

T-718
James F. Burns House
St. Michaels
Private

c. 1878

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This standard two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is similar to its west side neighbor at 103 Mulberry Street. Even though the frame structure, now covered with vinyl siding, does not exhibit any unusual architectural features, it nonetheless contributes to the historic row of frame dwellings that characterizes the north side of Mulberry Street.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JAMES F. BURNS HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 105 Mulberry Street not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 371

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 610

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-718

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 type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The James F. Burns house stands at 105 Mulberry Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces south with the main gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1878, the two-story frame house is three bays across by two bays deep. Supported by a low brick foundation, the house is sheathed with vinyl siding, and it is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The base to the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice, and the eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base. Attached to the back of the main block is a shorter two-story kitchen wing.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with three six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Louvered shutters remain at each opening. The current entrance to the house is entered through the west gable end. Six-over-six sash windows pierce the first and second floor of each end, and an interior end stove chimney rises through the west gable.

The shorter two-story kitchen wing is two bays across, and it is covered by a low pitched gable roof. A single story shed roofed section extends to the rear.

The interior was not seen.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 9/26/89

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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

JAMES F. BURNS HOUSE

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YEAR: 1961 VOL: 371 PAGE: 610 PRICE: \$3000
FROM: Elizabeth R. Barnes, widow
TO: John H. Anderson and Virginia P. Anderson
NOTES: Begins at lot of E. P. Sparks; run N 140' to Town Marsh Lot, formerly James Benson; west 30 feet to lot of Johanna Collins; south 146' to Mulberry Street; with Mulberry Street 30 feet to the beginning.
Hazen H. Fairbank joins on the deed for purpose of releasing mortgage 1960, 360/502
Conveyed to Barnes by Fairbank 1930, 222/436.

YEAR: 1930 VOL: 222 PAGE: 436 PRICE:
FROM: Charles Leonard Fairbank, unmarried
TO: Daniel R. Barnes and Elizabeth R. Barnes
NOTES: Same description. Title clearance.
Conveyed to Fairbank by Barnes 1930, 222/434.

YEAR: 1930 VOL: 222 PAGE: 434 PRICE:
FROM: Daniel R. Barnes and Elizabeth R. Barnes
TO: Charles Leonard Fairbank
NOTES: Same description. Title clearance.
Conveyed to Mary E. Lubba and Daniel R. Barnes by Mortimer 1929, 219/75.
Mary Lubba died 1930; Daniel Barnes survivor.

YEAR: 1929 VOL: 219 PAGE: 219 PRICE: 75
FROM: Grace B. Mortimer and J. Edwin Mortimer
TO: Mary E. Lubba and Daniel R. Barnes
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Lydia M. Burns by Charles E. Willey 1903, 140/11.
Lydia died intestate 1907. Property went to her only daughter Grace B. Mortimer.

YEAR: 1903 VOL: 140 PAGE: 11 PRICE: \$800
FROM: Charles E. Willey and wife
TO: Lydia M. Burns
NOTES: Begins SW corner of a lot of E. P. Sparks, the same lot held by O. P. Sparks, known as the Sparks or "Burnt House Lot".
Conveyed to Willey by Burns 1895, 125/120

YEAR: 1895 VOL: 125 PAGE: 120 PRICE: \$150+ovc
FROM: Thomas E. Burns and Lydia M. Burns
TO: Charles E. Willey
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Burns by Burns 1883, 96/372.

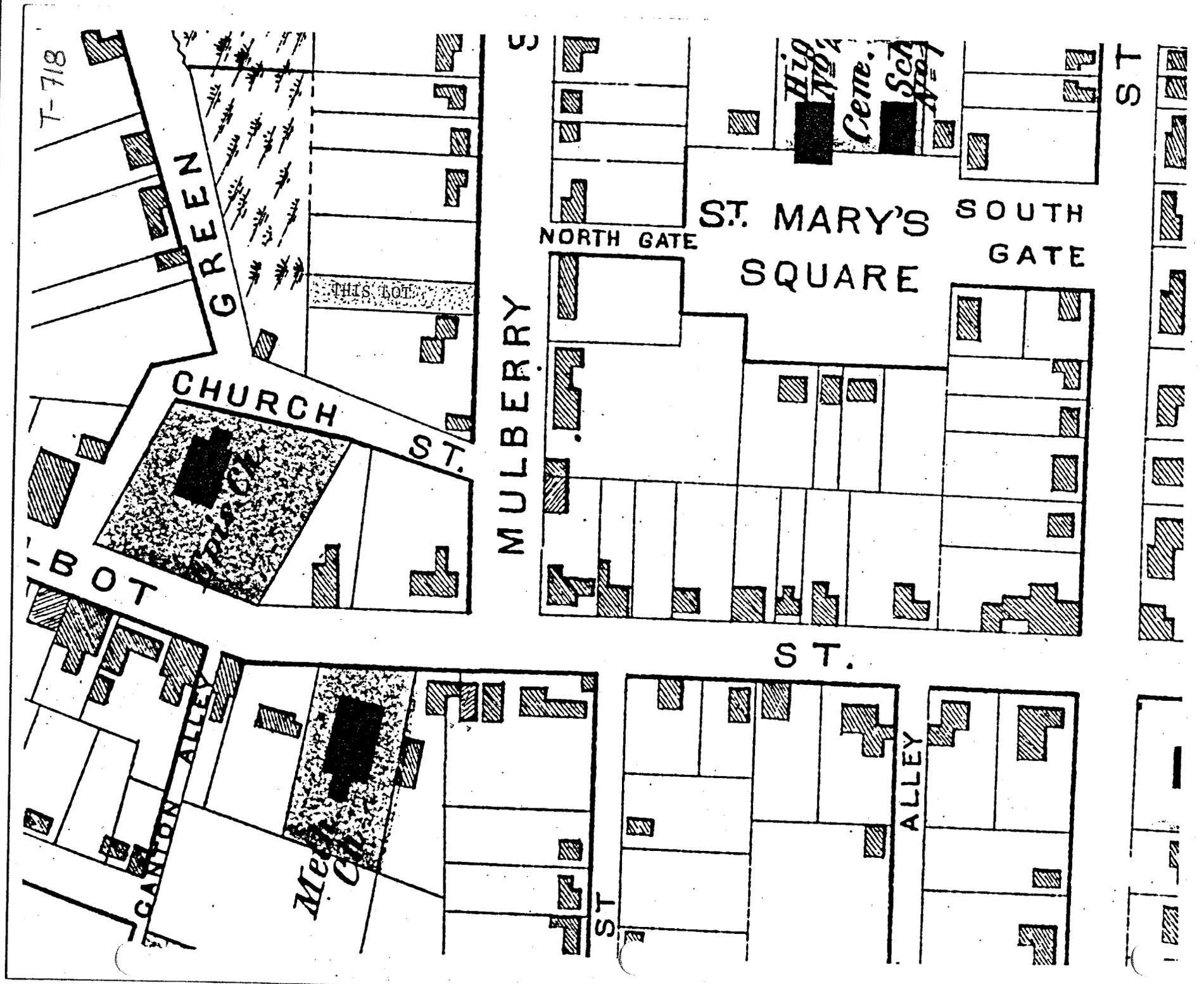
YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 372 PRICE: \$1300
FROM: James F. Burns and M. Olivia Burns
TO: Thomas E. Burns
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Burns by Benson 1878, 85/86.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 86 PRICE: \$575
FROM: James Benson and Marianna Benson
TO: James F. Burns
NOTES: Same description. Deed made 9 February 1878.
Conveyed to Benson by Joshua W. Bryant, trustee 1878, 85/85.

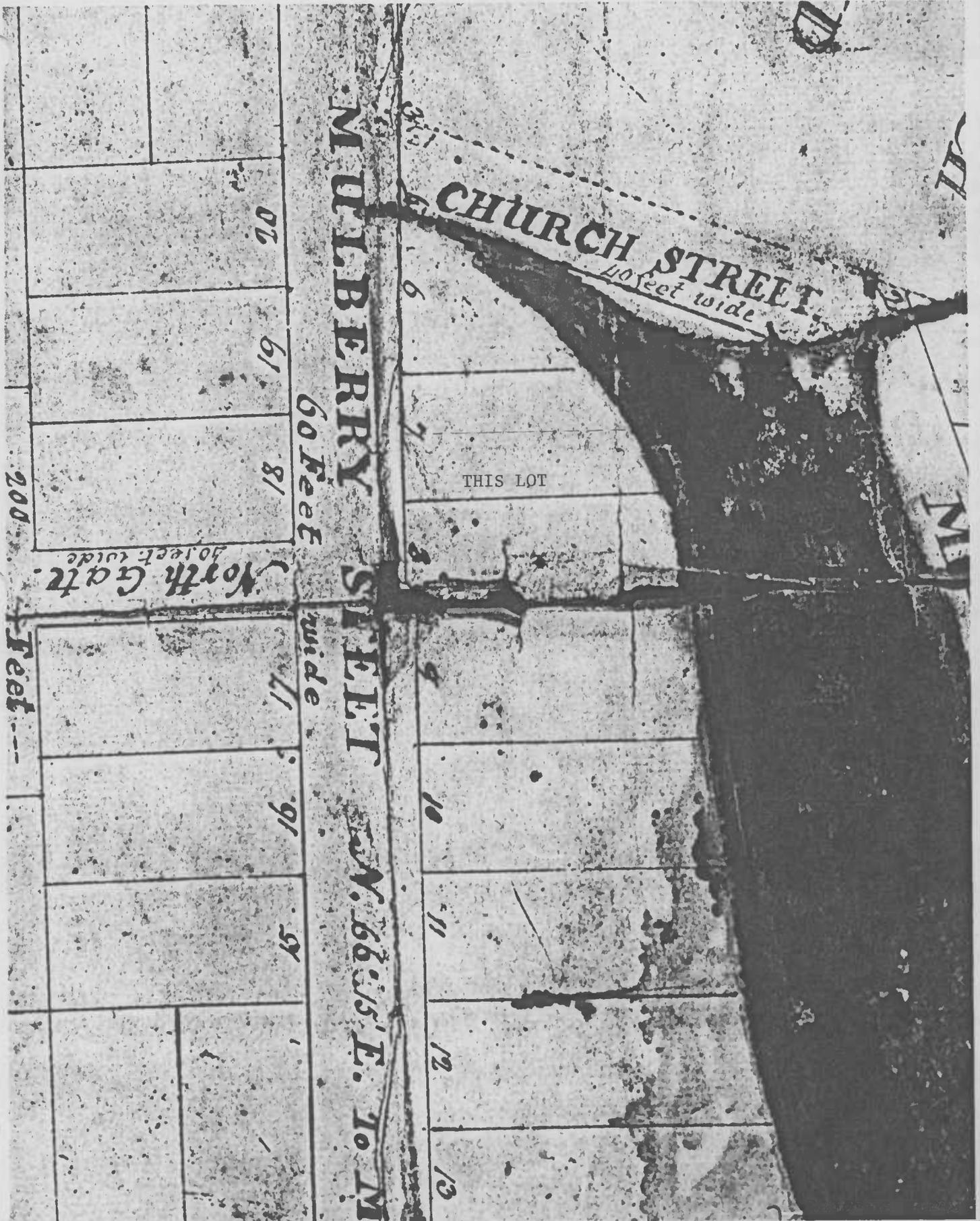
YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 85 PRICE: \$230
FROM: Joshua W. Bryant, trustee
TO: James Benson
NOTES: Sale made on 17 March 1877. Deed dated 2 Feb 1878. Same description.

This is lot #1 of the three lots in the court-ordered sale of the 130-foot lot of Mary Thomas on Mulberry Street. According to the advertisement of the sale it was an unimproved lot. It shows as vacant on the map in the 1877 atlas.

For the remainder of the chain see the last three entries under T-717.



LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS, 1877 (MODIFIED)



ST MICHAELS

ST MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

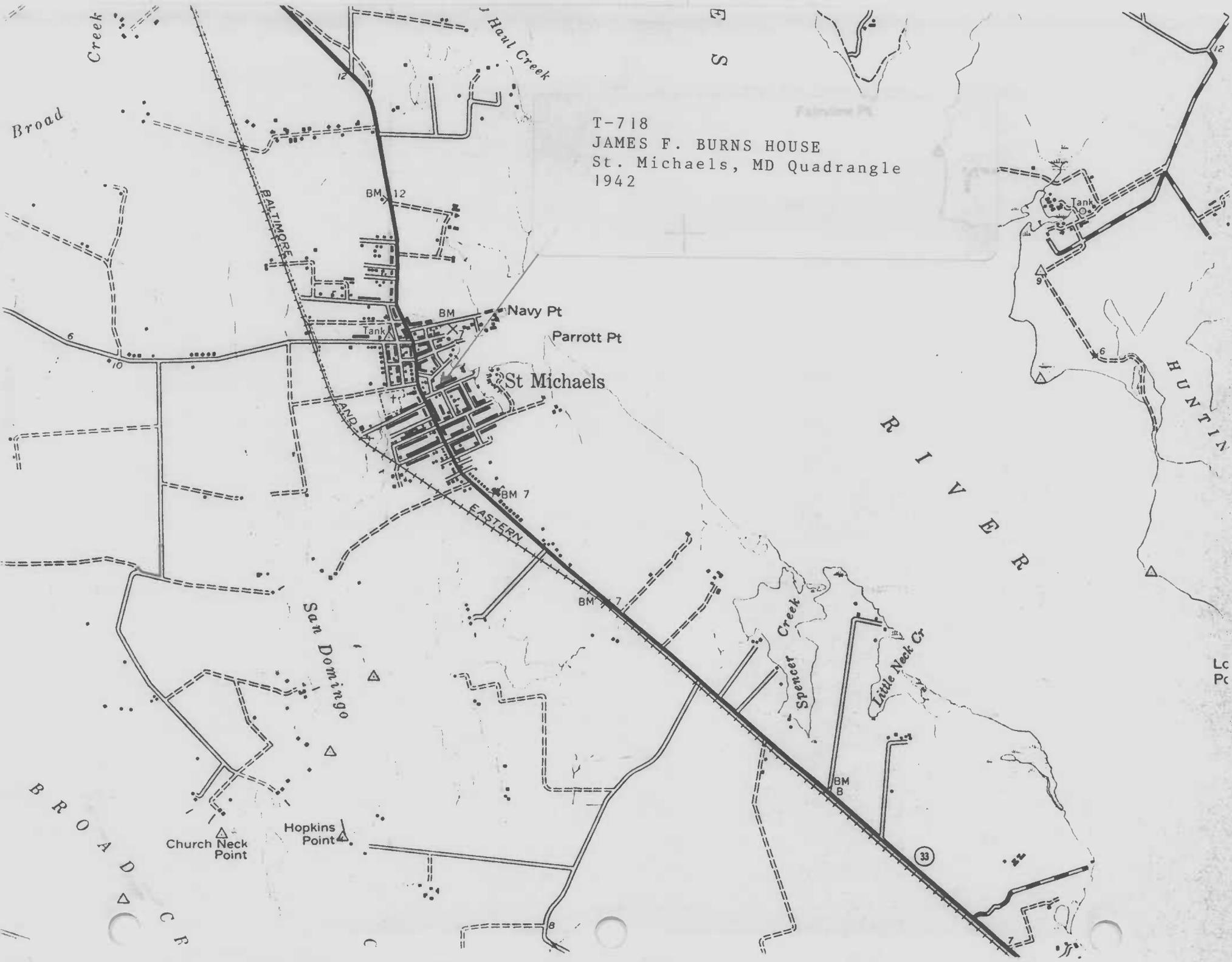
1877 LAKE, GRAYSON,
AND STEVENSON AREAS



MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Scissors, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Also Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Nails, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. DEAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- W. DYOTT**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- ED H. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- W. B. HARRISON**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.
- W. SPARNS**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- W. SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. S. HAMBLETON**, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, 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.
- W. NEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
- W. 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.
- W. NIEL J. KILMAN**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.
- W. GEORGE W. COLLINS**, Tinsmith. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.
- W. H. BLADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- W. SEPH HERGENSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
- W. EVER FAIRBANK**, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.
- W. HARRISON & RICHARDSON**, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. J. HOLLAND**, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.
- W. PT. C. R. LEONARD**, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.
- W. OMAS BLADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- W. W. HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.
- W. S. KILMON**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- W. A. DODSON** Physician and Surgeon.

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JAMES F. BURNS HOUSE



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JAMES F. BURNS HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942

Broad

Creek

Haul Creek

BALTIMORE

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

EASTERN

BM 7

San Domingo

San Domingo Creek

Little Neck Cr

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BROAD C R

R I V E R

HUNTING

LC
PC



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JAMES F. BURNS HOUSE

Southeast elevation

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

5/89, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust