

T-687  
Rebecca West House  
St. Michaels  
private

c. 1883

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic REBECCA WEST HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 104 North Talbot Street  not for publication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	
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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

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 187

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 376

city, town Easton state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

file

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Rebecca West house stands at 104 North Talbot Street in the northern commercial district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1883, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by a low brick foundation and is sheathed with artificial weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a shorter two-story rear service wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking four-over-four sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. The flanking windows are hung with louvered shutters. Stretching across the front of the house is a hip roofed, turned post porch with sawn brackets and a square baluster handrail. The second floor is marked by three evenly spaced four-over-four sash windows each hung with louvered shutters. Distinguishing the roof is a centered cross gable that is pierced by a pointed arch six-pane attic window.

The gable ends are pierced by four-over-four sash windows that light each floor. Protruding through each gable is an interior brick stack that is finished with a corbelled cap. The eaves are extended slightly and finished with a short return at the base of the roof.

Extending westward from the main block is a two-story rear wing with an interior end brick stack as well. A screened-in porch supported by chamfered posts fills the south corner of the rear ell, and a partially glazed side door provides access to the wing.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-687

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

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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During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries this stretch of North Talbot Street was largely residential with a few stores interspersed with the rows of houses. However, commercial development within the last ten years has encroached on this neighborhood and turned many houses into rental spaces for businesses. This house is one of a handful along North Talbot Street that remains as a single-family dwelling.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-687

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title      Paul B. Touart    Architectural Historian

organization    Private Consultant      date      1/29/89

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

city or town      Westover      state      MD    21871

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

REBECCA WEST HOUSE

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YEAR: 1920 VOL: 187 PAGE: 376  
FROM: Rebecca H. West et al PRICE: \$1600  
TO: Clarence H. Waters and Mabel Waters  
NOTES See attached deed.  
Conveyed to Rebecca H. Hambleton (now West) by Philemon T. Hambleton and others 1883, 96/489.

YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 489  
FROM: P. T. Hambleton et al PRICE: \$100  
TO: Rebecca Hambleton  
NOTES The "others" are: Carrie V. Hambleton, John S. Hambleton, and Angeline D. Hambleton.  
Begins at the SE corner of the heirs of Josiah Fairbank; run W 120 feet to the SW corner of Fairbank; then S with the fence enclosing this lot 50 feet; then E 139 feet to Talbot Street; then N on Talbot Street 53 feet to the beginning.

Deed missing: P T Hambleton I. to P. T. Hambleton II. !!!

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Year: 1856 Vol: 87 Page: 264  
From: Charles Robinson, trustee Price: \$2345  
To: Philemon Hambleton  
Notes: All that part of Elliott's Lot and Joseph's Lot sold by Samuel Harrison to Samuel Hambleton, 1832, 50/322. Begins at the place where a cedar post stood by the road into Church Neck set down as a division between Thomas Harrison and James Braddock; run with the road E 100P to Main Road; then therewith N 26 W 22P; then W 90P to what was the divisional line between Thomas Harrison and James Braddock; then with that line to the beginning. 11 3/4 acres except three small building lots sold off by William Jones.

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Year: 1832 Vol: 50 Page: 322  
From: Samuel Harrison Price: \$475.50  
To: Samuel Hambleton  
Notes: All that part of Elliott's Lot and Joseph's Lot sold by Robert Richardson and Thomas Harrison to Thomas L Haddaway, 1795, 26/322. Afterwards sold by Samuel Harrison, administrator of Thomas L Haddaway. Begins at former cedar post, runs with Church Neck road E 100P to Main Road, with the main road, N 26 W 22P, then W 90P to the Harrison-Braddock line, then to the beginning. 11 3/4 acres.

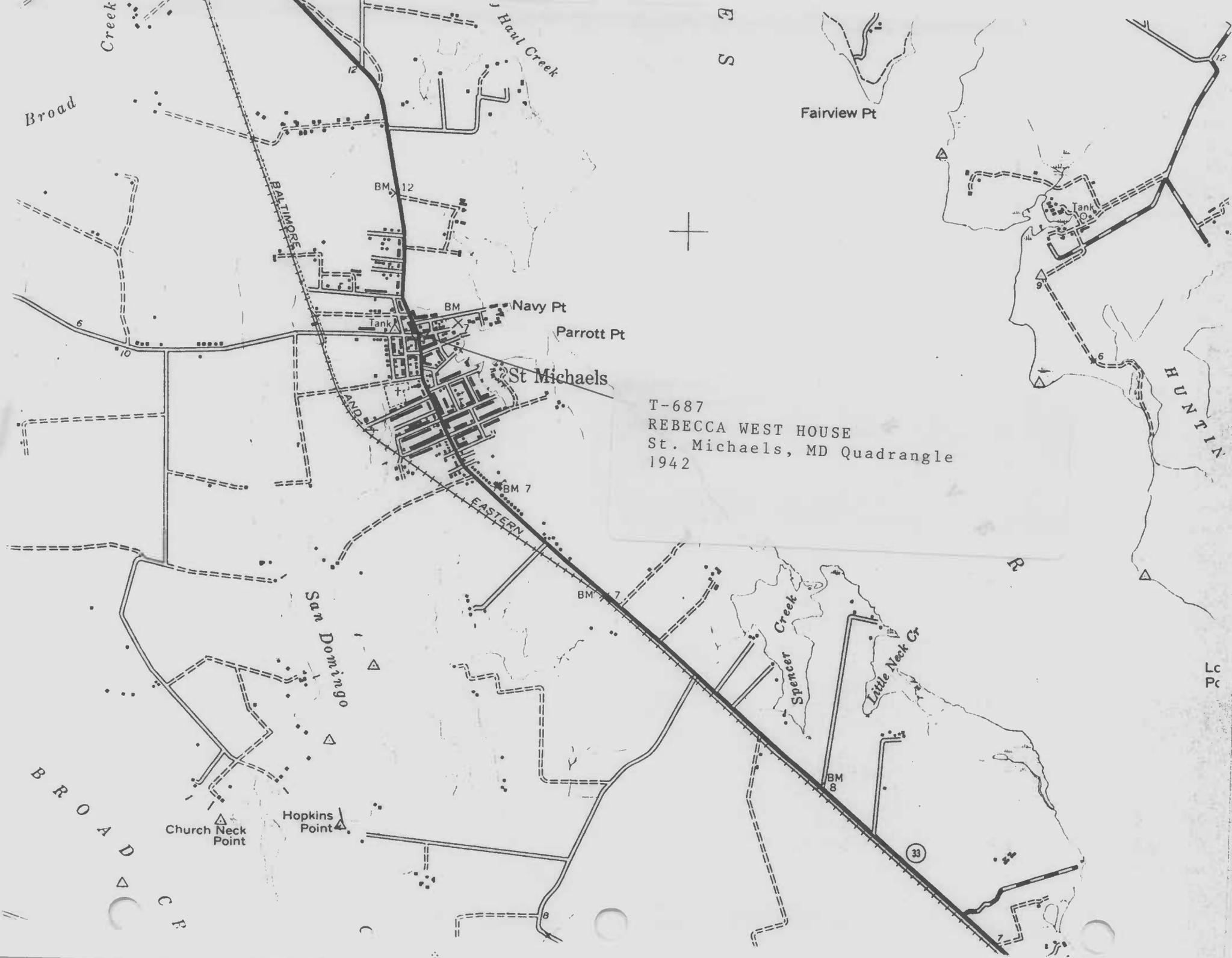
# ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



## MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Spectacles, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Also Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Pipes, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- 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 FLEMING**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.
- SPANGLER**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Instructive 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. HEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- N. 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.
- BURGE W. COLLINS**, Tinsmith. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- T. BLADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- EPH HERGENSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- EVER FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- HARRISON & RICHARDSON**, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- T. HOLLAND**, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
- T. C. R. LEONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- THOMAS BLADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- EMERSON HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.
- W. KILMON**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. DODSON** Physician and Surgeon.



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REBECCA WEST HOUSE  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle  
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REBECCA WEST HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

East elevation

12/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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