T-728 c. 1878-1879
Sarah A. Lambdin House
St. Michaels
Private

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 415 Water Street ___ not for publication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	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x 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 287

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 79

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 Sarah A. Lambdin house stands at 415 Water Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-part frame dwelling faces west with the principal gable oriented on north/south axis.

Built around 1878, the two-story side hall/parlor frame house rests on a low brick foundation, and the building is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south gable end of the main house is a shorter two-story, two-bay wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is sheltered by a single bay gable roofed porch. The adjacent windows are hung with louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The north gable end is a plain asbestos shingled wall with a slightly extended eave. Rising through the peak of the roof is an interior end brick stove chimney.

The south end is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay wing which is lighted on the first and second floors by pairs of six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. A brick stove chimney rises through the south gable end.

The interior was not seen.

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	x agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ 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.

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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

	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
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Private Consultant	date	11/17/89
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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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Sarah A.
~~THOMAS~~ LAMBDIN HOUSE

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YEAR: 1950 VOL: 287 PAGE: 79 PRICE:
FROM: William Reddie
TO: Grtace L. McSteen, Christine McSt. Vye, Helen McSteen Harris
NOTES: On the east side of Water Street. 82-foot front on Water Street; 210 feet deep to the waters of the harbor; bounded on the north by the former George B. Caulk and on the south by Elsie H. Fairbank.
Conveyed to Reddie by McSteen and Vye (clearance) 1950, 287/78.
Conveyed to McSteen and Vye by Reddie (clearance) 1945, 260/268.
Conveyed to Reddie by McSteen (clearance) 1945, 260/267.
Conveyed to McSteen by Wrightson (clearance) 1938, 240/562.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 240 PAGE: 567 PRICE:
FROM: Mary H. Lambdin and others
TO: Cornelia Wrightson
NOTES: Same description. A clearance designed to transfer the property to Grace L. McSteen (nee Lambdin).
Conveyed by Thomas H. W. Lambdin to Sarah A. Lambdin (his wife) by will, 1878.

No specific transfer of the property to Thomas H.. W. Lambdin. Deed 1881,92/256 Sarah A. Lambdin to Thomas L. Dawson for the adjacent lot number 56 states that lot 56 is "part of the land" that Thomas H. W. Lambdin inherited from his infant son, John Wesley Fletcher Lambdin who died in 1842 at the age of six years. It is also part of the lot John W. F. Lambdin obtained from Joseph and Sarah Robson 1837, 53/233
Deed 1837, 53/233 transfers only lot #56 to John Wesley Fletcher Lambdin. Lambdin would have been only one year old when he bought the lot!!

YEAR: 1826 VOL: 8 PAGE: 213 PRICE:
FROM: Thomas Kemp
TO: Sarah "Robinson" = Robson
NOTES: Thomas Kemp leaves his "lots in St. Michaels to his daughter Sarah "Robinson" . She was married to Joseph Robson.

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 227 PRICE:
FROM: Perry Spencer
TO: Thomas Kemp
NOTES: Spencer sells Kemp 3 lots in St. Michaels: 45, 56, 57 ("45" is an obvious error for "55", the lot begins at #54 on Water Street). The consideration was ALL of Kemp's interest in "Benson's Enlargement". The three lots were said to be "on The Beach". The deed appears to be the same as the following one, except that "all" is given in place of "part of Benson's Enlargement".

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 225 PRICE:
FROM: Perry Spencer, Shipwright
TO: Thomas Kemp, Boatwright
NOTES: This was part trade. Perry Spencer gives Thomas Kemp 3 lots in St. Michaels (numbers 55, 56, and 57) plus 85 pounds in "Spanish Dollars" at 7sh 6d per dollar. In return, Kemp sells Spencer PART OF "Benson's Enlargement". The deed was made 17 January 1791, on same date as 24/227.
No record was found of how Perry Spencer acquired the property. He was a brother of the first owner, Jonathan Spencer.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 256 PRICE: p10 sp
FROM: James Braddock
TO: Jonathan Spencer
NOTES: "One lot distinguished on the plat number 57". 60 x "to the creek".

The lot was part of "The Beach".

St. Michaels

St. Michaels Dist. Talbot Co.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas

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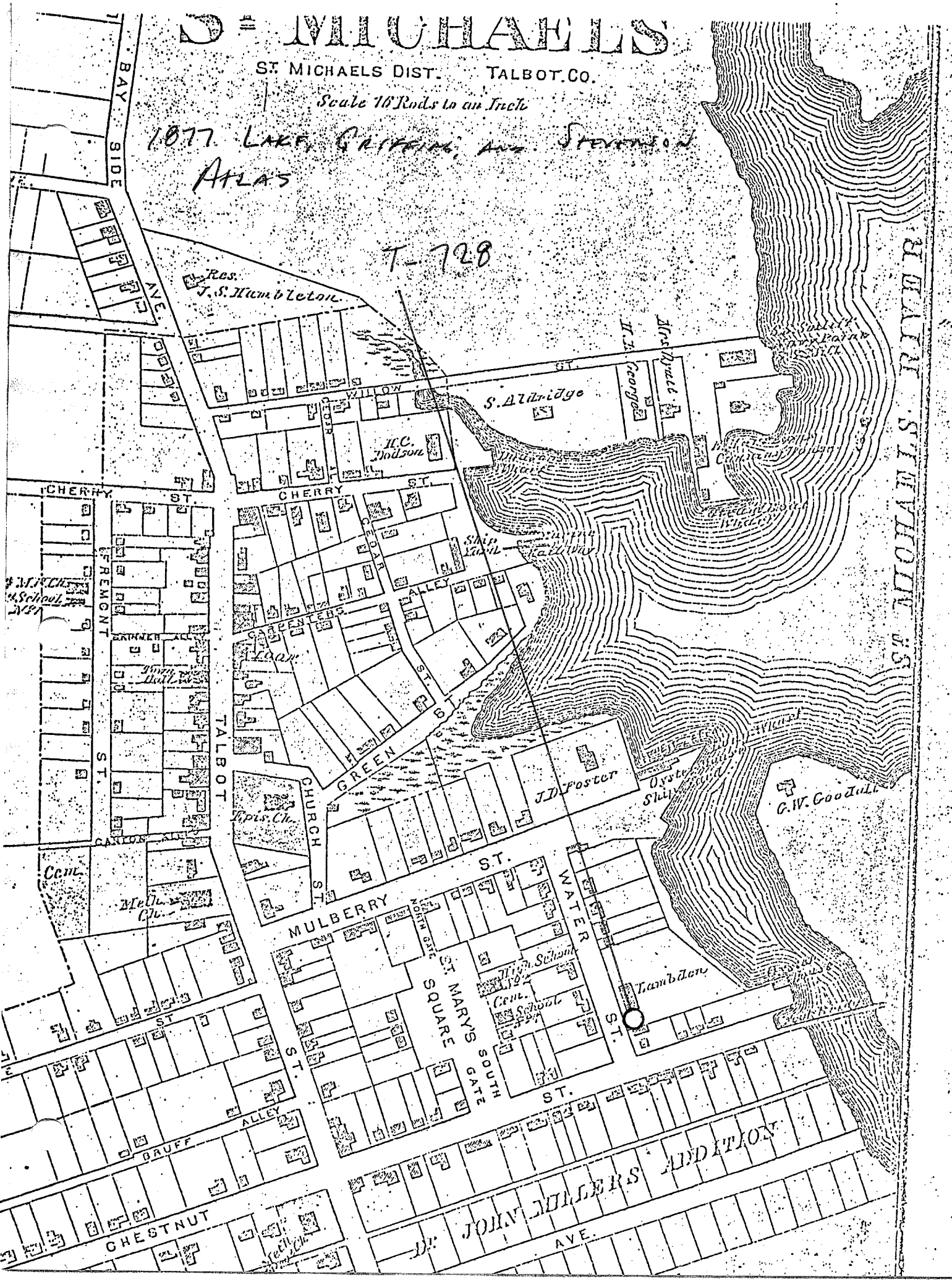

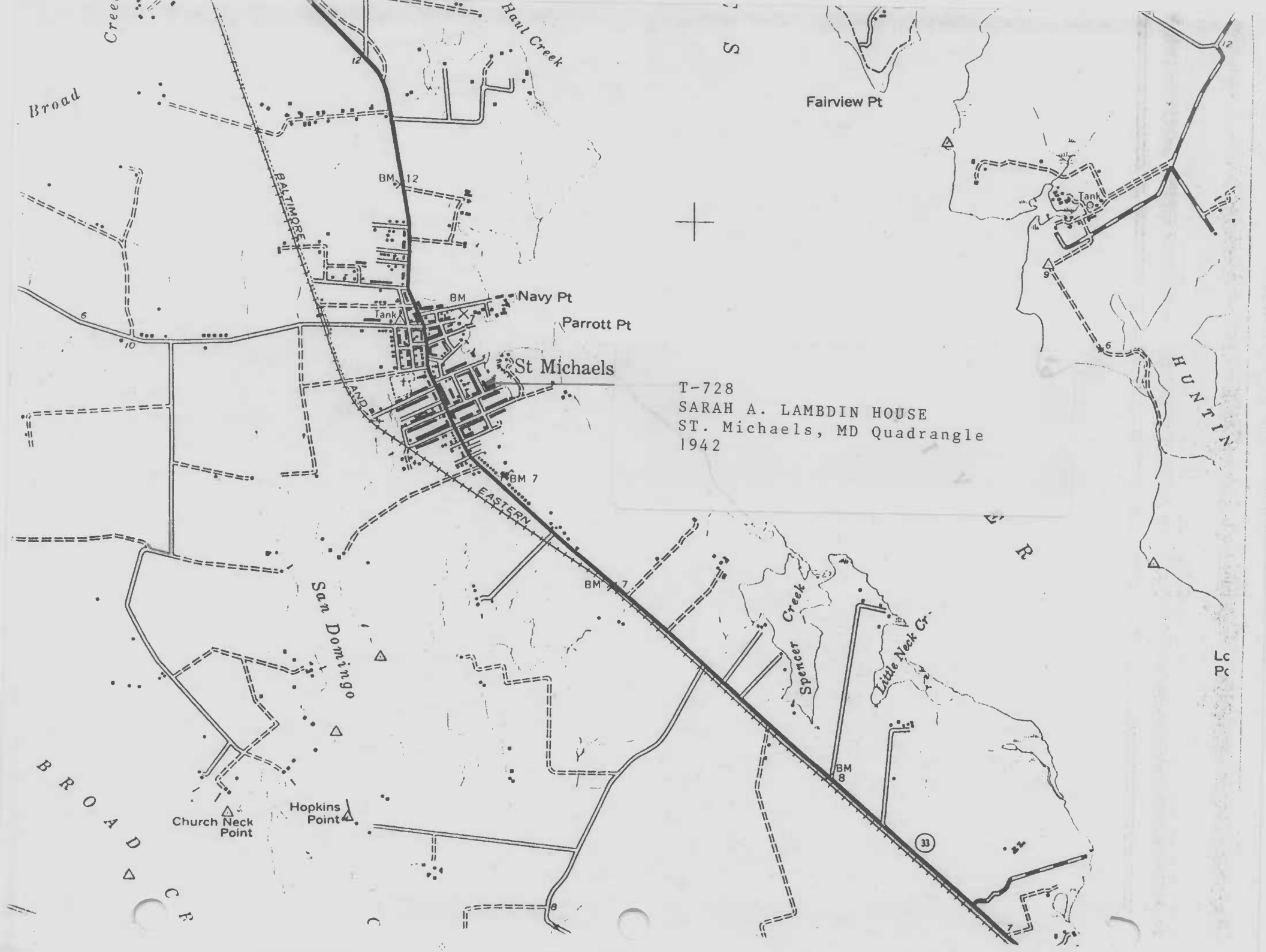

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SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE
ST. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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SARAH A. LAMBDIN HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD
Northwest elevation
6/89, Paul Touart, photographer
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