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Josiah Stack House
St. Michaels
Private

1872

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOSIAH STACK HOUSE

and/or common CAPTAIN DENNY HARRISON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number NW corner of Talbot and West Chew streets 506 ___ not for publication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 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell

street & number P. O. Box 1015 telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 423

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 330

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 Josiah Stack house, more recently identified as the Captain Denny Harrison house, stands on the northwest corner of South Talbot Street and West Chew Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the main gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the summer of 1872, the two-story frame dwelling is supported by a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with vinyl siding. A layer of asphalt shingles covers the medium pitched gable roof. Attached to the rear is a single story service wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. A heavily molded four-panel door is framed by three-light sidelights and a six-pane transom. The center bay is sheltered by a hip roof, turned post porch embellished with sawn corner brackets. The roof retains a seamed tin roof. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The north gable is marked by pairs of six-over-six sash windows on each floor, and the gable end is finished with a plain bargeboard. The chimneys have been removed from their gable end positions. An exterior brick chimney has been raised on the south gable end.

The west (rear) elevation is partially covered by a single story gable roofed kitchen wing that is extended to the south by a shed roofed addition.

The interior has been remodeled during the past twenty years. A hall partition that once separated the stair hall from the north room has been removed. Distinguishing the stair is a heavily turned newel post with turned balusters and a molded handrail. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. The main first floor rooms have been remodeled.

The second floor is divided in its original manner with a bedroom to either side of an upstairs hall. Four-panel doors provide access between spaces. Ogee edge molded baseboard trims the upstairs room which retain their wide pine floors. A patch in the south bedroom indicates the former location of the interior end chimney.

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 **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
A			
B			
C			
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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
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/17/89
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.

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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YEAR: 1967 VOL: 423 PAGE: 330 PRICE:
FROM: Joseph G. Peters and Beulah J. Peters
TO: Edward Richard Morris and Frances L. Morris
NOTES: Begins at a stone near the public road at the SE corner of J. Wesley Gardner; runs with the road (Talbot Street) 66' to Chew Avenue; with Chew Ave. 120 ' to lot number 3; with #3 to the SW corner of Gardner; then 120' to the beginning. Part of lot number 1 and lot number 12 on the plat of Gibson's Addition to St. Michaels.
Conveyed to Peters by Harrison 1965, 403/357.

YEAR: 1965 VOL: 403 PAGE: 357 PRICE: $6,500
FROM: Denny W. Harrison (by M. C. Harrison, atty in fact & Mamie A. Harrison)
TO: Joseph G. Peters and Beulah J. Peters
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Harrison by Seymour 1943, 256/118.

YEAR: 1943 VOL: 256 PAGE: 118 PRICE:
FROM: Spedden O. Seymour
TO: Denny W. Harrison and Mamie A. Harrison
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Seymour by McDaniel 1908, 151/180 and 1934, 232/140.

YEAR: 1934 VOL: 232 PAGE: 140 PRICE: $382.36
FROM: Charles C. Seymour and wife
TO: Spedden O. Seymour
NOTES: The 1/2 interest of Charles C. Seymour and wife in the real estate conveyed to Charles by his mother, Ida V. Seymour (dcd) by Alice McDaniel 1908, 151/180.
1934, 232/141 Spedden O. Seymour to St. Michaels Savings Bank is a mortgage for $765.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 151 PAGE: 180 PRICE: $825
FROM: Alice McDaniel
TO: Ida V. Seymour, Spedden O. Seymour , and Charles C. Seymour
NOTES: Same decription.
Conveyed to McDaniel by McDaniel 1898, 131/81.

YEAR: 1898 VOL: 131 PAGE: 81 PRICE: $300
FROM: William R. McDaniel and Ada Smith McDaniel
TO: Alice McDaniel
NOTES: Same decription. Convey their half interest.
Conveyed to McDaniel by McDaniel 1891, 116/388 and to McDaniel by Stack 1873, 79/271.

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 116 PAGE: 388 PRICE: $900
FROM: Ann McDaniel
TO: William R. McDaniel and Alice McDaniel.
NOTES: Same description. Lot is 66' on Talbot Street by 120 feet on Chew.
Conveyed to McDaniel by Stack 1873, 79/271.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 271 PRICE: $1,100
FROM: Josiah Stack and Seuter (?) Stack
TO: Ann McDaniel
NOTES: Begins at the SE corner of Charles H. Mansfield, runs 60 feet to Chew Avenue. 120 feet on Chew. "Part of lot number 1 and lot number 2" on the plat of Gibson's Addition to St. Michaels.
Conveyed to Stack by Gibson 1872, 78/238.

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 238 PRICE: $75
FROM: Mary C. Gibson
TO: Josiah Stack
NOTES: The lot is 60 x 120 and is same description as 1873, 79/271.

Easton STAR August 6, 1872: Josiah Stack is building a 2-story house on a Gibson lot.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 434 PRICE: $2,087
FROM: John Harrington and Henrietta M. Harrington
TO: Mary C. Gibson
NOTES: See plat. Area was 29+ acres. The plat was drawn in 1890 when the daughters of Mary Gibson divided the remaining acreage of the tract purchased by Mary C. Gibson in 1867. Mary died in 1875, having disposed of the lots on both sides of Chew Avenue.
Both the "Lake Atlas" of 1877 and the earlier atlas by Gray show a house on this site.

YEAR: 1853 VOL: 65 PAGE: 260
FROM: Mary K. Harrington and children PRICE: $3000
TO: John Harrington
NOTES : Tracts included in the deed are "Hattons Garden", "Point Lookout", "Chance", "Janes Progress", and "Parsley Neck". A detailed survey is in the deed. There are 133 acres, "including the home farm of the late Nathan Harrington, deceased".

YEAR: 1815 VOL: 37 PAGE: 303
FROM: John Dorgan PRICE: $1400
TO: Nathan Harrington
NOTES Part of Chance, Janes Progress and Parsley Neck. Dorgan sold Harrington the "land which lies to the Southwestard of the main road leading from St. Michaels to Easton" with a total of 51 acres 24 perches.
The deed states that the land was conveyed to John Dorgan by Elizabeth Sherwood 31 December 1813.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288
FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: $487.902/3
TO: John Dorgan
NOTES The deed was made in accordance with a decree of the Chancery Court, Dec. Term, 1812 (1812, 36/291), Dorgan vs the heirs of Hugh Sherwood. Apparently, a deal had been made between Thomas Sherwood, father of Hugh, and John Dorgan to sell Dorgan all of the land Thomas Sherwood had purchased from John Thompson in 1791 and from William Harrison in 1785. This amounted to all of Braddock's unsold land - parts of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", "The Beach", "Chance", and "Matthew Circumvented". Both Thomas and Hugh Sherwood died and the widow Elizabeth was forced to honor the committment.

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 299
FROM: John Thompson PRICE: p84cm
TO: Thomas Sherwood
NOTES "All the land which formerly belonged to James Braddock lying to the South ward of a line drawn from the East end of Chestnut Street on a cove of St. Michaels River straight with said street across the main road to Broad Creek". (No further description).

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 413
FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p500sp
TO: John Thompson
NOTES "All that part of two tracts of land near St. Michaels Church called "Chance" and "Janes Progress" which was purchased by James Braddock from George Gleave formerly in possession of James Hewes on the South side of the main road ...." The deed also included lot number 7 (which Thompson already owned) and lot 14 - "known by the name of The Shipyard".

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 417
FROM: John Thompson PRICE: p600sp
TO: James Wignal
NOTES The deed is to ALL of James Braddock's unsold real estate. Braddock had left all of his real estate to Thompson by his will of 1782. The property had apparently been bought with funds provided by the firm of Gildart & Gawith of Liverpool, England of which Wignal was the legal representative.

YEAR: 1775* VOL: 20 PAGE: 484
FROM: George Gleave PRICE: p40s10d11
TO: James Braddock
NOTES * the land was bought in two installments. The second deed is 1776,20/529. The property consisted of 43 1/4 acres (less 3 1/4 acres sold to Rachel Hewes). Gleave was a Tory who left the country at the beginning of the Revolution. He is also mentioned in Braddock's Power of Attorney as owing money to Gildart & Gawith.

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YEAR: 1775 VOL: 20 PAGE: 473
FROM: James Hewes, Blacksmith PRICE:
TO: George Gleave, Merchant
NOTES The plantation where James now lives. Part of "Chance" and "Janes Progress 43 1/4 acres.
James Hewes probably inherited the land from his father (or brother) John Hewes. John Hewes' father (also named John) was given all his father David Hewes property ("moveable and immoveable - quick or dead") by deed 1737, 14/313.
One hundred six Chestnut Street is probably located on "Chance" - a resurvey made for Edward Elliott in 1732 or on "Taylor and Jane's Discovery" patented by George Taylor in 1695.
James Hewes could have acquired the land in 1739, 14/451 George Taylor to John Hewes. Part of "Chance" and "Taylor and Jane's Discovery".
It could also have been 1742, 15/299 George Taylor to John Hewes. For a "valuable consideration" John Hewes got 100 acres of "Chance" and "Taylor and Jane's Discovery"....."to be laid out"! (Considering the area of land available, there must have been considerable overlap between "Taylor and Jane's Discovery", "Chance" and "Jane's Progress". Since it was all "in the family" - Taylor-Hewes-Hatton-Elliott it probably made little difference.

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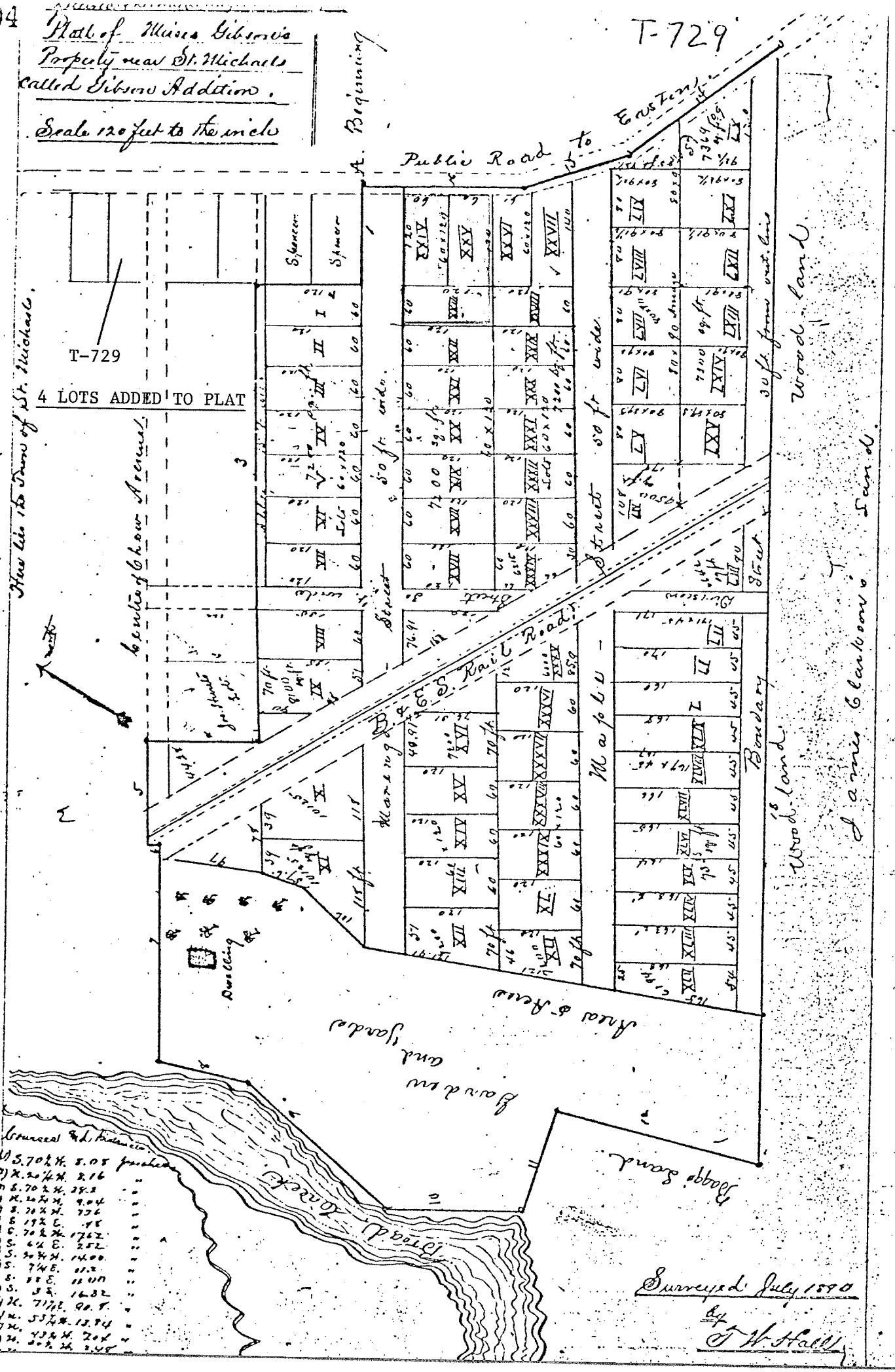
Plat of Misses Gibson's Property near St. Michaels called Gibson Addition.

Scale 120 feet to the inch



Courses & Distances

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(9) S. 20¾ W. 14.00 "
(10) S. 7¼ E. 11.2 "
(11) S. 88 E. 11.00 "
(12) S. 3 E. 16.32 "
(13) N. 71½ E. 90.8 "
(14) N. 53¼ W. 13.94 "
(15) N. 43¾ W. 7.04 "
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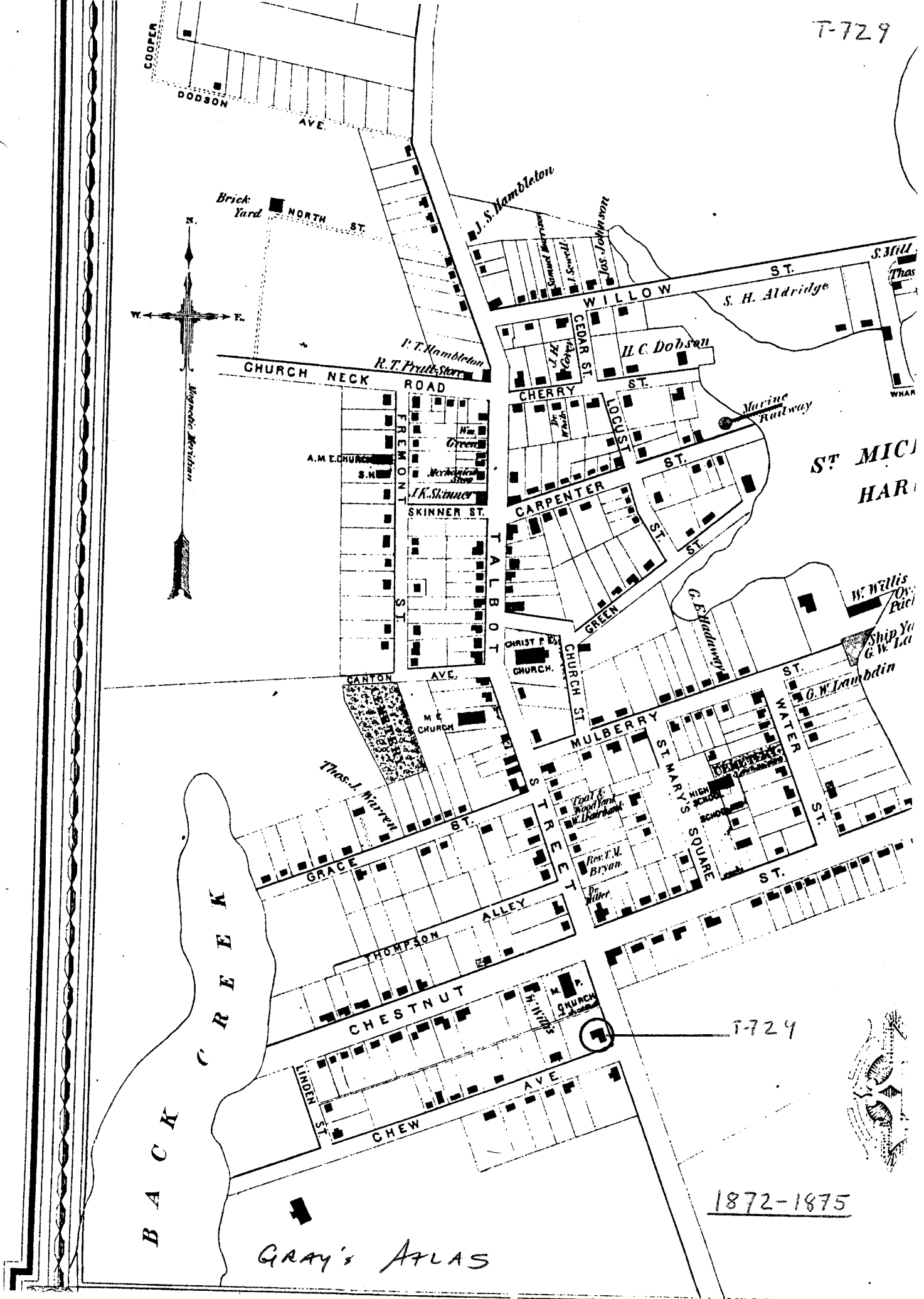
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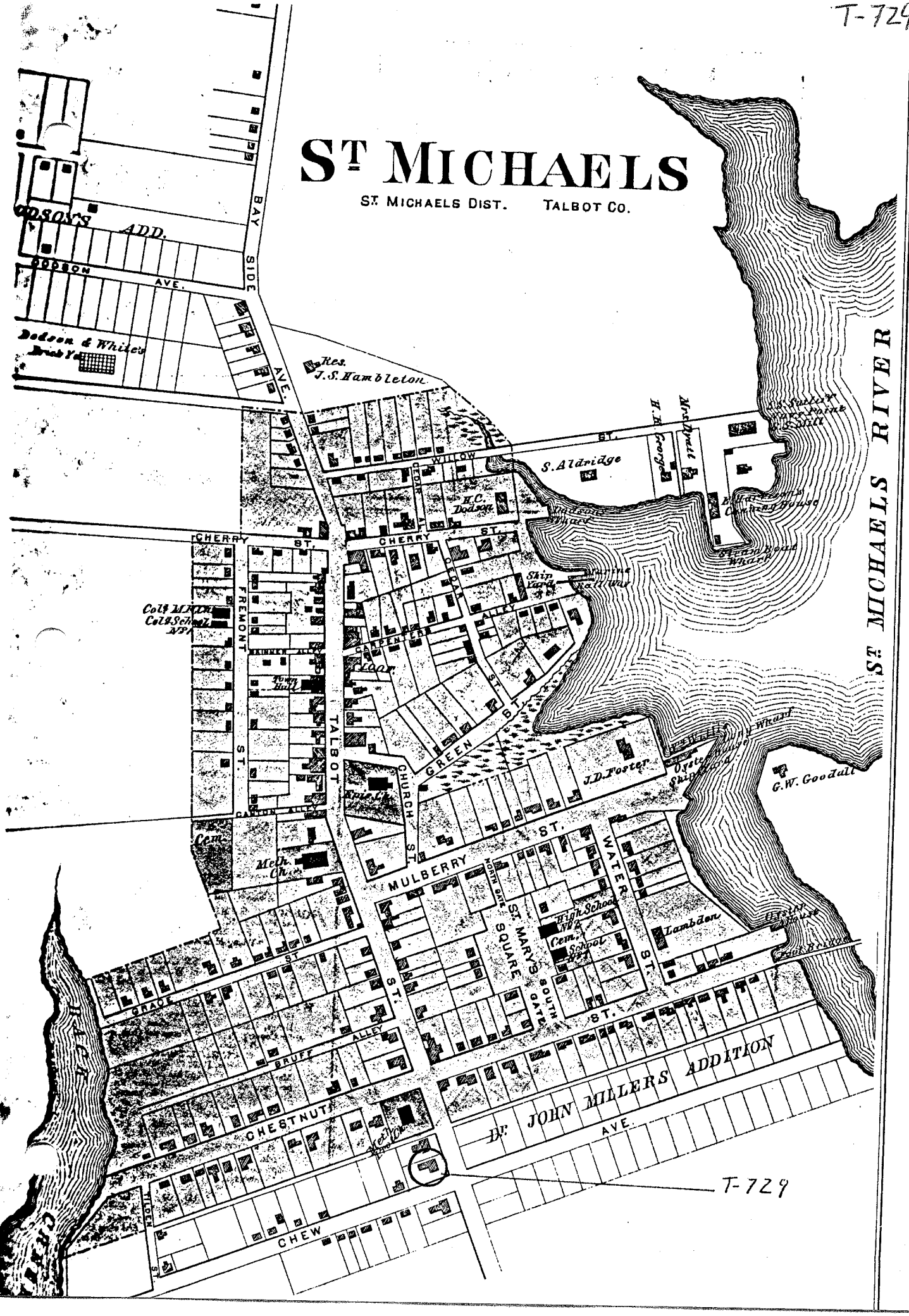

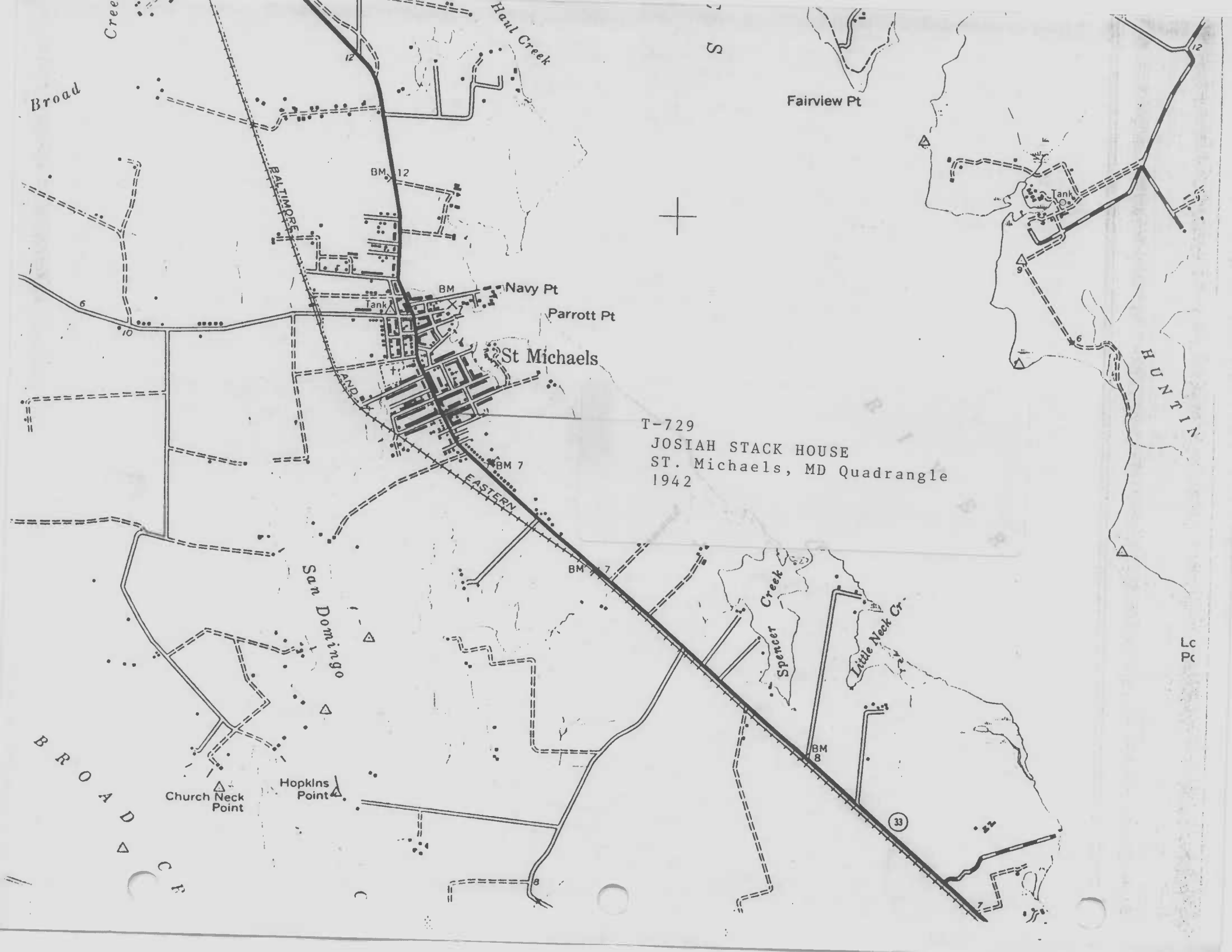

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JOSIAH STACK HOUSE
ST. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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JOSIAH STACK HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD
East elevation
6/89, Paul Touart, photographer
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