T-742 c. 1850
James Caulk 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 JAMES CAULK HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 119 West Chestnut Street ___ not for publication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 379

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 110

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 James Caulk house is located at 119 West Chestnut Street in the southwestern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story side hall/double pile frame house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1850, the two-story, three-bay main block is extended from each gable end with a contemporary story-and-a-half wing. The entire house rests on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding. The various gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking four-over-four sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by a four-light transom and three-light sidelights. The adjacent windows retain louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced four-over-four sash. The boxed cornice and the extended eaves are trimmed with decorative brackets. Rising through the west gable end is a pair of interior end brick chimneys that service the main house. Part of each gable end is covered by the story-and-a-half wings. The first floors of each wing are lighted by six-over-six sash, while the six-over-six sash dormers illuminate each second floor. Marking each gable end is an exterior brick chimney.

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	___ 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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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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian

organization Historic St. Michaels-Bay Hund. date 11/15/89

street & number telephone

city or town St. Michaels state MD 21601

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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119 WEST CHESTNUT STREET

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 379 PAGE: 110
FROM: J. Orem Gardner and Dorothy B. Gardner
TO : Donald R. Brittingham and Kathryn G. Brittingham
NOTES: Begins at stone on corner of former William Weeden; runs with Chestnut Street 84 feet to a stone; then 128 feet back; then W 84 feet to back end of Weeden's lot; with Weeden, 128 feet to beginning. Known as "Lot number 4" on Chhestnut Street. Part of a parcel bought by John Dunning from John Thompson's heirs.
Conveyed to Gardner by Gowan 1961, 373/390.

YEAR: 1961 VOL: 373 PAGE: 390
FROM: Mary J. Gowan, divorced
TO : J. Orem Gardner and Dorothy B. Gardner
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Gowan by Davis 1958, 345/18.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 345 PAGE: 18
FROM: Walter N. Davis and Laura A. D. Davis
TO : Mary J. Gowan, divorced
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Davis by Carey 1941, 251/343.

YEAR: 1941 VOL: 251 PAGE: 343
FROM: Addie T. Carey, widow
TO : Walter N. Davis and Laura A. D. Davis
NOTES: Same description.
Devised by James Caulk to his widow, Eliza A. Caulk for life with remainder to Mary Eliza Caulk, Anna Auld Caulk Thompson and Hild Graham Caulk (Will 13/167). Mary Eliza Caulk died in 1917 and in her will (19/216) devised her interest to Anna A. C. Thompson and Hild Graham Caulk.A. A. C. Thompson died intestate 1921. Her interest went to her two children, William J. Thompson and Addie L. Carey. William J. Thompson, unmarried conveyed all his interests which he got from his mother and aunts to Hilda Graham Caulk and Addie t. Caulk by deed 1920, 184/407.
Hilda Graham Caulk conveyed to Addie T. Carey 1929, 216/475.
John Dunning conveyed the property to James Caulk by 1847, 60/486.

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YEAR: 1847 VOL: 60 PAGE: 486
FROM: John Dunning and Louisa Dunning
TO : James Caulk
NOTES: $150. The dsecription is the same as in the 1962 deed. A lot 84'x 128'. Said to be Lot number 4 on Chestnut Street. (Lot numbers assigned by John Dunning to lots sold by him on Chestnut Street have no relation to those "official town lots" assigned by John Thompson or the town surveyors. Part of the parcel John Dunning bought from the heirs of John Thompson, dcd.

YEAR: 1844 VOL: 58 PAGE: 290
FROM: Samuel Hambleton, Jr., Trustee PRICE: *
TO: John Dunning
NOTES *The property was in two parcels: #1. land of Mary Thompson, 4+ acres at $177.34; #2. land of John Thompson, 6+ acres at $370.30.
This was a court-ordered sale. For location see attached copy from the Equity Court Record. It included all the back land from the north side of Thompson Street to the Canton Lane. The lot concerned-with here was on John Thompson's parcel, which he inherited under the will of James Braddock in 1782. The land was part of "Chance" and "Janes Progress", this lot being part of "Chance".

YEAR: 1732 VOL: PL#8 PAGE: 688
FROM: Proprietor PRICE:
TO: Edward Elliott
NOTES This is a resurvey and consolidation of Edward Elliott's holdings. It was called "Chance" and included "Taylor and Janes Discovery" patented in 1695 to George Taylor. "T & J Discovery" passed by inheritance to James Hewes who sold it to George Gleave in 1775 (20/474). Bought by James Braddock in 1775-76 (20/484, 529), it went to John Thompson by Braddock's will in 1782.

and Mary Thompson dec^d or those claiming by, through or under them or either of them.

Sam. Hambleton Jr. Trustee

Samuel Hambleton Jr. Esq. Trustee

To A. Graham Dr.

24 June 25, Adv. Public sale real Estate J. Thompson 3 sqrs. Lit $3.75

I do hereby Certify that the annexed Advertisement of the sale of John and Mary T[illegible] [illegible] Land has been published for three successive weeks in the Easton Gazette.

A. Graham

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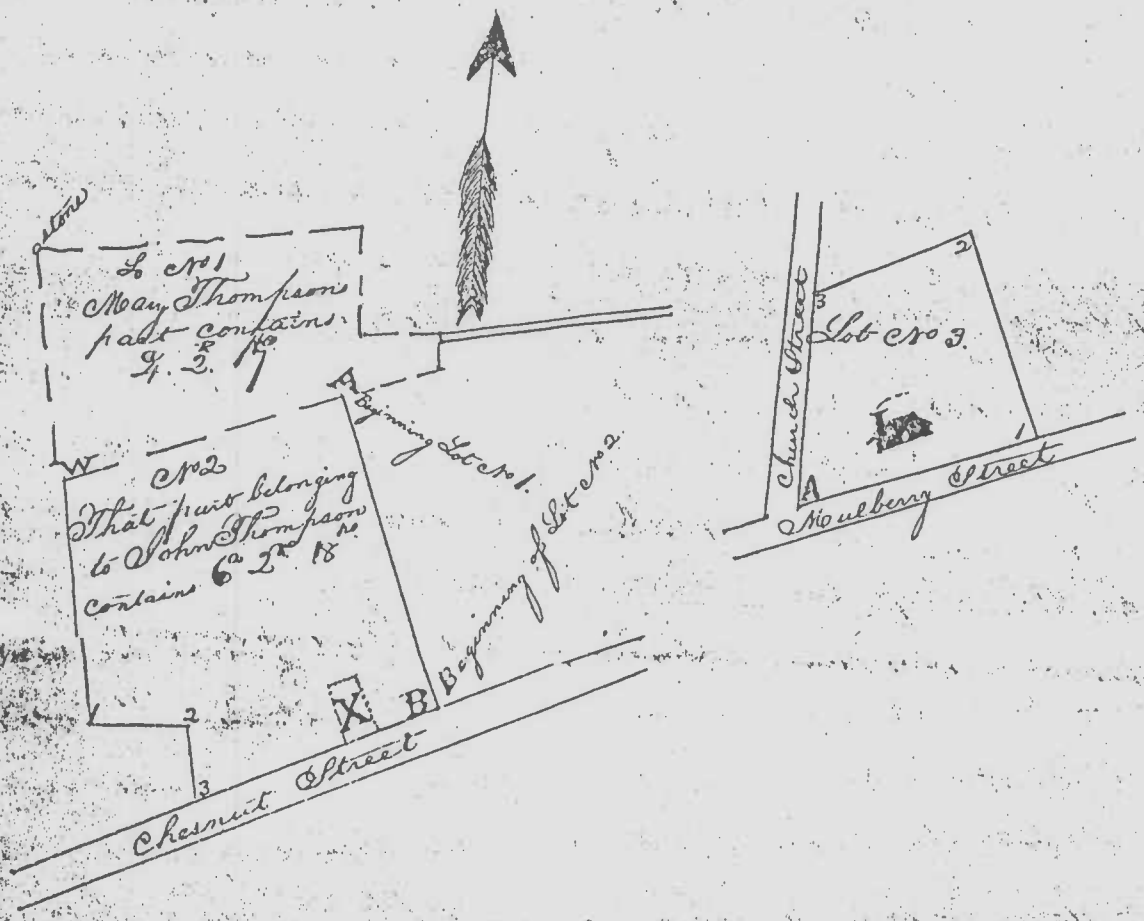
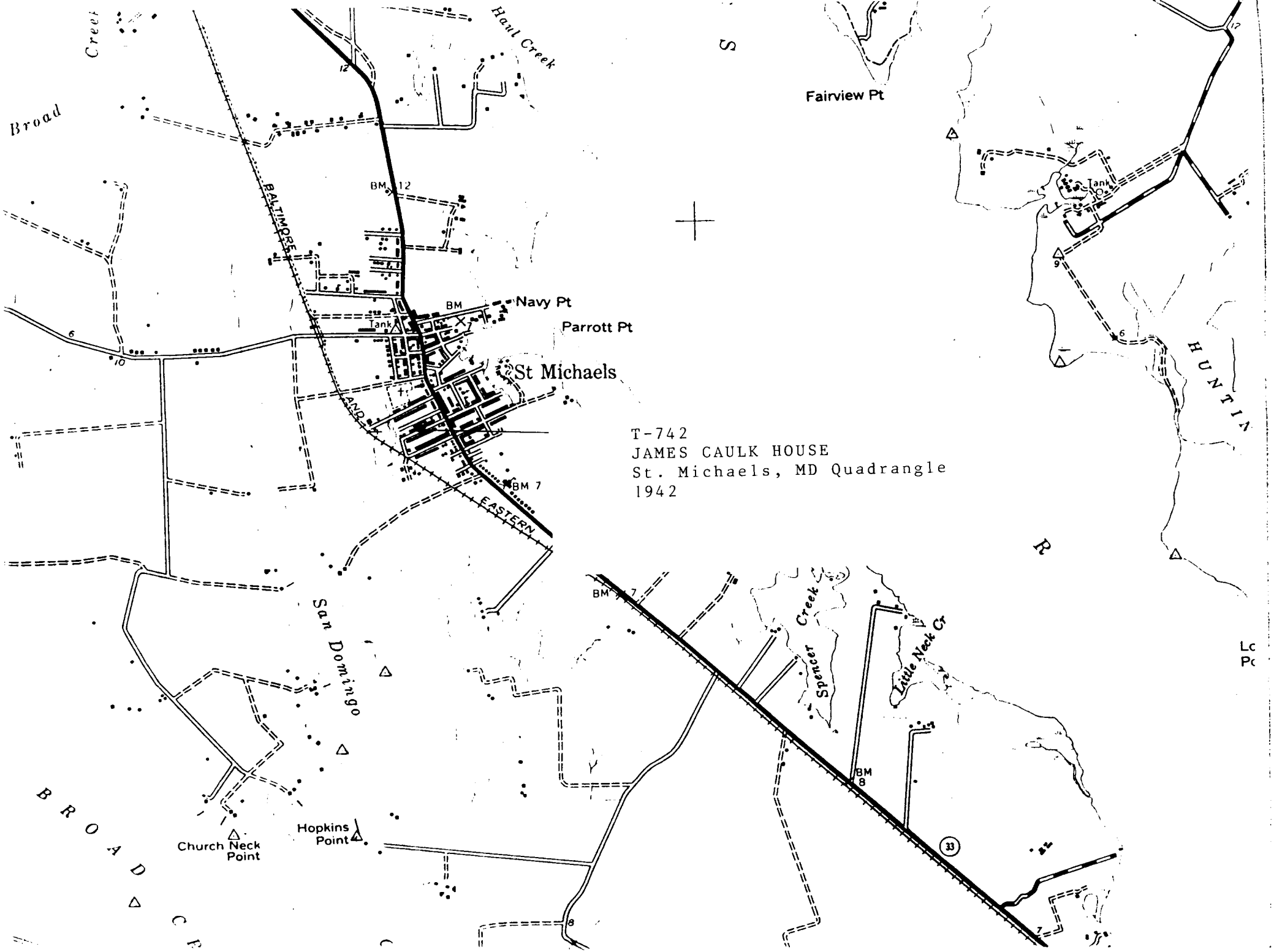


[illegible] County to wit: I do hereby certify that by the direction of Saml. Hambleton Jr. Esq. [illegible] for the sale of Mary Thompson and John Thompson real estate I have surveyed [illegible] [illegible] down the same, as follows Lot No 1 is Mary Thompsons Land as pr. Deed from Jou[illegible] [illegible] bearing date 9th of April 1791 Bounded as follows Beginning at the letter [illegible] the plot at the corner of Thomas Bruffs lot and from thence runs with Bruff[illegible] [illegible] N 68 E 10½ perches N 6¾ W 3 ps to an ally laid out as right of way from this [illegible] the main Street of the Town of St Michaels this ally bears N 74½ E and is 12 feet [illegible] [illegible] and from thence on N 6¾ W 1 perch to Sparkes lot and with the same S 82 [illegible] [illegible] perches N 7a W 11 perches to the canten Lands, and with the same S 82 W 34 perc[illegible]

1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas



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JAMES CAULK HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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JAMES CAULK HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD
11/89, Paul Touart, photographer
Southeast elevation
Negative/Md Historical Trust