

Easement

D-149
The Trading Post
East New Market
private

c. 1840

The "Trading Post" is one of the best known of the historic structures in East New Market for speculative history and oral tradition have tried to place the structure within the early history of this Dorchester County crossroads village. Architectural features, however, indicate the single-story frame store was erected after major construction of nearby houses and the established formation of a crossroads village by the 1840s. Nevertheless, the "Trading Post" is a rare survival on the Eastern Shore. Most commercial districts of the various regional towns have been rebuilt more than once, and small rectangular store buildings similar to the "Trading Post" were usually replaced. Significant to this single-story frame store are the series of exposed beaded tie beams and beaded horizontal board walls. An enclosed winder stair is located in the southwest corner for access to the partitioned second floor.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Easement

Survey No. D-149

Magi No. 1001492403

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common "THE TRADING POST"

2. Location

street & number South side of School Street (MD Rte 14) not for publication

city, 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 checked="" 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 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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County 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

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" 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.

The "Trading Post" is a single-story, rectangular frame commercial building standing on the south side of School Street in the center of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The store faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1840, the "Trading Post" has been moved at least twice, originally having stood on the east side of South Main Street. Supported by a new brick foundation, the frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof. The eaves are slightly extended, and a brick stack formerly rose through the center of the structure.

The north (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center four-panel door and flanking single-pane sash windows. Each of the openings have a slightly molded lintel. A six-over-six sash window pierces the upper gable.

The west side of the building is marked by two openings, a window and a side door that are located in the south end of the wall. The early twentieth-century side door is accompanied by a six-over-six sash window. The east side of the building is marked by a single six-over-six sash located in the southernmost bay. The south gable end is a plain weatherboard wall aside m a pair of new six-over-six sash windows that light the upper room.

The interior of the Trading Post is distinguished by a series of exposed beaded tie beams that stretch east/west across the room. The walls retain large sections of beaded board sheathing fastened with cut-nails. A partition centrally located in the room has been removed. Fixed in the southwest corner of the structure is an enclosed winder stair with a board-and-batten door. The door is fitted with a Victorian style door latch.

The attic space is divided by a centrally located partition into two rooms. Plaster walls with sawn lath finish the walls. A hole in the plaster ceiling reveals a common rafter roof with a pinned mortise-and-tenon peak joint and half-dovetail lapped collar beams. Each of the joints is also secured with cut-nails.

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
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<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 checked="" 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 **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.

The "Trading Post" is a rare structure among commercial buildings on the Eastern Shore. The single-story rectangular frame store follows the gable-front orientation common to nineteenth-century commercial buildings, but the beaded tie beams and beaded horizontal board walls are unusual survivals for Eastern Shore store interiors. The first floor front elevation appears to have been reworked around the turn of the twentieth century with a four-panel door and flanking single-pane sash windows, but surviving in the upper gable is an earlier six-over-six sash window.

Although reports of local tradition have tried to suggest this structure dates from the first half of the eighteenth century, cut-nail construction, sawn lath, and nineteenth-century door hardware indicate the store was erected probably during the 1840s. The exposed beaded tie beams and beaded board walls were not uncommon features for antebellum store interiors.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification
List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian		
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organization	Private Consultant	date	12/6/87
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street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	(301) 651-1094
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city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871
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Easement

SURVEY NUMBER: *D-671* *D-144*

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE:

ORIGINAL USE:

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

COUNTY: *Dorchester*

TOWN: *East New Market*

LOCATION: *School Street*
Route 14
East New Market

COMMON NAME:
The Trading Post

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: *East New Market Heritage Foundation*
 ADDRESS: *same as above*

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
 Excellent () Good ()
 Fair () Poor: (X)

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
 Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

THEME:

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Local (X) State () National ()

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: *c. 1780*

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam (X) Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard (X) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
 Other:

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 3x2

Entrance Location: Center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
 No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration (X) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive (X) Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

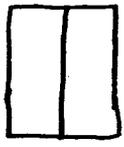
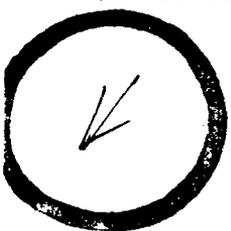
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up(x) Densely Built Up()
 Residential() Commercial()
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

RECORDED BY:
 East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:
 Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

TRADING POST (Property of the East New Market Heritage Foundation)

Rectangular, 1½ story, frame structure; gabled, asphalt tile roof. There is a hole in roof where a chimney once stood in the center of the gable. Frame is weather board. Front facade has 3 bays; entrance in center. Boxed cornices has returns at the side of gabled end. Windows 2 over 2. Gable window 6 over 6. Door has wide boards on each side and horizontal molding over door and windows on first floor.

Left side is 2 bay esymmetrically placed to the rear of building. Shutters are nailed to weather board.

In rear there is a modern window, 1 over 1, in gable end exposed plaster wall on modern lathe. (Kitchen addition was destroyed during moving).

Right side is 3-bay, entrance in 3rd, with projecting overhang, shed roof, supported by brackets over door. Windows are different width size; 6 over 6.

Construction is visible and is post and beam.

TOWN OFFICE

1 story, wooden frame structure covered with corrugated tin. Rectangular, hip roof covered with tin. Exposed rafters. 1 by 2 bays.

On right side there is a shed addition.

Sara Rossing

TRADING POST

From: BETWEEN THE NANTICOKE AND CHOPTANK

Trading post, East New Market, Mid-eighteenth century; Public.

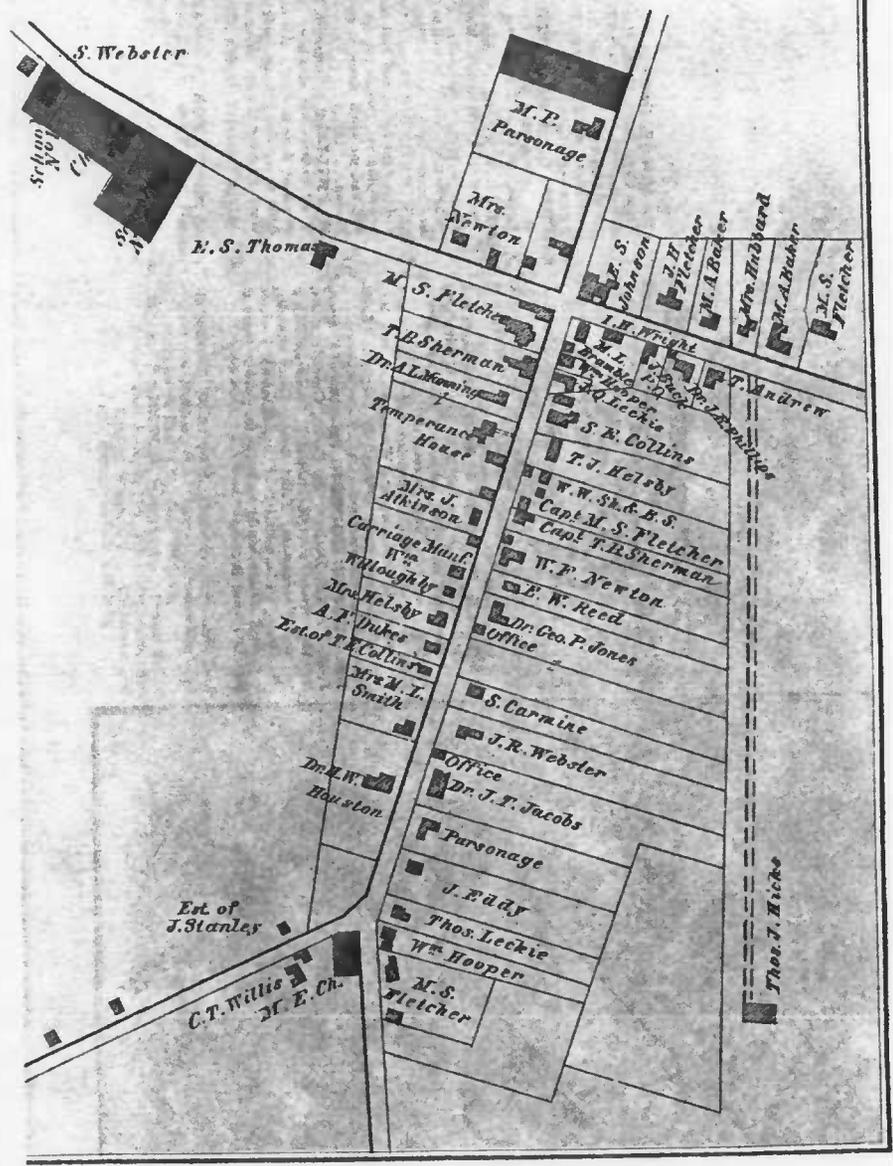
The area of Dorchester County near Secretary and East New Market held the largest number of Indians in the eighteenth century, particularly after the establishment of Indian reservations nearby. The history of relations between the Indians and the settlers seems to have been fraught with animosity, but there were also undoubtedly periods during which the two lived, hunted, and traded together amicably. Although very little is known of the trading relations between the Indians and the colonists, it is probable that trading posts or stores existed near the large reservations in the north of the county.

Tradition has maintained that the Trading Post originally served this purpose and served as the nucleus of the present town of East New Market. If true, the Trading Post is the town's earliest commercial building. Recently moved to its present location, it awaits rehabilitation as a local museum by the East New Market Heritage Foundation.

EAST NEW MARKET

DORCHESTER CO.

(East New Market Dist.)



EAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS REFERENCES.

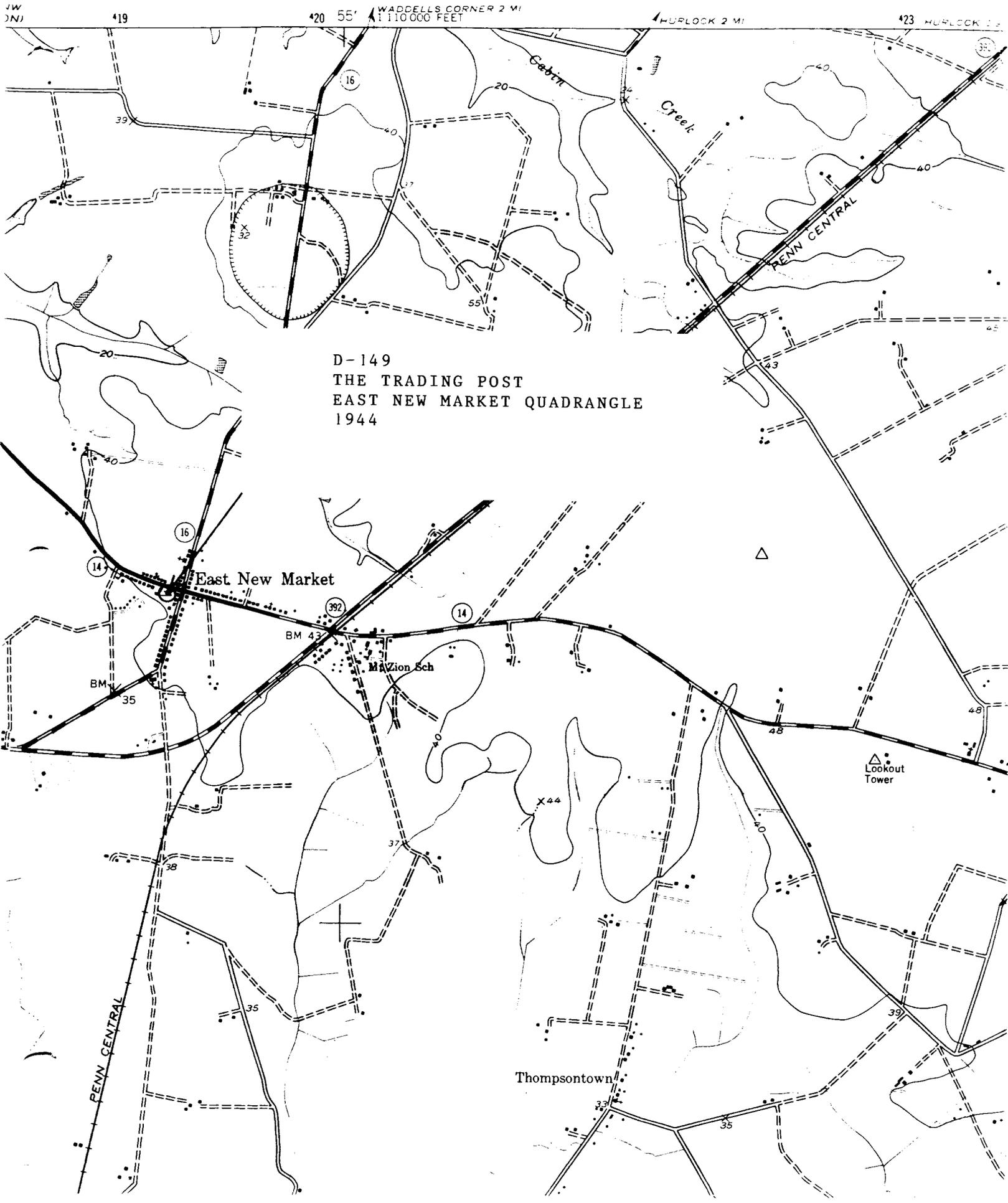
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EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
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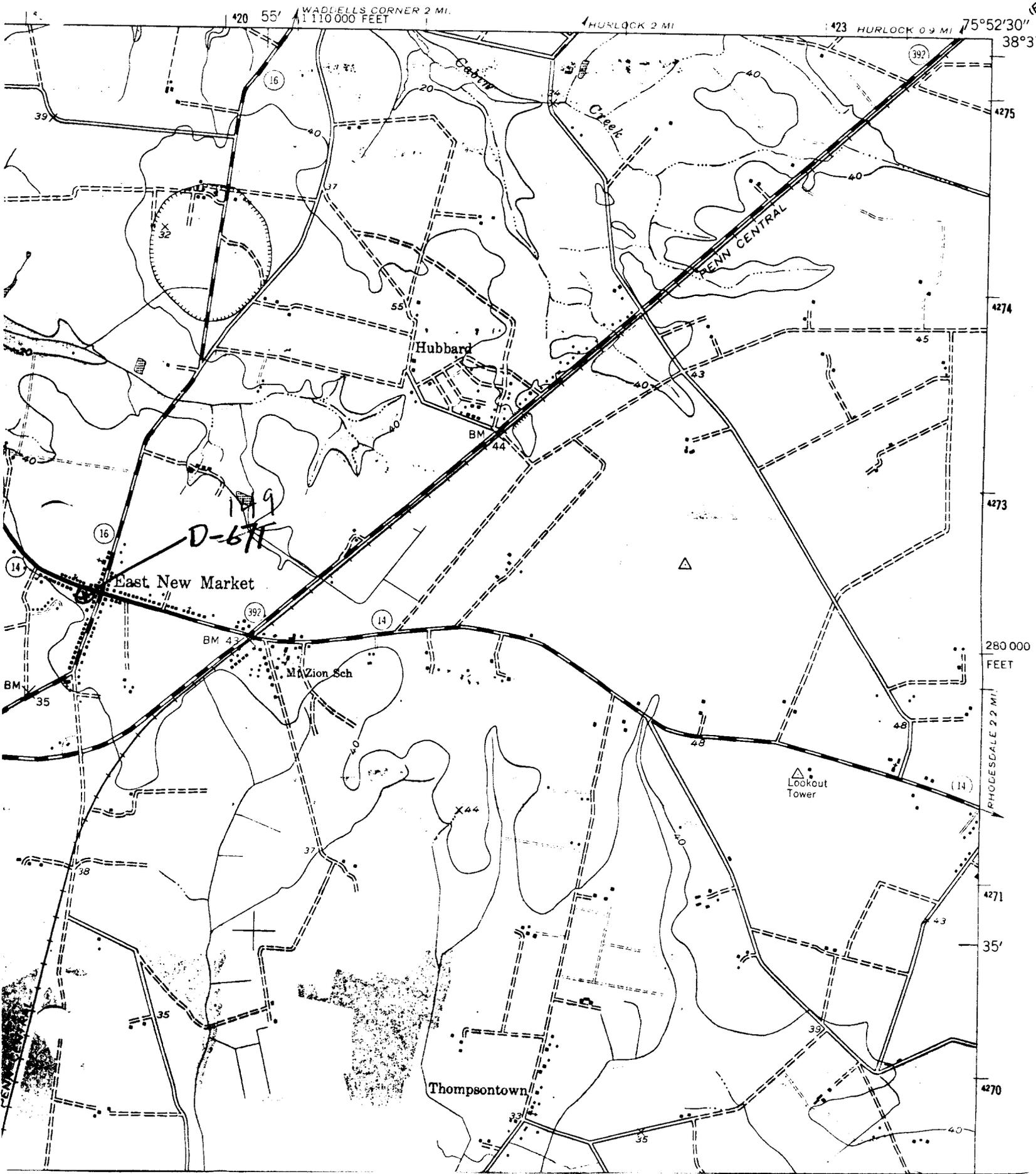
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THE TRADING POST

East New Market, Dorchester Co., Md

Northeast elevation

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THE TRADING POST

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

North elevation

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