T-603 c. 1880 and later
St. Michaels Pottery Warehouse
St. Michaels
private

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DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common St. Michaels Pottery Warehouse

2. Location

street & number 407 Talbot Street ___ not for publication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	_x_ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_x_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Betty Mitchell

street & number 407 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 564

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 85

city, town Easton **state** 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository 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 St. Michaels Pottery Warehouse is located in a two-story ell-shaped frame structure standing at 407 Talbot Street in the southern commercial district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story structure faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story, two-part ell-shaped frame shop is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with asbestos shingles. The asphalt shingle roof has a steep pitch and the eaves are slightly extended beyond the wall surfaces. This structure was erected in two distinct periods with the northern half predating the southern section by slightly more than a decade.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with two entrances. The recessed portion of the ell plan is partially filled with a Tuscan columned porch. The cornice of the porch roof is marked by a row of heavy dentils. A Victorian paneled door is framed by two-light sidelights and a two-light transom. A paired single-pane sash window lights the first floor south of the entrance. The second floor is lighted by two single-pane sash windows. The second entrance is fixed in the projecting portion of the ell-shaped main block. This commercial Victorian front has not changed significantly and is distinguished by a by a recessed entrance and flanking plate glass display windows. The apr(below each window are decorated with incised carving. A heavy bracketed cornice stretches mid-level between floors. The second floor is lighted by three four-over-four sash windows.

The north side of the main block is marked by an asymmetrical arrangement of boarded-over openings and late nineteenth-century sash windows. To the rear, the single-story shed additions have been attached to both sections.

The interiors have been largely reworked. A late nineteenth-century stair is fixed in the south room along with a reused Victorian mantel. A second, late nineteenth-century stair was added in the north room. Most original period features have been covered over or removed.

Standing behind the house is a gable-front frame outbuilding sheathed with board and batten siding and covered by a tin roof. The lightly framed barn building is in serious structural condition since it is supported by iron cables.

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.

The St. Michaels Pottery Warehouse building is an interesting Talbot Street structure for several reasons. The ell-shaped building offers a variation from other houses nearby, and the period exterior features such as the intact Victorian storefront and principal entrance are unusual in St. Michaels. Few alterations outside a reduction in the size of the front porch have been made to the exterior.

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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**
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant **date** 9/30/87

street & number P. O. Box 5 **telephone** (301) 651-1094

city or town Westover **state** Maryland 21871

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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YEAR: 1982 VOL: 564 PAGE: 85
FROM: David Francis Leopold PRICE: $68,000
TO: Matthew E. Mitchell, Jr. and Betty E. Mitchell
NOTES See attached deed. The lot is 50' x 120'. It was number 23 of the original lots of James Braddock's St. Michaels.
Conveyed to David Francis Leopold by Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. and wife 1979, 530/600.

YEAR: 1979 VOL: 530 PAGE: 600
FROM: Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. and Doris Grace Jackson PRICE: $62,000
TO: David Francis Leopold (of Florida)
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Elmer M. Jackson by Jeane S. Smith and others 1977, 510/500.

YEAR: 1977 VOL: 510 PAGE: 500
FROM: Jeane S. Smith and others. PRICE:
TO: Elmer M. Jackson
NOTES The "others" were: Susan Smith Chance, Russell Smith III., Sylvia Jeane Smith, Laura Lee Highfill, Mary Christina Harrison Dorset, Dora Virginia Harrison Vogt.
Same Description.
Conveyed to the grantors by Jeane S. Smith, Personal Representative of Ada W. Lee 1974, 484/55.

YEAR: 1974 VOL: 484 PAGE: 55
FROM: Jeane S. Smith, P R of Ada W. Lee, dcd. PRICE:
TO: Jeane S. Smith
NOTES Same description. Deed was to Jeane S. Smith for life, then to grantors in 1977, 510/500 after her death. For details see Will of Ada W. Lee 1973, 38/235.
Conveyed to Ada W. Lee by Cora F. Spencer 1938, 242/595.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 242 PAGE: 595
FROM: Cora F. Spencer, widow PRICE: L & A
TO: Ada W. Lee (her daughter)
NOTES Lot is 50' x 120'. Same description.
Part of the property bequeathed to Cora Frances Fairbank Spencer by Charles H. Spencer. (Wills 1909, 18/487)
Conveyed to Charles H. Spencer by St. Michaels Savings Bank 1914, 167/185.
Subject to a mortgage for $1500 with the St. Michaels Bank 1937, 240/272

YEAR: 1914 VOL: 167 PAGE: 185
FROM: St. Michaels Savings Bank PRICE: $1000
TO: Charles H. Spencer
NOTES The lot is 50' by 120'.
Part of the land comveyed to the St. Michaels Savings Bank by James E. Harrison, Trustee of Wm. J. Fairbank 1903, 141/345.

YEAR: 1903 VOL: 141 PAGE: 345
FROM: James E. Harrison, Trustee PRICE: $590
TO: St. Michaels Savings Bank
NOTES Begins at the NW corner of a lot sold by James Harrison to W. D. J. Morris (formerly Emily Harrison). Run with Morris E 120 feet; then N 60 feet to former Benjamin H. Blades (formerly Hugh Marshall); W with Blades 120 feet to Talbot Street; with street S 60 feet to the beginning.
Note: The bank sold 10 feet on the South side of the lot to Mary J. Stoker in 1907 (see T-602) leaving 50 feet to sell to Charles H. Spencer in 1914.
Deed of Trust, Wm. J. Fairbank to James E. Harrison 1903, 139/352.
Property conveyed to William J. Fairbank by James Lawrence Jones 1867, 73/397.

YEAR: 1903 VOL: 139 PAGE: 352
FROM: William J. Fairbank and Rebecca Fairbank PRICE:
TO: James E. Harrison
NOTES A Deed of Trust. Fairbank turns all his property over to Harrison, except that of his wife and $100 allowed by law. It is to be sold as soon as possible to pay his debts. Included is this lot and the adjacent one (T-602) purchased on 1867, 74/32.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 73 PAGE: 397
FROM: J. Lawrence Jones PRICE: $150
TO: Thomas Fairbank and William J. Fairbank
NOTES Begins at the lot of Emily Harrison; run E with Harrison 120 feet to a lot of Elizabeth West; with West 60 feet to the heirs of Hugh Marshall; then W 120 feet to Talbot Street; with the street SE 60 feet to the beginning.
No recorded deed or will of the property to J. Lawrence Jones was found; however J. Lawrence was the eldest son of Elizabeth Jones and her husband Wrightson Jones.

YEAR: 1835 VOL: 52 PAGE: 85
FROM: Joseph Graham, Jr. Sheriff PRICE:
TO: Elizabeth Jones
NOTES At this sale Elizabeth bought all of her husband's property. He had died shortly before, leaving a debt of over p10,000.The real estate included a large farm on Broad Creek known as "Beverly", the brick hotel on the corner of Mulberry and Talbot Streets, and other lots among which were two listed as "unimproved". Wrightson Jones was one of the ship builders of St. Michaels. His principle yard was at "Beverly" but he also owned lot number 51 at the foot of Mulberry Street (T-253) where Robert Lambdin had his boat building establishment after 1839.

YEAR: 1816 VOL: 38 PAGE: 424
FROM: Samuel Tenant PRICE: $250
TO: Wrightson Jones
NOTES A lot distinguished on the plat of the town as 3/4 of lot 21, lot 22, and lot 23 (this lot) in Braddock's Square. Part of "The Pentagon" (!)
Samuel Tenant obtained a patent for nine lots which he claimed were "abandoned" or "escheated". He apparently discovered them during his survey of the new "Town of St. Michaels" between 1804 and 1806. His patent, at first called "The Polygon", later "Pentagon",was taken out in 1809.
The last recorded owner of lot number 23 was Captain James Wignal.

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 415
FROM: John Dorgan PRICE:
TO: James Wignal (for Gildart & Gawith)
NOTES The sale included lots 22 and 23,although they are not mentioned by number. The lot of ground sold was 120 feet square.
This is the last appearance of the property in the records until the lot is mentioned by number in Samuel Tenant's patent. Although Wignal sold several individual lots as late as 1789, it would appear that he never disposed of 22 and 23 and Samuel Tenant was able to convince the Land Office at Annapolis that they had been abandoned.
Conveyed to John Dorgan by James Braddock 1781, 21/230.

YEAR: 1781 VOL: 21 PAGE: 230
FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p20 cm
TO: John Dorgan "Blacksmith"
NOTES There were two lots,(nos.22 and 23)included in the sale. The selling price is quite low, considering the location on the main road. It is the only instance in which Braddock did not mention the lot numbers in the deed, although the land is said to be in "Jane's Progress". The plat of Braddock's "Town of St. Michaels" had not been (and never was) recorded and officially, numbered lots in a "town" did not exist. Perhaps Dorgan, looking forward to the imposing of a tax structure, felt that a square of rural property would be valued less than a "town lot".
The lot was located on the main road - called by Braddock - Market Street within the area of his town which he divided into numbered lots.

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Eastern,) 21601

165 Washington St.

Expires and mailed to Ewing & Dietz

THIS DEED, Made this 4th day of MAY, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, by DAVID FRANCIS LEOPOLD, Grantor.

WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars ($68,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said DAVID FRANCIS LEOPOLD does hereby grant and convey unto MATTHEW E. MITCHELL, JR. and BETTY E. MITCHELL, as tenants in common, their respective 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, more particularly described as follows:

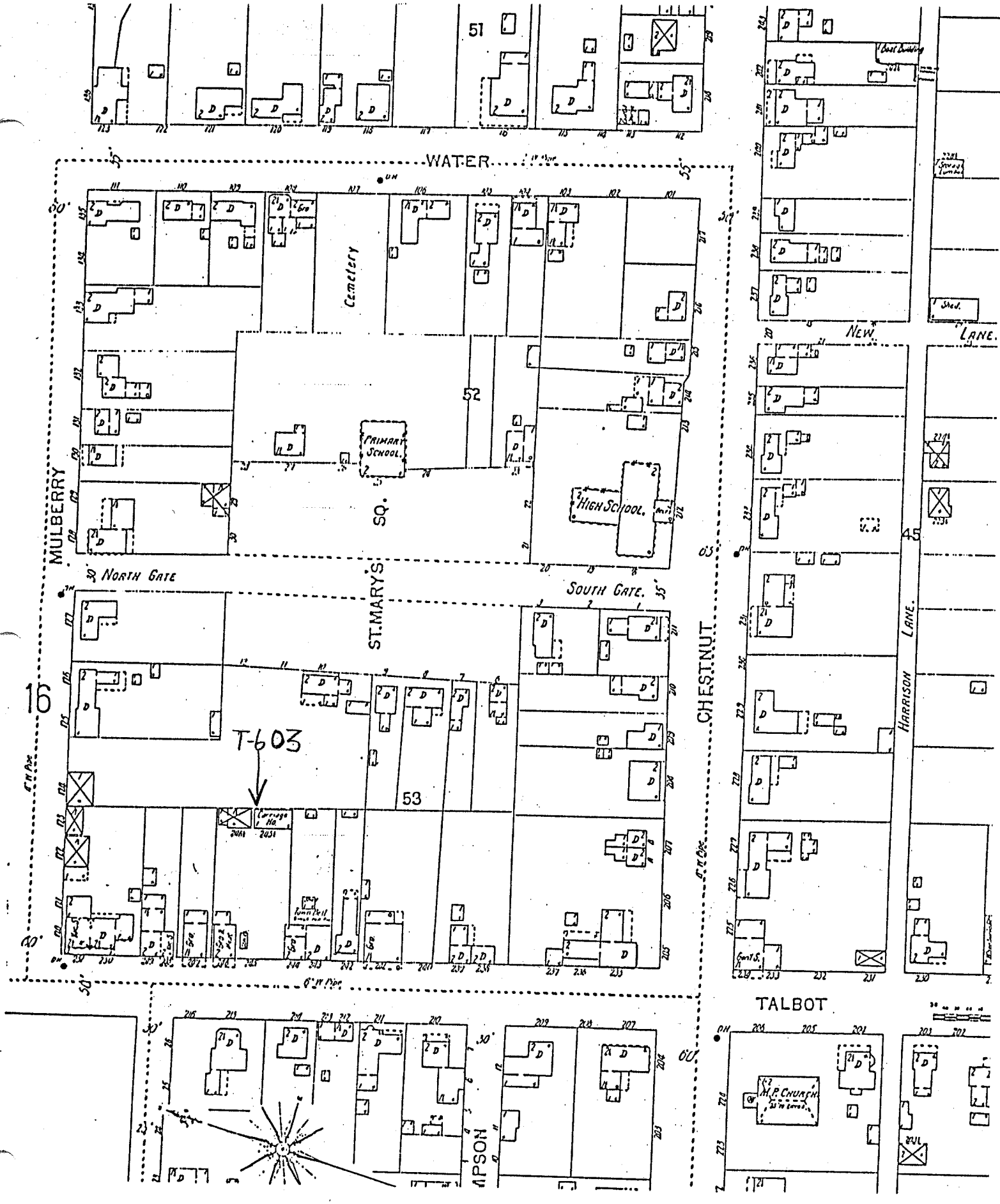
BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of a strip of land conveyed unto Mary J. Stoker by St. Michaels Savings Bank, by deed dated July 5, 1907 and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber 149, folio 498, on the Easterly side of Talbot Street, and running thence with the said Stoker's land, Eastwardly, 120 feet; thence Northwardly, 50 feet to the land of the late Benjamin H. Blades; thence with said Blades land, Westerly, 120 feet to Talbot Street, aforesaid; thence with said street, Southwardly, 50 feet to the place of beginning.

BEING the same property conveyed unto David Francis Leopold by Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. and Doris Grace Jackson, his wife, by Deed dated January 18, 1979 and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber No. 530, folio 600.

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

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said property and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said MATTHEW E. MITCHELL, JR. and BETTY E. MITCHELL, as tenants in common, their respective heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said DAVID FRANCIS LEOPOLD does hereby convenant that he has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing what-



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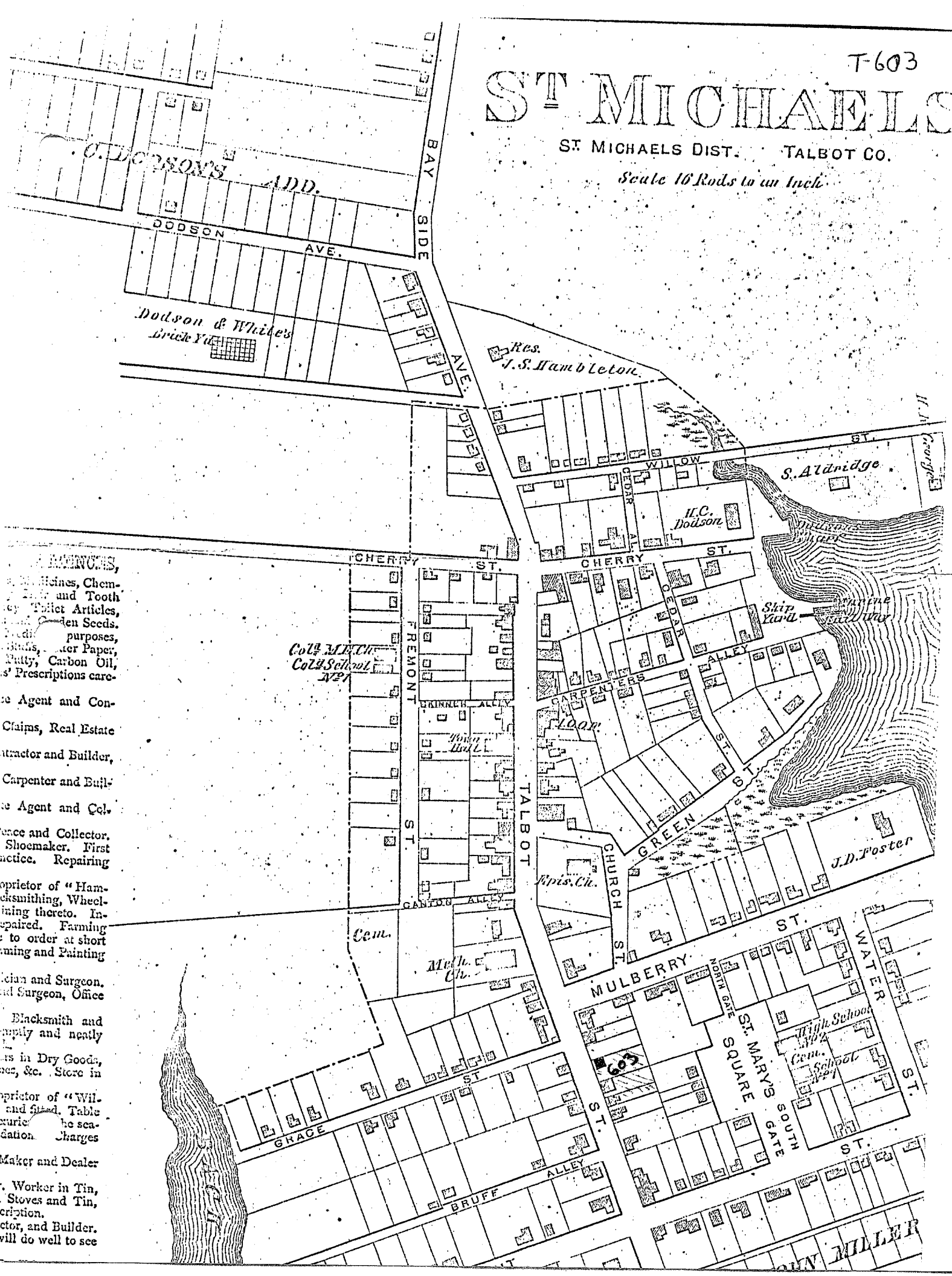

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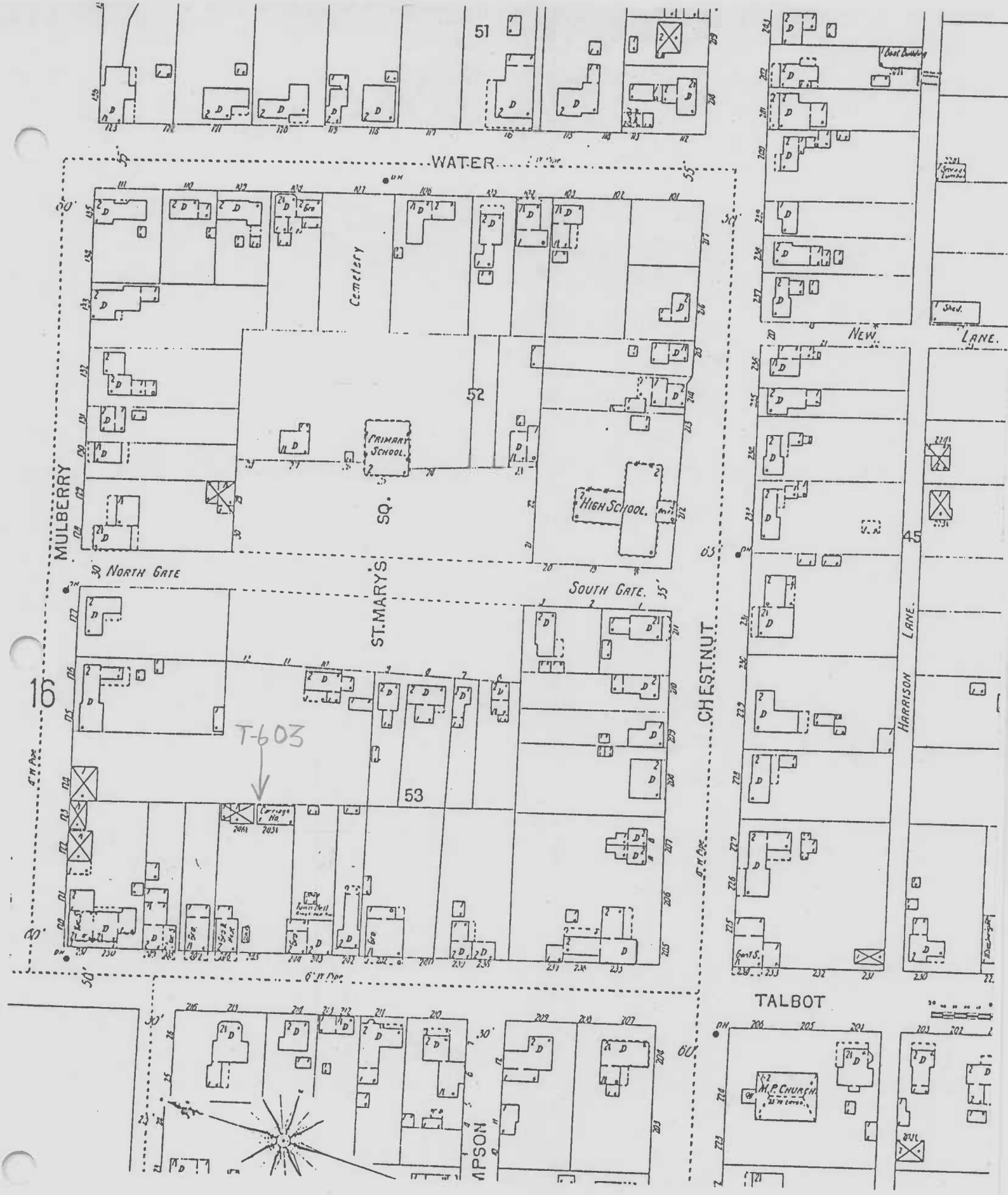

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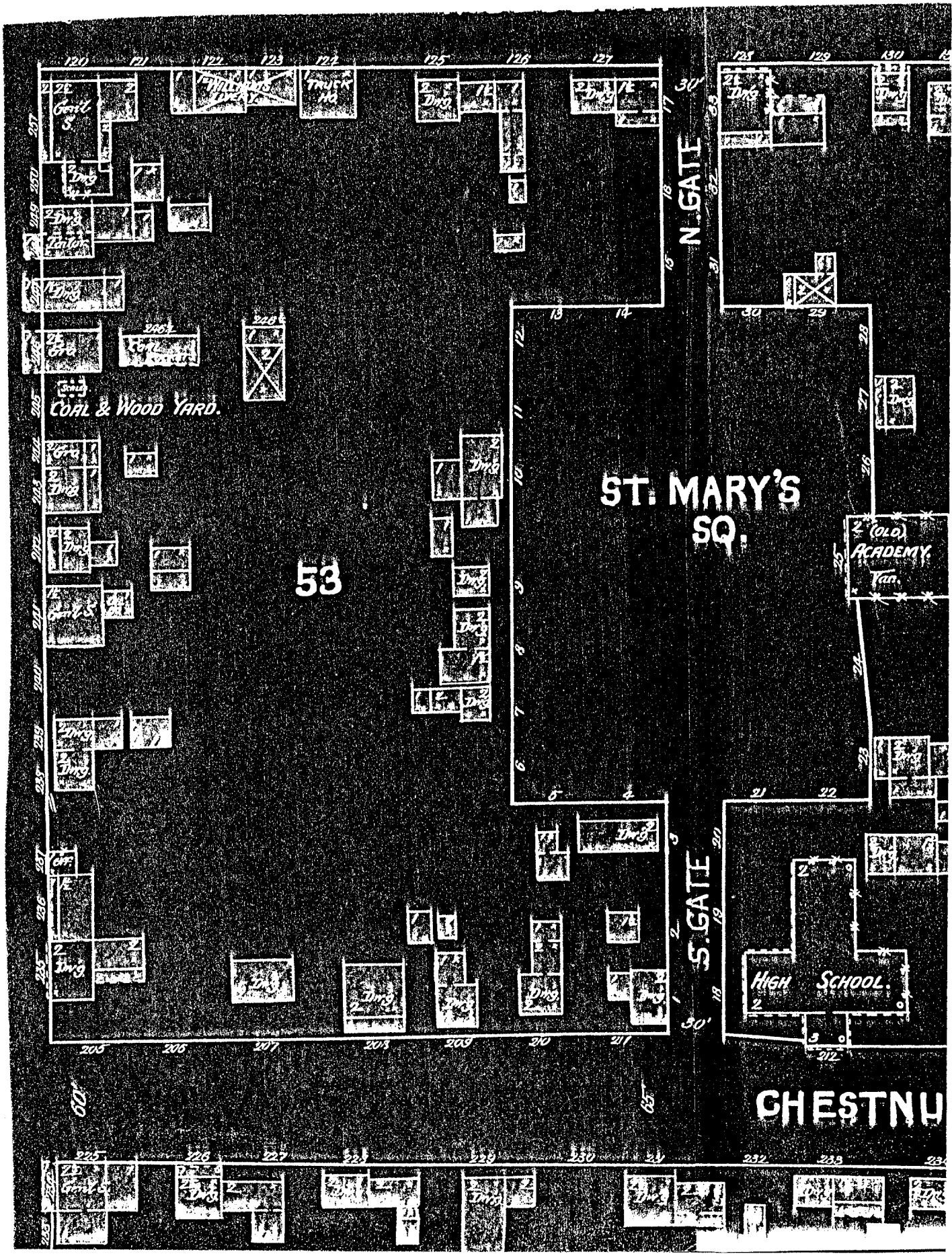

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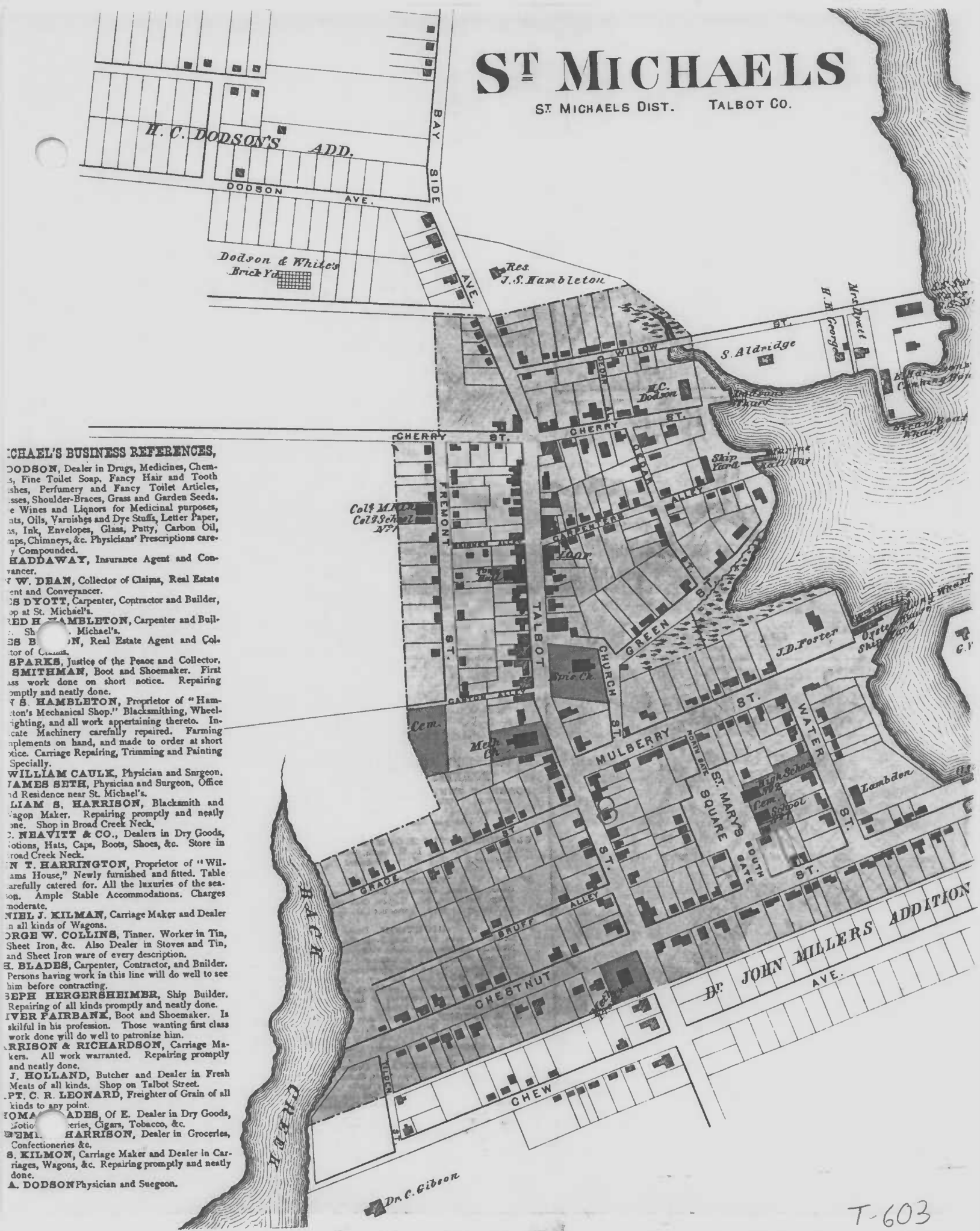

ICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

ODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chem-s, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth ishes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, sses, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. e Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, nts, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, s, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, nps, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions care-y Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Con-vancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate ent and Conveyancer.

S DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, p at St. Michael's.

ED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Buil-. Sh . Michael's.

S B N, Real Estate Agent and Col-tor of Cl .

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First ss work done on short notice. Repairing mptly and neatly done.

S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Ham-ton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-ighting, and all work appertaining thereto. In-cate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming plements on hand, and made to order at short tice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

AMES SETH, Physician and Surgeon, Office d Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and agon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly ne. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, otions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in road Creek Neck.

N T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Wil-ams House," Newly furnished and fitted. Table arefully catered for. All the luxuries of the sea-on. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer n all kinds of Wagons.

ORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

H. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

EPH HERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skilful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

RRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Ma-kers. 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. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

OMA ADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, otio eries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

EMI HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.

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St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
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West elevation
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Barn, southwest elevation
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