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c. 1880-1900

Riverside Cleaners

St. Michaels

private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-566

Magi No. 2105665611

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Riverside Cleaners

2. Location

street & number West side of Talbot Street 210 ___ not for publication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 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 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 Donald Young

street & number 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	
<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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Riverside Cleaners

The Riverside Cleaners stands on the west side of Talbot Street in the center of the St. Michaels business district, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story frame commercial building faces east.

Built during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the Riverside Cleaners occupies part of a two-story, shed roofed commercial block supported by a minimal brick foundation. Vinyl siding has been added to the front of the building, but the weatherboards remain exposed on each side.

The east (main) elevation of Riverside Cleaners consists of a glass display window and a recessed shop entrance to the left (south) of the display space. The front door is glazed and the display window has a low paneled knee wall and a series of clouded windows that stretch across the top of the window. A short pent eave extends across the shop between floors and is covered with seamed tin. The second floor is lighted by a paired six over six sash window. The top of the front wall is finished with a board fascia and a cornice with bed and crown moldings.

Both sides of the shop are covered in part by the neighboring store buildings. The west (rear) elevation consists of a single-story addition with a narrow brick stove stack rising from the flat roof. A small shed roofed storage shed is attached to the back of the addition. A six over six sash is located to the right of the storage shed.

The interior has been generally remodeled through the years, but a late nineteenth-century ^{stair} remains intact. A large square newel post and rectangular balusters support a molded handrail. The plain rooms on the second floor are fitted with ogee molded baseboard. The walls are covered with wallboard.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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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RIVERSIDE CLEANERS

Year: 1967 Vol: 418 Page: 457
From: Donald R Young and Joyce A Young and others Price: \$5
To: St. Michaels Improvement Corporation
Notes: See copy of deed and plat, attached. Transfer of land behind subject lot for parking lot.

Year: 1965 Vol: 401 Page: 70
From: Raymond E and Mary G Jennison Price: \$5
To: Donald R and Joyce A Young
Notes: Begins at pipe on E side Fremont St 196.21' from Canton Lane at SW coner of James M Wales & Franklin L Tinker; runs N 83.43 E 216.37' to Talbot St; with Talbot St S 4.49 E 30.50' to land formerly Solomon Caplan; with Caplan S 83.16 W 47.75'; then N 6.44 W 1'; then S 83.51 W 168.25' to E side Fremont St; then with Fremont St N 5.28 W 29.50' to beginning. Contains 6465.53 sq ft.

See copy of plat 16/24 attached.

Conveyed to Jennisons by Conklins, 1964, 392/281.

Behrens

Year: 1964 Vol: 392 Page: 281
From: Edward M Conklin & Sue G Conklin (wife) Price: \$5
To: Raymond E & Mary G Jennison (wife)
Notes: Consists of parcels 4 and 5 described in a deed from Oliver T. Fairbank to Oliver T Fairbank Jr and Alfred R Fairbank, 1938, 241/397.

Same land described in deed from Alfred R Fairbank & wife and Oliver T Fairbank (Jr) & wife to Ed M Conklin Jr & Sue G Conklin and Raymond E Jennison & Mary G Jennison, 1962, 379/568

Behrens

Year: 1962 Vol: 379 Page: 568
From: Alfred R Fairbank & wife and Oliver T Fairbank & wife Price: \$5
To: Edward M & Sue G Conklin and Raymond E & Mary G Jennison
Notes: Same description as 1938, 241/397.

Each party had 1/2 interest.

Behrens

Year: 1938 Vol: 241 Page: 397
From: Oliver T Fairbank Price: \$5
To: Oliver T Fairbank, Jr and Alfred R Fairbank (joint tenants)
Notes: See attached deed and refer to Plat with 1962, 379/568 (the deed preceding this one.

This is PARCEL 5 on the deed and has a frontage of 18 feet on Talbot Street. It is referred-to as "The Old Comet Office". The description in the deeds is confusing.

Conveyed to Oliver T Fairbank by H Clay Dodson and Clayland Mullikin, trustees, 1895, 122/441.

Behrens

Year: 1895 Vol: 122 Page: 441
From: H Clay Dodson and Clayland Mullikin, trustees Price: \$355
To: Oliver T Fairbank
Notes: Deed is for a lot 18 feet on Talbot Street by 37 feet deep and includes "The Old Comet Office".

Assigned to H Clay Dodson and Clayland Mullikin as trustees by Edward G Harrison and wife Susannah for the purpose of paying off Harrsinon's debts.(Insolvent debtor ?), 1895, 122/267.

Behrens

RIVERSIDE CLEANERSPAGE THREE

Year: 1895 Vol: 122 Page: 267

From: Edward G Harrison and wife Susannah Price: \$5

To: H Clay Dodson and Clayland Mullikin

Notes: Deed transferred all Harrison's property & estate including his wife's dower interest to Dodson & Mullikin for the purpose of paying off Harrison's debts. In 1880, E Harrison & Son were operating a dry goods store on "Harrison's Corner" -- which would not have been this site.

Conveyed to Edward Harrison and Thomas E Bell by Margaret Denny, 1868, 74/209.

Behrens

Year: 1868 Vol: 75 Page: 3

From: Thomas E Bell Price: \$150

To: Edward Harrison

Notes: Bell sells his interest in the lot to Edward Harrison.

Year: 1868 Vol: 74 Page: 209

From: Margaret Denny Price: \$300

To: Edward Harrison and Thomas E Bell

Notes: Referred-to as the "old Comet office". The "Comet" was an on-and-off paper and I have not checked as to when and where it was published. The lot is 18 feet on Talbot Street in this deed.

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 215

From: Samuel A Harrison & Martha Price: \$262.60

To: Margaret Denny

Notes: Begins at James Benson's (lot #1) 59'6" from the corner of Canton Row on Talbot Street; 89'3" on Talbot Street x 224'.

This sale is for fee simple. Deeds mentions that lot had been leased to Hugh Wrightson (1843, 58/58).

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Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 58

From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease

To: Hugh Wrightson

Notes: Described as lot number 2 adjoining the storehouse of James Benson.
Is 88.5 feet on Talbot Street.

This is first lease of this lot on the "Canton Row".

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1938, 241/397

TAX \$2.00)

OLIVER T. FAIRBANK,)

TO

OLIVER T. FAIRBANK,)

JUNIOR AND ALFRED R.)

FAIRBANK,)

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE)

STAMP \$2.00)

DEED.

Be it remembered that on this 2nd day of May, A.D., 1938, at 2 o'clock P.M., the following Deed or Instrument of writing was received to be recorded and is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit:-

THIS DEED, Made this 28th, day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, (1938) by Oliver T. Fairbank (widower) of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, (grantor) of one part and Oliver T.

Examined & returned to Oliver T. Fairbank
St. Michaels, Md. May 1, 1938

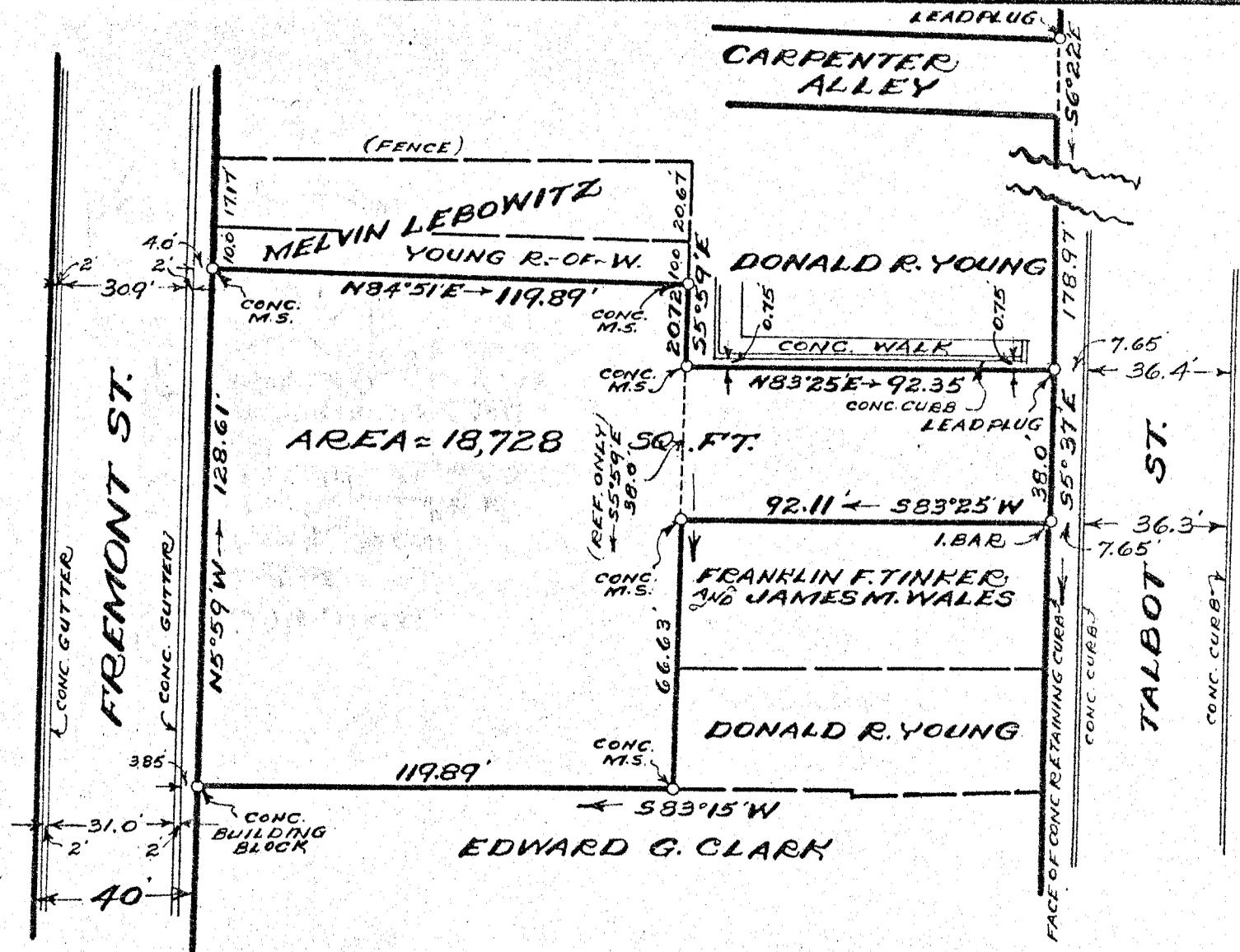
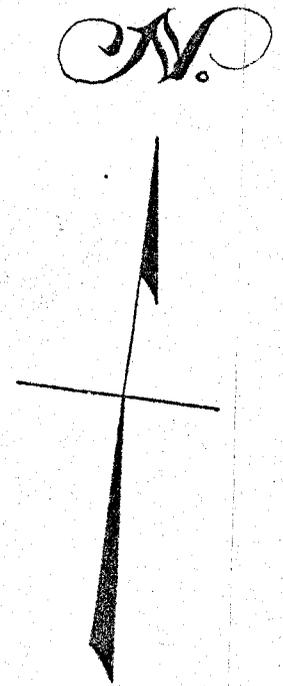
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hundred and seventy, two (172) feet and three (3) inches to Fremont Street, thence north with Fremont Street twenty nine (29) feet and six (6) inches to the lot of ground belonging to Clifton Hope and James Seth, thence Easterly with the last named lot two hundred and twenty (220) feet to Talbot Street, thence South with Talbot Street twelve (12) feet and six (6) inches to the place of beginning. BEING the same lot of ground conveyed to Oliver T. Fairbank, in fee simple, by deed dated the twenty-eighth (28th) day of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and ninety eight (1898) and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber F.G.W. 131, Folio 24 etc.

PARCEL FIVE (5) BEGINNING for the same at the Northwest corner of the store house formerly occupied by Chas. M. Edgar and running thence north with the shop or store room known as the "Old Comet Office" Eighteen (18) feet to the south end of a kitchen lately occupied by Mrs. Susan A. Mettee, thence East by and with the "Old Comet Office" thirty seven (37) feet to a cedar post planted in the ground at the South East corner of Mrs. Susan A. Mettee's front yard and on the line of Talbot Street, thence South with the line of Talbot Street Eighteen (18) feet to the line of a lot of ground held by Mary M. Jones by lease from Margaret Denny, thence west with the line of said leased lot and with the said store house lately occupied by Chas. M. Edgar, thirty seven (37) feet to the place of beginning. BEING THE SAME lot of ground conveyed to Oliver T. Fairbank in fee simple by deed dated the seventh (7th) day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and ninety five (1895) and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber J.H. 122, Folio 441 etc.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements erected made or being, and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and

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MAP
 SHOWING
 PROPOSED PARKING AREA
 SURVEYED FOR
 ST. MICHAELS IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
 OF
 THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS
 TALBOT COUNTY
 MARYLAND

SCALE 1" = 40' TO 1"

JAN., 1967

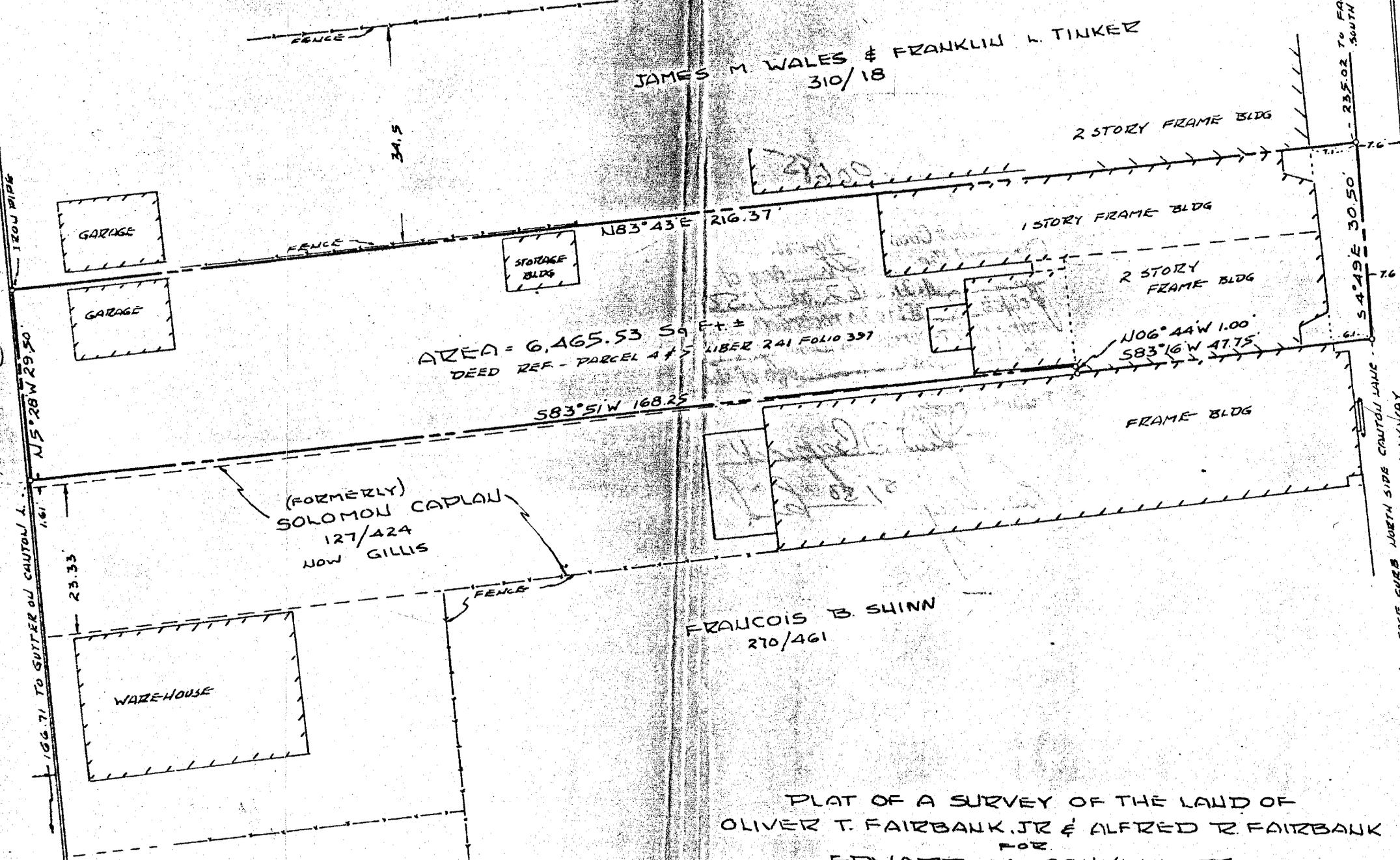
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BY: *James R. Kingman*
 SURVEYOR—MD. REG. 1445
 ODD FELLOWS BUILDING, EASTON, MD.

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Riverside Station

FREMONT STREET T-566
PLAT 16/24
RIVERSIDE
CLEANERS



JAMES M. WALES & FRANKLIN L. TINKER
310/18

(FORMERLY)
SOLOMON CAPLAN
127/424
NOW GILLIS

FRANCOIS B. SHINN
270/461

PLAT OF A SURVEY OF THE LAND OF
OLIVER T. FAIRBANK, JR. & ALFRED R. FAIRBANK
FOR

EDWARD M. CONKLIN, JR.
IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS
2ND ELECT DIST. TALBOT CO., MD.
SCALE = 20 JULY, 1962
J. R. Mc CROE, JR. INC.

[Signature]
REG. LAND SURVEYOR NO 3848

235.02 TO FACE CURB ON
SOUTH SIDE CARRIAGE
ALLEY

158.55 TO FACE CURB NORTH SIDE CAUTIN LANE
CONC. WALKWAY

TALBOT STREET

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DR. DODSON'S
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METHODIST
CEMETERY

ST. MARY'S
SQUARE

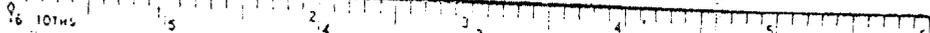
DACK CREEK

MAP
OF
ST. MICHAELS

TALBOT CO. MARYLAND

SCALE

JAN. 1, 1883. THOMAS I. BEARD



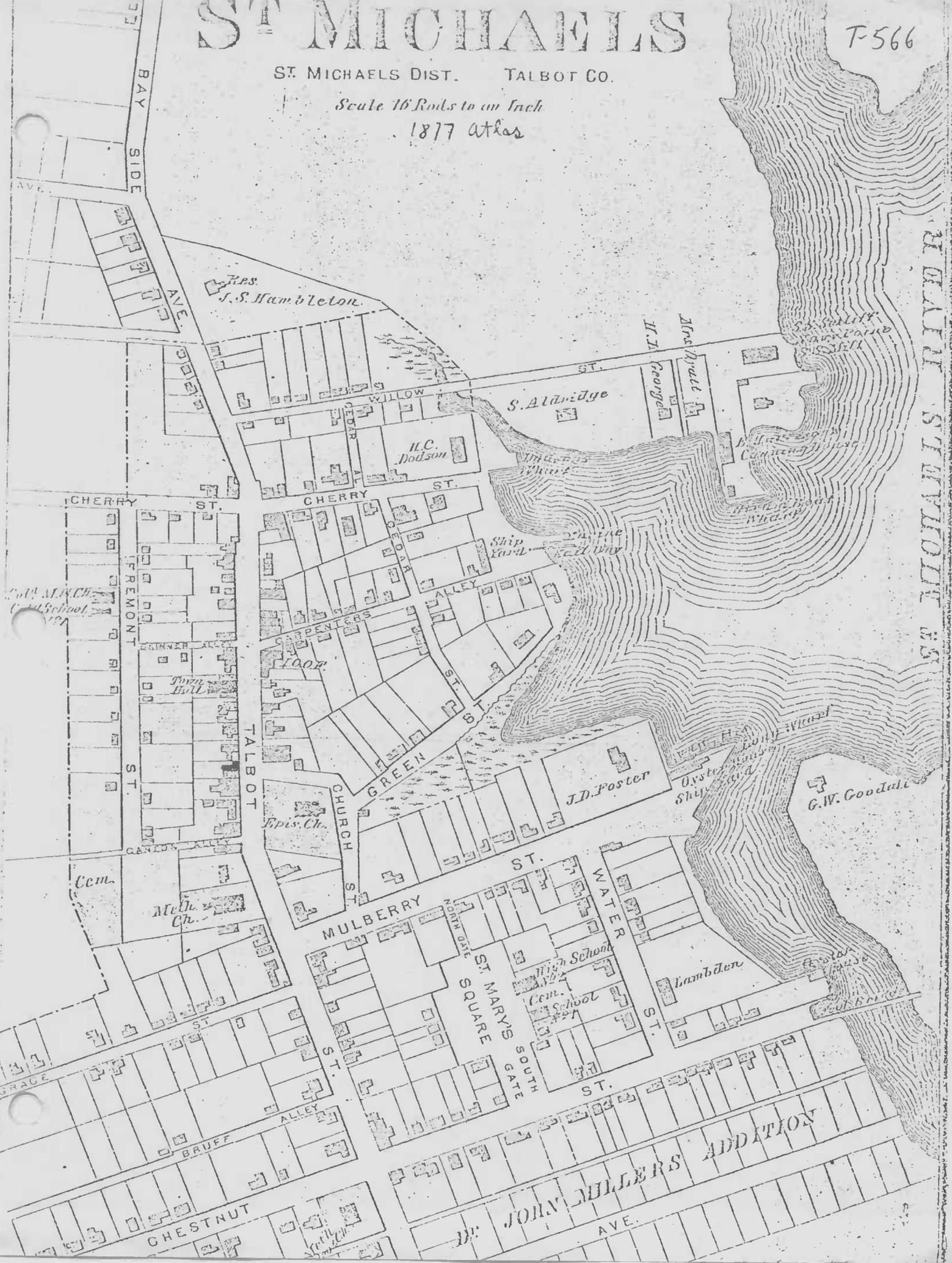
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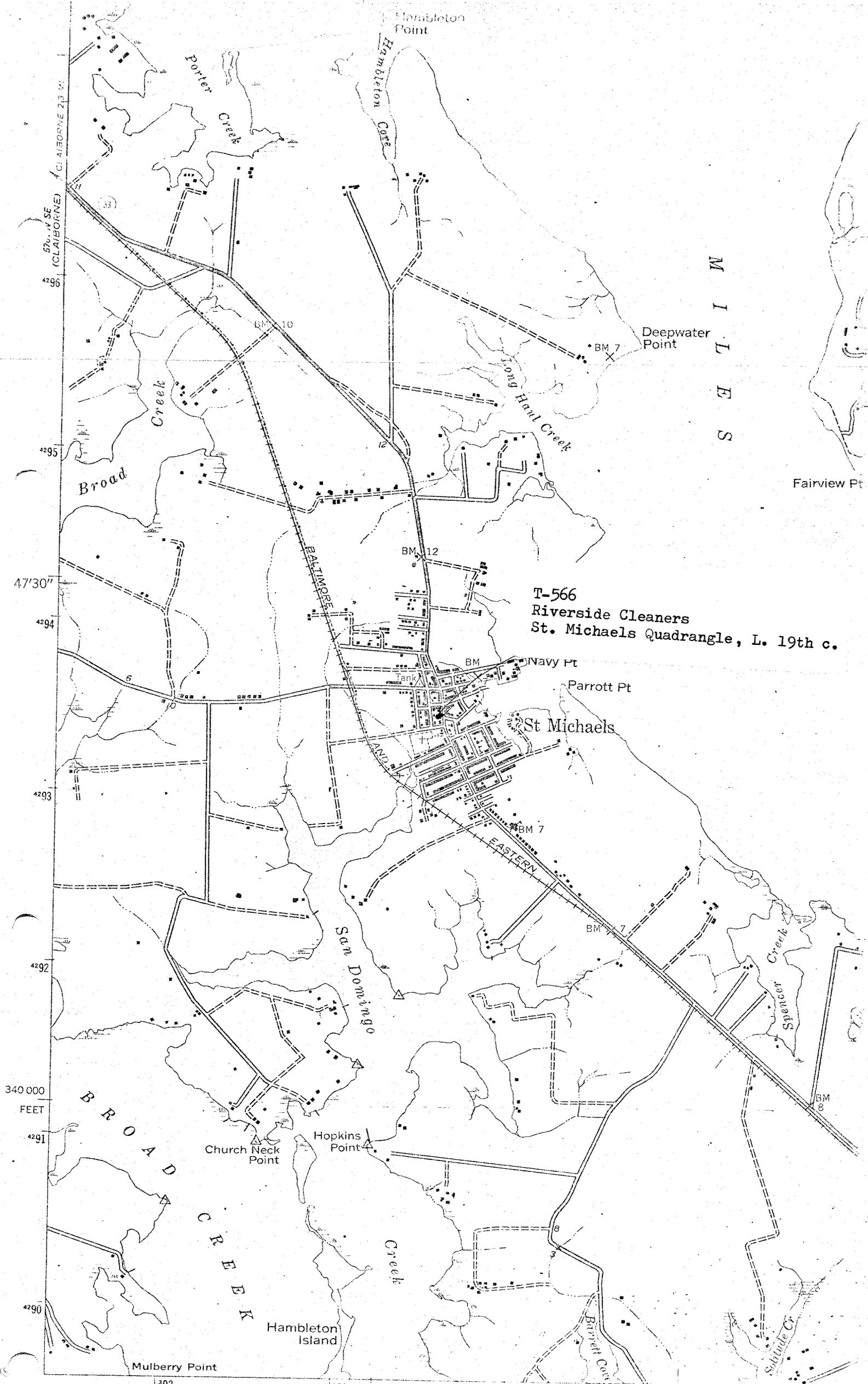
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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 Atlas





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 Riverside Cleaners
 St. Michaels Quadrangle, L. 19th c.

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 FEET

B R O A D
 C R E E K

Mulberry Point

1392

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M I L E S

Fairview Pt

St Michaels

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

East Elevation

6/85, Paul Touart, PHotographer
NEG/MD. Historical Trust



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