

Orphan's Home
313 North Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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1871

Large and plain with a central hall plan and steeply pitched gable roof, the two-and-a-half story frame building at 313 North Street was constructed in 1871 by the Orphan's Home Benevolent Society. By 1881, the structure housed twenty-one children in an environment where they could receive a Christian training, according to Garey and Patchett's History of Easton. At that time, the building is described as "composed of one large two-story frame building with addition...situated in the centre of one of the prettiest squares in Easton..."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Children's Home of the Eastern Shore

AND/OR COMMON

Orphan's Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

313 North Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eley and Moore Cinder Block Company, Incorporated Telephone #: 301-364-5656

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Queen Anne

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21657

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 352

Folio #: 601

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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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large structure stands on the north side of North Street at the north west corner of Higgins. It is in the part of the town near the original northern boundary which was used for public facilities - the Orphan's home, the Spring Hill Cemetery, the Aged Women's Home. Late nineteenth and early twentieth century residences, usually small and of frame, make up most of the buildings in the area. This building faces south.

The main portion of the house is two and a half stories in height and three bays wide. The attic is a full story in height resulting in a building which has a steeply pitched gable roof; the main portion is two bays deep. As originally built, this was a T-shaped structure with an ell, six bays in length, running to the rear. This ell is two and a half stories in height; its roof terminates in a jerkin roof with a jerkin-headed dormer two bays wide. Two wings have been added to the middle two bays of the ell. They run parallel to the main portion of the house and are four bays wide and two bays deep on each side of the ell. At the east and west ends of these additions are two-story screened wooden porches.

The frame building is covered with stucco, now painted beige. The roof is grey slate and wooden trim is white.

At the rear is a small one by two bay gable roofed structure; it may have originally been constructed as a separate cottage but is now connected to the larger building with a one-story enclosed porch.

A dormer is found in each bay on the long sides of both the original ell and the more recent additions. Three dormers also exist on the south front of the structure, one in each bay. They are pedimented gable dormers - identical throughout the building - and have roofs and cheeks covered with slate. The gable window openings have frames trimmed with wide flat moldings; the sashes used are two over two. The same molding is used in the cornice and pediment.

Windows are uniformly placed; throughout the building, one window is found in each bay on both floors. Window openings on both floors are evenly spaced and have frames trimmed with a bead and coved backband molding. The same window treatment is used on all windows of the building. Shutters were once found flanking each window. Two over two sashes are found in each window.

The main entrance is in the center of the main facade and leads to a central stair hall. A one-bay entrance porch with double, fluted columns at the front covered the door. A Roman Doric capital with rosettes decorates these columns and the square pilasters at the rear. There is a simple balustrade with double corner posts on the flat roof of the porch. Two benches are found on either side of the door.

The main entrance door has an overlight of four panes; the six-panel door is recent.

Inside the stair hall and entrance hall are divided by a three centered arch; its molded wooden trim has paneled jambs. The stair has turned balusters and an octagonal newel of the type commonly ordered from a catalogue. This newel is identical to one advertised by the George O. Stevens and Company, a Baltimore firm, in the middle of the nineteenth century.

The building is now used as an apartment house; it stands on a lovely corner lot shaded by huge spruce and maple trees.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garey, George and Ellwood Patchett. History of Easton, (Easton, Maryland: Gazette Steam Book and Job Office), 1881. Reprinted by Historic Easton, Incorporated, January 1974. PF

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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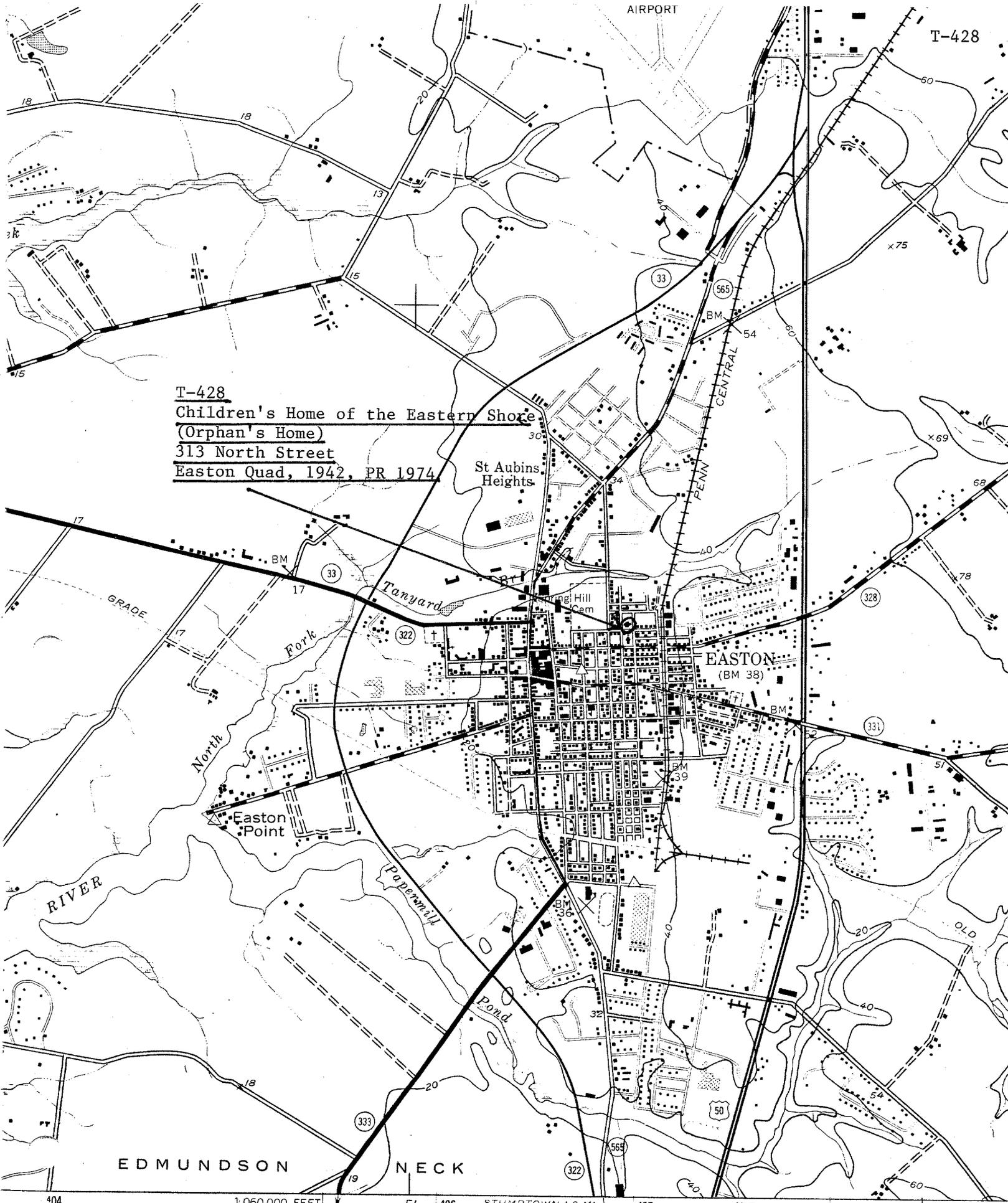
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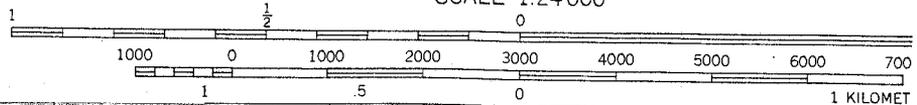
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ORPHAN'S HOME

313 NORTH STREET

EASTON, MD 8176

FRONT, SOUTH FACADE

HLFRITZ

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BERNARD WILLIAMS, JR.
100 DIAMOND STREET
EASTON, MARYLAND 21601