

T-720
Mill Street Tenant House
St. Michaels
Private

c. 1880

Standing at 202 Mill Street, in past times known as Willow Street, is a two-story, two-bay frame dwelling estimated to date to around 1880. The modest shed roofed dwelling is a relatively rare type of house in St. Michaels, and this structure once stood in a row with two others. It probably provided accommodation for working class laborers in the nearby boatyard or oyster packing houses that operated on the harbor during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic
and/or common MILL STREET TENANT HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 202 Mill Street ___ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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. Clerk of the Talbot County Court liber 237
street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 35
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	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Standing at 202 Mill Street, formerly known as Willow Street, in the northern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland is a two-story, two-bay frame row house, one of three that once defined the street. This is the only one that has survived. The house faces north.

Built around 1880, the two-story, two-bay frame house rests on a continuous brick foundation, and it is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The gently sloping shed roof is covered in metal sheets.

The north (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a partially glazed front door and an adjacent six-over-six sash window defining the first floor. The door is sheltered by a shed roof hood. Lighting the second floor are a pair of six-over-six sash windows. The front cornice is trimmed with a bed and crown molding.

The west side of the row house is marked by pairs of six-over-six sash windows on each floor, and rising through the roof is a short brick stove chimney. The east side is less detailed, probably due to the close set nature of the adjacent building that has been torn down. A two-story shed roofed addition extends to the back of the main block.

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/
<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.

The Mill Street tenant house is a modest two-story, two-bay frame structure built during the late nineteenth century, perhaps around 1880. The rectangular weatherboard house is covered by a long sloping shed roof, and six-over-six sash windows light both floors. Now relatively rare in St. Michaels, this house was one of three that stood in a row along Mill, formerly Willow Street. It probably provided accommodation for working class laborers in the nearby boatyard.

YEAR: 1936 VOL: 237 PAGE: 35 PRICE: \$1000
 FROM: Albert U. Caulk and Alvin R. Caulk, surviving et al
 TO: Norman M. Shannahan

NOTES: On the west side of Willow Street; Begins at a marker, runs with the land Shannahan purchased from Turner (1916, 174/197) S 58'3" to another lot of Shannahan; then W 80'2"; then with reserved land of Turner (1920, 195/237) N 64'18" to Willow Street; with Willow, E 83' to the beginning. Conveyed by Turner to Caulk 1920, 195/237.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 195 PAGE: 237 PRICE: \$1425
 FROM: Horace M. Turner and Helen G. Turner
 TO: George R. Caulk & Sons

NOTES: Same description.
 Part of the land conveyed to Turner by Hambleton 1912, 161/120 "together with the three tenant houses"...

YEAR: 1912 VOL: 161 PAGE: 120 PRICE:
 FROM: Mary R. Hambleton and Elmer M. Hambleton
 TO: Horace M. Turner and Helen G. Turner
 NOTES: "All that lot" on the SE corner of Willow Street and Cedar Alley. Begins at stone "D" on the bank; run S 79 30' W 147 feet to Cedar Alley; with Alley 60 feet to Willow Street; then with the street to the waters of the cove; with the waters of the cove to the beginning.
 Conveyed by assignment of leaseby Sarah E. Weeden and Mary E. Weeden to Rachel A. R. Fairbank 1874, 80/381.
 The fee interest conveyed by Jeremiah Harrison to Rachel A. R. Fairbank 1874, 80/392.

No record was found of a transfer of title between Rachel Fairbank and Mary Hambleton.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 391 PRICE: \$425
 FROM: Sarah E. Weeden and Mary E. Weeden
 TO: Rachel A. R. Fairbank

NOTES: Same description.
 "Same lot leased by Thomas Harrison to Robert Dodson 1798, 28/61.

No record was found of how the Weeden sisters acquired the lease. They were daughters of Daniel Weeden who operated a sadler's shop on the corner of Talbot Street and Canton Lane.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 392 PRICE: \$40
 FROM: Jeremiah Harrison
 TO: Rachel A. R. Fairbank

NOTES: Fee simple. Same description.
 "Same lot leased for 99 years by Thomas Harrison to Robert A. Dodson 1798, 28/61."

YEAR: 1798 VOL: 28 PAGE: 61 PRICE: lease

FROM: Thomas Harrison

TO: Robert Dodson

NOTES: Begins at stone "D" by the water on the bank. Run S 79 30' W 147 feet;
then N 10 30' W 60 feet; then N 79 30' E to water; with water to the beginning.

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

T-720, SITE OF
MILL STREET
TENANT HOUSE

MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Cases, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Candles, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

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

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

ED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder at St. Michael's.

SON, Real Estate Agent and Collector.

SPARKS, 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 "Hamilton's Mechanical Shop," Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Incomplete 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.

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

T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House," Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the sea. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges Moderate.

EL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

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

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

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

R FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. First class in his profession. Those wanting first class work will do well to patronize him.

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OLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

R. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

S. BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

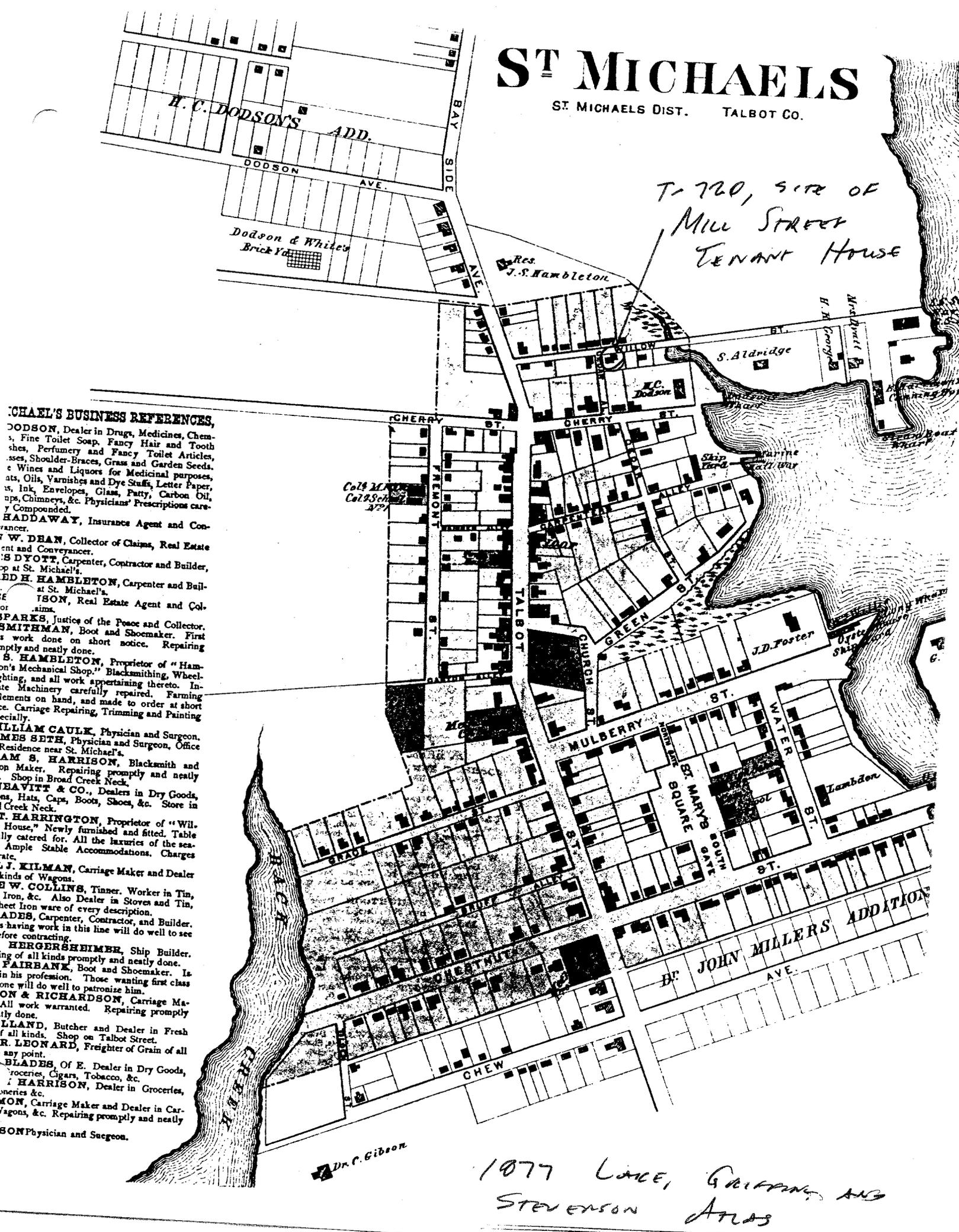
HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Canned Goods, &c.

MON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

SON Physician and Surgeon.

Dr. C. Gibson

1877 LACE, GRIPPING AND STEVENSON ATLAS



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Mill Street Tenant House
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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MILL STREET TENANT HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Northwest elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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