

216 South Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-447
Mid to Late 19th Century
Nineteenth Century

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The moment of glory for this house was the ownership and residence of Col. Oswald Tilghman and his wife Belle, the daughter of Dr. Samuel A. Harrison. Col. Tilghman, an officer of the Confederate Army and a member of a distinguished family in the County, was an eminent lawyer in the community and was the author of the most definitive "History of Talbot County".

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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T-447

Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

216 South 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

Joseph T. Howard, Francis Howard, and Luke Howard Telephone #: 301-822-3455

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 943

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 #: 486
Folio #: 216

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-447

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two-and-a-half story frame dwelling stands on the south side of the street facing north. Set back rather far from the street, it is shaded by large maple trees. Besides the deep front yard, there is a large yard to the rear, in neither is there a developed garden.

The structure is three bays wide and two deep. It is covered by a shallow A-roof with two gable-roofed dormers in both north and south roof slopes. The window openings are flanked by flat pilasters and contain six over six sashes. There is a cornice and return. Dormer cheeks are covered with horizontal boarding.

There are no major additions to the structure, merely a one bay, two-story tower on the rear west facade, evidently to contain services.

The building is covered with narrow weatherboarding painted white. A one-story porch runs across the front of the structure. Its flat roof is supported by square posts. Elaborate scroll-type brackets are used. The porch railing is simple with closely spaced square balusters.

The openings are evenly spaced on both the front and rear facades. Windows have four over four sashes secured by narrow frames edged with a bead. Louvered shutters now painted black are used at the windows. On the first floor, tall windows in the major room have jib doors with flat molded panels beneath the double hung windows. The shutters are the full height of the window opening.

The main entrance is in the west bay. It has a rectangular transom with triangular lights and a narrow side light with three small panes and molded panels beneath. This structure is of the side hall type with the main entrance opposite the stair. With a large round newel and turned balusters, the stair is typical of the period; it may have been ordered from a catalogue, as stairs commonly were.

This is a rather tall building, raised on a basement. The roof terminates in a cornice with a flat undecorated frieze which also adds height to the structure. Corners are treated with corner boards.

The rear facade may have undergone some alteration; the east first floor window has a jib door which may have led to an earlier porch now removed. At the present the rearyard garden is reached by a double flight of brick steps.

This house has suffered greatly from neglect and hard usage. Now used as apartments, the interior was inaccessible but a former owner states that it has been altered and mantles removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 Mid to late Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. Its fine proportions and lovely old trees contribute a certain elegance to a structure which is typical, even ordinary, in its form and detailing.

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L72/F269

L74/F382

L72/F384

L74/F431

L76/F60

L77/F75

In 1866, Capt. Henry Strandburg sold his plantation "Brooklets", at the south end of Easton to Dr. John Earle. However, Dr. Earle sold back a block on the south side of South Street (the southern extremity of the town as it was originally laid out) who immediately sold it to Caroline Hopkins for \$425.00. The following year, the Hopkins re-sold the block to Henry Mason. Mr. Mason, in turn, sold the western half of the block, 86½ feet facing on South Street to Thomas J. Clark for \$416.50 in 1869. The following year, 1870, Mr. Clark sold the lot to Henry E. Bateman. None of these transactions would indicate, either by description or purchase price, that there was any substantial house on the premises. However, in 1881, Henry Bateman sold his property, with a 2-story frame dwelling, to Oswald Tilghman for \$2400.00. Thus it would appear that Mr. Bateman was the builder of this house.

Col. Tilghman was a prominent lawyer, a veteran of the Southern cause during the recent War, and a worthy member of a distinguished family in the County. His wife, Belle, was a daughter of Dr. Samuel A. Harrison. Dr. Harrison's papers and research provided the basis for "A History of Talbot County", which Col. Tilghman published in 1915, and still the best work extent on the subject. Their daughter, Mary Foxley Tilghman, was born here. They moved in 1888 to what was re-named "Foxley Hall", the home Dr. Harrison had just bought. The Richard Martin's owned this property for ten years, followed by Walter Thompson, who sold it in 1901 to Dr. Edward M. Hardcastle, Sr. It remained in their family until 1942 when Luke Howard and his wife Cecelia bought it. It still belongs to the Howard heirs.

L108/F290

L129/F338

L135/F484

L141/F216

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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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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ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

September 7, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

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301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

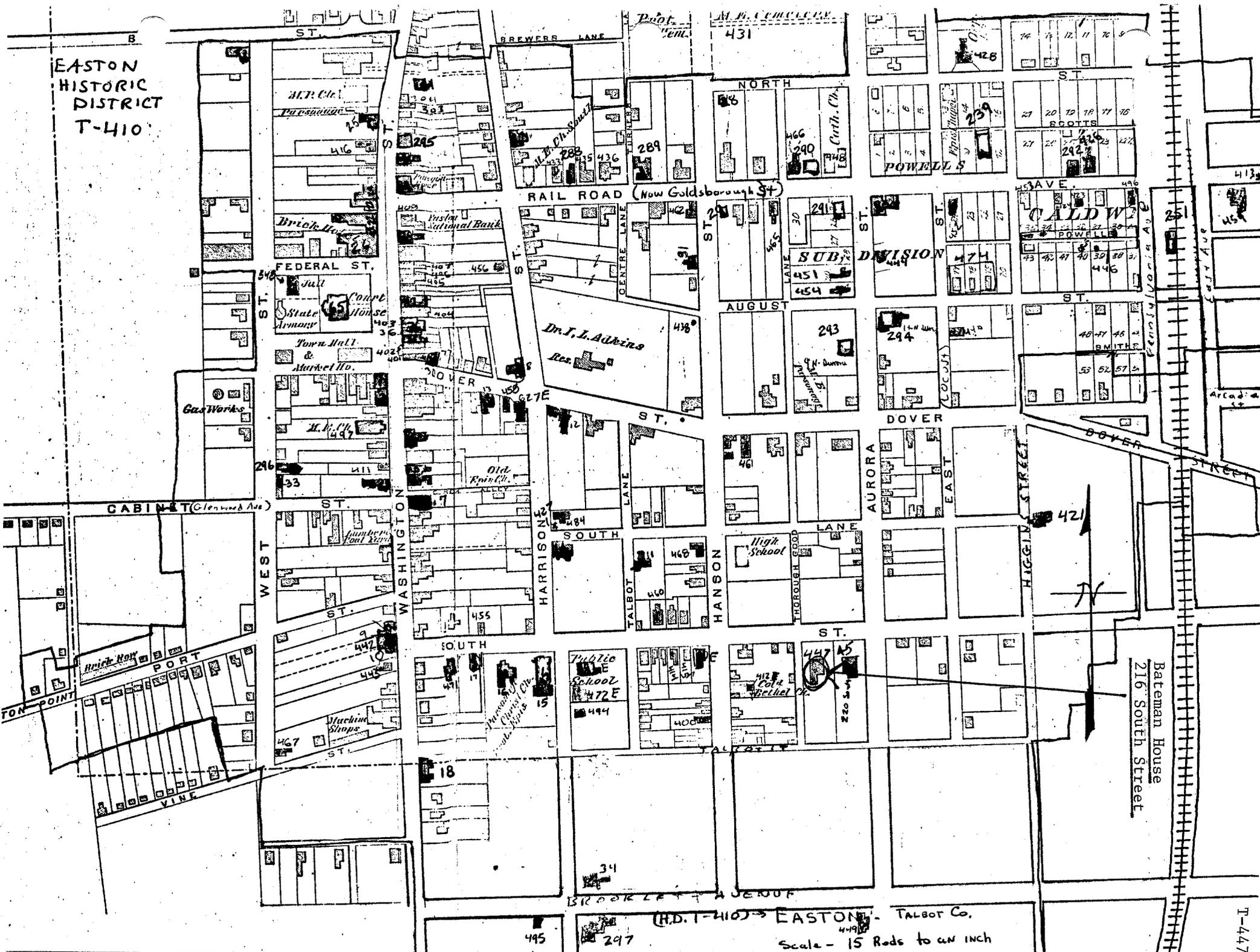
Maryland 21601

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

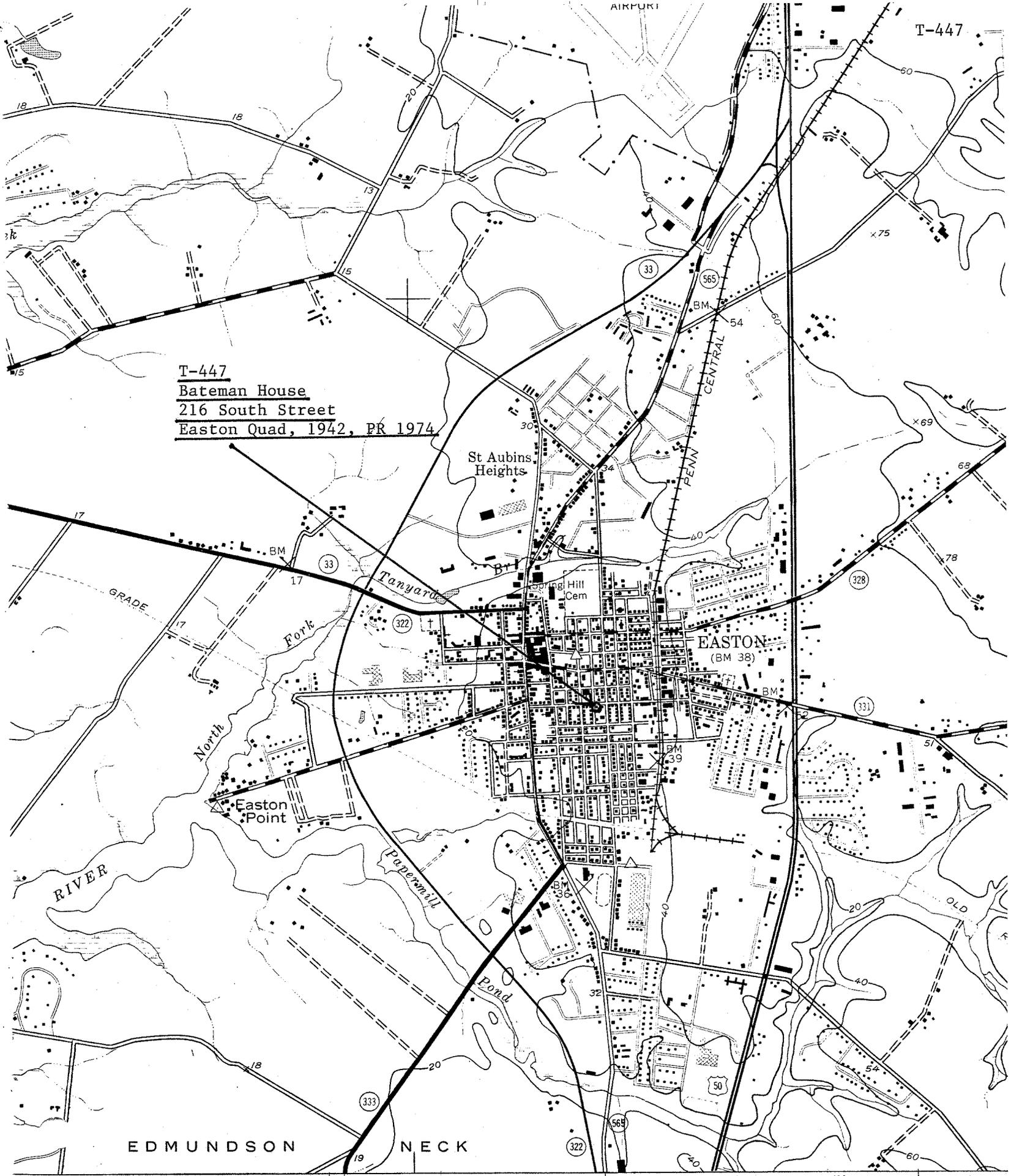
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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DISTRICT
T-410**



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Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

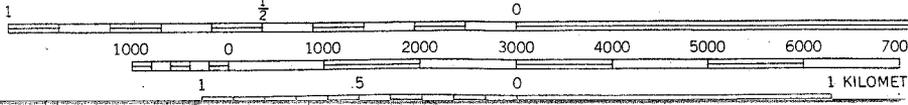
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Bateman House
216 South Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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SCALE 1:24 000



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EASTON, MD

NORTH ELEVATION

AUGUST 1936

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