

Mount Pleasant Avenue  
Easton, Maryland 21601

Mount Pleasant

Occasionally a building can explain the development of a community: Mount Pleasant does this. In its earliest form it must have been a three bay brick Federal period country house. Additions were constructed and the house became more elaborate. The large main house of a dairy farm, it had a wide, bracketed front porch and ornate interior stair. Now the eight bay house is a part of a suburban development north of the town.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mount Pleasant

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mount Pleasant Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

Mount Pleasant Apartments

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 386

Folio #: 481

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Located on a slight rise north of downtown Easton, is a large two-and-a-half story brick building. Once the main house of a dairy farm, the house is surrounded by a suburban development. It faces northwest.

The structure is now eight bays long. Its earliest portion, the three central bays, appears to date from the Federal period. Very little, however, remains; the brick is laid in Flemish bond and the original position of the main entrance in the right bay can be detected. Tall double chimneys rise at the original northwest wall, indicating the position of the original fireplaces.

The structure is predominantly late nineteenth or early twentieth century in character, and as such is a rather grand farm house. A commodious porch with deep brackets stretches across the entire front facade. It has a shallow hipped roof and square posts. The baluster is simple with rectangular balusters.

The first addition to the structure was probably the two southern bays. A very plain addition, possibly a service wing, the brick is laid in common bond and window frames are simply treated. Adjacent and attached to this side of the house is a two-story frame wing covered with a shed roof. The only architectural interest of the brick addition is a curved oriel window which projects from the second floor above the front porch.

The house was essentially completed with the addition of the three northern bays. The cornice evidently installed at that time runs across the entire front and has closely spaced modillion blocks.

Dormers, one in the center of each three-bay portion have gable roofs and applied panels at each side and above the windows. A architrave with bold upper moldings was placed above each window. Windows have one over one sashes and louvered shutters.

The late nineteenth century chimneys are double and have simple caps; they are enclosed within the northwest wall.

The structure has two major stairways: one in the position of the Federal stair and one, obviously intended to be the major one, in the northern addition, southern bay. This stair with turned balusters originally was an open stair which rose, open, to the third floor. The main entrance is also in this bay.

One early brick outbuilding remains, a small gable roofed smoke house with corbelled eaves. A dairy barn, probably built in the twentieth century, also remains behind the house: it is now used by the Mount Pleasant Storage Company. The house, carefully maintained, is used as apartments.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

**SPECIFIC DATES** Early and Late  
Nineteenth Century

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Originally one of the town's earliest structures, Mount Pleasant stands as a comodious late nineteenth century farm house. Significant as a dwelling which represents two architectural periods, the structure also tells a tale of the growth of a community.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

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

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

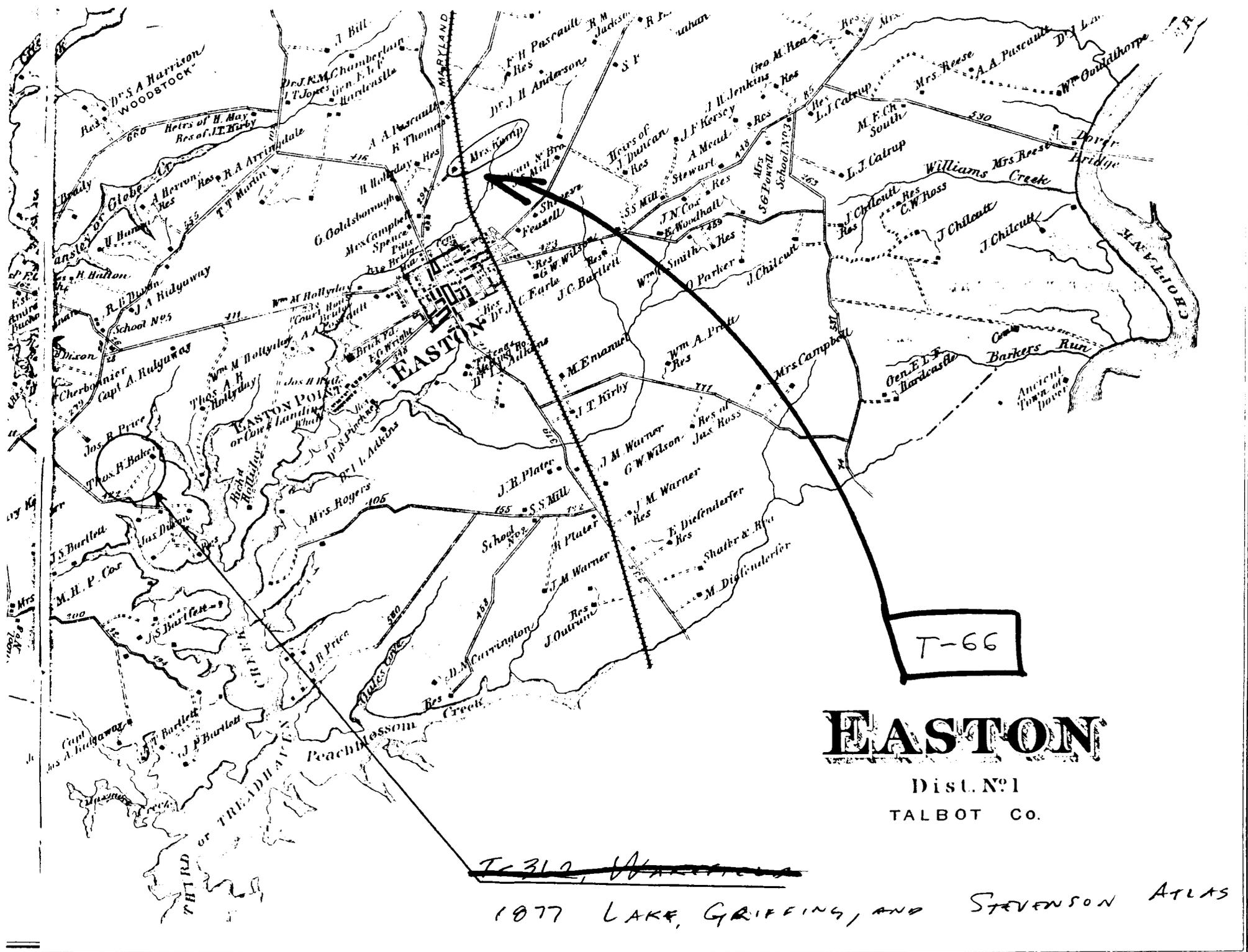
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Maryland 21601

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MOUNT PLEASANT

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MOUNT PLEASANT CIRCLE, Easton, Md

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