

Victorian Store  
25 South Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-411  
C1880

Now a part of the Talbot County Historical Society complex of historic buildings, this small brick Victorian store has survived into this century with relatively few changes. It is two stories high and two bays wide with a central entrance and plate glass windows. The flat roof is finished with a simple pierced work wooden cornice. The structure will be remodeled into offices and museum space.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Victorian Store, Talbot County Historical Society

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

25 South Washington Street

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

Historical Society of Talbot County, Incorporated Telephone #: 301-822-9773

STREET & NUMBER

Box 164

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

Liber #: 368

Folio #: 498

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

T-411

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

This building stands on the west side of South Washington Street; it faces east. It is one of the four buildings owned by Talbot County Historical Society. It adjoins the gardens on the south; there is a city parking lot at the north side.

This two-story brick building is three bays wide. It is thirty-five feet deep; there are no windows or divisions on the sidewalls. The brick is laid in common bond on the front facade.

Second floor window openings, evenly spaced, have segmental arches of stretchers. The wooden sills project slightly from the brick facade. One over-one sashes are held in place with frames trimmed with narrow half round moldings.

The molded cornice is supported by four fluted wooden brackets placed between the window openings.

The store front has a recessed central entrance, flanked by large plate-glass windows. The double entrance doors have tall, narrow glass panels in the upper tier and molded wooden panels below. There is a clear glass transome light. Windows have two large panes in the upper portion and three small panes just above the sidewalk level. There is a cornice above the store front; it is enriched with closely-spaced ornamental brackets of wood.

The south side wall of this building has been incorporated into the design of the Historical Society garden terrace. At the rear of this building is a four bay-deep addition covered with a gable roof; its board and batten siding is painted green. The former main entrance of the Talbot County Court House, installed in 1898 and removed in the 1851 remodeling, has been reconstructed in the central bay of the west facade of the shed. The entrance is of neo-classical design with a pediment supported by consoles decorated with foliated ornament. The door jambs are paneled; there is a fan-shaped transom light and double doors with three raised and beveled panels trimmed with ogee moldings. The entrance is reached by a flight of low steps.

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# 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		
<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 C1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It has been acquired by the Historical Society of Talbot County, Incorporated for use as a museum and office space. It will be preserved as an example of a simple Victorian store which has been altered very little since it was constructed, probably C1880.

L368/F498

This parcel of land faces 24 feet 9 inches on Washington Street and adjoins on the south the property formerly belonging to Dr. A. Mc. Stevens, now the headquarters of the Talbot County Historical Society. It was deeded to the Historical Society in 1961 by Lucy K. Miller and her husband, and Mrs. Doris Rend. They purchased it through William Reddie, attorney, from Elfreda Claire Sammons who had owned it since 1945.

L366/F99

L /F96

L /F224

This was a leasehold property. Robins Chamberlaine had inherited this lot, No. 117 as laid out by the Town Commissioners in 1789, and he sold the land in fee simple to Owen Kennard in 1798 who then conveyed the title, in fee simple, to Nicholas Hammond. The title to the land remained with the Hammond heirs. However, in 1795 Robins Chamberlaine leased the land, subject to a ground rent, to Samuel Edmondson, for a term of 99 years, subject to renewal as long as the ground rent was paid. In 1802, Tristram Needles bought half of this leasehold, the 24 3/4 feet facing on Washington Street. At the time of his death, in 1812, the property and dwelling was rented to James Rue Tristram Needles' son Edward, sold the leasehold property in 1816 for \$475.00 to John S. Higgins and his executor. Solomon Mullikin, turned the land and dwelling over to David Hall and his wife Clara in 1841. By 1892, Clara Hall, now a widow, was in arrears on her ground rent, and the land then went to the Hammond heirs. They sold it to Thomas C. Nicols and his brother Henry in 1894 for \$400.00. Thomas Nicols was a hardware merchant and used the front brick portion of the building for his store and the rear frame portion for a store house. Mrs. Sammons bought the property in 1945 from the Nicols heirs.

L30/F497

L38/F354

L116/F378

L264/F224

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

August 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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HISTORIC  
DISTRICT  
T-410

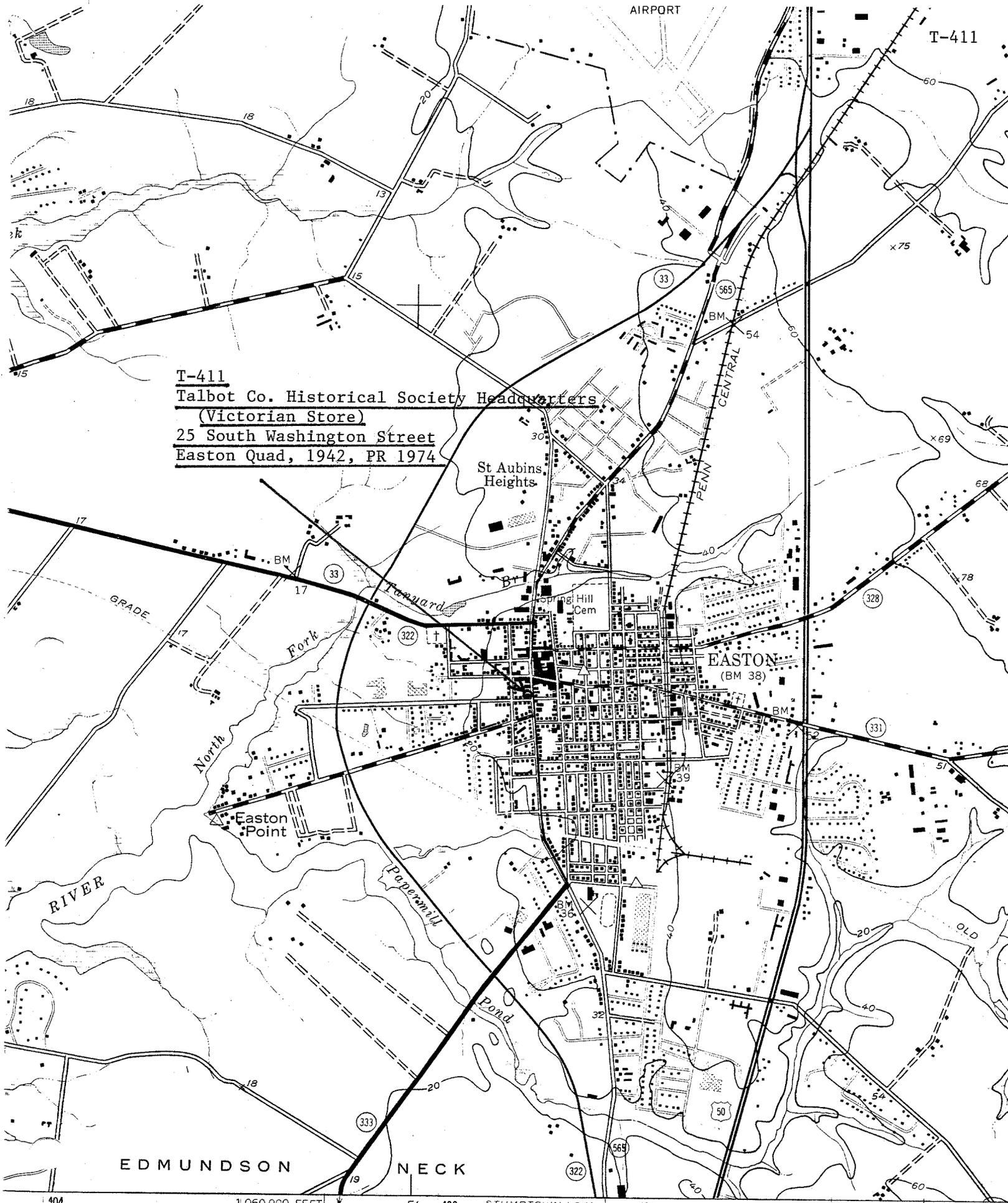
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Victorian Store (Talbot Co. Historic Society HQ)  
25 South Washington Street

(HD. T-410) EASTON - Talbot Co.  
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch  
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Talbot Co. Historical Society Headquarters  
(Victorian Store)  
25 South Washington Street  
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



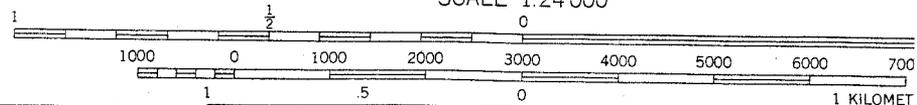
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 TRAPPE 6.7 MI.

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SCALE 1:24 000



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Talbot County Historical Society

Museum and Gift Shop

Edston

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25 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
EASTON, MD

July 1974

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