

Name: Brooks' House, 24500 Rolles Range Road

Construction Date: ca. 1850 & 1900

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

The Brooks' House is an abandoned and deteriorated building located at 24500 Rolles Range Road just west of its intersection with MD 33, north of St. Michaels. According to Mr. William Cole, a relative of the owner, the house was constructed ca. 1850, and the addition was constructed around 1900. The residence is L-shaped in plan and possesses elements of the Folk Victorian Style. The main house is a two-and-one-half-story structure with a two-and-one-half-story rear wing. The primary facade faces MD 33; however, the rear wing was the original portion of the house. Steeply pitched cross gables are located on the east and south elevations. A one-story porch extends along the east facade and wraps around the north elevation. A porch once covered the entrance on the south elevation, but has since collapsed. The entire house is clad with asbestos shingles and rests on a brick pier foundation. The property has been unoccupied for a number of years, and the buildings are in an advanced state of deterioration.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1120

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Brooks House

### 2. Location

street & number 24500 Rolles Range Road

not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

vicinity of

congressional district

First

state MD

county

Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category

district

building(s)

structure

site

object

Ownership

public

private

both

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

not applicable

Status

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

Present Use

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other: Abandoned

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Helen Johnson

street & number P.O. Box 115

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD 21663-02115

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 307

street & number Washington Street

folio 54

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2

The Brooks House is an abandoned and deteriorated building located at 24500 Rolles Range Road just west of its intersection with MD Route 33. The residence is L-shaped in plan and possesses elements of the Folk Victorian Style. The building is sited on a cleared parcel of land, surrounded on three sides by agricultural fields. The parcel is defined by a number of cedar, pine and maple trees located along the perimeter of the lot. A small concrete block outbuilding, a grape arbor and apple trees are located northwest of the main house.

The building is a two-and-one-half-story, three bay structure with a two-and-one-half-story rear wing. The primary facade of the house faces MD Route 33 and is symmetrical about a central entrance. This elevation is three bays wide and has a slightly projecting central bay that has a steeply pitched cross gable roof. A one-story porch extends along the length of the facade and wraps around the northern end of the building. Paired, double-hung windows with a two-over-two pane configuration flank the central entrance. The porch roof is supported by turned wooden posts, and the northern end of the porch has been screened in. The central entryway contains a paneled door, flanked by sidelights and an overhead transom. The end or southern elevation of the front portion of the house has a projecting central bay containing paired, double-hung windows on the first and second floors.

The rear kitchen wing extends perpendicularly from the rear portion of the house. This rear wing is three bays deep with a projecting central bay, steeply sloped cross gable roof and an entrance facing Rolles Range Road. According to Mr. William Cole, the rear wing was constructed ca. 1850, predating the front portion of the house. A second porch supported by turned posts originally sheltered the side entrance but has since deteriorated and collapsed. A small one-story addition has been constructed on the rear elevation of the kitchen wing. An interior brick chimney originally penetrated the roof of the rear wing; however, it has since collapsed. The northern elevation of the rear wing contains windows on the first and second floors and two small dormers in the attic space. A third dormer penetrates the rear roof slope of the east portion of the house. The entire building is clad with asbestos shingles and rests on a brick pier foundation.

According to Mr. Cole, this house was the first house on Rolles Range Road with electricity and indoor plumbing, both of which were installed ca. 1920 – 1930.

The outbuilding, located northwest of the main house, is a small one-story gable front structure. It is constructed of concrete block and has a single entrance on the east elevation. The roof of the building has collapsed, and the house is overgrown with vegetation. The building appears to date from the early to mid-twentieth century. Mr. Cole stated a large barn was located just north of the outbuilding; however, no evidence of this structure was visible at the time of the site visit.

The property has been unoccupied for a number of years, and the buildings thereon are in an advanced state of deterioration. The main house and outbuilding have not been secured and remain exposed to the elements and potential vandalism.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_ unknown \_\_\_\_\_

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.

During the site visit, contact was made with a relative (Mr. William Cole) of the property owner who provided some background information on the history of the house. Mr. Cole stated that the house was owned by George Brooks near the turn of the century. Mr. Brooks and his wife are said to have adopted a number of children, due to the early demise of a relative. Among these children was Mr. Cole's mother who grew up in the house. According to Mr. Cole, most of the dwellings along the north side of Rolles Range Road were constructed and occupied by members of the Brooks family, while those on the south side of the road were occupied by members of the Miller family. Both families are said to have descended from slaves who worked the plantation at the end of Rolles Range Road (Rolles Range Farm). See continuation sheets for more information.

The Brooks House is an example of rural vernacular architecture which possesses some elements of the Folk Victorian Style. According to informants, the building was constructed during two building episodes (ca. 1850 and ca. 1900) and was originally associated with a larger agricultural complex. This places it in the Agricultural-Industrial Transition period (1815-1870). The building is characterized by the late Victorian renovation and retains little if any evidence of its antebellum origin. The original portion faces Rolles Range Road, while the later addition fronts MD Route 33. The entire building has been clad with asbestos siding, concealing the original clapboards. Its current state of deterioration has compromised the integrity of its materials and workmanship. The loss of adjacent and associated agricultural outbuildings has lessened its integrity of setting, feeling, and association, and diminished its significance as a historic farm complex. The building is simple in design and lacks ornamentation. It does not represent the work of a master, nor does it possess high artistic value. It is not associated with an historic figure or event. Therefore, the Brooks House is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  X

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*[Signature]*  
 Reviewer, NR program

*4/20/95*  
 Date

*8/14/00*  
 Date

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1120

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9.22 acres

Quadrangle name St. Micahels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References **do NOT complete UTM references**

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 23, grid 14, parcel 41.

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Helen Johnson.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 8. Significance (Cont.)

### **Rolles Range Road**

According to Mr. William Cole, a current resident of Rolles Range Road, the property along the road was given to the former slaves of the Rolle family after emancipation.<sup>1</sup> The north side of the street was settled by Brookses (his ancestors) and the south side by Millers, both of African-American decent. Unfortunately, no documentary evidence gathered to this point supports Mr. Cole's claim, although Brookses and Millers have been identified as early inhabitants of Rolles Range Road. Further investigation did identify the road as primarily an African-American community; however, whites have lived, and continue to live, on the road.

In *Lift Every Voice*, a compilation of black oral history from the Eastern Shore, Rosella B. Camper wrote of her grandfather's life as a slave at Rolles Range.<sup>2</sup> Horace Brooks was born a free man, but was abducted from his yard in St. Michaels and forced to work at Rolles Range as a slave. Even though his parents knew where he was, they were afraid to go after him. Years later, after emancipation, Mr. Rolle continued to keep Horace as a slave, not telling him he was legally free. Many years later, Mr. Brooks returned to Rolles Range with his granddaughter and showed her the shackles where he had been chained as a boy. This account hardly presents Mr. Rolle as a benevolent master who would have given his freed slaves land on which to build their homes. It does, however, support Mr. Cole's claim that Brookses were former Rolles Range slaves, though their appearance along Rolles Range Road is not evident until after 1900.

### **Maps**

The earliest map of Talbot County which clearly identifies property boundaries, structures, and vegetation is the 1847 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The cleared fields and buildings on Rolles Range farm, as well as the wooded lots surrounding the property, are evident on this map. A "U"-shaped drive with two entrances along Bay Side Avenue (currently MD Route 33) converge at the western edge of the woods at the road which leads up to the main house.

The 1858 Dilworth map of Talbot County, Maryland outlines property boundaries and illustrates dwellings, but also identifies landowners. Rolles Range is identified as the property of the "Heirs of W.F. Rolle." The parcel shape appears identical to the boundaries illustrated on the 1847 map. "Woodland" (literally wooded land) is located southwest of Rolles Range. The wooded parcel northeast of Rolles Range belongs to "J.N. Hambleton."

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<sup>1</sup> Rob Yallop, personal communication with William Cole. July 28, 1998. Rolles Range Road, St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Rosella B. Camper. *The Life of Horace Brooks*. In *Lift Every Voice*. Friends of the Talbot County Free Library, Chesapeake College Press, Wye Mills, Maryland. 1999: 6.

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The northern fork of the “U” shaped entry drive appears to border the southern edge of J.N. Hambleton’s property and the northern edge of the Woodland before meeting the Rolle parcel at its northeast corner. It is this portion of the drive that later became known as Rolles Range Road. Therefore, it is uncertain if this land belonged to the Rolle family, or was merely used as an access road.

The 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson map of Talbot County, Maryland illustrates nine houses along Rolles Range Road (not including Rolles Range farm) and attributes landowners; however, no parcel boundaries are shown. The southern fork of the “U” shaped entry drive is no longer illustrated. Landowners identified on the north side of Rolles Range Road (east to west) are: A. Barkman, T. Auld, J. Pinkney, J.L. Johnson, and H. Young. Residents along the south side (east to west) are: Wm. Green (Ice House), P. Mansfield, P. Roberts, and R. Miller.

By 1923 the number of houses along the road had doubled. Today the houses along Rolles Range Road number only eight. Two of these dwellings are modern houses, and two (T-1120 and T-1125) are severely deteriorated and no longer occupied.

### **Enumeration and Tax Information**

The landowner names identified on the 1877 map were used to extract biographical information from U.S. Census data from 1850 through 1920 (Table 1). The *1798 Federal Direct Tax* list, *1832 Census of Freed Negroes*, and *1850 Slave Inhabitant’s* schedule for Talbot County were also consulted, as well as other sources.

The 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census were originally consulted due to their proximity to the year the 1877 map was surveyed. In the 1880 Census, five of the nine landowners (six including Rolle) are listed on the same page. It is assumed that the list reflects the sequence of households as the enumerator walked Rolles Range Road gathering information. Since Rolles Range Road lies outside the city limits, households in the area are not listed by street name, as is sometimes the case. In 1870, the names were not grouped like in 1880, but most of the people can be identified as residents within the St. Michaels district. Therefore, it is probable that the Rolles Range Road community was established during the 1870s.

The *1850 Slave Inhabitant’s* schedule does not individually list the names of slaves, as hoped. It lists individually, by number, the age, sex, and race of slaves by owner. William F. Rolle owned nineteen slaves in 1850. His neighbor to the northeast, John N. Hambleton, owned only two slaves. Several Rolles and Hambletons appear in census data from 1850 through at least 1880.

The property owner T. Auld stands out on the list of Rolles Range inhabitants. Identified as Thomas Auld in the 1870 and 1880 Census, this man is probably a relative of Captain Thomas Auld. Captain Auld lived northwest of Rolles Range Road and was, for a period of time, the owner of Frederick (Bailey) Douglass. In 1826, Douglass was sent to live with Thomas’s brother Hugh in Baltimore where he aided in the care of Hugh’s infant son, Thomas. A Thomas

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Auld and (Captain) Thomas Auld were counted among the St. Michaels residents in both 1850 and 1860, although their exact places of residence are unknown. The Thomas Auld enumerated from 1850 through 1880 would have been too old to be the son of Hugh Auld. No Thomas Aulds were listed among the 1900, 1910, and 1920 U.S. Census data.

Also listed in the census is James Auld. Although James is not a Rolles Range Road landowner, within his household in the 1870 and 1880 census are his sister Harriett Barkman (identified as a landowner across MD 33 from Rolles Range Road) and her son Andrew Barkman. A. Barkman owned the lot directly east of T. Auld. James Auld can be found in the 1860 census, but his sister and nephew were not yet part of his household and do not appear independently. Andrew Barkman does not appear as a head of household in the 1900 census, although his sister Mary Bartman (sic) does. Andrew and his wife appear in both the 1910 and 1920 census data, within St. Michaels, although the exact location of their domicile is unknown.

Both the Barkman and the Auld families are listed as white; however, several black residents (servants/laborers?) were within their households in 1870 and 1880.

J. Pinkney lived just west of T. Auld on Rolles Range Road in 1877. Mr. Joseph Pinkney is among the five listings in the 1880 census that appear to have been in order along Rolles Range Road. A black farm laborer, Mr. Pinkney and his wife, Henrietta (Henny), along with several children, are listed in census data from 1850 through 1880. Joseph (32) and Henny (29) in 1850, should not be confused with a second Joseph (50) and Henney (41) Pinkney also listed in the 1850 enumeration. The latter Joseph and Henny (sic) appear in Talbot County in the *1832 Census of Freed Negroes* (Ireland 1999, unpublished). No Pinkneys are listed within St. Michaels census data after 1880.

At the west end of Rolles Range Road was J.L. Johnson. Two J. Johnsons are listed in St. Michaels in the 1870 census. Joseph is listed as head of his household. John is enumerated within the household of James Auld, previously mentioned. Middle initials are not given for either man. Without further information and the commonality of the surname Johnson, no further information was obtained.

A short extension of the Rolles Range Road turned north past J.L. Johnson's house. H. Young is labeled as his neighbor to the north. Horace Young and his wife Henrietta, both black, are listed along Rolles Range Road from 1870 through 1920. Prior to 1870 no Horace Young was found within Talbot County.

The first house identified on the south side of the east end of Rolles Range Road belonged to William Green and is also labeled "Ice House." William Green, his wife Mary, and their family resided in Talbot County from 1850 through 1870. In 1880, William's son Charles is among those names listed in order, as probable Rolles Range Road residents. After 1880 no Greens are found among those assumed to be on Rolles Range Road. William is listed as a sailor in 1850,

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and after as a farmer. In 1880, Charles appears as a farmer. The Green family is listed as black on all census data.

P. Mansfield is found only in the 1860 census. Philemon Mansfield is a white, twenty-year old tailor enumerated within the household of his father, Charles H. Mansfield. The exact location of their domicile within St. Michaels is unknown.

Peter Roberts is enumerated in 1880 between Joseph Pinkney and Robert Miller, two other black families on Rolles Range Road. Peter, a farm laborer, is listed in 1870 as owning 100 unimproved acres of land (uncertain if the same Peter). After 1880, the Roberts family does not appear among those names as possibly living on Rolles Range Road.

Robert Miller, whose home was located on the west end of the south side of Rolles Range Road, is not listed within Talbot County census data from 1850 and 1860, and may not have been a free person at this point. In 1870, he and one son are listed as mulatto, although in later census information both are listed as black. Robert, a farm laborer, is listed along with his Rolles Range neighbors on the 1880 census. In 1900, Robert Millers name does not appear; however, in 1910 he and his wife appear again, probably on Rolles Range Road. His son Morris and his family are also enumerated in 1900, possibly along Rolles Range Road.

A severely dilapidated structure is still located at the extreme west end of Rolles Range Road and may be the structure previously belonging to Mr. Robert Miller. Due to the low integrity of the building, it was not surveyed as part of the original survey of Rolles Range Road. Collapsed and covered in vegetation, the house appears to be a two-story, three bay frame structure similar to two others located on the street (T-1122 and T-1223). No Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form was completed for the house.

Due to the imprecise scale on the 1877 map, the exact locations of other houses compared to later maps is uncertain. However, conjectures have been made, and corresponding houses identified on the 1877 to 1923 maps with the 1986 USGS topographic map of St. Michaels, Maryland. A collapsed structure on the north side of Rolles Range Road, not surveyed, may have been the house belonging to A. Barkman. T-1122 and T-1123 may be the former homes of T. Auld and J. Pinkney, respectively. P. Roberts house may be the structure identified as T-1124. The house surveyed as T-1121 was originally identified as a folk Victorian structure. The house has since been classified as an American four-square, a much later house type; therefore the present structure may be a later replacement of the original house.

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## National Register Eligibility

Background and census research was conducted to determine the evolution of Rolles Range Road as an African-American community and its potential as a historic district. Although documentation has been found identifying many black families living along the road, there have also been, historically and currently, white and mixed race families living there as well. No deed research was conducted to determine the original landowner(s) and subsequent subdivision and sale (or gift?) of the parcels.

## Integrity

Rolles Range Road appears to lack much of the integrity necessary to support any level of significance that would deem it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Each aspect of integrity is further addressed.

## Location

Each of the four houses (T-1121, T-1122, T-1123, and T-1124) appears to be in its location of original construction. One structure, T-1121, is a later style and may have replaced an earlier form. The development of a predominately African-American community on the outskirts of town and among the farms where many were enslaved is interesting and may have an underlying basis in the origin of the property (gift or cheap), nearness to family still residing on nearby plantations, or proximity to paying jobs on the farms.

## Design

The design or rhythm of the street has been disrupted by the number of empty lots and deteriorated buildings along the road. A once compact and viable street, the existing houses embody few characteristics of this rural streetscape.

## Setting

The agricultural economy of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is barely visible along Rolles Range Road. One small agricultural field is located at the eastern end of the street, and larger farms, like Rolles Range, are no longer worked by the owners but rented out to tenant farmers. The smaller lots along Rolles Range Road have been conjoined during the years as older buildings have been removed. None of the historic houses along the road appeared to have a vegetable garden, once used for feeding the family and earning extra money.

## Materials

All of the historic houses along Rolles Range Road appear to rest on stone pier foundations, like most of the historic homes in St. Michaels. This was necessary in the wet soils along the Eastern Shore. Several houses have been covered in vinyl siding, and all are roofed with asphalt shingles. Each house has had varying amount of its exterior material replaced during "improvements" over the years.

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### Workmanship

Three of the four extant historic houses along Rolles Range Road are simple two-story, I-houses (one - five bay, two - three bay) construction. This style of house is quite common to the area regardless of race. No anomalies in construction or craftsmanship were apparent.

### Feeling

The discontinuous pattern of the houses and the fact that they represent a small portion of houses once found along the road diminishes the sense of an African-American "community."

### Association

These four houses and their decomposing neighbors, hardly evoke a sense of community for which this area would be considered significant. One is struck with the lack of community when driving down this patchy desolate road. The extant houses together do not visually elicit the sense of an African-American community which once had as many as eighteen houses and numerous inhabitants.

### **Recommendation of Eligibility**

The history of the Rolles Range Road has proved interesting and culturally rich; however, the lack of integrity, especially setting and association, of the extant historic houses has provided no support for an African-American or multi-racial district worthy of National Register nomination. Based on the small number of houses which can be attributed to the historic community, their altered state, and the proximity of the houses, the existing houses are mere shadow of the rich history of Rolles Range Road. Although a community predominantly made up of African-American inhabitants was located on Rolles Range Road, the role of white and mixed race families as part of that group should not be overlooked in future documentation. For these reasons, it is recommended that the houses along Rolles Range Road are not eligible for listing, either individually or as a historic district, in the National Register of Historic Places.

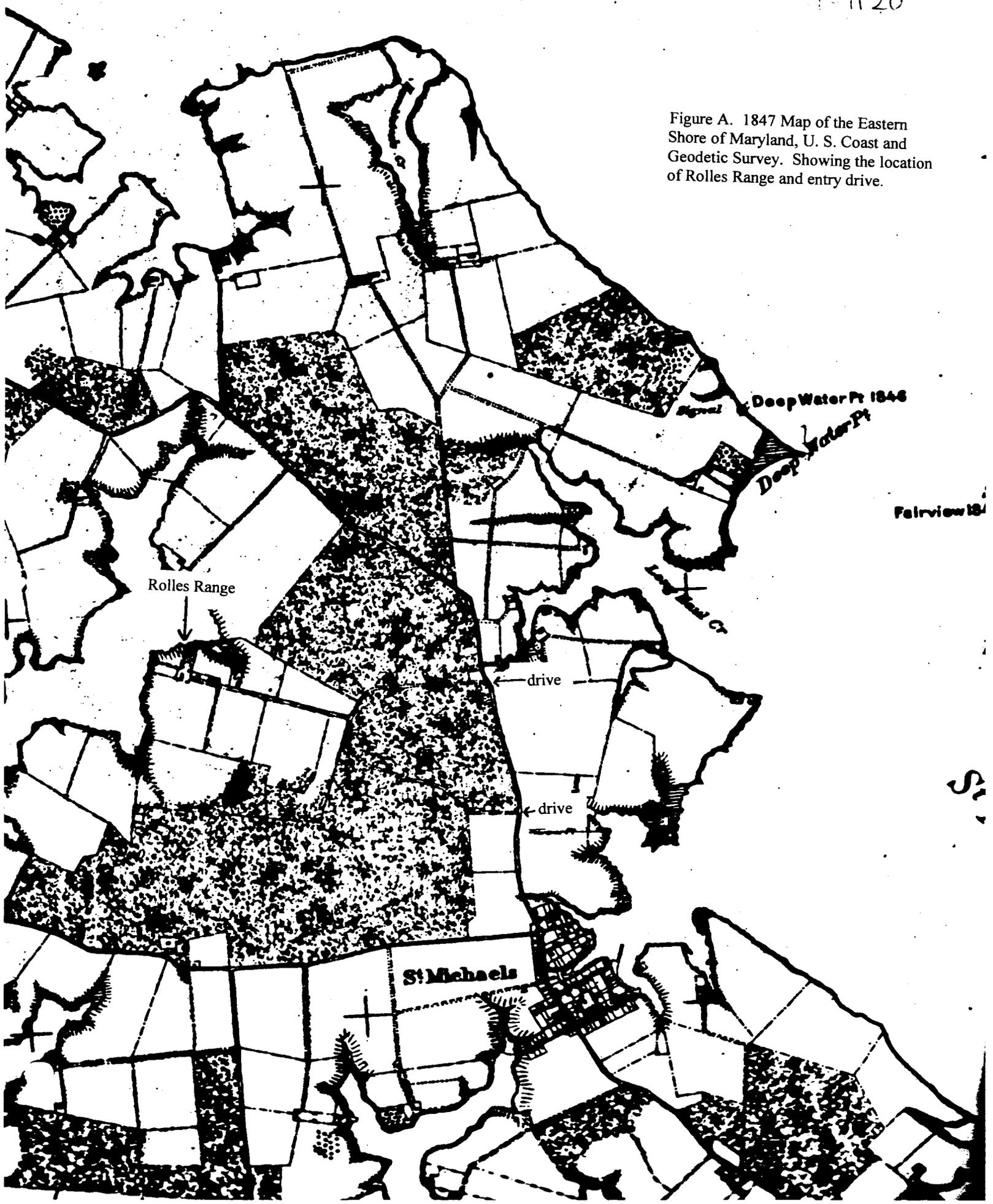
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Table 1. Residents of Rolles Range Road as shown on the 1877 Lake Griffing and Stevenson map of Talbot County, Maryland, and identified in U.S. Census data for St. Michaels (Residents did not necessarily reside on Rolles Range Road for every year they are listed).

	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920
<b>North Side</b>							
A. Barkman			X w/ James Auld	X w/ James Auld	X (Mary)	X	X
T. Auld	X	X	X	X			
J. Pinkney	X	X	X	X			
H. Young			X	X	X	X	X
J.L. Johnson			X?				
<b>South Side</b>							
Wm. Green	X	X	X	X Charles			
P. Mansfield		X w/ Charles					
P. Roberts		X	X?				
R. Miller			X	X	?	X	

Figure A. 1847 Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Showing the location of Rolles Range and entry drive.



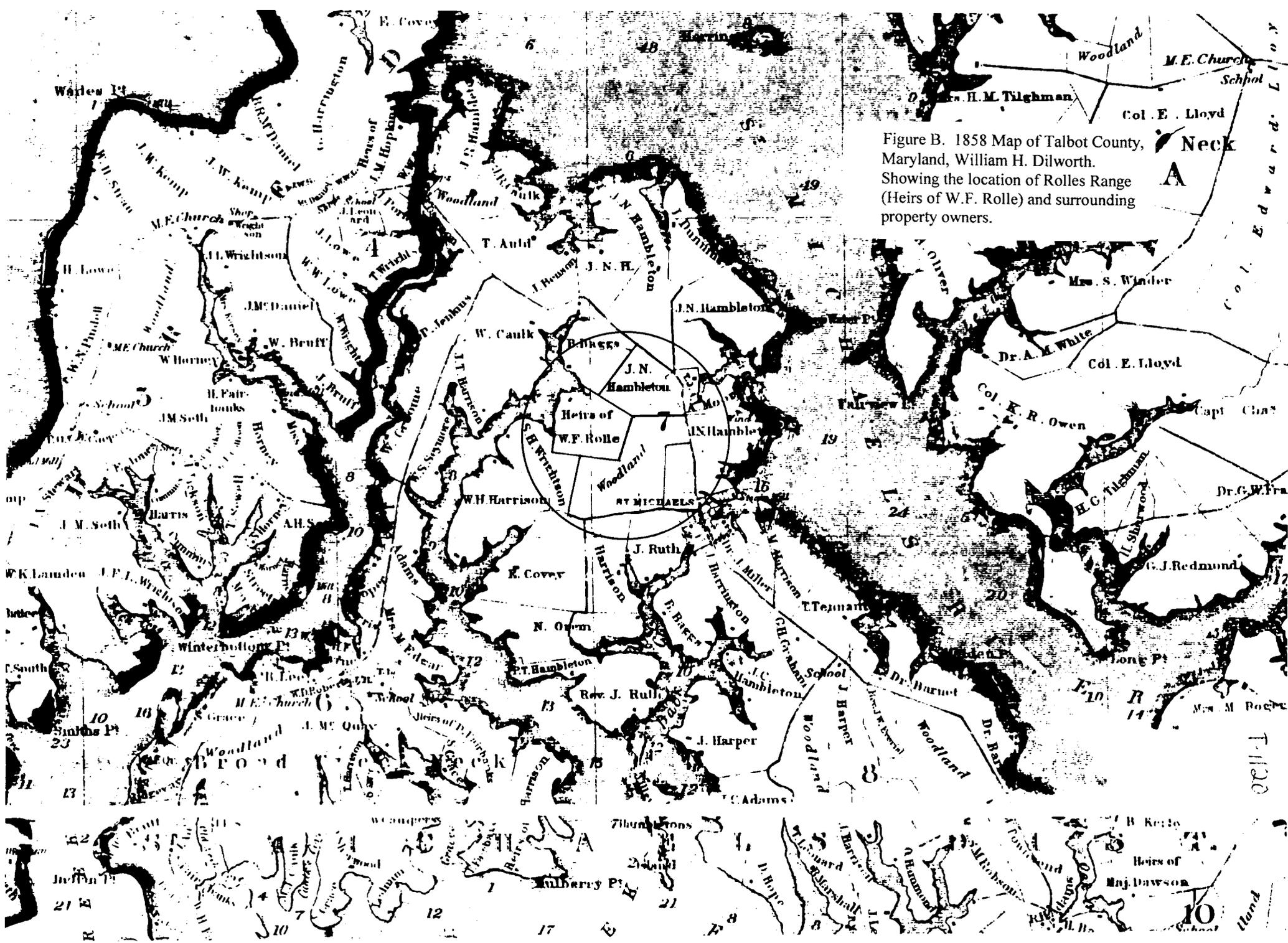


Figure B. 1858 Map of Talbot County, Maryland, William H. Dilworth. Showing the location of Rolles Range (Heirs of W.F. Rolle) and surrounding property owners.

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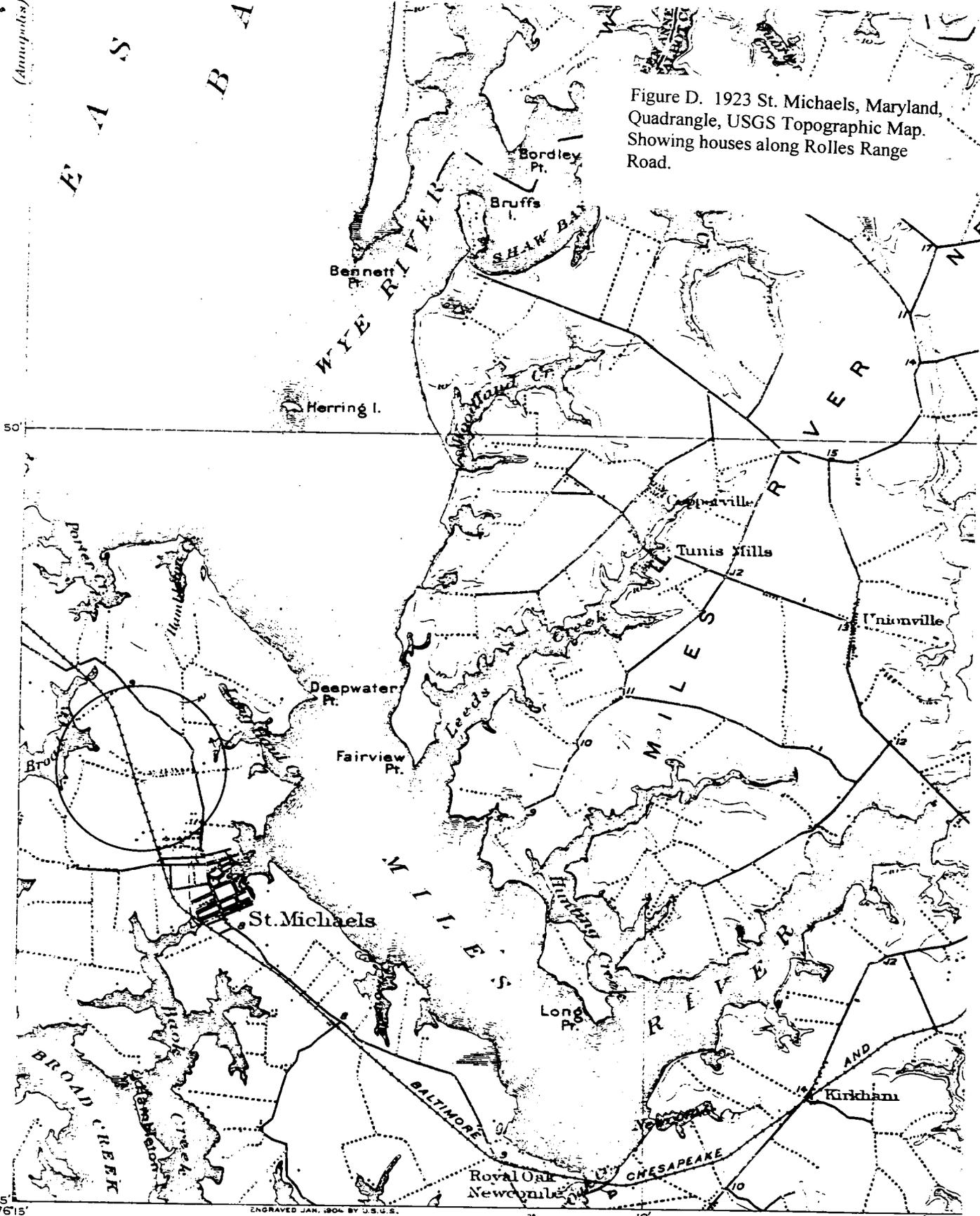


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Figure D. 1923 St. Michaels, Maryland, Quadrangle, USGS Topographic Map. Showing houses along Rolles Range Road.

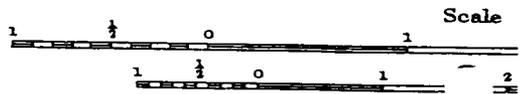


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 H.M. Wilson, Geographer in charge.  
 Shoreline topography by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
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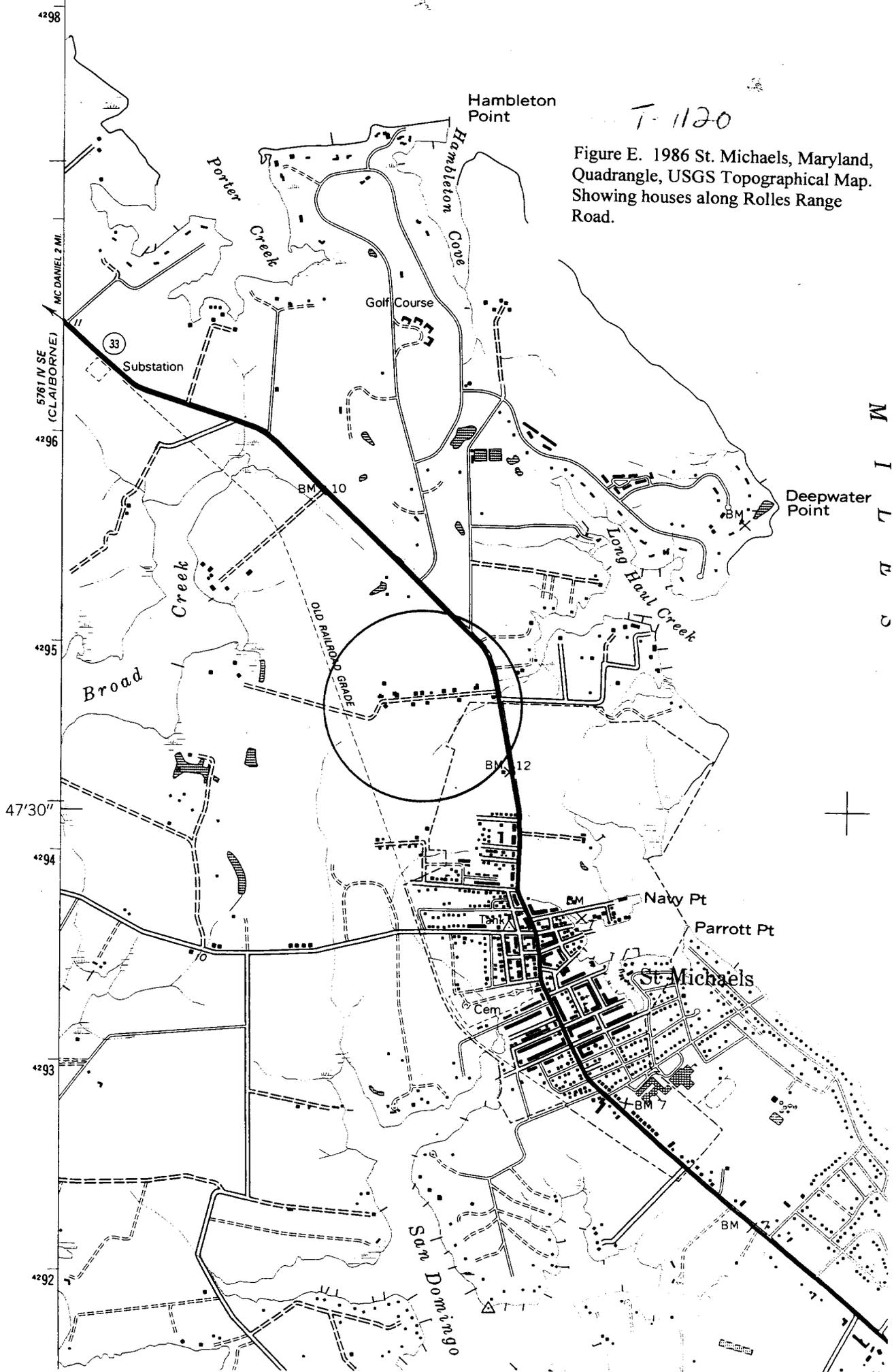
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TRUE NORTH  
 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 APPROXIMATE MEAN  
 DECLINATION 1902.



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NOTE: Geologic Folio 182, price 5 cents, treats of the geology and the clay, sand, gravel.



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Figure F. Deteriorated house at the west end of Rolles Range Road, south side. Possibly the house of R. Miller. Rachel Mancini, JMA, March 17, 1999.

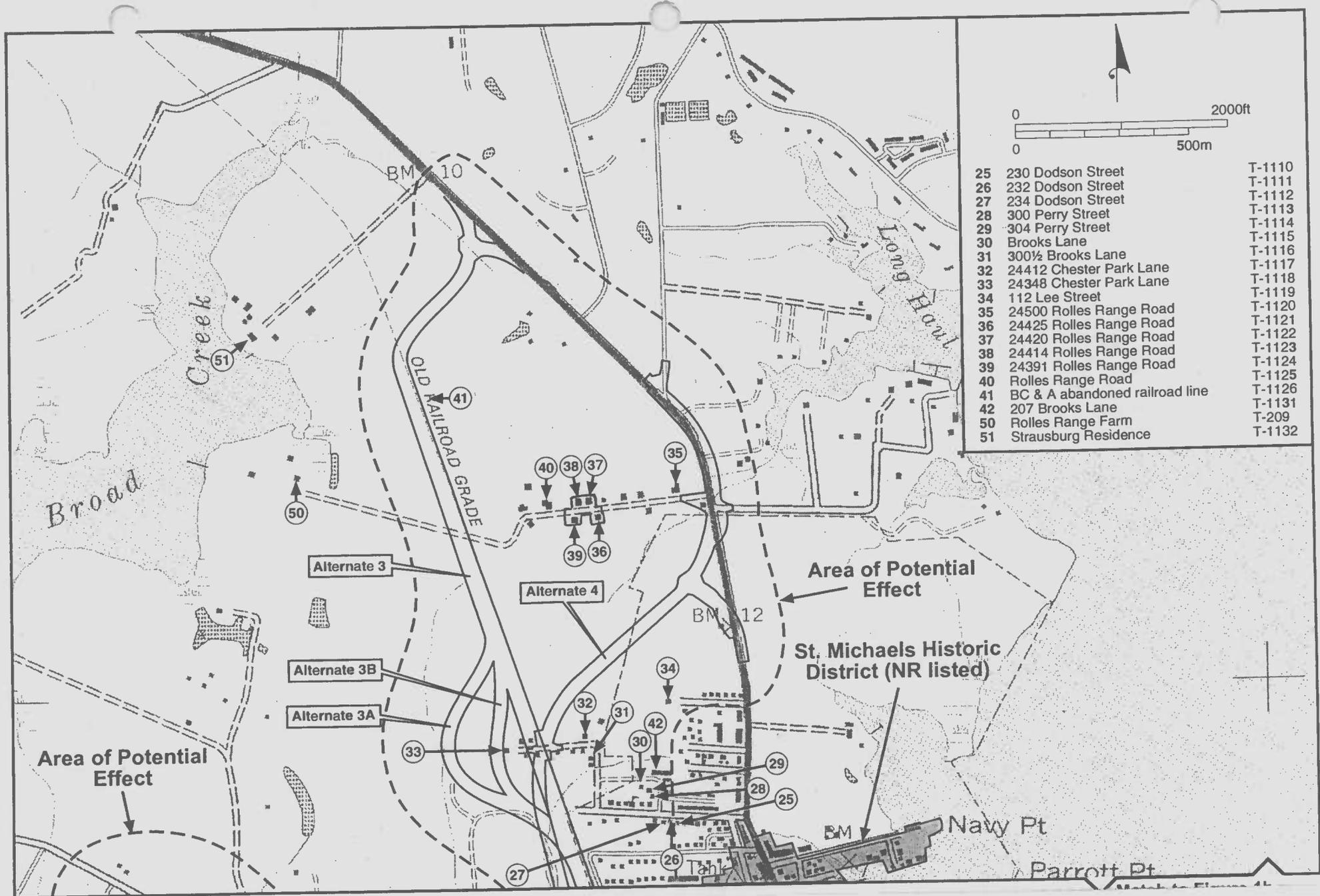


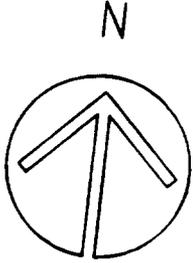
Figure G. 1986 St. Michaels, Maryland, Quadrangle, USGS Topographical Map. Showing proposed boundaries of Rolles Range Road African-American Historic District.

Proposed district includes:  
 T-1121 = 36  
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 T-1123 = 38  
 T-1124 = 39

T-1132

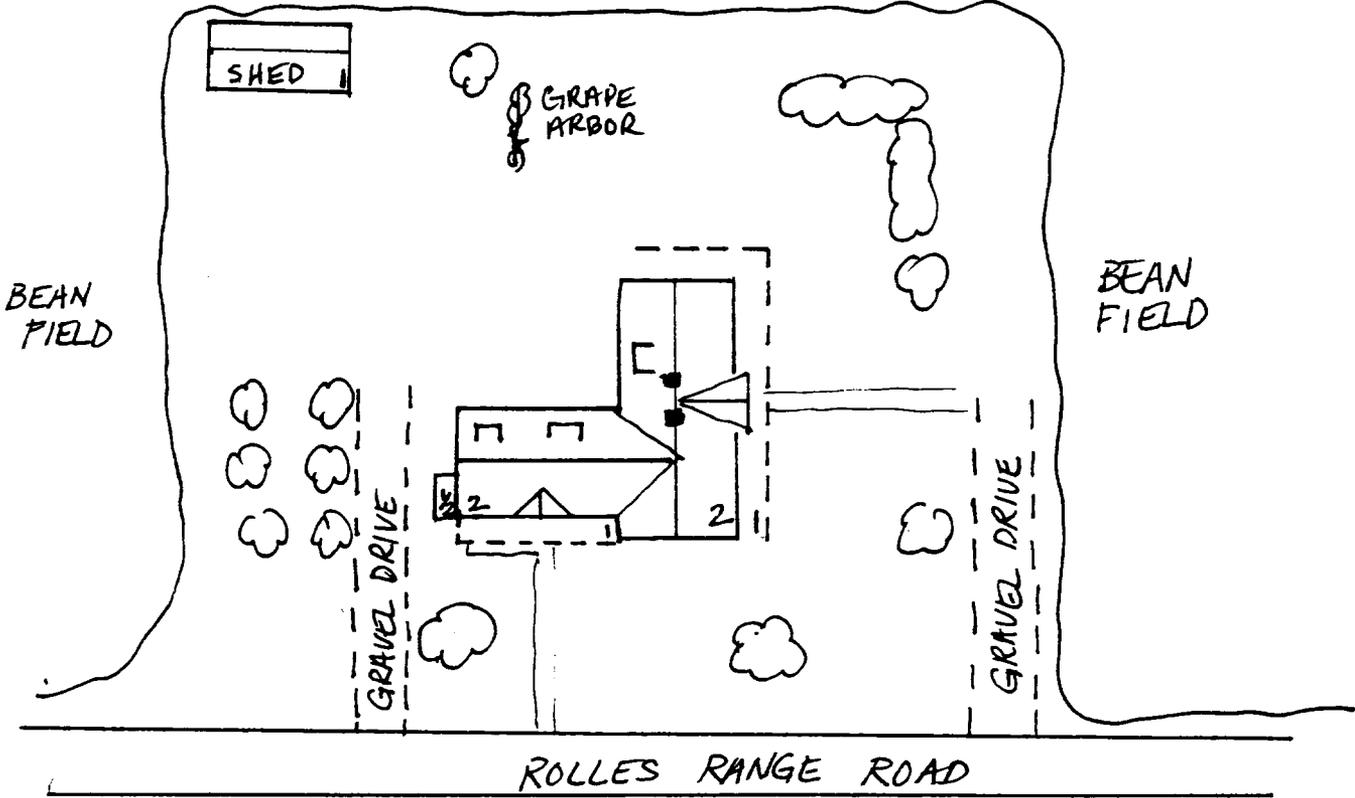
T-1120 Brooks Residence  
24500 Rolles Range Road  
St. Michaels, MD  
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini  
John Milner Associates, Inc.  
August, 1998



RAZED  
BARN

BEAN FIELD



**Continuation Sheet**

Survey No.: T-1120  
Name: Brooks House  
24500 Rolles Range Road  
County: Talbot

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance Period A.D. 1870-1930

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

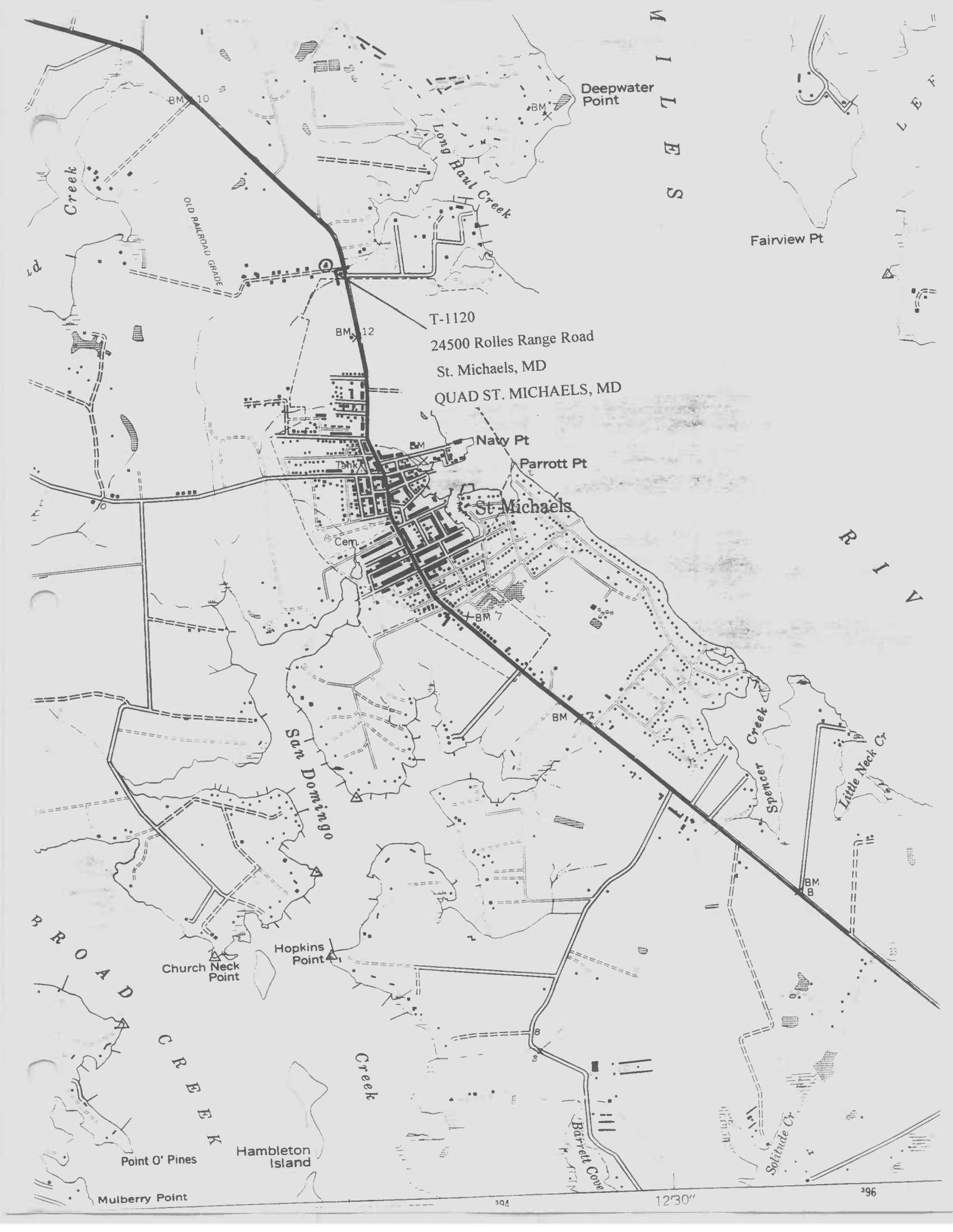
**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none



Deepwater Point

M I L E S

Fairview Pt

T-1120  
24500 Rolles Range Road  
St. Michaels, MD  
QUAD ST. MICHAELS, MD

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St. Michaels

R I V E R

San Domingo

Spencer Creek

Little Neck Cr.

BROAD CREEK

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

Hambleton Island

Point O' Pines

Mulberry Point

104

12'30"

96



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Brooks House

24500 Rolles Range Rd.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

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July 29, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

View of house from MD Rte 33  
showing setting

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Brooks Residence

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reg's → MD SHPO

Main house, East elevation-front

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Brooks House

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neg's → MD SHPO

Main house, North elevation

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Brooks House

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neg's - MD SHFO

Main House, west elevation

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BROOKS HOUSE

24500 Rolles Range Rd

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MD SHPO - neg.

Main house, South elevation.

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Brooks House

24800 Rolles Range Rd

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

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regs → MDSHPO

Outbuilding, concrete block -  
looking SW

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T-1120

Brooks House

24300 Rolles Range Rd.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

July 29, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Outbuilding, concrete block -  
looking NE

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