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Blades and Company Store
16-18 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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C1900

Simple commercial buildings of about 1900, the brick structures now occupied by Blades and Company have a flat facade of orange brick and a cast iron cornice with brackets and corner blocks. Pilasters and inset panels with molded brick detailing further enliven the facade. The buildings are a pleasant compliment to the Federal period structures on the block.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Town of Easton

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Blades and Company Store

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
16-18 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Easton ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FIRST

STATE
Maryland 21601

COUNTY
Talbot

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __DISTRICT | __PUBLIC | X OCCUPIED | __AGRICULTURE | __MUSEUM |
| X BUILDING(S) | X PRIVATE | __UNOCCUPIED | X COMMERCIAL | __PARK |
| __STRUCTURE | __BOTH | __WORK IN PROGRESS | __EDUCATIONAL | __PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| __SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | __ENTERTAINMENT | __RELIGIOUS |
| __OBJECT | __IN PROCESS | __YES: RESTRICTED | __GOVERNMENT | __SCIENTIFIC |
| | __BEING CONSIDERED | X YES: UNRESTRICTED | __INDUSTRIAL | __TRANSPORTATION |
| | | __NO | __MILITARY | __OTHER: |

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Jackson C. Sewell

Telephone #: 301-822-1298 (Home)
301-822-0810 (Store)

STREET & NUMBER
611 Elwood Street

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 #: 489
Folio #: 278

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

T-405

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | __UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| X GOOD | __RUINS | X ALTERED | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| __FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Numbers 18 and 16 North Washington Street are two brick late nineteenth century stores which are now connected and used as one. Each building is of two bays and two floors with a roof which slopes toward the rear. The buildings are identical. There is a modern addition on the rear of #14.

The facade is of warm orange brick laid in common bond with crisp white mortar lines. There is a flat marble belt course running flush with the brick face at the sill line of the second floor windows. At the corners of each building is a pillaster which is a shaft of brick set out from the face of the building; at the level of the second floor window lintel, they are decorated by a flat unmolded course of marble. The frieze of these buildings is a band of raised brick with inset panels of brick boardered with molded brick in the egg-and-tongue pattern. Above the brick frieze are ornamental bands of brick, one of which has an inscribed chain pattern. The cornice is cast iron with projecting corner blocks decorated with fleur de lis and arabesque. The cornice brackets are decorated in stylized floral patterns and on the panels between the five brackets are fan and floral designs. The cornice above the first floor store windows is also cast iron; its simple console - like bracklets support the cove molding above.

Windows which are one over one have segmented arches of long, narrow Roman brick and sills which are indicated as the projecting portions of the belt course. A second horizontal line appears at the midpoint (stile) of the windows as a course of inset brick between the windows and links of the chain motif on the pilasters. These brick devices as well as the cornice emphasize the horizontal and unify the two buildings.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __PREHISTORIC | __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | __COMMUNITY PLANNING | __LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | __RELIGION |
| __1400-1499 | __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | __CONSERVATION | __LAW | __SCIENCE |
| __1500-1599 | __AGRICULTURE | __ECONOMICS | __LITERATURE | __SCULPTURE |
| __1600-1699 | X ARCHITECTURE | __EDUCATION | __MILITARY | __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| __1700-1799 | __ART | __ENGINEERING | __MUSIC | __THEATER |
| __1800-1899 | __COMMERCE | __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | __PHILOSOPHY | __TRANSPORTATION |
| X 1900-** | __COMMUNICATIONS | __INDUSTRY | __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | __OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | __INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES C 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although very simple, these buildings are examples of the type of commercial building constructed in Easton around 1900. They maintain the street wall across from the Talbot County Court House and are a pleasant compliment in both scale and decoration to the earlier Federal buildings on the block. Flat buildings with a bracketed cornice, their present store front is not incompatible for it too is flat and has a bracketed cornice at the second floor line. The original store front would probably have had large glass windows with cast iron detailing, similiar to that on # 25 South Washington Street (T-411).

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L30/F21
L72/F34
L186/F486
L201/F285
L210/F360
L248/377
L437/F36
L489/F278

The property was the middle of the three brick store/houses as described in 1801. Patrick McNeal occupied the premises in 1813. James McNeal sold his inheritance in 1865 to Charles Robinson and it was devised to his daughters, Emma Covington and Ella Bell Robinson. J. Harry Covington acquired both interests and sold the store to the Shannahan and Wrightson Co. in 1920. This company sold the interest in 1925 to Morris Simon and his wife. Mr. Simon turned his ownership over in 1927 to Harry Hollis and Elmer Blades, as tenants in common. Harry Hollis became the sole owner and the Trustees of his estate passed the title to James Carmine. A half-interest in the property is now owned by Jackson C. Sewell.

** These buildings do not appear in a 1898 photograph in Land of Legendary Lore (Prentiss Ingraham, Easton, MD 21601). They are shown in photograph taken soon after the turn of the century, however.

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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 NA COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Easton STATE Maryland 21601

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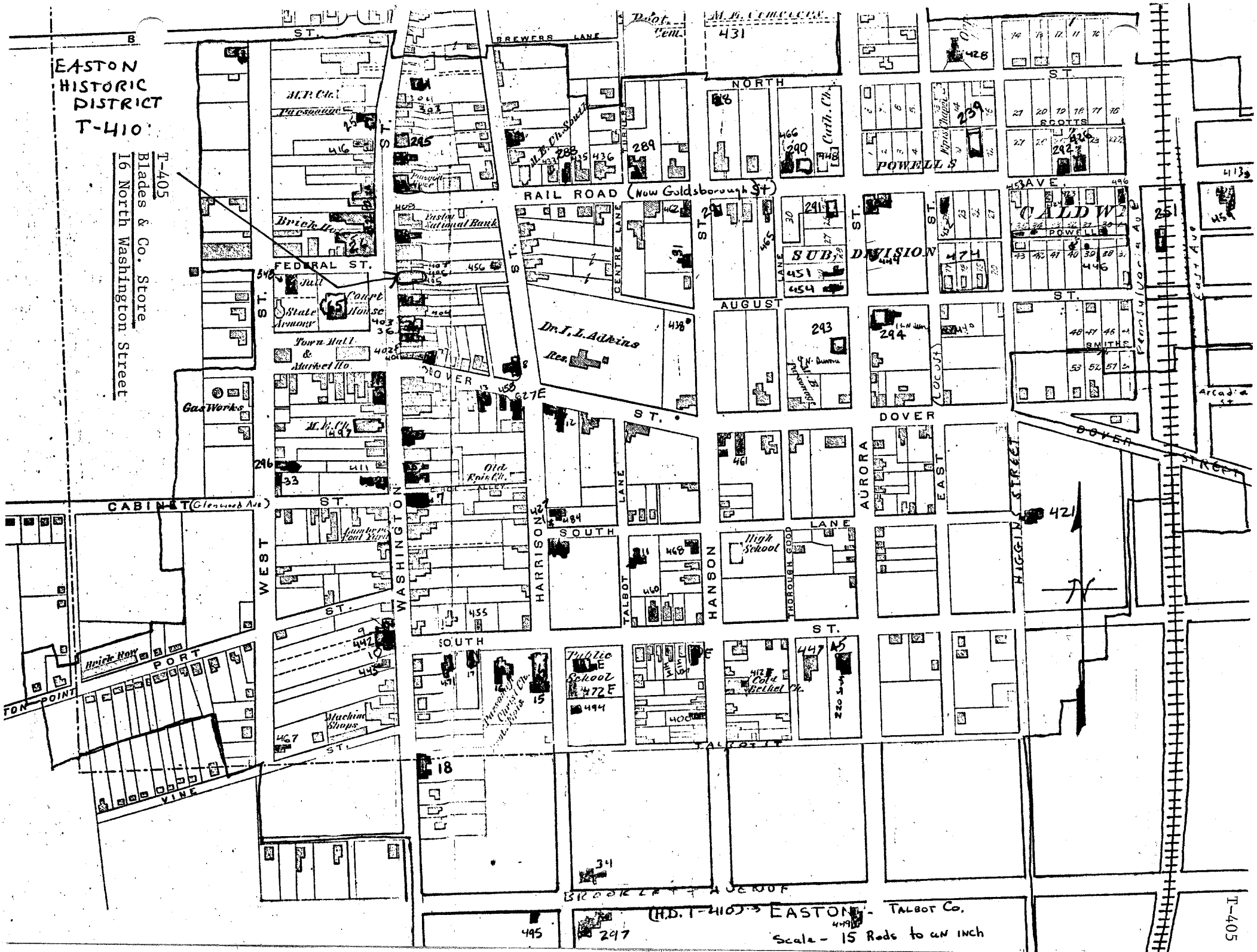
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THOROUGH GOOD LANE
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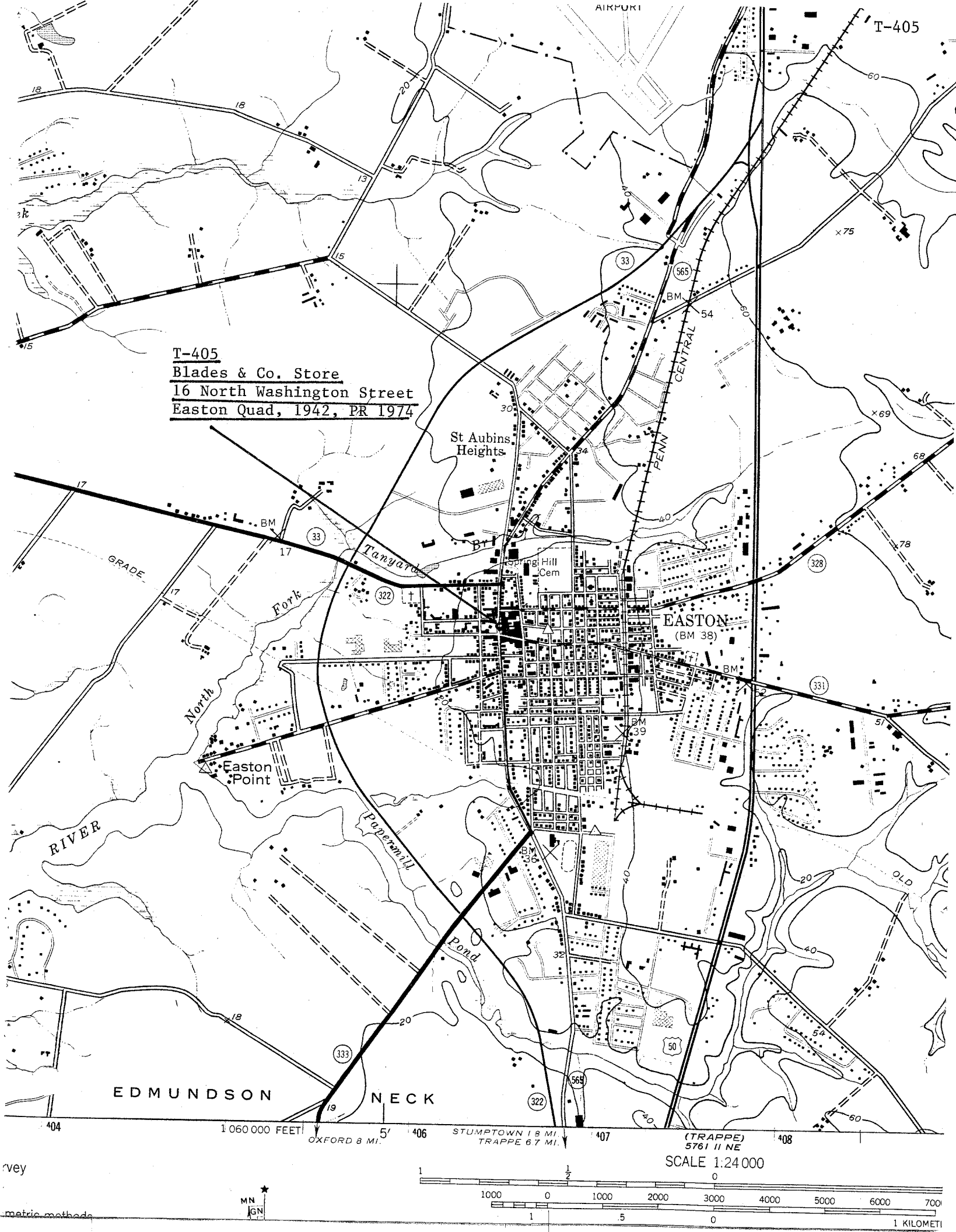
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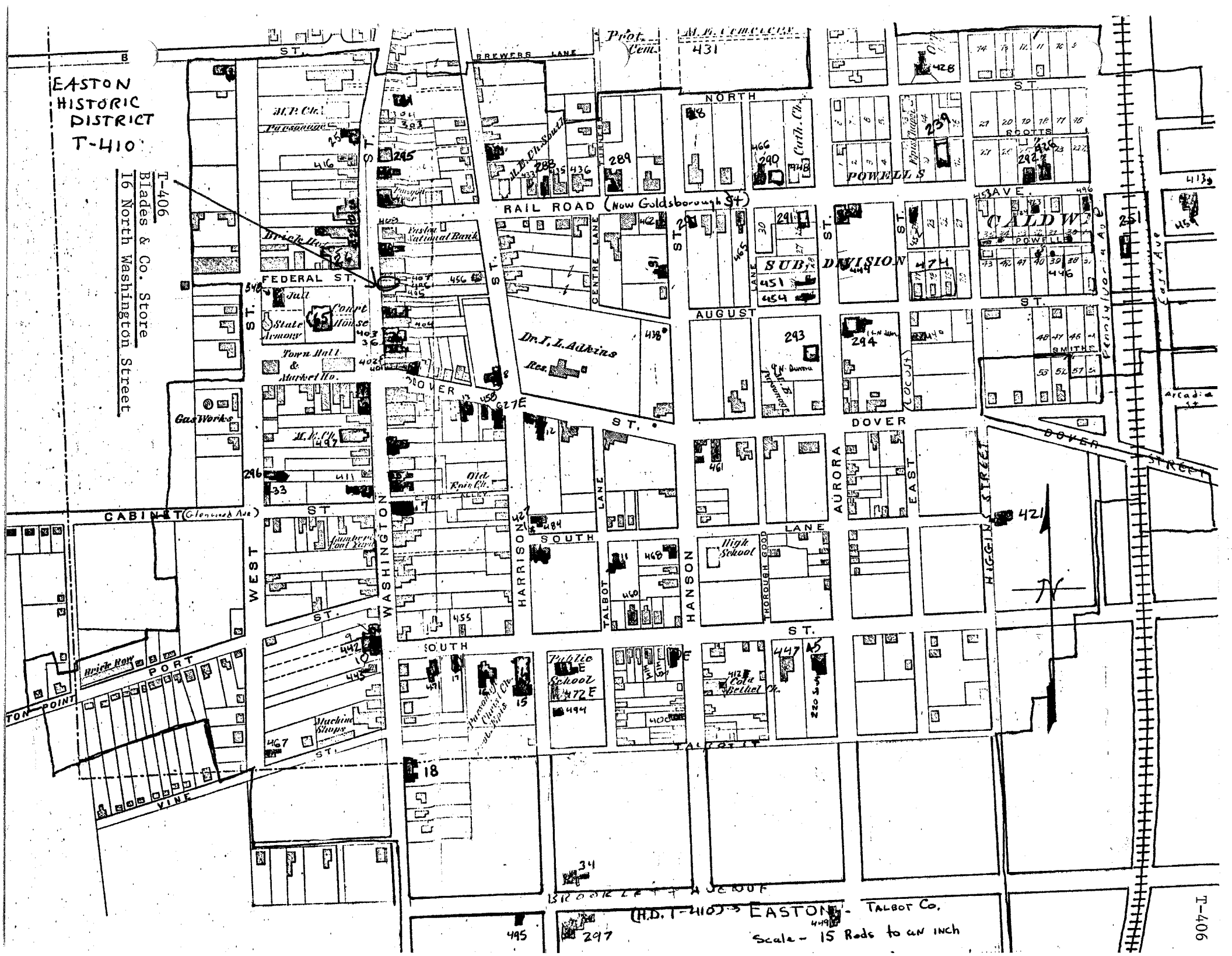
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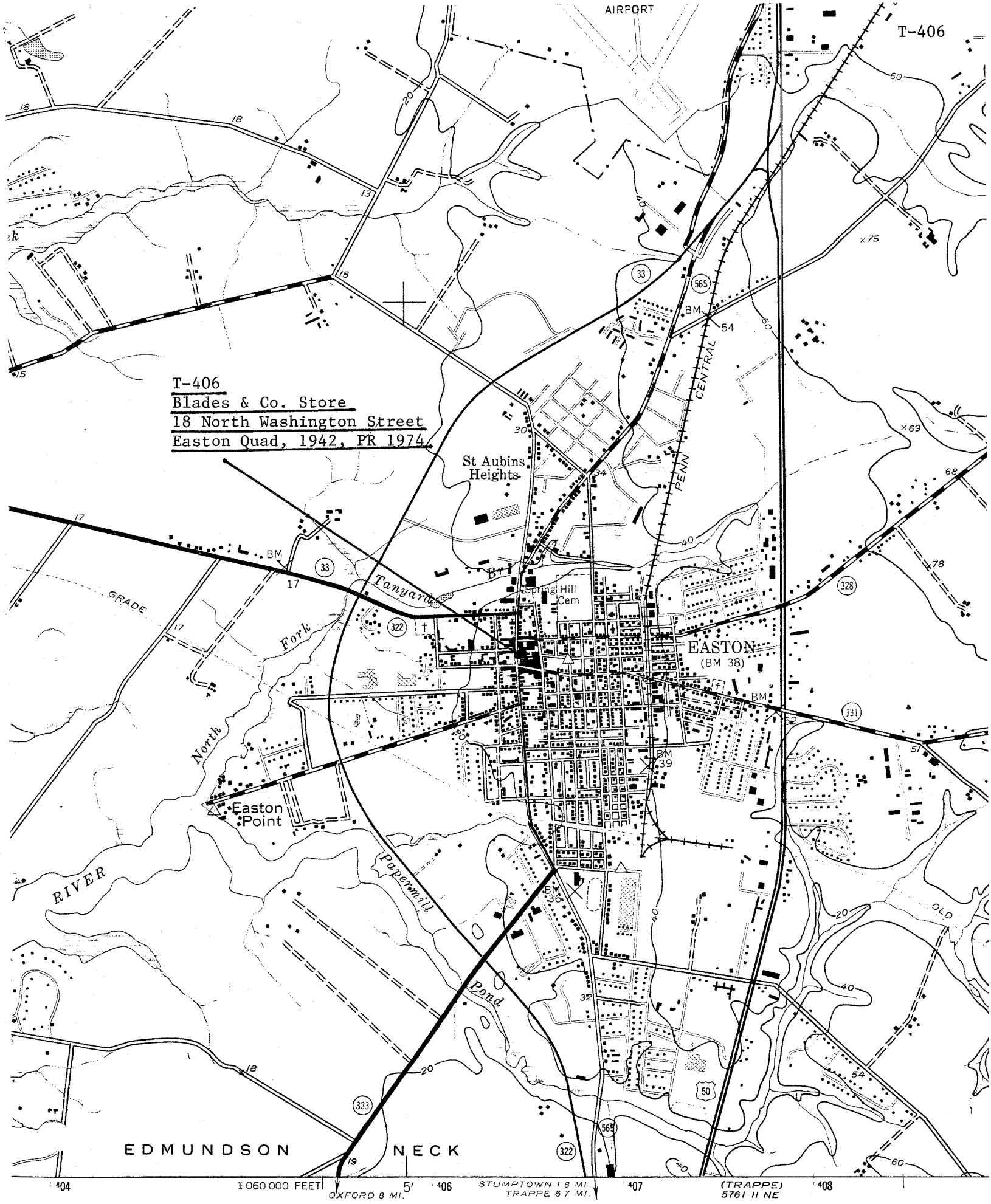
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