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St. Michaels Hardware

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DOE __yes X no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common St. Michaels Hardware

2. Location

street & number West Side of Talbot Street (216) ___ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	_X_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	___ unoccupied	_X_ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_X_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_X_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bernard W. Humphrey, Jr.

street & number 216 Talbot Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD

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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
_x_ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Michaels Hardware description

St. Michaels Hardware stands on the northwest corner of Talbot Street and Canton Alley in the central business district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The hardware store complex actually consists of three structures, two of which front Talbot Street and the third building is located on Fremont Street (T-565). The two store buildings that face Talbot Street are gable-front buildings oriented on an east/west axis.

The main hardware store building is located on the corner of the two streets and is a two-story, two-bay stuccoed frame structure that dates to the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The two-bay by two-bay main block is extended to the rear with three additional sections, a shorter two-story connecting structure which joins another two-story two-bay section of similar proportions to the main hardware building. Finally a single-story, two-bay addition is attached to the back of this third section. The side and rear walls of the composite structure are covered with a combination of stucco or horizontal weatherboards. The medium sloped asphalt shingle roofs are finished with flush gable ends and boxed cornices.

The west (main) elevation of the store has an altered first floor that consists of large display windows and a heavy overhanging eave that stretches across the entire front. The upper story is lighted by two evenly spaced six over six sash windows, and the uppermost gable is pierced by a single six over six sash window. North of the main block is a shed addition which has been incorporated into the main store. A false parapet disguises the shed roof.

The north side of the main store is fully covered by the shed roofed addition, but the south side has a pair of six over six sash windows on each floor.

The connecting section is a shorter two-story frame structure of narrower depth. Stucco covers the upper wall surface and the first floor has a shed roofed

in-fill that has not been stuccoed. The third section has been only partially stuccoed. Turned on a perpendicular access to the other two sections, this portion is lighted by four over four sash windows. The final part is a single-story weatherboarded addition with two four over four sash on the south side and a shed addition to the west.

The first and second floor interiors of the main store building have been thoroughly reworked through the years with most of the period features either removed or covered up. The back rooms are simply finished with mid to late nineteenth-century woodwork.

Standing directly north of the hardware store is another mid to late nineteenth-century commercial building that has been joined to the main store. Although the two structures have been joined inside, the single-story gable-front frame structure retains an independent exterior appearance. The rectangular frame structure is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of German siding and plain weatherboards. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roof has slightly extended eaves with short returns.

The west (main) elevation is distinguished by an intact Victorian front with large display windows to either side of a recessed double-door entrance. The knee wall below the plate glass windows is paneled, and the upper portion of the display window is divided into smaller panes. A multi-pane transom also tops the entrance. Stretching across the entire storefront is a mid-level bracketed cornice. Piercing the gable end is a single six over six sash window.

The south side of this rectangular sturcture is fully covered by the adjacent hardware store, and the north side has a single-story hip-roofed addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	_X_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
_X_ 1800–1899	_X_ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B _X_C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state _X_local

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing	B	Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Historic St. Michaels **date** 2/24/86

street & number **telephone**

city or town St. Michaels **state** MD 21663

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CHAIN OF TITLE - ST. MICHAELS HARDWARE

Year: 1964 Vol: 395 Page: 236
From: Russell F Smith & Hazel T Price:
To: Allan R Herridge & Kathryn M
Notes: Two parcels, one lot. (1) Fronts 45'9" on Talbot; runs back equal width 103'. Adjoining (2). See Higgins 1902, 139/385.
(2) Begins intersection Canton Alley & Talbot; run N with Talbot 33' to lot formerly Stephen Harrison (1); With (1), 100' to lot formerly Robert Stewart then S 33' to Canton Alley; then E 100' to beginning.
Also: leasehold on Canton Alley begins at corner of lot sold to Richard S Dodson and Thomas Sewell by Richard S Dodson, trustee of John Valliant. Runs N 18' to lot formerly Mary Leonard; then W 120' to Fremont Street; then S with Fremont 18' to Canton Alley; then E 120' to beginning. Leased by James LeCompte from Samuel A Harrison 1868, 74/386

All above conveyed to Smith by Frank C Gratton, 1950, 289/247.

Year: 1950 Vol: 289 Page: 246
From: Frank O Gratton & Alice A Price: $10,500
To: Russell F Smith & Hazel T
Notes: Three Parcels: (1) 45'9" on Talbot Street (1902,139/385 to Gratton by John C North 1943, 254/584); (2) Corner Talbot Street & Canton Alley, 33' N to (1); (3) leasehold, 18' x 120'. Emily L Ringgold owns fee.

(2) and (3) conveyed to Gratton by County Trust Co. 1939, 243/484

1950, 289/248 is mortgage on the property for $6500 to St Michaels Bank.

WAREHOUSE LOT (PARCEL 1)

Year: 1943 Vol: 254 Page: 584
From: John C North & Mary L Price: $1
To: Frank O Grattan & Alice A
Notes: Begins on W side Talbot Street; front of 45'9" by 103' deep; see 1902, 139/385.

Conveyed by August E Smithman to John C North & Mary 1938, 241/192.

(Warehouse Lot)

Year: 1938 Vol: 241 Page: 192
From: Augusta E Smithman Price: $5
To: John C North & Mary E L North
Notes: Refers to 1902, 139/385

Conveyed by Albert N J Smithman to Augusta E Smithman 1929, 217/151

Year: 1929 Vol: 217 Page: 151
From: Albert N J Smithman of Philadelphia, Pa. Price: $5
To: August E Smithman
Notes: See 1902, 139/385. 45'9" by 103'

Conveyed by J H Covington, assignee to Albert Smithman 1913, 166/273

Year: 1913 Vol: 166 Page: 273
From: J H Covington, assignee Price: $1890
To: Albert N J Smithman
Notes: Public Sale on foreclosure of mortgage, Augusta E Smithman to Albert N J Smithman 1904, 142/292.

Year: 1904 Vol: 142 Page: 292
From: Augusta R Smithman Price:
To: Albert N J Smithman
Notes: $1500 mortgage. Begins at a point on W side Talbot Street NW from the old boundary stone of Canton Farm now buried beneath the ground at intersection of Canton Lane and Talbot Street, distant from the stone 46' and which beginning point is also the beginning of John Valliant; run with Talbot Street 45'9" to boundary stone of heirs of James Benson; with Benson W 103'; then S with another Benson lot 45'9" to John Valliant; then E 103' to beginning.

Conveyed by Robert T Higgins and Kate Harrison to Augusta E Smithman 1902, 139/385.

Insurance must be for $775.

Year: 1902 Vol: 139 Page: 385
From: Robert T Higgins & Martha E and Kate W Harrison, widow Price: $1275 of Stephen Harrison
To: Augusta Estella Smithman
Notes: See 1904, 142/292 for details.

Conveyed by William Willis and others (heirs of Stephen Harrison) to Robert T Higgins 1898, 129/335; conveyed by Joseph Harrison to Stephen Harrison 1877, 84/169

Year: 1898 Vol: 129 Page: 335
From: William Willis and others Price: $600
To: Robert T Higgins and heirs of Stephen Harrison
Notes: See 1904, 142/292.

Conveyed by Joseph Harrison to Stephen Harrison 1877, 84/169.

Warehouse Lot

Year: 1877 Vol: 84 Page: 169
From: Joseph H Harrison & Mary Price: $400
To: Stephen Harrison
Notes: Warehouse lot.

Conveyed by Samuel A Harrison to Joseph H Harrison 1856, 67/362.

On same page is mortgage for $00 to Susan A Harrison from Stephen Harrison.

The brick storehouse on the property had burned on 28 March 1870 (Tilghman, History of Talbot Cty, 1915, v 2 pg 390).

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 362
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $1125
To: Joseph H Harrison
Notes: "All that lot with the storehouse and small tenement or office on the NW side of the storehouse" Begins 46' from the buried stone which is the beginning of Charles H Mansfield; run with Talbot Street 45'9" to James Benson; with Benson 103'; then SE with Leonard's lot 45'9" to Charles Mansfield; E with Mansfield 103' to beginning.

Oswald Tilghman in his History of Talbot County, 1915, v 2:390 says:"Mr Samuel Harrison built the brick storehouse burned down some years ago, (1870, March 28), upon the ground now occupied by Stephen Harrrison, and to this store house he transferred his business from his farm, Canton".

Year: Vol: Page:
From: Price:
To: Harrison Wills
Notes: Samuel Harrison died 1838. He left Canton to his nephew Alexander B Harrison who died 1841 and passed Canton to his son Samuel A Harrison.(Wills, 9/79; 9/165; and 9/201). Samuel Harrison willed that his brick storehouse was to be sold by his executor, John Leeds Kerr. Alexander B Harrison purchased the storehouse from Kerr. Although he owned Canton Farm he apparently left it to his son Samuel A Harrison to begin the development of Canton Row.

Purchase of the warehouse from John Leeds Kerr is referred-to in Alexander B Harrison's will. The deed has not been found.

Year: 1824 Vol: Page:
From: Price:
To:
Notes: Easton Gazette, 4 Sept 1824

TO RENT FOR THE NEXT YEAR...

"A brick storehouse, well fitted, good cellar and counting room, in St Michaels, in a good stand, where the subscriber formerly done business"

Year: 1802 Vol: 29 Page: 354
From: Joseph Harrison of Thomas Price: p 1424
To: Samuel Harrison
Notes: See map. Total 205 acres. Also, 1802, 29/458 and 1809, 33/349. These are parts of the division of Thomas Harrison's estate. Thomas Harrison died 1801. He had nine children. In the split of Thomas' property, son Samuel got Canton (this deed). Samuel left Canton to his nephew, Alexander B Harrison (son of Jonathan) who passed it to his son Samuel A Harrison.(Wills, 9/79, 9/165 and 9/201).
Will 9/79 leaving Canton to Alex B specifically exempts the brick store-house, the steam mill, and the brick dwelling house occupied by Walter Sparks. These were to be sold by John Leeds Kerr, executor. Probate date was 1837.
Will 9/201, Alex B leaves his son Samuel A the brick store house purchased from John Leeds Kerr. Probate 1841.

This ends the chain of the "Warehouse lot" portion of #5.

THE 33' FROM CANTON LANE TO THE WAREHOUSE LOT-WEEDEN, MANSFIELD, LECOMPTE

Year: 1939 Vol: 243 Page: 484
From: County Trust Co. Price: $5
To: Frank O Grattan
Notes: See 1950, 289/246.

Conveyed by G Elbert Marshall, assignee to County Trust Co 1937,239/428.

(1) was conveyed to Kate Hacker and Hyman Hacker by Richard S Dodson, 1914, 167/96

(2) 18' x 120' leased by James LeCompte from Sam A Harrison,1868,74/386.

Year: 1937 Vol: 239 Page: 428
From: G Elbert Marshall, assignee Price: $3000
To: County Trust Company
Notes: Public sale on mortgage foreclosure. Mortgage 1921, 192/278 from Kate and Hyman Hacker to County Trust Co. Bid in by County Trust Co for $3000.

(1) From corner Canton Alley N 33' to Stephen Harrison by 100' to Robert Stewart.
(2) Is the 18' x 120' lease from James LeCompte. Confirmed by Esther Valliant 1911, 159/175 and conveyed by Richard S Dodson to Kate & Hyman Hacker, 1914, 167/96.
(3) This parcel is on East side of Talbot Street

In this deed, (1) is same as (2) in 1950.

Year: 1914 Vol: 167 Page: 96
From: Richard S Dodson & Florence K Price: $1550
To: Kate Hacker and Herman Hacker, husband
Notes: 33' on Talbot Street x 100'. This is Parcel 1.

(2) Begins on Canton Alley at corner sold to Richard S Dodson and Thomas H Sewell by Robert S Dodson; run N 18' to Mary Leonard; with Leonard W 120' to Fremont Street; S with Fremont St 18' to Canton Alley; E 120' to beginning.

Same land conveyed by Robert S Dodson, trustee for John Valliant to Richard S Dodson and T H Sewell, 1911, 159/176 (1)

(2) Same which James LeCompte leased from Samuel A Harrison, 1868,74/386; confirmed by deed from Esther Valliant, 1911, 159/175 . See last two deeds on page eight for continuation of the 18' x 120' lot.

Year: 1911 Vol: 159 Page: 176
From: Robert S Dodson, trustee Price: $1110
To: Richard S Dodson and Thomas H Sewell
Notes: Sold to above inaccordance with deed of trust from John Valliant, 1910, 157/14.

See 1914, 167/96

Year: 1910 Vol: 157 Page: 14
From: John Valliant Price:
To: Robert S Dodson
Notes: Deed of trust. John is broke and assigns all of his property,real and personal to Robert S Dodson to sell. Dodson is to:

(1) Pay off all debts, clerks' salaries, etc.
(2) After payment, if there is anything left, to return the surplus to John.

Year: 1892 Vol: 116 Page: 441
From: John Valliant & Esther Price:
To: Thomas Blades of E
Notes: This is a mortgage for $800

Year: 1892 Vol: 116 Page: 438
From: Mary E LeCompte of Baltimore Price: $850
To: John Valliant
Notes: The 33'on Talbot Street.

Conveyed by James Benson, trustee for intestate James LeCompte to Mary E LeCompte, the widow, 1878, 85/470.

Year: 1878 Vol: 85 Page: 471
From: Mary E LeCompte Price:
To: James Austin
Notes: A mortage for $520.

Year: 1878 Vol: 85 Page: 470
From: James Benson, trustee for James L LeCompte, dcd Price: $1000
To: Mary E LeCompte
Notes: By decree of Orphan's Court between Thomas J Warren complaintant and four LeCompte defendents (of whom Mary is one), James Benson is appointed trustee to sell the real estate of James LeCompte. He sells the house and lot on the 33' of Talbot Street to Mary

Year: 1859 Vol: 68 Page: 440
From: James Harrison & Susan Price: $300
To: James LeCompte
Notes: Begins at front boundary of James LeCompte's lot; run with Talbot Street SE 16'9" to Canton Lane; with Lane W 51'3" to LeCompte's lot; then N 16'9" to more LeCompte; then NE 51'3" to beginning. "together with the shop and appurtenances thereunto belonging" In fee simple.

By this deed, LeCompte created the 33' lot by adding this 16'9" to the 16'3" he already owned. He also acquired Weeden's Sadler's Shop.

Year: 1859 Vol: 68 Page: 313
From: William Weeden Price: $288
To: James Harrison
Notes: Begins at the front boundary of the lot of James LeCompte, run with Talbot St 16'9" to Canton Lane; with the Lane W 51'3" to LeCompte's lot; then N 16'9" to Le Compte's line; then NE 51'3" to beginning.

"Together with the shop and all appurtenances thereunto belonging"

Year: 1859 Vol: 68 Page: 301
From: William Weeden Price: $35
To: James LeCompte
Notes: Begins at a lot belonging to LeCompte; run with Talbot St SE 4'3" to a SADLER'S SHOP owned by Weeden; then W 51'3" with Weeden; then SE 16'9" to Canton Alley; then W 48'9" to "boundary in alley"; then NW 21' with lot of Mary Leonard; then NE 100' to beginning.

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 375
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $50
To: William H Weeden
Notes: Begins at a stone on W side of Talbot St, 13' from the boundary stone of Canton Farm in Canton Lane. Runs 21' to a stone on Talbot St; then W 100'; then SE 21' to a stone on NW side Canton Lane; with lane 100' home.

Year: 1845 Vol: 58 Page: 501
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: Daniel Weeden
Notes: Begins at stone on W side Talbot St 13' NW from boundary stone of Canton Farm; run 21' to a stone on Talbot St; then W 100'; then SE 21' to stone on NW side Canton Lane; with lane 100' home.

Year: 1857 Vol: 67 Page: 485
From: Charles H Mansfield Price: $110
To: James L LeCompte
Notes: Begins 34' NW from the boundary stone at junction with William Weeden; 12' on main street to Brick Storehouse lot, then back 100' to Mrs Leonard; then SE to William Weeden 100' to beginning. "All that lot or parcel of ground with buildings thereon".

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 382
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $75
To: Charles H Mansfield
Notes: "All that lot with the building thereon". Begins 30' NW from the Canton boundary stone at junction with lot of William Weeden; run with the main street 12 feet to the boundary of the brick storehouse lot; then back W 100' to Mrs Leonard ; then SE to William Weeden's lot; then E with Weeden 100' to beginning

Year: 1892 Vol: 116 Page: 439
From: Mary E Lecompte, administratrix of James L LeCompte,dcd Price: $150
To: John Valliant
Notes: This is the 18'x 120' lot.

"Contrary to Maryland law" Mary had sold this property to herself.
The property is now sold to John Valliant.

Same property leased by James L LeCompte from Samuel A Harrison, 1868, 74/386.

Year: 1868 Vol: 74 Page: 386
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: James LeCompte
Notes: Begins at Canton Lane; runs N 18' to Mary Leonard; with Leonard W 120' to Fremont; then S 18' to Canton Lane; then E 120' to beginning.

This is first deed to 18' x 120' lot.

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ST. MICHAELS HARDWARE - HERRIDGE

The present lot occupied by the hardware store and its parking lot consists of four separate lots (and possibly a fifth, if Herridge bought the adjacent lot on Fremont Street which is now the small engine repair).

All of the lots are measured from a boundary stone of Canton Farm at the corner of Canton Lane and Talbot Street (in several deeds,said to be buried beneath the ground!). I looked around where it should be, but did not find it.

The first deed (to Daniel Weeden) begins 13' from the stone and runs 21' on Talbot Street. (13 + 21 = 34); In 1856, Sam Harrison sold a 12' lot to Charles Mansfield which began 30 feet from the stone; however, the next year, when Mansfield sold the lot to James LeCompte he started it at the correct 34' distance.

The title to each of the lots is covered separately after the second deed back. I hope this is not confusing.

An explanation of page eight:

The first three deeds refer to the 33' lot.

(1) 1845, 58/501, Weeden's 21' lot on the corner. The first deed to this lot and the chain ends here.

(2) 1857, 67/485. Sale of a 12' lot next to Weeden by Mansfield to LeCompte.

(3) 1856, 67/382. Harrison to Mansfield. The first deed to this property. When the 12 feet of this lot is added to the 21 feet of Weeden's lot, it becomes the 33 foot parcel where the main store is located. BUT: it takes three deeds on page seven to arrive at the 33'!

The last two deeds on page eight refer to the 18' x 120' lot. They are listed separately because they are the only two deeds dealing exclusively with this property.

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CANTON ROW - CANTON FIELDS

"Canton Row" - or "Fields" takes its name from Canton Farm, originally known as "Crooked Intention", the early home of the Harrison family. The derivation of "Canton" is not known, but the name was apparently substituted for "Crooked Intention" by Samuel Harrison in the first third of the 19th century.

The original tract, of which "Canton Row" is a part, was called "Stopper", patented by a Christopher Stauper (Stamper or Staufer) in 1668 for 50 acres. The date the tract was acquired by the Harrisons is not certain but it was before 1778. It was probably bought or inherited by Joseph Harrison, for later deeds refer to "Joseph's Lot" formerly called "Stopper". The area of "Stopper" extended from the water of St Michaels Harbor adjoining Mill Point (825'x 2640') with its long axis roughly SE to "Crooked Intention". Eventually, all of the tracts west of the main road owned by the Harrisons ("Crooked Intention", "Stopper","Chance", "Taylor & Jane's Discovery" and "Elliott's Lot" were brought together under "Canton Farm".

The developement of "Canton Row" began after the death of Thomas Harrison in 1801 (see 1802, 29/354 attached) when the property was acquired by Samuel Harrison who died in 1837 and by Samuel A Harrison who subdivided the "Row" and commenced leasing lots in 1843.

Some time before 1824, Samuel Harrison built a "brick storehouse" on Talbot Street about 46 feet from the boundary stone of Canton Farm at the corner of "Canton Alley" and Talbot Street. An advertisement in the Easton Gazette , 4 Sept 1824, states that Samuel Harrison wishes to rent "a brick storehouse, well fitted , good cellar and counting room, in St Michaels, in a good stand where the subscriber formerly done business." This storehouse passed through a series of owner-renters until it burned in 1870. .

In 1836, Samuel Harrison leased a 20 x 30 foot lot to Jeremiah Harrison "on the East corner of Samuel Harrison's Canton Farm" and beginning at a stone on the West side of the main road. From the description, this was probably at the corner of Canton Lane. There is no further mention of this lot in the land records.

Samuel A Harrison subdivided the "Canton Field" into nine numbered lots (there is no plat on record) which were sold between 1843 and 1845. Lot number one was adjacent to the "brick warehouse lot" while number nine came within 60 feet of the corner of the Church Neck Road (Railroad Avenue).

The warehouse lot and the lots south of it are defined with reference to the boundary stone of Canton Farm stated as being buried beneath the ground in "Canton Lane". The first lot, leased to Daniel Weeden in 1845, began 13' from the buried stone and was 21' on Talbot Street (for this and all other

descriptions, see the attached deed summaries). The lot between Weeden and the warehouse was only 12' wide and was leased to Charles H Mansfield.

All of the original lots in the row were leased; however, in 1856, Samuel A Harrison began converting the leases to fee simple. Where the lot number is not given, the clue to the lot's location may be found in the adjacent owners as given in the descriptions.

The attached deed summaries are those of the original purchasers of the "Canton Row" lots, supplemented by such additional deeds as have been found to date and which mention the existence of structures on the lots. Except for the brick warehouse which has been destroyed, there does not appear to have been any other buildings on the property along the main road prior to its subdivision.

FIRST DEEDS TO CANTON ROW

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The following references are the deeds and leases to the thirteen lots of "Canton Fields" - "Canton Row" made by Samuel Harrison and his grandson Samuel A. Harrison between 1836 and 1857. A few additional deeds have been included where structures have been mentioned. The lots are arranged in order from Canton Lane to Church Neck Road (Railroad Avenue).

CORNER LOT

Year: 1845 Vol: 58 Page: 501
From: Samuel Harrison Price:
To: Daniel Weeden
Notes: On Talbot St. 13' from boundary stone of Canton Farm; run NW 21'; W 100'; then SE 21' to stone on NW side Canton Farm lane; with land 100' home.

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 375
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $50
To: William H Weeden
Notes: Begins at a stone on W side of Talbot St, 13' from the boundary stone of Canton Farm in Canton Lane. Runs 21' to a stone on Talbot St; then W 100'; then SE 21' to a stone on NW side Canton Lane; with lane 100' home.

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"Together with the shop and all appurtenances thereunto belonging"

MANSFIELD LOT

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 382
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $75
To: Charles H Mansfield
Notes: "All that lot with the building thereon". Begins 30' NW from the Canton boundary stone at junction with lot of William Weeden; run with the main street 12 feet to the boundary of the brick storehouse lot; then back W 100' to Mrs Leonard ; then SE to William Weeden's lot; then E with Weeden 100' to beginning

Year: 1857 Vol: 67 Page: 485
From: Charles H Mansfield Price: $110
To: James L LeCompte
Notes: Begins 34' NW from the boundary stone at junction with William Weeden; 12' on main street to Brick Storehouse lot, then back 100' to Mrs Leonard; then SE to William Weeden 100' to beginning. "All that lot or parcel of ground with buildings thereon".

WAREHOUSE LOT

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 362
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $1125
To: Joseph H Harrison
Notes: "All that lot with the storehouse and small tenement or office on the NW side of the storehouse" Begins 46' from a buried stone which is the beginning of Charles H Mansfield's lot; run with Talbot Street 45'9" to James Benson; with Benson 103'; then SE with Mrs Leonard's lot 45'9" to Charles Mansfield; E with Mansfield 103' to beginning.

LOT NUMBER 1.

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 21
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: James Benson
Notes: Lot number 1 adjoining brick storehouse of Rigby Valliant. Begins near brick store, runs 59.5' on Talbot Street; then back 100'.

Year: 1846 Vol: 59 Page: 373
From: James Benson Price:
To: James E Denny
Notes: Adjoining brick storehouse of Rigby Valliant. Lot number 1. Begin at lot number 2 now in tenure Hugh Wrightson; run with Talbot Street 23' and back 100'.

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LOT NUMBER 1. (continued)

Year: 1847 Vol: 60 Page: 353
From: James Benson Price: lease
To: Rigby Valliant
Notes: Part of lot #1 Canton Field-Canton Row. Begin at stone on W side Talbot Street, run 29'; back 57', 29'across, then to beginning.

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 292
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: $100
To: James Benson
Notes: Begins at a stone 91' NW of the boundary stone of Canton Farm. The first stone is the boundary between the brick storehouse lot and the lot herein conveyed. Runs with Talbot St 59'6" then back 100' W;then SW 59'6"; then E with brick storehouse lot 100' to beginning. Being lot #1 Canton Row and same lot leased to James Benson 1843, 58/21.

LOT NUMBER 2.

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 58
From: Samuel A Harrison Price:
To: Hugh Wrightson
Notes: Lot number 2 adjoining store house of James Benson. 88.5' on Talbot St.

LOT NUMBER 3.

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 57
From: Samuel A Harrison Price:
To: Joseph Graham
Notes: Lot number 3 on Canton Fields or Row. 88 1/2 ' on Talbot Street next to Hugh Wrightson.

LOT NUMBER FOUR

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 19
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: James E Denny, carpenter
Notes: "all that lot adjoining town of St Michaels and also adjoining lease of William Townsend on Canton Fields otherwise called Canton Row; on west side of Talbot St called LOT NUMBER 4." Begin at a stone, run with Talbot St 59'; then back with Townsend 100'; then 59' to another stone; then 100' to beginning. Denny, before 2 years shall complete one or more substantial houses or tenements and shall lay out and expend #200 or more. Also repair and keep up same.

LOT NUMBER FIVE

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 18
From: Samuel A Harrison Price:
To: William Townsend
Notes: Canton Row next to J E Denny; 59' on Talbot St; Lot #5 opposite Carpenter Street.

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 312
From: Samuel A Harrison & Martha Price: $175
To: William Townsend
Notes: Begins at stone on Talbot St, the boundary between Townsend and James E Denny; run 59' with Talbot St; then back 100'; across back 59'; then to beginning. Is lot #5 in Canton Row, opposite Carpenters Alley; same lot leased to William Townsend 1843, 58/18.

Also adjoining lot;begin SW corner above lot & SE corner this one; run S 87.75 W 121' to South St; with E side South St N 2.5 W 59' to John K Skinner; with Skinner N 88 E 121'; then with back of above lot S 3 E to beginning. same lot leased to Dr John C Gibson 1850, 63/108.

LOT NUMBER SIX

Year: 1845 Vol: 59 Page: 48
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: Thomas Graham, Jr
Notes: Begins at N corner of a lot leased to William Townsend; run with Townsend S 86.5 W 100'; then N 2.5 E 59'; then N 86.5 W 100'; then S 2.5 E 59' to beginning. (Courses must be checked) (This would be lot #6)

LOT NUMBER SEVEN

Year: 1847 Vol: 60 Page: 145
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: Georgia Anna Matilda Melvin Denny Bromwell (!)
Notes: Begins at NE corner of lot leased to Thomas Graham, Jr; runs W 100'; then NW 59' to Robert A Dodson; with Dodson NE 100' to Talbot Street; with Talbot Street 59' to beginning.

He agrees to fill under the house he will put upon the lot.

This is lot #7.

LOT NUMBER EIGHT

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 22
From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease
To: Robert Dodson
Notes: Lot #8 Canton Fields. Begin at stone on main road run 59.5'; then back 100'.

LOT NUMBER NINE

Year: 1846 Vol: 59 Page: 257
From: Samuel A Harrison Price:
To: John Jefferson of John
Notes: Adjoining Robert A Dodson on Canton Field; Lot number 9. Begin at NE corner of Dodson on Talbot St run 59' on Talbot St; back 100'; across 59' and down to the beginning.

CORNER LOT

Year: 1852 Vol: 64 Page: 203
From: Richard C Lane, Agent for Samuel A Harrison
To: Henry T Dean Price:lease
Notes: Corner Talbot Street and Church Neck Road adjoing heirs of Joseph Graham. One half a town lot, 60 feet square more or less. "as it is now enclosed"

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FIRST LOT ON RAILROAD AVENUE (CHURCH NECK ROAD)

Year: 1846 Vol: 59 Page: 257
From: Samuel A Harrison Price:
To: Sophia Meredith
Notes: Lot on Canton Row on which Sophia's house nop stands; begin on S side of Church Neck Lane, 50' from Talbot Street; run at right angle with Church neck Lane 59' to John Jefferson's lot; then W with Jefferson 50'; then NW 59' to lane; with lane 50' to beginning.

JEREMIAH HARRISON'S LOT (Location uncertain but probably corner Canton Lane & Talbot St.)

Year: 1836 Vol: 52 Page: 523
From: Samuel Harrison Price: lease
To: Jeremiah Harrison
Notes: A lot on "East corner of Samuel Harrison's Canton Farm". Begins at the corner of the farm on west side of main road through the town of St Michaels Run N 20' with road, then 30' W; 20'S and 30' to beginning

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: CANTON FARM OR CROOKED INTENTION

VOLUME : 29 PAGE: 354 DATE MADE: 1802 PRICE: £ 1424 (ovc; cm;specie)

FROM : JOSEPH HARRISON OF THOMAS

TO : SAMUEL HARRISON

NOTES : A lot within the town of St Michaels wherein a brick dwelling house hath lately been erected. Begin at Joseph Harrison's pales on the main road run northerly to the street leading to Robert Dodson's, then with the street to the water; with the water to Haddaway's lot, then to the beginning.

Also, the deceased Thomas Harrison's land where he resided and died consisting of part of Crooked Intention, Taylor's and Jane's Discovery, Chance, Jospeph's Lot, Elliott's Lot, and White Oak Level. Begin at a pig iron set down on the side of the branch in place of a cedar post, The beginning of T & J's Disco; run N with water to division fence between John Dorgin; run with the fence N82E 54P to the Church Land; then N 5 W 10P; N 12°30' E 8P to main road; with main road N 5 E 10P; N 7P; and N 13 W 11P to the road leading into Church Neck; with the road W 100P to a post; then N 85P to a post; then N 28°30' W 10 3/4P; then N 89°30'W 94P; then S 200P to a stone dividing Joseph and Samuel Harrison; then N 83E 25 1/4P to a pine stump at the head of a branch of the creek which is the beginning of Crooked Intention; down the branch to the beginning. 205 acres.

See also 1809, 33/349

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HOUSE OR OTHER STRUCTURES MENTIONED?

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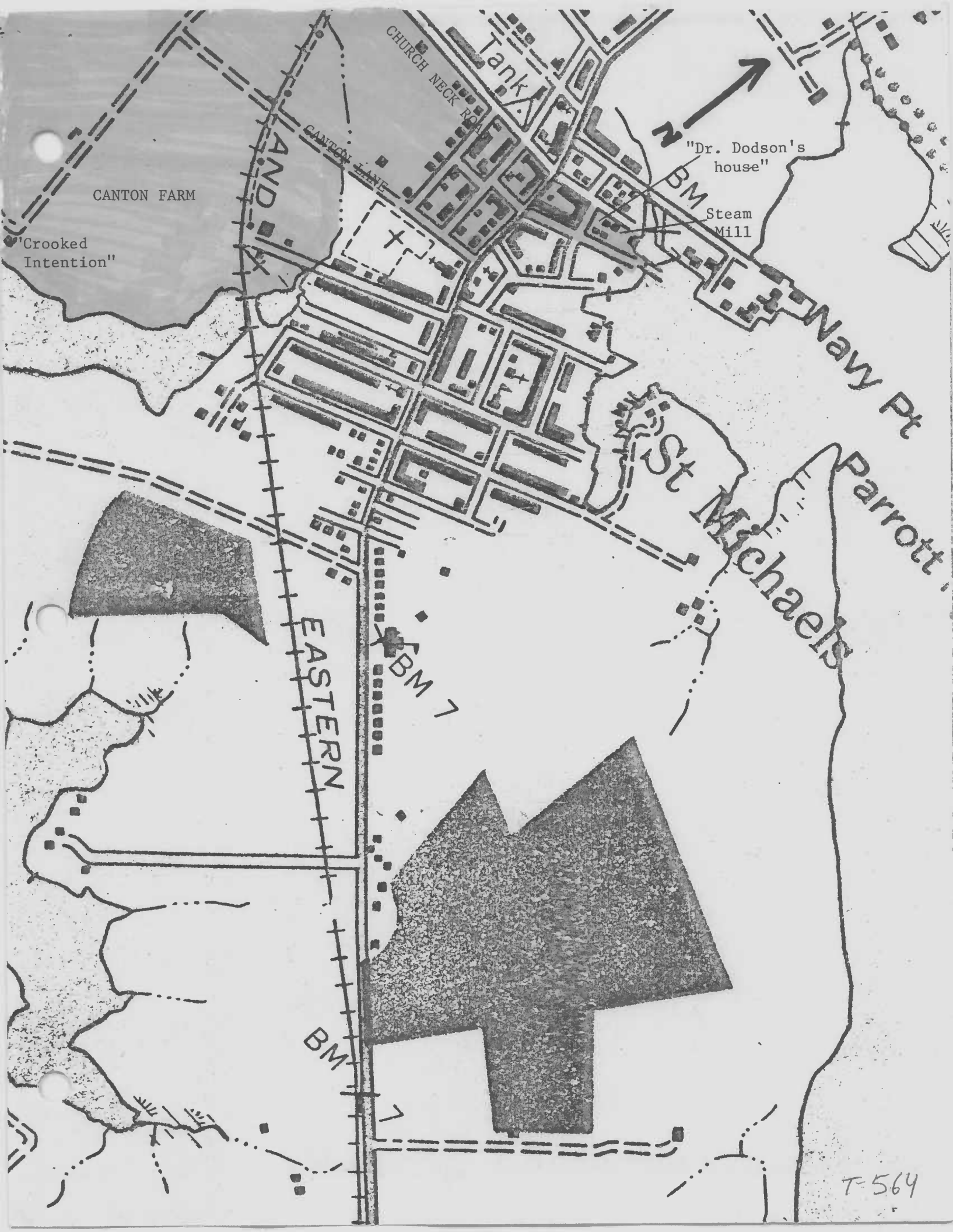
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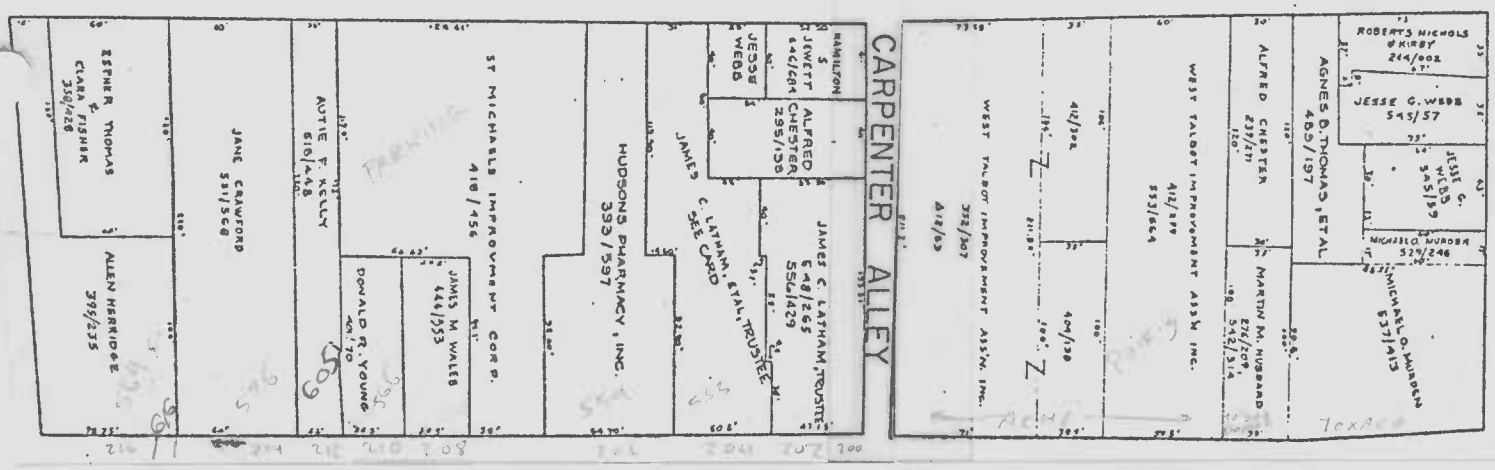

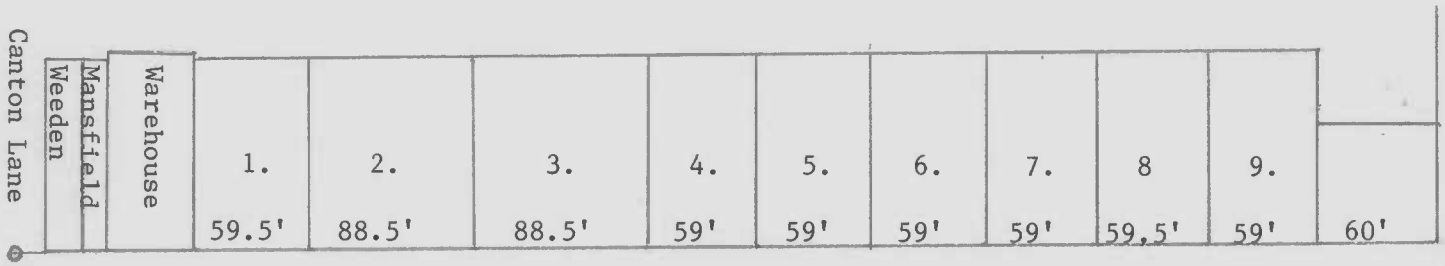

Scale 1"=100'±

There are several descepancies. The total length of the block from the stone to Church Neck road is 742.75'. When plotted (and checked) I had about 15' left over! It also does not come out even with the tax map - but the company says they are not very accurate. There is also an overlap of four feet in the early Weeden-Mansfield lots but they ignored it...and it straightened itself out!!!

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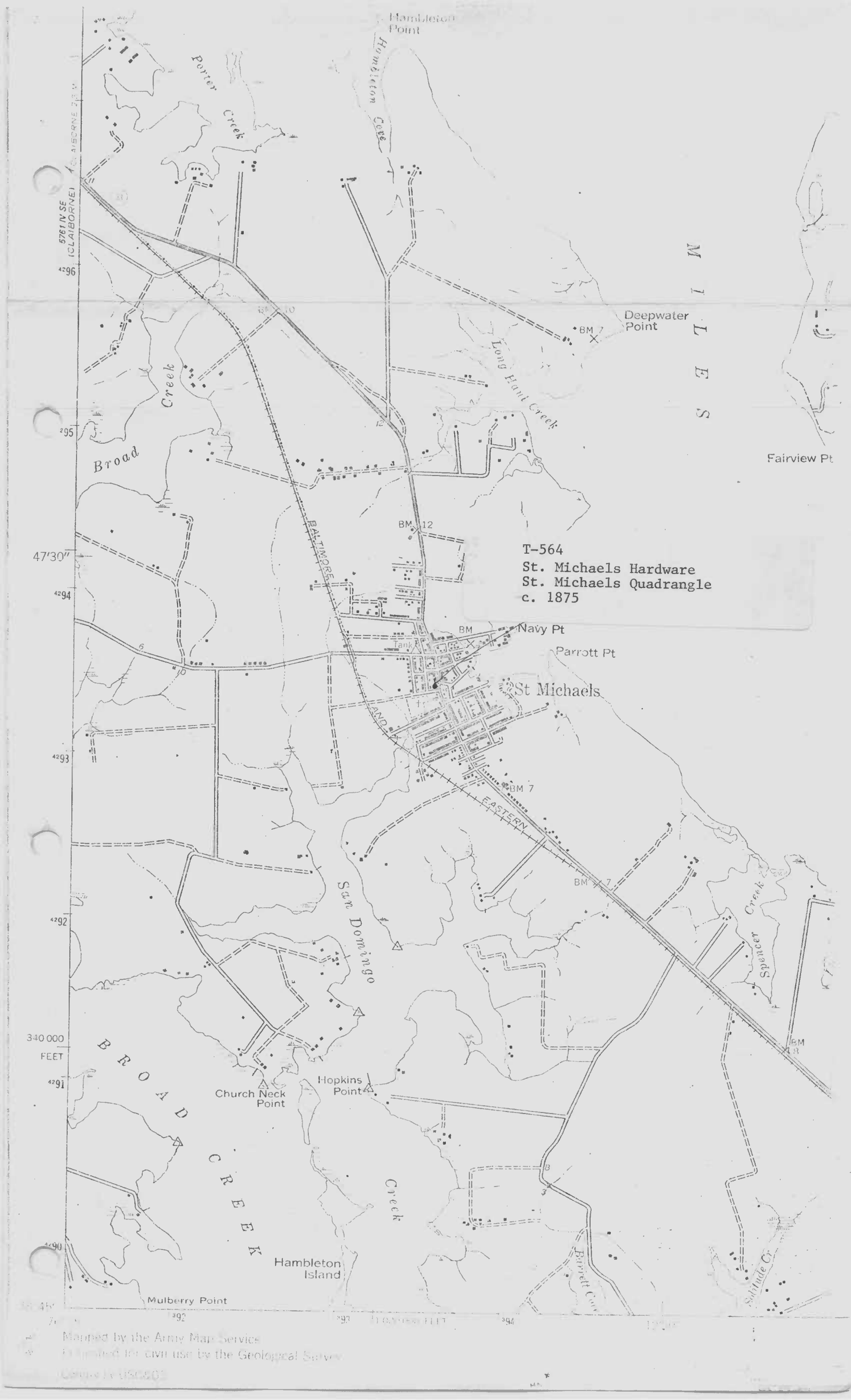

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