T-620 c. 1874
DeBeet-Edgar House
St. Michaels
private

The chain-of-title for this North Talbot Street lot indicates that the extant two-story brick building that now houses the St. Michaels Inn was erected as connected houses for Emily DeBeet and Ellen Jane Edgar, both of whom purchased adjacent lots for $830 in 1874. The $830 purchase price of the lots would suggest that the former owners who operated the Dodson and White brickyard had erected the duplex on speculation or by an agreement with the future grantees. Emily DeBeet bought the southern half of the structure, while Ellen Jane Edgar purchased the north half. Eight years later, in 1882, Emily DeBeet bought the north half as well.

Although the building has been extensively reworked as a restaurant, the brick structure is the only nineteenth-century dwelling in St. Michaels erected as a duplex. Unlike most buildings in town, the rectangular main block is covered by a hip roof, and it is marked by two door openings on the principal (east) elevation. In conversion to a restaurant and inn, the interior has been stripped of any original finish features. The building, however, does contribute to the architectural diversity of town and the nineteenth-century character of North Talbot Street.

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DeBEET-EDGAR HOUSE

and/or common ST. MICHAELS INN

2. Location

street & number West side of North Talbot Street ___ not for publication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	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

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

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

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 DeBeet-Edgar house, now called the St. Michaels Inn, stands on the west side of North Talbot Street in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, six-bay brick structure faces east with the hip roof oriented along a north/south axis.

Built around 1874, the two-story six-course common bond brick duplex is six bays across by two room deep. The low pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and a brick stack rises through the center portion of the building. A single story brick addition extends to the south, and a large modern addition stretches westward to house restaurant facilities.

The east (main) elevation of the main block is a symmetrical six-bay facade. The outer two bays on the first floor are filled with glazed doors, while the center four bays are filled with evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows framed by louvered shutters. The openings are topped by jack arches. The second floor is lighted by six evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows that are also highlighted by jack arches and shutters. Trimming the perimeter of the roof is a corbelled brick cornice.

Attached to the south side of the building is a single-story brick addition that contains the principal entrance to the restaurant. It is lighted by a six-over-nine sash window. An exterior stair leads to a door in the the second floor wall. The north side of the main block is detailed with similar features.

The west (rear) elevation is covered largely by the modern retaurant service wing.

The mid nineteenth-century features have been completely stripped from the various rooms. Bare brick walls and exposed joists characterize the rough interior surfaces. The second floor has been coverted into rooms with new materials as well.

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 1874 **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 DeBeet-Edgar house, or the St. Michaels Inn, is a substantial two-story, six-bay late nineteenth-century brick structure that stands on the northern fringe of the historic district. Although the building has been extensively reworked as a restaurant, the brick structure is the only nineteenth-century dwelling in St. Michaels erected as a duplex. Unlike most buildings in town, the rectangular main block is covered by a hip roof and is marked by two door openings on the principal elevation. In conversion to a restaurant and inn, the interior has been stripped of any original finish features. The building does, however, contribute to the architectural diversity of town and the nineteenth-century character of North Talbot Street.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The chain-of-title for this North Talbot Street lot indicates that the two-story brick building was erected as connected houses for Emily DeBeet and Ellen Jane Edgar both of whom purchased adjacent lots for $830 in 1874.(See 80/259 and 80/199) The $830 purchase price of the lots would suggest that the former owners who operated the Dodson and White brickyard had erected the duplex on speculation or by an agreement with the future grantees. Emily DeBeet purchased the southern half of the structure, while Ellen Jane Edgar purchased the north half. Eight years later in 1882, Emily DeBeet bought the north half of the duplex.(95/24) Carroll Edgar, executor for Emily DeBeet, sold the property in 1917.

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

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organization	Private Consultant	date	4/8/88
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YEAR: 1953 VOL: 302 PAGE: 227
FROM: Helen B. Parker PRICE:
TO: Lavinia B. Jewett and Hamilton S. Jewett
NOTES Two adjoining lots with a total frontage of 80 feet on Talbot Street; on North side 126 feet; on South side 135 feet back to West or Fremont Street; adjoining Joseph B. Seth on North and R. Eugene Rude on South.
Purchaser assumes mortgage 1947, 271/232 - remainder of $2000.
Conveyed to Parker by Kirby 1947, 271/230.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 271 PAGE: 230
FROM: S. Lyda Kirby PRICE:
TO: Helen B. Parker
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Kirby by Leonard 1918, 179/302.
Of the two lots, Kirby conveyed the North lot to Sarah E. Price 1918, 179/306; Price reconveyed to Kirby 1921, 190/302; Kirby then conveyed to Grace Rainey Rogers 1925, 201/325; Rogers reconveyed to Kirby 1932, 229/146.

YEAR: 1932 VOL: 229 PAGE: 146
FROM: Grace Rainey Rogers (of New York City) PRICE:
TO: S. Lyda Kirby
NOTES Begins at the SE corner of Mrs. Joseph B. Seth; run South 40 feet to the middle line of the brick wall separating the North wing of the brick dwelling house on sid land from the South wing of said house; run West with the middle line of the brick wall and the said land to Werst Street; the North 40'6" to the Seth lot; with Seth East 126 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Grace Rainey Rogers by S. Lyda Kirby subject to a life estate of said Kirby 1925, 201/325.

YEAR: 1925 VOL: 201 PAGE: 325
FROM: S. Lyda Kirby PRICE: $850
TO: Grace Rainey Rogers (of NYCity)
NOTES Same description as 1932, 229/146. Subject to a life estate for S. Lyda Kirby. Part of the land conveyed to S. Lyda Kirby by John T. Leonard; also the same lot conveyed by S. Lyda Kirby to Sarah E. Price 1918, 179/306 and reconveyed by Price to Kirby 1921, 190/302.

YEAR: 1921 VOL: 190 PAGE: 302
FROM: Sarah E. Price PRICE:
TO: S. Lyda Kirby
NOTES Same description as 1932, 229/146. (Does not mention the life estate)
Conveyed to Price by Kirby, 1918, 179/306.

YEAR: 1918 VOL: 179 PAGE: 306
FROM: S. Lyda Kirby PRICE: $600
TO: Sarah E. Price
NOTES Same description as 1932, 229/146. Part of the land conveyed to Kirby by John T. Leonard 1918, 179/302.

1918, 179/303 is a mortgage from Kirby to John T. Leonard for $400.
The sale, Leonard to Kirby 1918, 179/302, the above mortgage, and the sale Kirby to Price were all made on the same date. The mortgage does not mention the sale of part of the lot to Price.

YEAR: 1918 VOL: 179 PAGE: 302
FROM: John T. Leonard PRICE: $1350
TO: S. Lyda Kirby
NOTES Deed is for the two 40 foot lots.
Conveyed to John T. Leonard by Carroll Edgar, Extr. of Emily E. DeBeet 1917, 176/383.

YEAR: 1917 VOL: 176 PAGE: 383
FROM: Carroll Edgar, Extr. of Emily E. DeBeet PRICE: $600
TO: John T. Leonard
NOTES Sale made by authority of the will of Emily E. DeBeet of Cecil County. The deed is for the two lots with a total frontage on the main road (Talbot Street) of 80 feet.
North lot conveyed to DeBeet by Edgar 1882, 95/24
South lot conveyed to DeBeet by Cooper, White, and Dodson 1874, 80/199.

YEAR: 1882 VOL: 95 PAGE: 24
FROM: Ella E. Edgar and S. Bruff Edgar PRICE: $1000
TO: Emily E. DeBeet
NOTES Emily DeBeet buys the north half of the duplex house and the 40 foot lot. The house is not mentioned in this deed.
Conveyed to Ella E. Edgar by Cooper, White, and Dodson 1874, 80/259.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 259
FROM: Wm. Cooper and others PRICE: $830
TO: Ellen Jane Edgar
NOTES Begins at NE corner of Emily DeBeet; runs with the road North 40 feet; then West 126 feet; then South 42 feet to DeBeet; then 130'6" to the beginning. "Laid off" from a tract purchased by Cooper, White, and Dodson in 1873, 79/328. Cooper, White, and Dodson operated the St. Michaels brickyard behind the lots on the main road which probably accounts for the row of five brick houses.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 199
FROM: William Cooper and others PRICE: $830
TO: Emily DeBeet
NOTES Begins at a post at SE corner of this lot, 71 feet from the NE corner of a lot conveyed to Alfred H. Hambleton by Cooper, White, and Dodson. Run North 40 feet parallel with the road to lot about to be conveyed to Ellen Jane Edgar; with Edgar West 130'6"; then South 42 feet; the East 135 feet to the beginning. "Being a lot laid off from a tract bought by Cooper, White, and Dodson 1873, 79/238.

The DeBeets and Edgars were related by marriage.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 328
FROM: Samuel Hambleton, extr. of John N. Hambleton PRICE: $1395
TO: William Cooper, Joseph White, H. Clay Dodson
NOTES On W side of the Bayside Road. Begin at NE corner of James Dennis' lot; run N 14 W 25 P; N 05 E 3 1/3 P; to Thomas Johnson; then N 08 1/2 W 39 P to woodland; then N 04 E 26.5 P to Mrs. S. H. Dawson; then N 86 1/2 W 42.5 P to John Ruth; then S 04 W 56 P to P. T. Hambleton; then S 86 1/2 E 90.5 P to the beginning. 22 acres.

YEAR: 1870 VOL: 11 PAGE: 391
FROM: Will of John N. Hambleton, Jr. PRICE:
TO: Samuel Hambleton
NOTES The will, made in 1870, probated same year, leaves farm of "Martingham" to nephew Samuel Hambleton. Sam, as executor, is to sell all other property to pay off cash bequests which total more than $100,000.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 10 PAGE: 54 (Wills)
FROM: Samuel Hambleton PRICE:
TO: John N. Hambleton
NOTES Will made 1849. Leaves all to brother John who is also executor. Most real estate is to be sold to pay several cash legacies. Samuel Hambleton was Purser on Perry's ship at the Battle of Lake Erie.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 240
FROM: Robert Rolle Richardson PRICE: $2808
TO: Samuel Hambleton
NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot". Total 175 1/2 acres. Hambleton named the place "Perry Cabin Farm".

YEAR: 1780 VOL: 21 PAGE: 119
FROM: John Johning Hopkins PRICE: p8000 cm
TO: Robert R Richardson
NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot" 133 1/4 a.
To John Johning Hopkins by Thomas Ashcroft 1771, 20/154.

"Beach" patented 1665 to John Hollingsworth - 50 acres.

"Davenport" patented 1677 to Humphrey Davenport - 200 acres.

"Elliott's Lot" patented 1695 to Edward Ellett (Elliott) - 276 acres

YEAR: 1771 VOL: 20 PAGE: 154
FROM: Thomas Ashcroft PRICE:
TO: John Johning Hopkins
NOTES Begins at a cedar at the end of "Long Cut Cove". Runs N 72 1/2 W 188 P to the SSW line of "Elliott's Lot"; then SSW 114 P to land formerly Edward Hopkins; with that line E x S 159 P to "Old House Cove"; with the water "up the gut" to the first tree. 119 acres.

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St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle, 1942
Broad Creek
Haul Creek
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Navy Pt
Parrott Pt
St Michaels
BALTIMORE AND EASTERN
BM 12
BM 7
BM 8
Tank
San Domingo
Spencer Creek
Little Neck Cr
RIVER
HUNTIN
BROAD CR
Church Neck Point
Hopkins Point
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DeBeet-Edgar House
St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD
East elevation
1/88, Paul Touart, photographer
Negative/MD Historical Trust