

## Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-59

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Name: San Domingo/Haphazard

Construction Date: 1805

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

San Domingo/Haphazard is a 139.95 acre farm located on the western side of San Domingo Creek. The main house is a two-and-one-half-story brick Federal Style building, built in 1805. Additions to both the east and west elevations have been made. Several historic outbuildings are scattered across the property, most notable are the granary, dairy, and corncrib. An historic family cemetery is also located on the property. Several modern buildings have been added to the landscape; however, it must be noted that the property continues to function as a working farm.

“San Domingo/Haphazard” was identified in 1968 by Michael Bourne for an Historic American Buildings Survey inventory and has been surveyed twice by the Maryland Historical Trust; first in 1977 by Michael Bourne and Merry Stinton, and again in 1988 by Paul Touart. No official Determination of Eligibility was made, nor was any productive attempt made to nominate the property to the National Register of Historic Places. In 1998, Rob Yallop, of New South Associates Inc., Stone Mountain, GA, in conjunction with John Milner Associates, Inc., Alexandria, VA, determined that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. San Domingo is a fine example of an early-nineteenth century Federal Style plantation house that retains its integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. San Domingo is also significant for its associative value pertaining to the Harrison Family, a prominent family in Talbot County history. For this reason it is also recommended eligible for the National Register under Criterion B. Recommended National Register boundaries for the property include the 139.95 acres currently associated with the farm. Since 1988, ownership of the farm has passed to Frances Johnston Huntman, daughter of the previous owners. During the 1998 survey, several new buildings and historic features were noted which had been previously unrecorded.

The plantation house has survived remarkably intact, both on the exterior and interior, and retains its historic character and integrity. Important features of the house include the central hall and staircase and the attached kitchen with a large arched opening providing access to an enclosed porch. The surviving outbuildings are also important architecturally, as some possess distinctive features, such as large protruding gable front roofs. Included in the collection is a frame dairy, a hewn log corn crib and a bi-level frame granary (see previous survey forms for in-depth description of the main house and historic outbuildings). The house and property underwent a series of

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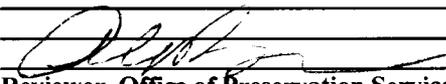
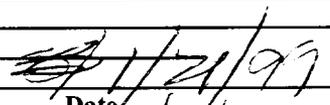
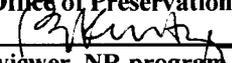
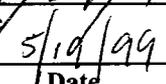
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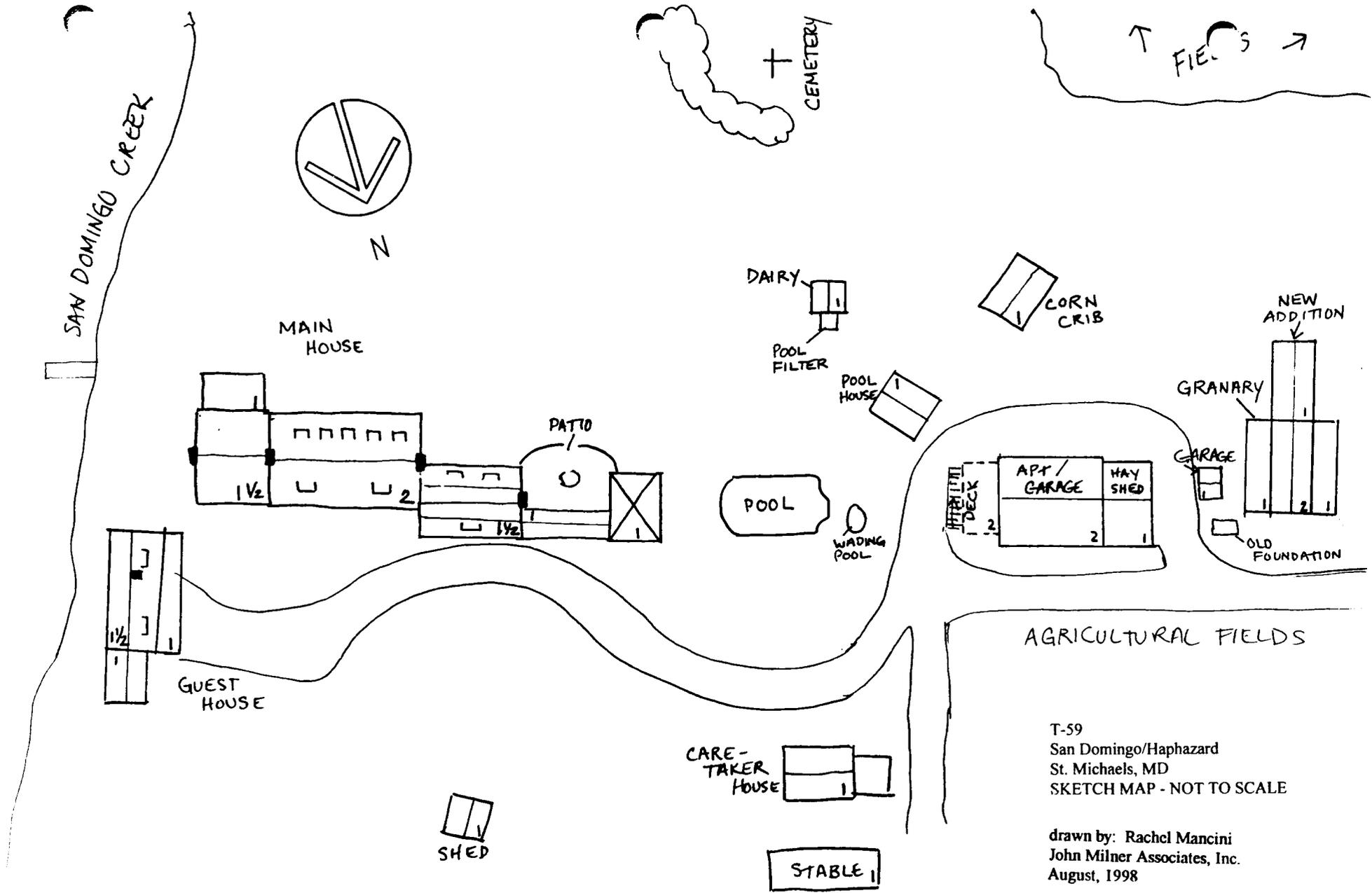
improvements in the mid-twentieth century. These improvements included the construction of the gambrel roof wing and breezeway, the addition of the dormers and the construction of a garage. Also, a small one-and-one-half story, frame caretaker house was moved to the property during this period. More recent alterations to the property include the construction of a large steel-frame equipment shed/apartment on the south side of the entrance lane, an in-ground swimming pool, a small frame pool house, a frame two car garage, and the attachment of a steel frame wing to the granary building.

Not recorded in any of the previous surveys is a family cemetery enclosed in a semi-circle of trees located south of the main house. Interestingly, the headstones in the cemetery face west, contrary to the popular Christian tradition of eastern facing graves. There are approximately 20 visible stones (several are possibly footstones) in the cemetery plot. The most recent interment is that of Edna Johnston in 1988, mother of the current owner, Mrs. Frances Johnston Huntman.

Surveyed by:

Rob Yallop (New South Associates, Atlanta, GA) and  
Rachel Mancini (John Milner Associates, Inc., Alexandria, VA)  
John Milner Associates, Inc.  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
August 4, 1998

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <u>  X  </u>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <u>  A  </u> <u>  X  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  X  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u>	Considerations: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  F  </u> <u>  G  </u> <u>  None  </u>
Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	
Reviewer, NR program	Date



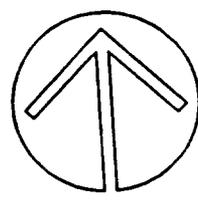
AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

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 SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

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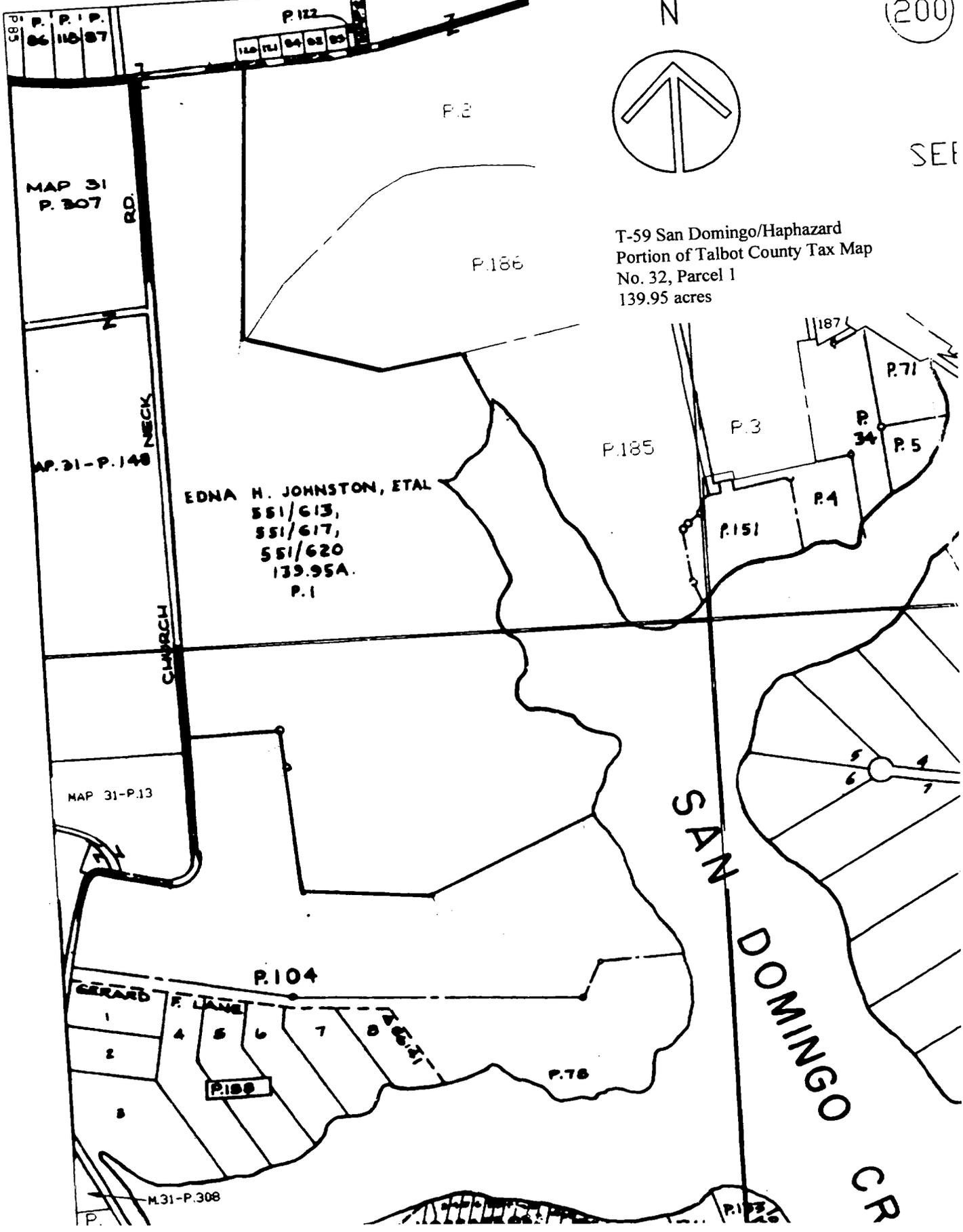
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T-59 San Domingo/Haphazard  
Portion of Talbot County Tax Map  
No. 32, Parcel 1  
139.95 acres



MAP 31  
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MAP 31-P. 148  
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139.95A.  
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MAP 31-P.13

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Agriculture; Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building(s), Structure(s), Site

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling/secondary structure;  
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/storage/agricultural field; FUNERARY/cemetery

**Known Design Source:** none



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Main house, looking NE

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Main house, East elevation

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Main house, kitchen addition  
arch visible through window.

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Main house, portion of  
North elevation

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Main house, looking East

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Main house, portion of North  
elevation, breezeway +  
sunroom/pool house

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Breezeway + Sunroom/Poolhouse  
South elevation

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Sunroom/Poolhouse, west  
elevation

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Guesthouse, looking SE

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Guesthouse, looking NW

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shed, looking NE

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Cemetery, looking E

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San Domingo Farm Cemetery,

looking East

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Granary looking west,  
showing new hood addition

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Granary, looking SW

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Granary, looking East

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Granary, looking NE, closeup  
of new addition

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Corn Crib, looking East

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corn crib, looking west

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Dairy: looking North

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Dairy, looking South

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Garage, looking NE  
(built summer of 1998)

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Garage, looking west  
(built summer of 1998)

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Pool house, looking NE

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Pool house, looking NE

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Pool house, looking NW

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Pool, looking NE

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'Kiddy' Pool, looking NW

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Garage/Shed, looking N

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Caretaker House, looking SE

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Caretaker house, looking NW

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Modern apartment/garage/barn,  
looking NW

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Modern apartment/garage/barn  
looking NW

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Modern Apartment / garage / barn  
looking SW

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Modern Apartment/garage/barn  
locking, NE

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View from Apt/garage/barn  
looking west down tree lined  
entry drive - toward Church  
Neck Rd.

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View of bean fields looking  
South from Granary

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Looking East from dock  
(San Domingo Creek) at  
property

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Looking SW from deck (San  
Domingo Creek) at beam  
field:

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "HAPHAZARD" "SAN DOMINGO"

and/or common SAN DOMINGO

## 2. Location

street & number East side of Church Neck Road, 1/8 mile south — not for publication  
Railroad Avenue

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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Mrs. Frank Johnston

street & number San Domingo telephone no.: 745-5700

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

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state Maryland 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1977  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-59

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

San Domingo, a 133.20-acre farm, is bounded on the east by San Domingo Creek and on the west by Church Neck Road in the vicinity of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. Situated at the end of a long tree-lined farm lane is the house and a group of significant outbuildings. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1805, the two-and-a-half story, center hall brick house is supported by a raised foundation and covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof. The south wall is laid in Flemish bond, whereas the balance of the main house was erected in six-course common bond. Attached to the east gable end is an one-and-a-half story brick kitchen that is contemporary with the main house. Extending from the west end is an one-and-a-half story gambrel-roofed brick wing attached during the early 1950s. Slightly later, a pyramidal roofed brick pool house was erected west of the gambrel-roofed wing and joined to the main house by a single brick wall that defined a long passage. Northeast of the house is an one-and-a-half story frame garage. Standing a distance from the house are noteworthy nineteenth-century outbuildings that include a dairy, a corn crib, and an old bi-level frame granary that has been converted into a stable. Also standing on the farm is a small one-and-a-half story frame house that was moved to the property for a caretaker's residence. More recent buildings include a long board-and-batten implement shed and a board-and-batten granary. Situated between the house and outbuildings is an in-ground pool.

The south (principal) elevation of the main house is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The raised six-panel door is topped by a four-light transom, and the door reveals are paneled. Framing the door is a Colonial Revival broken pediment surround with fluted pilasters that was added during the mid 1940s. The flanking nine-over-six sash windows retain ovolo-molded backband surrounds and are surmounted by flared jack arches. Piercing the foundation wall are small window openings. The second floor is lighted by five evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows which also retain ovolo-molded surrounds. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice fitted with period bed and crown moldings. The roof is marked by five six-over-six sash dormers that were added when renovations were started on the house after 1943.

The east and west ends are partially covered by the one-and-a-half story brick wings, but the second floor walls remain largely exposed with six-over-six sash windows, and small two-over-two sash lights illuminate the attic on either side of the interior end brick chimneys. The stacks are finished with simple caps, and the flush gable ends are fitted with plain bargeboards.

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## SAN DOMINGO DESCRIPTION (continued)

The story-and-a-half brick kitchen is noteworthy for its unusual arched opening that provides access to a small recessed alcove incorporated under the kitchen roof. Stretching across the full front of the kitchen is a twentieth-century glassed-in porch. Contained within the recessed alcove is an early nineteenth-century door opening that leads to the main block, whereas a later replacement door opens into the kitchen. Six-over-six sash windows light the kitchen, and a six-over-six sash dormer pierces the steeply pitched wood shingle roof. Rising through the gable end is a tall, interior brick chimney stack with six-over-six sash windows lighting the first floor and smaller four-over-two sash windows illuminating the upper floor. The gable end is flush. The north kitchen wall includes a rear door and a window.

The west end of the main block is largely covered by the story-and-a-half gambrel-roofed, two-bay, brick wing. Nine-over-six sash windows light the first floor, while six-over-six sash dormers mark the roof slope.

The north (rear) elevation of the main house is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The door is a mid-nineteenth-century replacement, but the windows retain ovolo-molded backband surrounds and jack arches. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows. The center window has been lowered approximately a foot below the arch. The space was filled with a wooden panel.

The interior of the main house has survived unaltered for the most part with ninety-five percent of its Federal style woodwork intact. The center hall is distinguished by an open stringer stair that rises four flights to the third floor. A slender turned newel post and narrow, rectangular balusters support a simply molded handrail that curves in a swan-neck arch before reaching the landing posts. An adjacent half-rail imbedded in the plaster wall mirrors the stair railing. In addition the step ends are decorated by an s-curved design. Both the handrail profile and the stepend design parallel the woodwork at the Cannonball House in St. Michaels. The triangular space below is divided into raised panels. One raised panel near the foot of the stair was fitted with hinges and a door pull to allow access into the small space. A raised-panel door allows access to the cellar stair. The first floor hall space is also fitted with early nineteenth-century chair rail, baseboards, and cavetto-molded backband surrounds. The molded surrounds frame raised six-panel doors. In addition the door reveals are finished with flat panels.

The east door opens into the dining room which is distinguished by intact period woodwork. A straightforward Federal style mantel highlights the hearth, and stretching around the perimeter of the room is original chair rail and baseboards. A small raised two-panel door opens into a chimney breast closet on the north side. A six-panel door is located south of the hearth and provides access to the recessed kitchen alcove.

The west room, or parlor, is slightly more elaborate with a fancier Federal style mantel. Enriched pilasters of acanthus leaf motifs over fluted feet protrude in a subtle s-curve. The frieze is embellished with decorative rows of gouge-work and bed moldings under the mantel shelf. The perimeter of

the room is fitted with period chair rail, baseboards, and the window reveals are paneled also.

The second floor is divided in a similar fashion with a room to each side of a center hall. The space at the head of the stair has been partitioned for a bathroom.

The east and west bedrooms are similarly finished with Federal style mantels, chair rail, and beaded edge baseboards. The six-panel doors and the sash windows are framed by ovolo-molded backband surrounds. The mantel in each room follows along the same format with a molded hearth surround, plain frieze blocks, and a stepped shelf.

The attic was finished during the 1940s reworking of the house. A combination of plastered partitions and knotty pine paneled walls divides the space into two bedrooms which open from a center hall.

Standing on the property are three significant nineteenth-century outbuildings, a dairy, a hewn log corn crib, and a bi-level frame granary. The dairy is located southwest of the house and is supported by a new concrete foundation. The weatherboard sheathed frame structure is covered by a large, overhanging gable-front roof. The gable ends are sheathed with plain weatherboards and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Centered in the south wall is a beaded board door, and piercing the other three sides are boarded over lattice openings. The interior of the dairy is plastered with sawn lath fastened with cut-nails. More recent to the dairy is a small gable roofed enclosure on the north side that houses a pump.

The corn crib stands a short distance west of the dairy, however its current location is not its original site. The corn crib formerly stood at the west end of the wagon shed where the twentieth-century granary was erected. Supported by large, round concrete piers, the rectangular hewn log crib is covered by a large gable-front roof with wide extended eaves on each side. The front and rear gable ends are sheathed with plain weatherboards, while the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The north end is fitted with a board door hung on long strap hinges. Plain corner boards cover the corners of the log structure. On each lateral side small openings have been cut through for loading access. Exposed inside the crib are pairs of long downbraces that stabilize each side of the crib. Wooden pins were driven through the braces and each adjoining log. Wooden pins and pairs of mature cut-nails fasten each peak joint of the common rafter roof system which rests on a flat false plate.

The third nineteenth-century outbuilding, a bi-level mortise-and-tenon frame granary that has been enlarged and converted to a stable is located along the farm lane. The center core of the board-and-batten structure comprises the original granary building, while the side sheds were attached to accommodate more horse stalls. A concrete block foundation currently supports the structure, and a layer of asphalt shingles covers the gable-front roof. The gable ends are flush, and the box cornices on each side have open soffits. Inside, the mortise-and-tenon frame structure has been altered with the removal of the side wall studs. Empty pockets for the studs remain in the

sections of the girts which remain in place. When the granary was converted to a stable a center aisle was created with stalls to each side.

The other buildings on the property include a story-and-a-half frame house that was moved to the farm. The two-bay by one-room deep structure is covered with asbestos shingles and sheathed by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Six-over-six sash dormers light the second floor. A long frame wagon and implement shed stands on the south side of the entrance lane along with a board-and-batten frame granary. Standing next to the main house is a story-and-a-half frame garage built during the middle years of the twentieth century.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<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.

Architecturally, San Domingo stands out in Talbot County for several strong reasons. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay Flemish and common bond brick dwelling is one of a few center hall Federal style plantation houses that has survived with ninety-five percent of its superior early nineteenth-century finishes. The delicate, four-flight Federal stair resembles the stair at the Cannonball House in St. Michaels, a contemporary side hall/double-pile dwelling probably finished by the same craftsman. The stair at San Domingo differs with its swan-neck curved handrail. Superior woodwork found throughout the house includes paneled door and window reveals, raised six-panel doors, elaborate period mantels as well as original chair rail and baseboards. Unusual to the story-and-a-half brick kitchen is a large arched opening that provides access to a recessed alcove incorporated under the roof.

Not only is the brick house an important example of its type, but remaining on the farm are three rare outbuildings, a frame dairy, a hewn log corn crib, and a bi-level frame granary, all dating to the early nineteenth century. The dairy and the corn crib are especially distinctive structures with their large over-jetted gable-front roofs. The hewn log crib is one of the last structures of its type surviving in Talbot County.

Historically, San Domingo represents the accumulated wealth and position of the Harrison family during the prosperous years surrounding the turn of the nineteenth century, and it is one of key plantation houses located on Church Neck west of St. Michaels. Harrison family occupation in this vicinity dates as early as the 1660s and continued until the early twentieth century. Mary Harrison, who had married her third cousin, Joseph Harrison, inherited the land from her father around 1801, and the couple engaged in an elaborate building program that financed the construction of the extant dwelling and outbuildings. With the proximity of the extensive Harrison lands to St. Michaels, many members of the family were long associated with the commercial and industrial interests of the town.



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

San Domingo

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

from St. Michaels, west on Railroad St turn south on Church Neck Rd

CITY, TOWN

1/8 mile on the east

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank Johnston

Telephone #: 745-5700

STREET & NUMBER

San Domingo

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21663

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 277

254

Folio #: 180

590

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

San Domingo is an 18th century brick structure with an attached brick kitchen. The main house is five bays long by two bays deep, and two storys high. The south facade has a central door flanked by two 9/6 sash windows on either side on the first floor, five 6/6 sash windows on the second floor, and five 6/6 dormers across the gable roof. This side is laid in Flemish bond, the rest of the house and kitchen are laid in 6:1 common bond. The north side has a door with a single 9/6 sash window on either side on the first floor, a 6/6 sash window at the stair landing level, and two 6/6 sash windows on the second floor. The attic has two 6/6 sash dormers. The east gable end has two 6/6 sash windows on the second floor, and each gable has two 2/2 sash windows in the attic. There are jack arches over the 6/6 and 9/6 windows.

The floor plan of the main house consists of a central stair hall with a room to either side. Each room is heated by an interior end chimney.

The kitchen to the east is entered through a porch which is recessed along the southern 2/3 of that side. A door from the porch leads into the kitchen, and an arch opens up most of the exterior porch wall. There is a south window in the leg of the kitchen that closes in the east end of the porch. A modern glassed-in porch protects this arrangement. The one story kitchen has a chimney on the east, with a 6/6 sash window on either side and two 4/2 sash windows above. The north wall contains a door and window. There is a 6/6 sash dormer window on either side of the roof.

The outbuildings on the property include a dairy and an early corn crib with thick horizontal plank walls and a deep roof overhang.

There are many modern additions to the original house.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

San Domingo is one of the best preserved Federal farmhouses in the Saint Michaels area. Its kitchen with arched porch is a unique survivor in the county. In the farm yard are two very good examples of agricultural buildings, i.e. corn crib and dairy. In style, San Domingo is similar to several of the best houses in St. Michaels and was undoubtedly built by the same craftsmen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

H.C. Forman, Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens, Architecture Book Publishing Co., Inc., N.Y., 1956, p. 71, 74: ill. p. 29, 67.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21401

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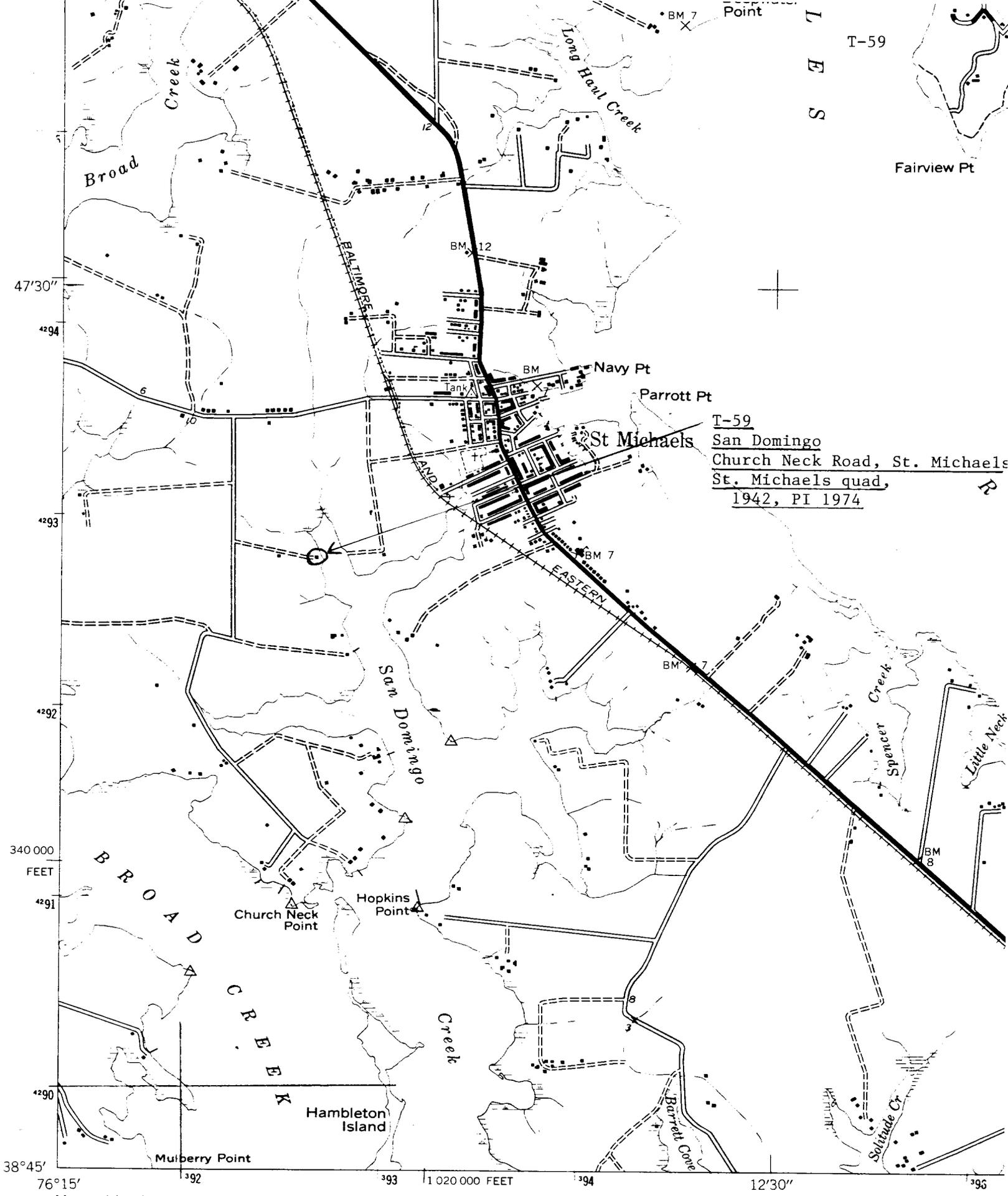
<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>          COUNTY <b>Talbot</b>          TOWN <b>St. Michael's</b> VICINITY          STREET NO. <b>Church Neck Road</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Robert Harrison</b>          ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b>          PRESENT OWNER <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Frank Johnson</b>          PRESENT USE <b>dwelling</b>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>2½</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY <b>T-59</b></p> <p>2. NAME <b>San Domingo</b>          DATE OR PERIOD <b>1803 - 1805</b>          STYLE <b>Federal</b>          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span></p> <p><b>San Domingo is a 2½ story brick house which is five bays long and consists of a central stair hall and two rooms. The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond on the east facade with flat arches above the windows and stone sills. On the first floor the sash are 9/6 and those of the second floor and attic are 6/6. There are five dormers in the roof which are recent additions. (the slope of the roof is normally too slight for dormers) To the north is an attached kitchen wing of brick with a huge semicircular entrance opening into a kitchen porch and then the kitchen itself. Presently there is a lean-to porch over the semicircular entrance so that the arch cannot be seen from the exterior except from within the porch. Recent additions were attached to both ends of the house.</b></p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered <b>no</b> Interior <b>good</b> Exterior <b>good</b></span></p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> 	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>
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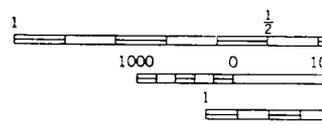


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