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Smith Cottage
East New Market
private

c. 1825-1840

"Smith Cottage" is a highly significant frame house that distinguishes South Main Street. The story-and-a-half hall/parlor frame house retains much of its nineteenth-century exterior character with corbelled brick chimneys, gabled dormers, a wood shingle roof, and a hyphenated service wing. The short, single-story hyphen joins the one-room kitchen to the main house. The hall/parlor interior of the main block is fitted with Greek Revival style woodwork.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. D-15

Magi No. 1000152404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common "SMITH COTTAGE"

2. Location

street & number West side of South Main Street not for publicationcity, town East New Market vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 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 Hamill Smith, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 172 telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code MD 21631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

"Smith Cottage" is a story-and-a-half hall/parlor frame house that stands on the west side of South Main Street in the center of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1825-1840, the story-and-a-half frame dwelling is supported by a minimal common bond brick foundation and sheathed largely by plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with wood shingles. Attached to the rear of the front block is a single-story hyphen which joins the one-room kitchen.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a central entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The two-panel Greek Revival style door is topped by a four-light transom. Sheltering the entrance is a single-bay porch with decorative sawn support posts and sawn Victorian fascia. The windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The cornice above the windows is trimmed with a period bed molding. Lighting the loft are a pair of gabled dormers with six-over-six sash windows and diagonal board sides.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with exterior five-course common bond brick stacks. The wide bases corbel to a narrow shaft. Piercing the wall to the east on each wall is a six-over-six sash on the first floor, while small four-pane windows light the loft. The gable ends are flush.

The west (back) wall of the front block is partially covered by the single-story one-bay hyphen. A board-and-batten door provides access through the south hyphen wall, and paired six-over-six sash windows light the hyphen room from the north.

The single-story one-room kitchen is covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof through which a small brick stove stack protrudes at the west end. The kitchen is largely sheathed with plain weatherboards aside from some diagonal board siding above the hyphen roof on the east wall. The south wall of the kitchen is covered by a shed roofed porch with an enclosed pantry.

The interior has been reworked slightly but several features remain undisturbed. The north room or "hall" is fitted with a Greek Revival style mantel with simple pilasters, a plain frieze, and a thick shelf. The enclosed stair rises between the two rooms with board-and-batten doors providing access from each room. The south room is finished with the same Greek Revival style mantel. The second floor is divided into two small rooms that are simply finished with wide pine floors.

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8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

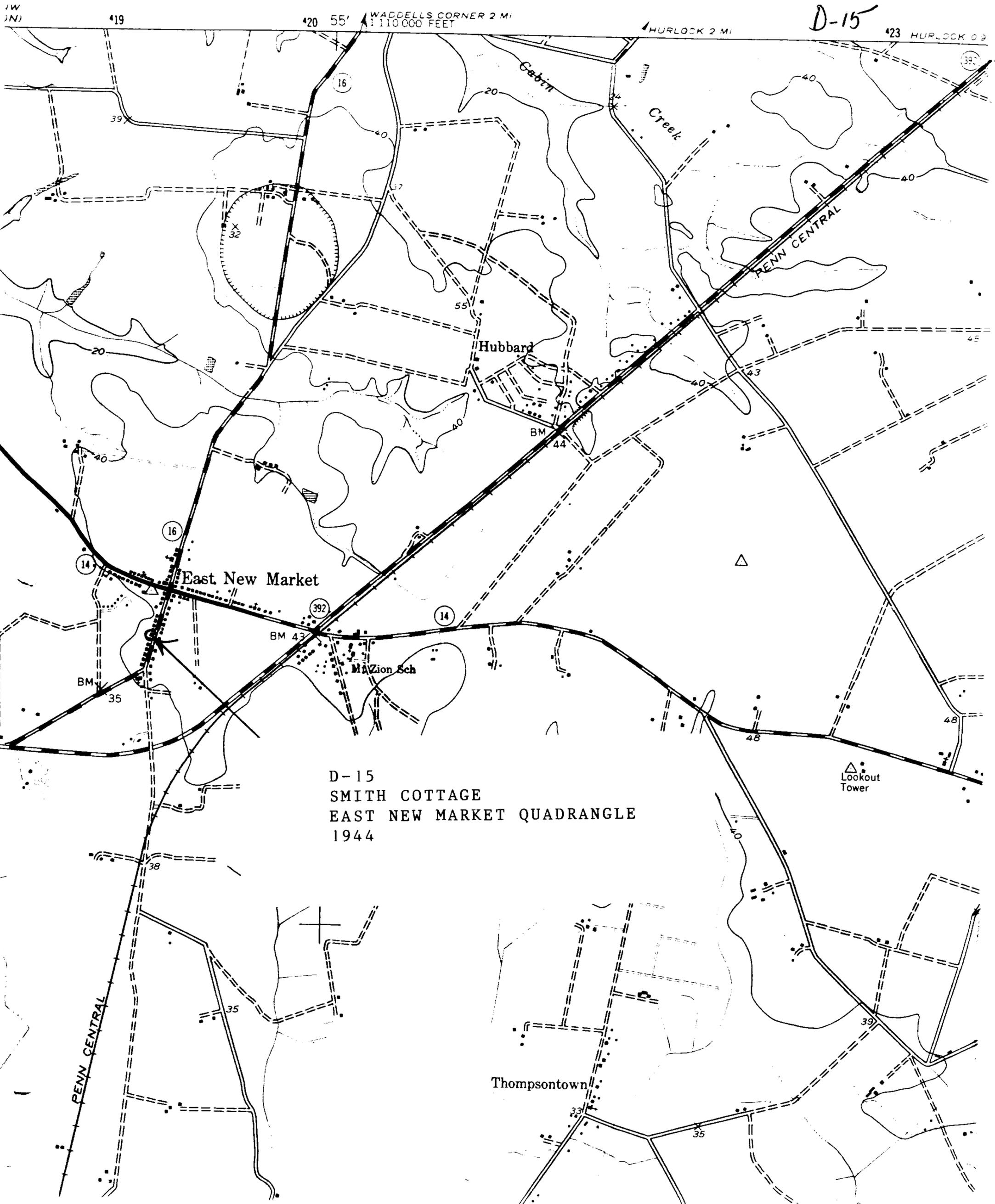
"Smith Cottage" is a well preserved story-and-a-half frame house that distinguishes the center of the East New Market historic district. Undisturbed layers of plain weatherboards, corbelled brick chimneys, gabled dormers, and Greek Revival woodwork distinguish this hall/parlor plan house. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story hyphen that joins the one-room plan kitchen. This hyphenated floor plan, although well known on the Eastern Shore, is a rare feature in East New Market today.

"SMITH COTTAGE" (continued)

The hyphen room has been reworked as has the kitchen, which is sheathed with knotty pine paneling.

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SMITH COTTAGE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

East elevation

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SMITH COTTAGE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southwest elevation

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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Northeast elevation

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Southeast elevation

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