T-586
Hemsley Shop
St. Michaels
private

c. 1860-1870

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Survey No. T-586

Magi No. 2105864511

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hemsley Shop

2. Location

street & number ~~207~~ 203 Talbot Street ___ not for publication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	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ 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 555

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 28

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

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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.

The Hemsley Shop is located on the east side of Talbot Street in the center business district of St. Michaels, Maryland. The story-and-a-half, two-bay frame shop faces west.

Evidently erected during the second half of the nineteenth century, this story-and-a-half frame store is supported by a minimal brick foundation, sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles, and covered by a shed roof.

The west (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with an entrance in the right (south bay). Directly adjacent to the door is a one-over-one sash window. A wooden awning, supported by iron rods, shelters the first floor openings. The upper wall surface is undistinguished.

The south side of the shop is pierced by two window openings in the westernmost bay. The first floor window is a modern replacement, while the second floor window remains shuttered. The north side of the shop is covered by the adjacent Odd Fellows Hall building.

The interior is divided into two unequal sized rooms. The front room, the larger of the two, is separated from the back room by a double-door partition. The doors are glazed and flanked by four-pane lights. Beaded board wainscoting survives in the front room, while built-in cupboards remain in the back room. At present there is no access into the upper section of the store building.

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	___ 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

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
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, Inc.	**date**	10/1987
street & number		**telephone**	
city or town	St. Michaels	**state**	MD. 21663

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1981 VOL: 555 PAGE: 28
FROM: Charles V Harrison, Sr. PRICE: $7,500
TO: Charles V Harrison, Jr.
NOTES See plat 1980, 53/27 (attached). The lot is irregular, measuring 13.71 feet on Talbot Street by approximately 52 feet deep and 12.64 feet across the back. The building extends across the entire width of the lot.
Conveyed to Charles V Harrison Sr by Norman D Marshall and Gertrude B Marshall 1980, 549/600; other pertinent conveyances are: Norman D Marshall to Charles V Harrison Sr 1980, 548/396 and Elsie W Hunteman and Frank E Mason, personal representatives of the estate of Emily Stants, dcd and Elsie W Hunteman to Charles V Harrison Sr 1981, 554/535.
THE CHAIN-OF-TITLE TO THE THREE LOTS COVERING THE 89 FEET FROM CARPENTER STREET THROUGH THE "ST. MICHAELS REAL ESTATE" OFFICE IS FAIRLY COMPLETE; HOWEVER, THE METES AND BOUNDS BEAR ALMOST NO RELATION TO THE ACTUAL LOTS. THE STRUCTURES ON THE LOTS ARE MENTIONED IN MANY OF THE DEEDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION DATES ARE OBVIOUS.

YEAR: 1980 VOL: 549 PAGE: 600
FROM: Norman D Marshall and Gertrude B Marshall PRICE:
TO: Charles V Harrison Sr
NOTES Refers to 1980, 548/396

YEAR: 1980 VOL: 548 PAGE: 396
FROM: Norman D Marshall and Gertrude B Marshall PRICE: $15,000
TO: Charles V Harrison Sr
NOTES Same description and survey.
Part of the property conveyed to Norman D Marshall and Gertrude B Marshall by Norman D Marshall 1972, 467/541.

YEAR: 1972 VOL: 467 PAGE: 541
FROM: Norman D Marshall PRICE:
TO: Norman D Marshall and Gertrude B Marshall
NOTES This is second parcel.Begins at a post at NW corner of Thomas E Harrison (part of lot #25) run SE 89 feet; then SW 11 feet to Talbot Street; then N with Talbot Street 87 feet to Carpenter Street; with Carpenter Street 81 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Norman D Marshall by Norman D Marshall, personal representative 1972, 466/468.

YEAR: 1972 VOL: 466 PAGE: 468
FROM: Norman D Marshall personal representative* PRICE:
TO: Norman D Marshall
NOTES *of the estate of Ethel D Marshall, dcd. Same description.
Conveyed to J. Norman Marshall and Ethel D Marshall by Celia Marshall 1938, 242/246. J Norman Marshall died 1960 and property descended to Ethel D Marshall. Ethel D willed it to Norman D Marshall 1959, 37/306.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 242 PAGE: 246
FROM: Celia Marshall PRICE:
TO: J Norman and Ethel D Marshall
NOTES Begins post NW corner of Thomas E Harrison, part of lot 25. Run SE 89' then SW 11' to Talbot Street then N with Talbot Street to Carpenter Street, then E 21' to beginning. Includes an alley or right-of-way.
Conveyed to Celia Marshall by Ella Virginia Watkins and J Edward Watkins 1915, 179/186.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 179 PAGE: 186
FROM: Ella Virginia Watkins and J Edward PRICE: $200+ovc
TO: Celia Marshall
NOTES "all that lot ....which was conveyed to Ella Virginia Watkins by W Reese Young and J Edward Watkins extrs of James B Watkins". (leasehold)

YEAR: 1910 VOL: 157 PAGE: 343
FROM: J Edward Watkins & W Reese Young, extrs of James A Watkins PRICE: $50+ovc
TO: Ella Virginia Watkins
NOTES Per James A Watkins will, 15/278. Same description as 242/246 but includes a distance of 87 feet on Talbot Street.
Same lot leased by Nicholas Orem to James B Watkins 1868, 75/72.

YEAR: 1868 VOL: 75 PAGE: 72
FROM: Nicholas Orem PRICE: $250
TO: James B Watkins
NOTES Corner Talbot Street and Carpenter Street. Begin at NW corner of lot belonging to IOOF, part of lot 25. Run SE 89' then SW 11' to Talbot Street; N with Talbot Street 87' to Carpenter St., with Carpenter St E 21' to beginning. "together with the shop or store-room on said lot on which said lot now stands a part of the Odd Fellows Hall built thereon subject to a sub ground rent of $1 per year from said Odd Fellows being the same lot of ground which was leased for 99 years, renewable forever by Samuel A Harrison to James M Seth by lease January, 1851, 63/373.

YEAR: 1859 VOL: 68 PAGE: 425
FROM: John T Ford PRICE: 5 cents
TO: Nicholas Orem
NOTES Begins at NW corner of Odd Fellows lot part of lot 25 on Carpenters Alley. Run SE 89'; then SW 11'to Talbot Street; then N with Talbot St. 87' to Carpenter with Carpenter Alley 21' to beginning. "on which said lot stands a part of the Odd Fellows Hall built thereon subject to a sub-ground rent...and upon which also stands a shop built by. Dr. John Miller and now owned or claimed by James B. Way."
The same lot leased by Samuel A Harrison to James M Seth in January, 1851 and transferred to Ford by Seth September, 1857, 67/518

YEAR: 1857 VOL: 67 PAGE: 518
FROM: James M Seth PRICE: Lease
TO: John T Ford
NOTES At corner Talbot Street and Carpenters Alley. Begin at NW corner of IOOF lot part of #25; run SE 89'; then SW 11' to Talbot Street; then N 87' to Carpenters Alley; with alley 21' to the beginning. "On which stands a part of the IOOF Hall and also stands a shoe shop built by Dr. John Miller, now owned by James B Way, on sub-ground rent.
Same lot leased by Samuel A Harrison to James M Seth, 27 January 1851, 63/373.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 63 PAGE: 373
FROM: Dr. Samuel A Harrison PRICE: lease
TO: James M Seth
NOTES "Being at the corner of Talbot Street and Carpenters' Alley upon which stands part of the Odd Fellows Hall and other buildings". Begins at a post at the NW corner of Odd Fellows Hall and known on the town plat as being a part of a lot on Carpenters Alley, number 25; run SE 89'; then SW 11' to Talbot Street; then N with Talbot Street 87' to Carpenters Alley; with the alley 21' to the beginning.
27 January 1851.

YEAR: 1857 VOL: 67 PAGE: 517
FROM: James M Seth and Louisa PRICE: $340
TO: John T Ford
NOTES In fee. A"piece"of a lot deeded by Samuel H Wrightson in 1849 to James Jefferson of John. Part of lot #25.
Deeded by Jefferson to Seth on 17 December 1850 (63/375)
This is probably the fee title to the leasehold conveyed by 67/518.

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 63 PAGE: 375
FROM: James Jefferson of John PRICE: $400
TO: James M Seth
NOTES "that lot occupied at this time by James Jefferson of John being part of a lot purchased by James Jefferson of Samuel H Wrightson in 1849.The lot is known as number 35 on the town plat at the corner of Talbot Street and Carpenters Alley". (This is an error - it should be "25")Begins at the SE corner of the lot on the line between James Jefferson of John and a lot owned and occupied by Alexander Hambleton and Samuel S Harrison; run NW 78' to a lot upon the Odd Fellows Hall stands; then W 65' fair with the SE end of the IOOF Hall to a lot leased by Richard C Lane agent for Samuel A Harrison to James Jefferson of John; from there 38'6" to the beginning. 17 Dec 1850.

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 63 PAGE: 85
FROM: James Jefferson of John PRICE: mort.
TO: James M Seth
NOTES A mortgage for two notes of $50 each to pay Shadrach Ledenham. The security is lot where James resides, part lease and part fee; on Talbot Street between the IOOF Hall now building and a lot occupied by the firm of Harrison and Hambleton, carpenters. It also includes T-587.
2 May 1850

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 62 PAGE: 440
FROM: Samuel H Wrightson and Hester PRICE: $50
TO: James Jefferson
NOTES Begins at stone #16 at southernmost corner of Carpenters Alley and the Main Road; run with Carpenters Alley 43' to a lot occupied by John Barwick; with Barwick 89' to Samuel S Harrison; with Harrison 77' to the Main Road; with the road 87' to the beginning.
4 March 1850.
The beginning stone #16 definitely locates the beginning as the IOOF corner of Talbot and Carpenters Alley. Stones 15 and 16 were mentioned in the Survey of 1806 as the corner stones of Carpenters Alley and Talbot Street. This deed takes in all the land on Talbot Street from the corner of Carpenters Alley south to the lot of T-573 (Keeler Gallery) and includes the IOOF Hall.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 438
FROM: Richard C Lane, agent for Samuel A Harrison PRICE: lease
TO: James Jefferson of John
NOTES A lot at the S corner of Carpenters Alley and Talbot Street. Begins at the NW corner of lot number 25 on Carpenter Street; run S 89'; then SW 11' to Talbot Street; then N 87' to Carpenters Alley; with the alley 21' to the beginning. 17 July 1849.
This is the earliest deed in which this property is identifiable. It appears to be a lot 11' to 21' deep with a frontage of 87' on Talbot Street. It includes part of the Odd Fellows lot, T-586 and T-587. It is definitely Harrison land - part of "Joseph's Lot" or "Stopper". It's early history is involved in the missing title of Samuel H Wrightson. From a study of the above deeds it would appear that Wrightson sold the FEE title while Samuel A Harrison sold the leasehold interest.

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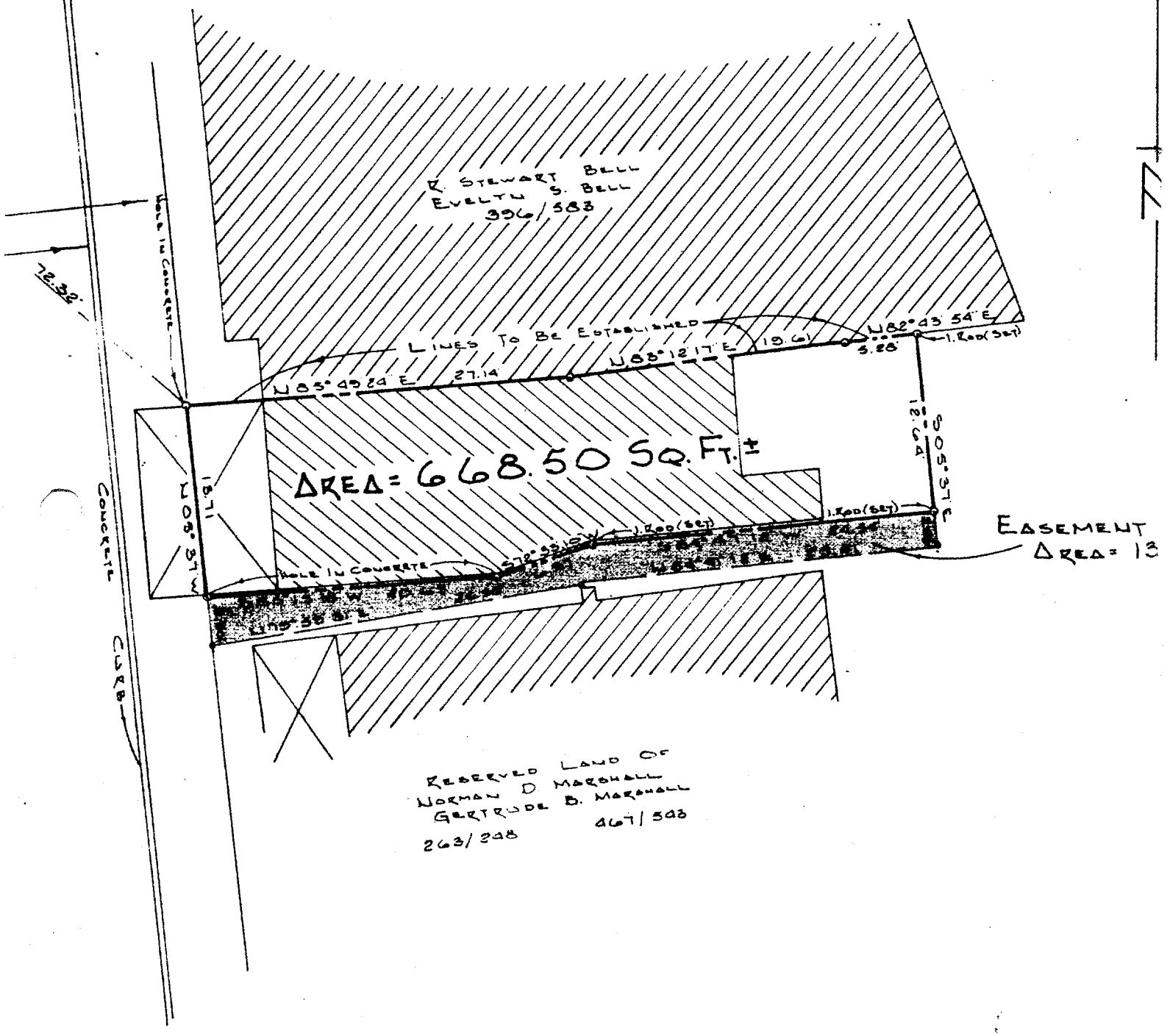
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EVELYN S. BELL
396/583
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N 82° 43 54 E
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NORMAN D MARSHALL
GERTRUDE B. MARSHALL
263/248
467/543

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St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
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Broad Creek
Haul Creek
Fairview Pt
Navy Pt
Parrott Pt
St Michaels
BALTIMORE AND EASTERN
San Domingo
Spencer Creek
Little Neck Cr
Church Neck Point
Hopkins Point
BROAD C
RIVER
HUNTIN
Tank
BM 12
BM 7
BM 8
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West elevation
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