilings. The hall way located at the southern portion of the building would indicate that, typical of Easton's Federal period buildings, the stair and main entrance were also at this side. A storage area, the upper floor of this structure are in serious need of repair.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 Nineteenth Century, **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** First Quarter

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is significant for its architecture. Although greatly altered and currently in fair condition, it is an interesting example of a late Federal form of row building, taller and bolder than similiar structures built earlier. The fine Flemish bond of its front facade and the carefully done cornice both represent fine craftsmanship--of different periods, certainly, but feliciously combined. The structure adds to the picture of the evolution of building styles in the Easton commercial district. It is interesting to compare this structure to a later transitional building, Atkinson's side entrance building, #7 Dover Street, (T-3).

L482/F609

This store changed hands in 1974 when Salvatore Stefano and his wife Pauline bought a half-interest and John Lombardo and his wife Prudence, the other half-interest from John Noble. Mr. Noble put these two half-interests together by a purchase from Charles E. Wheeler and his wife and from the estate of Milton Campbell in 1958.

L423/F253
L345/F414
L29/F111

In 1801, when Cwen Kennard bought the lot adjoining on the north, three parcels of ground, of which this is one, were described as having brick houses 'already erected!'. Again in 1813, the three adjoining stores and dwelling houses were devised to Henrietta Maria Goldsborough from her parents Susanna Robins Goldsborough and Robert Lloyd Goldsborough. These houses were built as stores on the first floor and dwelling quarters above. They have continued as such, sometimes with apartments, or with offices above the ground level, to the present day.

L36/F21

Samuel Groome was occupying this house in 1813 while he was building the Brick Hotel across the street at the corner of Federal and Washington Streets. Other owners included William Mullikin and William Byrne, Jesse Hughes, Benjamin Taylor and James and Margaret Covington. The Covingtons were followed by Francis A. Wrightson, when it was sold from his estate to J. Edward Shannahan in 1902.

L69/F149
L72/F68
L81/F294
L84/F274
L137/F167

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.
Pictured in: Land of Legendary Lore.
Photographs in Maryland Room of Talbot County Free Library.
Appears in Sanborn Map of 1885, 1891

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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ORGANIZATION

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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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY T-37 STREET NO. Washington St. ORIGINAL OWNER ----- ORIGINAL USE Rowhouse PRESENT OWNER Bata Shoe Store PRESENT USE Store WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish Bond Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		2. NAME ----- DATE OR PERIOD c. 1850 STYLE Late Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes	
<p>This structure is a rowhouse, Federal in style, and probably built well into the nineteenth century. It has suffered extensive restoration and alterations. It is three bays wide. The first storey is now occupied by a storefront whose design is very insympathetic with the character of the rest of the building. The second storey has three 8/12 windows with flat brick arches. There are two 9/6 round-arched dormers on the roof whose windows have been replaced with modern sashes. There is an enclosed chimney at each end of the building.</p> <p>An elaborate cornice with heavy carved brackets runs along the front of the roofline. This elaborate cornice dates the building as a late example of Federal design. It is similar to one on a building on Dover St. which is dated 1868. Although not outstanding, if treated properly this structure could add much to downtown Easton. - The Federal character of the building should be accentuated rather than denied.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
		Exterior	Altered
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul Alan Brinkman DATE OF RECORD August 29 1967	



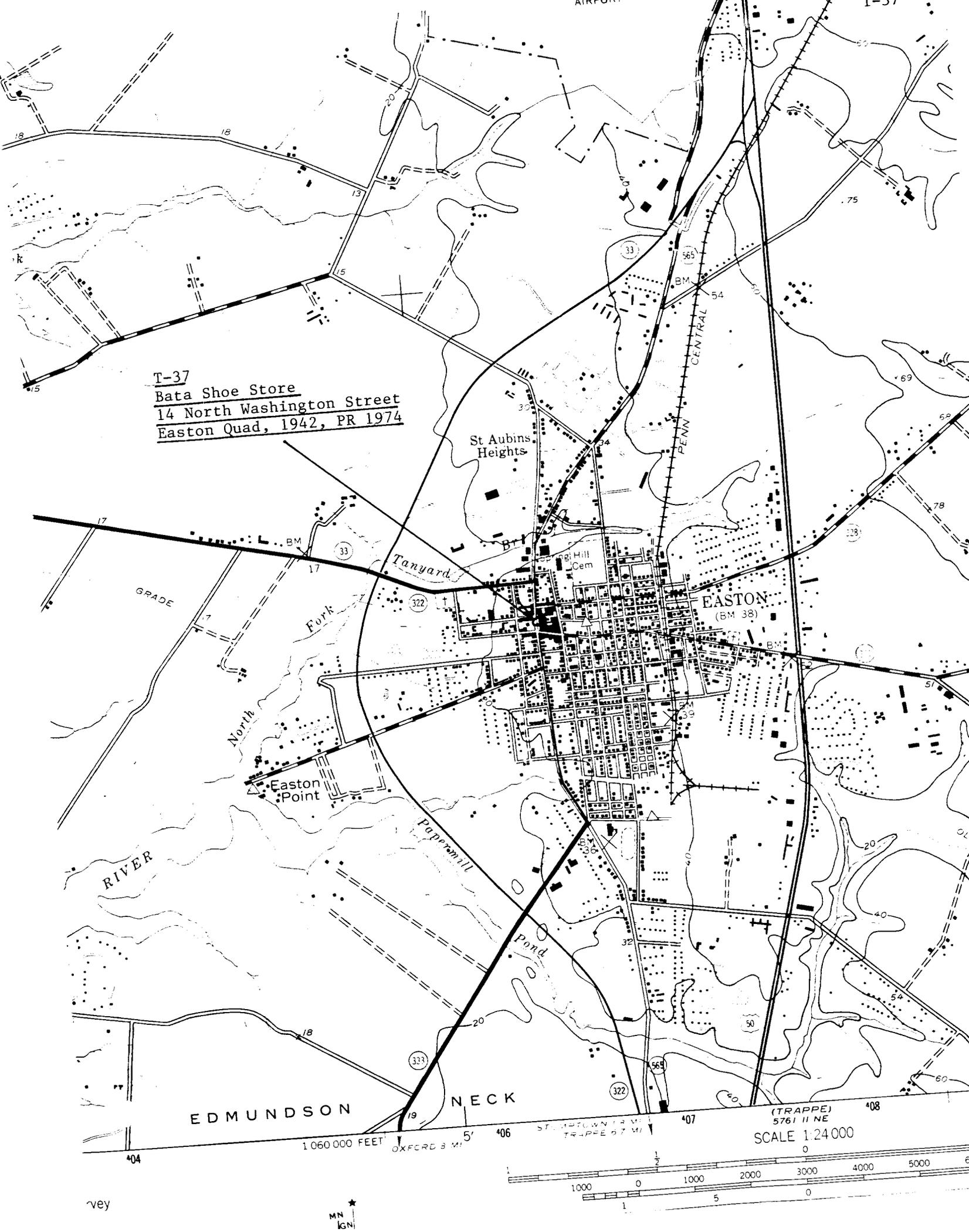
EASTON HISTORIC DISTRICT T-410

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Scale - 15 Feet to an inch
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EASTON, ILL.

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Bata Shoe Store
14 North Washington Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



GRADE

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North Fork

Easton Point

St Aubins Heights

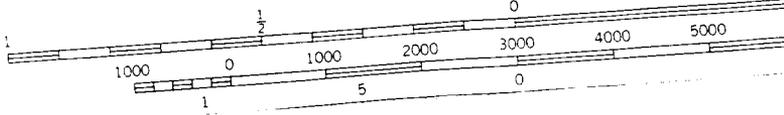
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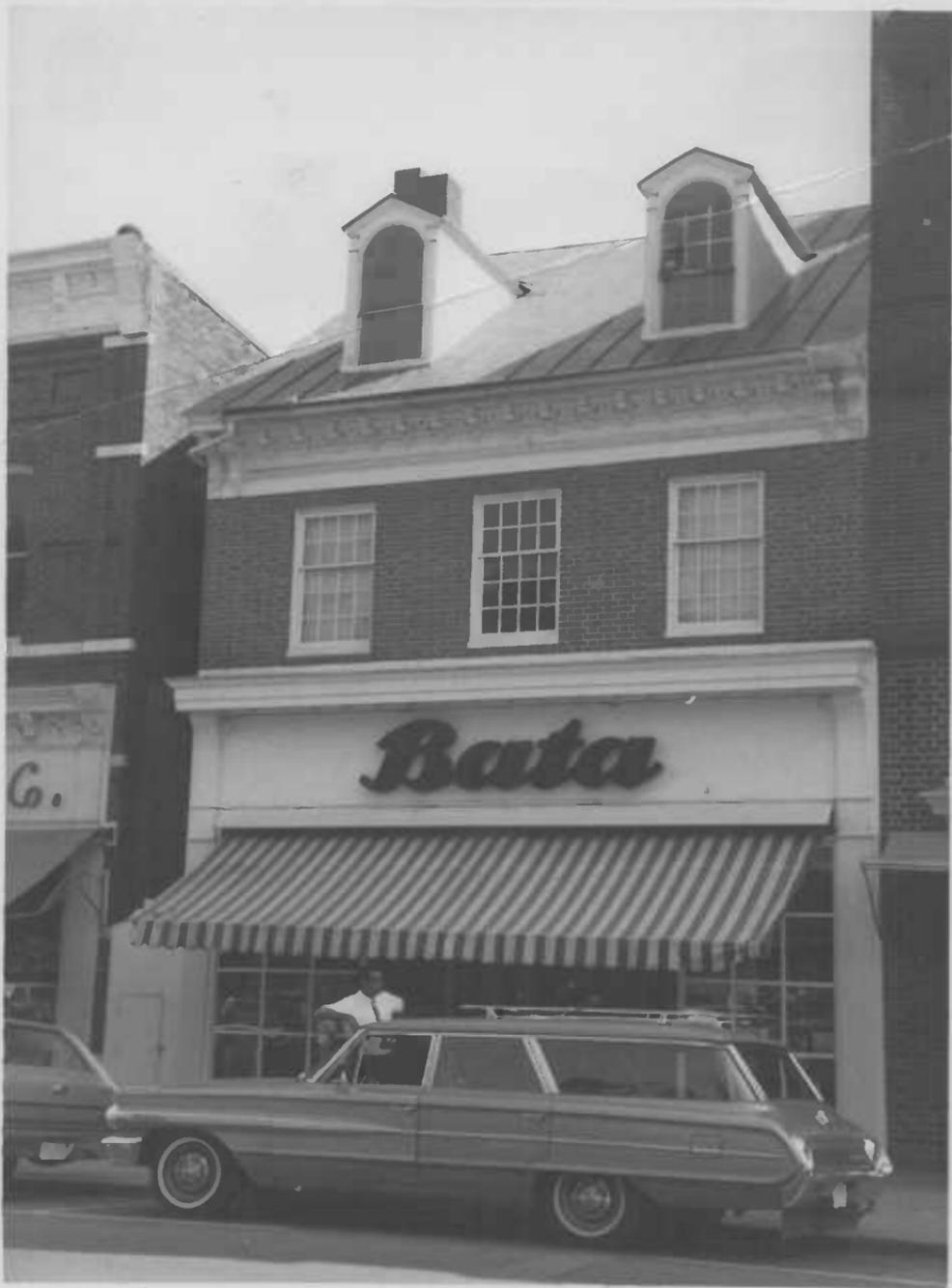
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Bata Shoe Store

14 North Washington Street, Easton

Southwest Elevation



14 NORTH WASHINGTON

T-37

WEST FACADE

EASTON, MD.

AUGUST 1976

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