

TOUR 1

Leaving **1** the Easton Welcome and Resource Center (11 S. Harrison St., 410-820-8822) look across Harrison to see **2** Bullitt House and gardens, c. 1800. Proceed N on Harrison. Stop at corner of Dover. NE corner, **3** Tidewater Inn, c. 1949, replacing 1890 Avon Hotel destroyed by fire 1944; NW corner, **4** Edmondson/Pollard House, c. 1798, remodeled 1890; and SW, **5** Avalon Theater – outstanding Art Deco interior, c. 1922.



Historical Society of Talbot County
27 South Washington Street

Turn W on Dover, S side are **6** brick Victorian commercial buildings replacing originals destroyed by 1878 fire. **7** Talbot Bank – classic limestone Greek Revival, 1908. N side, **8** federal buildings with Victorian updates. **9** Federal building, c. 1788; second story windows original. SW corner Washington and Dover, note **10** Odd Fellows Lodge, c. 1879, Gothic Revival brick replacing 1832 building destroyed by 1878 Market Place Fire. Looking W on Dover view series of **11** Victorian commercials/residential, also replacing buildings after fire.

Looking across Dover on **12** Court House Square is site of original 1710 Court House. This two-acre site was selected and purchased by the Colonial Maryland General Assembly from Francis Armstrong's 1667 London-Derry Grant from Lord Baltimore. **12** 1794 Court House built to serve as Maryland's Eastern Shore Capital under the newly formed State government. **13** Sheriff House and Jail, 1881, high Victorian granite structure replaced site's 1710 jail.

Cross Dover, proceed N on E side of Washington, passing **14** Daylight Building, NE corner, named for its large windows. The Daylight and its neighbor were built c. 1878 following 1878 fire replacing federal houses. Continue N. On R pass **15** federal houses/shops. Go to **16** 12 N. Washington, site of original frame dwelling owned by Philemon Hemsley, builder of 1710 Court House. Hemsley also purchased land from London Derry Grant. Talbot Council met in Hemsley's home during construction of 1710 Court House. This building was replaced by 2 1/2 story federal brick shop/home, c. 1790. 1877 this property was purchased by Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware



Perry Spencer's House, Federal style, c. 1798.
133 West Street

Company. The hardware company raised the roof, later adding a full third floor with Victorian facade. At corner of Federal St. on W side of Washington is **17** Old Brick Hotel, c. 1811. Look N on W side of Washington, see **18** fine federal houses, including Smith-Perrin House, presently Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, founded 1885. E side is **19** large free-standing federal building; and the Easton National Bank, est. 1805. This Beaux Arts building, 1904, replaced original destroyed by fire.

Cross Goldsborough walking N. On R, notice **20** fine Italianate home, c. 1866. Next, **21** handsome brick Masonic Temple, c. 1881. Further **22** Victorian frame, the one of four Langsdale Houses still standing on its original site. Next is **23** an outstanding brick federal home, c. 1785. In 1885 it was remodeled and Victorian third floor added. Cross Washington, view **24** Bruff/Hollyday House, c. 1791 (frame house abutting edge of parking lot). Turn W at corner of Bay St. Proceed W to West St. and Bay. Looking W on Bay, are two remaining **25** Langsdale Houses restored in 1974. On SW corner of West and Bay is **26** Perry Spencer House, a fine federal home. Spencer was master builder of many fine homes and fast-sailing ships – both merchant and USN.

Going S, on W side of West Street note adaptive use of **27** two conjoined 20th c. bungalows – all additions sympathetic and in scale. Further S is a **28** tavern, originally a carriage house. At corner of Federal St., **29** Talbot County Free Library. Look S one block to SW corner of West and Dover, note **30** brick Gaslight Building, c. 1860. Turn E on Federal, passing **13** Sheriff's House and Jail, c. 1881. Cross Washington, turn N to Goldsborough.

Turn E on Goldsborough passing at corner **31** Old Frame Hotel, c. 1800; and **32** row of Art Deco shops, c. 1923. At SW corner of Harrison note **33** brick structure, c. 1923, built for auto sales and service, present adaptive use – shops and offices. Walking S, on NW corner of Magazine Alley, note **34** brick building designed for powder magazine. Next is **35** the Tin Building, c. 1900, a large metal structure built by Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware to service its extensive steam farm machinery business. Continue S returning to **1** the Easton Welcome and Resource Center.

Back to Washington. Walk S, and pass **43** early 19th c. federal frame houses on E side. Continue to corner of South St. and observe **44** fine brick federal homes on W side of Washington. Turn E on S side of South St. Pass **45** beautiful three-story brick federal residence, c. 1800. Next is Christ Church and **46** Rectory, Gothic Revival granite structures, c. 1840. Crossing Harrison, to R is **47** Long Acre Farm House/Hardcastle House now part of Academy Art Museum complex, along with the **48** first public high school in Talbot County, c. 1866.

Continue E past **49** brick Gothic cottages, c. 1875. Cross Hanson, and continue E past **50** #216, a large frame Victorian, federal-style home. At corner of Aurora stands **51** #220, large brick Upjohn-designed Victorian cottage with magnificent magnolia trees.

Turn S on Aurora to Brookletts Ave. The plantation known as Brookletts was added to Easton approx. 1884, and subdivided. On SW corner is

influence of Frank Lloyd Wright. Continue W on Brookletts. Along the way is variety of **58** early 20th c. architectural styles.

At S. Washington, **59** Easton Memorial Hospital buildings begin. Turn S, passing **60** interesting homes on E side. At 400 block cross to W side until you come to Quaker Meeting Lane with historical marker. Turn W to reach the wonderful **61** Third Haven Meeting House, completed in 1684 and reputed to be Maryland's oldest frame building – open daily to public. See the interior construction and design – enjoy the tranquility! Return to Washington; go N to Earle Ave., then E on Earle, and N on Harrison, enjoying **62** lovely tree-lined street with early to mid 20th c. residences. Continue crossing Brookletts and South Sts., passing **63** Armory on R and outstanding **64** Stevens/Hambleton House, c. 1794, with double-tiered porch. Continue to **1** Easton Welcome and Resource Center.



Talbot's County's First Public High School
106 South Street

TOUR 3

In 1806 Easton started to expand E. As you leave **1** Easton Welcome and Resource Center (11 S. Harrison St.), turn S to South Lane. Go E on South Lane. At Talbot Lane, to the R, is **65** Talbot County Women's Club. The original wooden frame structure was built 1793, and brick federal-style addition, 1800.

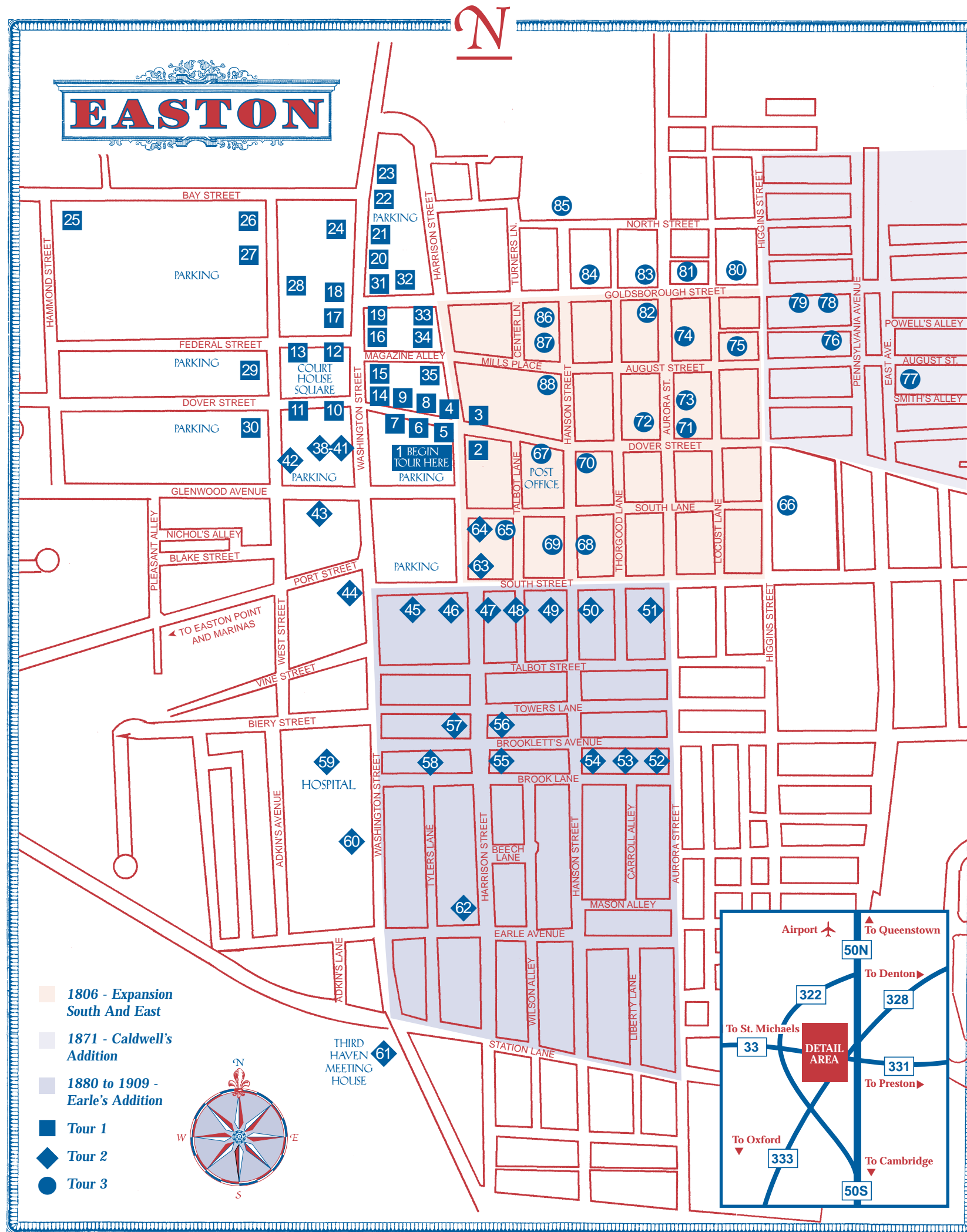
Look E toward end of South La. is **66** Asbury A.M.E. Church. This brick structure, 1876, replaced 1849 frame building. Turn N on Talbot Lane to Dover; go E on Dover past **67** Post Office, c. 1933. At corner of Hanson, look S 1 1/2 blocks to **68** Bethel A.M.E. Church, which first met in the carpenter shop, 1818. Present church completed, 1877. Frederick Douglas spoke there, 1878. Opposite church is a **69** 2 1/2 story federal brick house.

On SE corner of Dover, see **70** large frame Beaux Arts-style home. Continue E to Aurora; turn N. NE corner is **71** Art Deco bank building. Proceed N, passing on W side **72** #9, late Victorian considered a gem for clarity of detail and careful order of design, both on exterior and interior. On E side is **73** #14, Victorian residence with high octagonal tower, hipped rooves. **74** #18, one of largest Victorian houses, c. 1900, on what was known as silk stocking row, Dover to Goldsborough.

Returning, turn E on **75** August St., charming with modest homes of that period. At Pennsylvania Ave., cross to visit the **76** Pennsylvania Railroad Station, 1904, (restored by Historic Easton, Inc. after its 1989 fire.) Looking E of the station and to the R is a notable **77** brick warehouse built by Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware to receive carload shipments of farm machinery and automobiles that arrived by train.

Continue north to Goldsborough. SW corner is the **78** Railroad Hotel, 1871. Turn W past **79** well-maintained Victorian homes; and **80** Trinity Cathedral, c. 1876. At Aurora find the imposing brick **81** Dickinson/Tilghman House, 1794, named Foxley Hall; **82** Bishop's House, 1881, built by Governor Philip Francis Thomas and his wife; and **83** S.S. Peter and Paul Church and Rectory, 1868. Continue W; see more **84** early and mid Victorian homes. At Hanson, look N past attractive houses to **85** Spring Hill Cemetery, est. 1800 – to be used by "various denominations of Christians including strangers and people of color."

Go S on Hanson and pass #23, **86** the Miller's House for **87** Bartlett Mill, next door. The mill was adapted as office space. Just N is the **88** Standpipe, 1886, which established Easton's central water system, complete with pumping station. At Dover, turn W walking past the **2** Bullitt House. At corner of Harrison, turn S to **1** the Easton Welcome and Resource Center.



TOUR 2

Leave **1** the Easton Welcome and Resource Center (11 S. Harrison St.); walk S on Harrison. Turn W on Glenwood and stop at S. Washington. On NE corner, pass **36** 1789 frame house, now belonging to The Historical Society of Talbot County. Turn N on S. Washington; pass **37** federal homes on R. Cross to W side at corner of Dover. Turn S passing **38** Tred Avon Building, c. 1878. This replaced building destroyed by 1878 fire. Rebuilt as a hotel, in 1906 the two upper floors were leased to The Emergency Hospital. Continue S past Historical Society's **39** Auditorium, **40** Museum Building, **41** Neall House and garden, c. 1810, entrance on Glenwood and open to public. Gardens are maintained by The Talbot County Federated Garden Club. Turn W on Glenwood to West St. and **42** two small 18th c. houses.

52 high Victorian. Turn W toward Washington, observing **53** many late 19th and early 20th c. homes. At Hanson, look S to view **54** houses, early to mid 20th c. At corner of Harrison are two outstanding Victorians: SE **55** Parlett House, c. 1890; NE **56** Chaffinch House, c. 1892. On NW corner is **57** mid 20th c. home, reflecting



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