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Odd Fellows Hall
St. Michaels
private

1870

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The current Odd Fellows Hall building dates to around 1870, approximately twenty years after the local chapter purchased the corner lot from James Jefferson. Evidently the Odd Fellows chapter had erected a structure on the site which was used for around twenty years before construction of the three-story building. The Bayside Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows retained the title to the property until 1908 when the land was sold to Thomas E. Harrison.

7. Description

Survey No. T-595

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Odd Fellows Hall stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of Talbot Street and Carpenters Alley in the central business district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The three-story, four-bay, single-pile frame structure faces west with the ridge of the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870, the Odd Fellows Hall is a three-story, four-bay frame structure supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with aluminum siding. The shallow pitched hip roof is covered with seamed tin. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story section that stretches the entire length of the building.

The west (main) facade is a four-bay elevation with an altered first floor commercial front. Large multi-pane display windows, a wide pent eave and a brick facing are recent modifications. The second and third floor, on the other hand, retain four evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Aluminum shutters have been attached to each window opening.

The north gable end is marked by an asymmetrical group of six-over-six sash windows, and a modern concrete block stack rises near the northeast corner of the building and pierces the boxed cornice. The south end is marked by a single six-over-six sash window that lights the third floor.

The east side of the main block is largely covered by the two-story section that appears contemporary with the main block. A single-story section partially covers the first floor.

The first floor interior has been thoroughly reworked as a modern office space without any obvious intention to preserve nineteenth-century features. The enclosed stair to the upper floors is located against the south wall. A Victorian newel post and square balusters survive behind the new partition. A decorative tin ceiling also survives on the second floor, however, the floor space was divided into small rooms during the 1930s or 1940s.

Access to the third floor is provided by the stair which is enclosed behind a beaded board partition. The third floor is only divided into five rooms, and appears the least altered. Four-panel doors provide access to each room.

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

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The current Odd Fellows Hall building dates to around 1870, approximately twenty years after the local chapter purchased the corner lot from James Jefferson. Evidently the Odd Fellows chapter erected a structure on the site which was used for around twenty years before construction of the three-story building. The 1850 deed which transferred ownership of the lot to the Bayside Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows mentions, "...the Odd Fellows Hall."(63/29) The Odd Fellows chapter retained title of the property until 1908 when it was sold to Thomas E. Harrison.(153/301)

YEAR: 1981 VOL: 556 PAGE: 366

FROM: Evelyn S. Bell PRICE: \$75,000+

TO: E. F. Furman and Martha J.

NOTES Begins NW corner of this lot at intersection of Carpenter's Alley and Talbot Street; run S with Talbot Street 44' to former J. Ed. Watkins; with Watkins E 79 5/12' to former S. S. S. Covey; then N or NW 64 ' to Carpenter's Alley; with Alley 66' to the beginning.

Except following lot conveyed off by Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison to Clarence Waters 1917, 179/182. (This is T-551, Old Barber Shop)

Conveyed to Russell Stewart Bell and Evelyn S Bell by Harry Sirkin, Jr. 1964, 396/583.

YEAR: 1964 VOL: 396 PAGE: 583

FROM: Harry Sirkin, Jr. PRICE:

TO: R. Stewart Bell and Evelyn S Bell

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Harry and Estelle Sirkin by Bernard W Denson 1950, 286/527.

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 286 PAGE: 529

FROM: Harry and Estelle Sirkin PRICE:

TO: St. Michaels Bank

NOTES Mortgage for \$3500.

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 286 PAGE: 527

FROM: Bernard W Denson, Nera T Denson, and Citizens' Bank PRICE:

TO: Harry Sirkin, Jr. and Estelle H.

NOTES Same description. Sale was result of decree by Chancery Court #3055 wherein Denson sued to make Sirkin complete his contract to buy the property. Sirkin claimed that Denson could not give him a clear title because of the lost deed mentioned in Thomas E Harrison's purchase of the property in 1908, 153/301. The Court decided that Denson had a good title by reason of adverse possession.

YEAR: 1941 VOL: 249 PAGE: 219

FROM: Lelia S Grason PRICE:

TO: Bernard W Denson

NOTES Title clearance.

Conveyed to Lelia S Grason by Bernard W Denson 1941, 249/217.

YEAR: 1941 VOL: 249 PAGE: 217

FROM: Bernard W Denson and Nera T PRICE:

TO: Lelia S Grason

NOTES Title Clearance.

Conveyed to Bernard W Denson by Marion R Harrison, Extr. of Thomas E Harrison 1924, 198/489.

YEAR: 1924 VOL: 198 PAGE: 489

FROM: Marion R Harrison, extr. of Thomas E Harrison, dcd PRICE: \$4120

TO: Bernard W Denson

NOTES Same description. Sale made by will of Thomas E Harrison 1922, 20/252. 1924, 198/491 is a mortgage by Denson to Citizens' Bank of the Eastern Shore for \$5000.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 153 PAGE: 301

FROM: John H W Wales, Noble Grand of Bayside Lodge, IOOF PRICE: \$1550

TO: Thomas E Harrison

NOTES Same description. Deed states as follows: "Whereas Samuel H Wrightson sold the lot hereinafter described to the aforesaid Bayside Lodge No.66, and conveyed the same by deed duly executed in the year 1849, which deed having been mislaid or lost without having been recorded in the Land Record books of Talbot County

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 63 PAGE: 29

FROM: James Jefferson of John PRICE: \$45

TO: Bayside Lodge No. 66, IOOF

NOTES Begins "at a stone on Carpenters Alley". Runs with the Alley N 67 E 43' to a lot occupied by John W Barwick; with Barwick S 23 E 69 1/2' to a stone; then in a direct line with the S end of the Odd Fellows Hall 60'; then home to the beginning.

This deed and the following two must be part of the Odd Fellows property but are not mentioned in any of the following conveyances.

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 62 PAGE: 440

FROM: Samuel H Wrightson and Hester PRICE: \$50

TO: James Jefferson

NOTES The lot begins at stone "16" at the Southeast corner of Carpenters Alley and the Main Road; runs 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' back. 4 March 1850.

The deed does not mention the IOOF Hall. The property includes both T-586 and T-587 but does not run the full 60' on Carpenters Alley as mentioned in 1908, 153/301.

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 # 25 on Carpenters Alley; run S 89'; then SW 11' to Talbot Street; then N 87' to Carpenters Alley; with the Alley 21' to the beginning. 14 July 1849.

This deed includes part of the IOOF lot as well as T-586 and T-587. The IOOF is not mentioned. No earlier deeds have been found. It seems as though Samuel S Harrison had the leasehold rights while Samuel H Wrightson had the fee titles. The properties go back to "Joseph's Lot" ("Stopper") of Joseph and Mary Harrison.

John H.W.Wales, Noble
Grand of Bay Side Lodge
No. 66, I.O.O.F. of Talbot County

to

Thomas E. Harrison

Be it remembered that on this 7th day of January
A.D. 1909 at 12 O'clock 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 26th day of December in the

year one thousand nine hundred and eight by John H.W.Wales, Noble Grand (President) of
" Bay side Lodge No. 66, I.O.O. F. of Talbot County"

WHEREAS Samuel H. Writson sold the lot hereinafter described to the aforesaid Bay Side
Lodge No. 66, and conveyed the same by Deed duly executed in the year 1849, which Deed having
been mislaid or lost without having been recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County
and the said Bay Side Lodge having now sold said lot and promises unto Thomas E. Harrison of
Talbot County, Maryland,

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS
(\$1550.00) the said John H.W.Wales, Noble Grand of Bay Side Lodge No. 66 I.O.O.F. of Talbot
County doth grant and convey unto Thomas E. Harrison, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple,
all that lot or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in the town of St. Michaels, Talbot
County, Maryland, fronting on Talbot Street thereof and beginning at the North West corner
of the lot hereby conveyed at the intersection of Carpenter's Alley and Talbot Street and
running thence in a Southerly direction with said Talbot Street forty four feet to the lot of
J.Ed. Watkins; thence with said Watkins lot in an Easterly direction seventy nine and five
twelfths (79.5/12) feet to the lot belonging to S.S.S. Covey; thence in a Northerly or North
westerly direction sixty-four (64) feet to Carpenter's Alley; thence with Carpenter's Alley
sixty (60) feet to the beginning.

TOGETHER, with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being; and all
and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages,
to the same belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the lot of parcel of ground and premises; above described and mentioned

JUN 30-81 B #25199 *** \$13.00
JUN 30-81 B #25198 **** 247.50
JUN 30-81 B #25197 ***** 9.00

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This Deed, MADE THIS 5th ----- day of June -----

in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one-----by and between

EVELYN S. BELL-----

of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland-----of the first part, and

E.F. FURMAN and MARTHA J. FURMAN, his wife, of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland-----

of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged-----

the said EVELYN S. BELL-----

does---grant and convey to the said E.F. FURMAN and MARTHA J. FURMAN, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and the survivor of them, and survivor's

personal representatives/~~executors~~ and assigns -----, in fee simple, all that-----

-----lot ----of ground situate in Talbot County, in the State of Maryland--

and described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the lot hereby conveyed at the intersection of Carpenter's Alley, at Talbot Street and running thence in a southerly direction with said Talbot Street 44 feet to the lot, now or formerly belonging to J. Ed Watkins, thence with said Watkins lot in an easterly direction 79-5/12 feet to the lot formerly belonging to S.S.S. Covey; thence in a northerly or northwesterly direction, 64 feet to Carpenter's Alley, thence with Carpenter's Alley 66 feet to the beginning.

SAVE AND EXCEPTING from the lands described above, the following described lot or parcel conveyed off, from Thomas E. Harrison and Octavia L. Harrison, his wife, unto Clarence Waters, by Deed dated the 11th day of July, A.D., 1917, and recorded among the Land Record Books for Talbot County, in Liber C.B.L. No. 179, folio 182, etc., and therein described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at the northeast corner of the lot sold to Thomas E. Harrison by John H. W. Wales, Noble Grand of Lodge No. 66, I.O.O.F. of Talbot County, on December 26th 1908, and running thence with Carpenter's Street or Alley, nearly west 18 feet 4 inches; thence nearly south 54 feet, 6 inches; thence nearly east 18 feet, 4 inches, parallel with the first line, or nearly so; thence nearly north 58 feet to the beginning; this last line being parallel to the second line.

Said property being on the corner of Talbot and Carpenter Streets.

BEING the same lot of ground which by Deed dated September 3, 1964 and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber J.T.B. No. 396, folio 583, was granted and conveyed by HARRY SIRKIN, JR. to RUSSELL STEWART BELL and EVELYN S. BELL, his wife.

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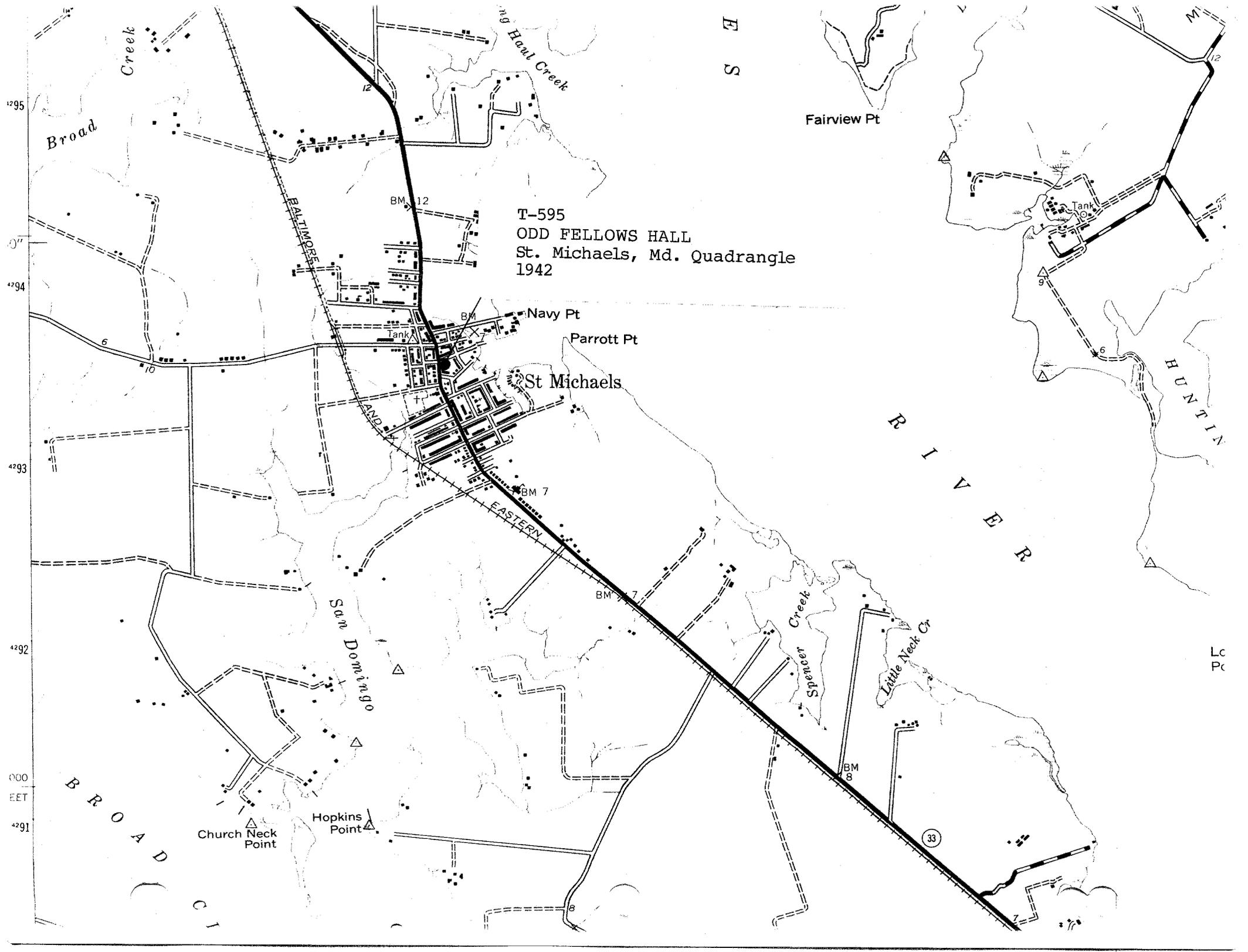
ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

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MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Sashes, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Maps, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. W. DEAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- ES DYOTT**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ED H. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ES E. DON**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.
- SPARKS**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- Y S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hampton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-righting, and all work appertaining thereto. Indicate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.
- WILLIAM CAULK**, Physician and Surgeon.
- JAMES BETH**, Physician and Surgeon, Office and Residence near St. Michael's.
- LIAM S. HARRISON**, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.
- J. NEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- W. T. HARRINGTON**, Proprietor of "Williams House," Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.
- NIEL J. KILMAN**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.
- GEORGE W. COLLINS**, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- E. BLADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- SEPH HERGERSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- IVYER FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- ARRISON & RICHARDSON**, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- J. HOLLAND**, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
- PT. C. BONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds at point.
- TOMAS SADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- WEMA HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.
- S. KILMON**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- A. DODSON** Physician and Surgeon.



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St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
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St Michaels

Fairview Pt

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

Broad
Creek

HUNTING
RIVER

San Domingo

Spencer
Creek

Little Neck Cr

BROAD
CREEK

Church Neck
Point

Hopkins
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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

West elevation

1/87, Paul Touart

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

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