

Saint Aubins  
105 Willis Avenue  
Easton, Maryland 21601

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c/1803

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Saint Aubins

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cover, Jr.

Telephone #: 301-822-3145

STREET & NUMBER

105 Willis Avenue

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 #: 293

Folio #: 431

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**

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<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
<input 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**

Saint Aubins was the home of Nicholas Hammond one of the founders and first president of the Easton National Bank, the ancestor of Easton's branch of The Maryland National Bank. The structure was constructed as the main house of a large farm whose property included many acres north of the town. The building now stands on a tree-shaded block in a suburban neighborhood.

Saint Aubins was probably constructed about 1805 and is a Federal period building with extensive alterations which probably dates from the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

The main house is brick with a Flemish bond facade. Three bays wide and two deep, the rectangular building is covered with a hipped roof. At the rear of the main house is a long, two story ell covered with a shallow hipped roof. It is also of brick and was constructed in two phases; the first, with one room on each floor is probably contemporary with the main house. The wing was extended to accommodate an additional room on each floor and a porch with balustrade added on the east side. Openings are evenly spaced, with double keystone arches of stone at front facade windows. The original sashes have been replaced with two over two sashes on both floors, and first floor windows appear to have been lengthened until they nearly reach the floor.

The main entrance, probably in its original position in the western bay, is a Victorian period replacement. The opening may have been enlarged with the double keystone lintel redesigned to resemble those of the windows. The present paneled door<sup>is</sup> set in an opening with clear glass transom lights and sidelights.

Two gable dormers are centered in the south roof slope. They also have two over two sashes; cheeks are covered with wooden shingles. Additional dormers are also located in the center of the side of the building, directly behind the tall exterior chimneys.

These straight-sided chimneys appear to be replacements or to have undergone extensive repairs; they are in their original position, but the caps are very plain and seem to be modern.

Sheltering the front of the building is a three bay porch, also from the late nineteenth century. Ornamental brackets and square, chamfered posts support the roof. The balustrade is a geometric pattern of sticks. The same balustrade is used on the side porch.

Window openings are regularly placed on side elevations. Those on the east facade flanking the chimney are additions. There is a small stained glass window on the stair landing; the window itself dates from the late nineteenth century although the opening may be original to the Federal period.

Saint Aubin's floor plan is quite unusual for Easton houses. Two rooms wide, the stair is set parallel to the main house block in the ell, but adjacent to the rear wall. The position of the landing is reflected by the stained glass window noted above. The stair itself retains its Federal balustrade on the third floor only; there it has a slender, gently shaped intermediates and plain rectangular balusters. On lower floors the balustrade is modern. There is also an elegant chairrail with geometric gouge work on the first floor.

The house has undergone at least two major remodelings - one in the

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late nineteenth century when the porch and many interior details were added and in the 1940's when the owner repaired the building and modernized it. The house is now a single family dwelling.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 *c 1803* BUILDER/ARCHITECT *NICHOLAS HAMMOND*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This farm and plantation was put together by Nicholas Hammond beginning in 1803, and he named it St. Aubins for his ancestral home on the Isle of Jersey. At this time, he was still a young and very able lawyer and married to his second wife, Rebecca, a daughter of Henry Hollyday of Ratcliffe Manor. Nicholas Hammond had as much influence as any other one citizen in shaping the course of the very young community of Easton. \* He served as a State Senator, was one of the founders of the Easton Academy, a public school. In 1805, he was chosen president of the newly formed Farmers Bank of Maryland, Eastern Shore branch. He served in this office until his death in 1830. His property was devised to his son, Dr. Nicholas Hammond. The Dr. died the next year and his widow owned it until 1871, when a niece Sarah Hollyday bought it. It was inherited by her children. In 1901 and 1903, Henry Hollyday, Jr., bought out the heirs and obtained a clear title. He remained here until 1918, when he moved into town, after selling the farm to Mr. Thomas Quimby. Other owners followed, Cleora Willia in 1923, Albert Hardin and his wife Ruth in 1926 and finally the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cover, Jr.

Will Record  
L8/F447  
L8/F479

L127/F219  
L133/F154  
L180/F2  
L194/F334  
L205/F365  
L293/F431

\*History of Talbot County  
Oswald Tilghman  
Williams and Wilkins Co., Baltimore, Md. 1915

**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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# EASTON

Dist. No 1  
TALBOT CO.

T-962, WAKEFIELD

1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



18 x 120

75% 67

ST AUBINS

105 WILLIS AVENUE

EASTON, MD

FRONT (SOUTH ELEVATION)

AUG 1976

MLFRITZ

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