

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common TENANT HOUSE ON ST. GEORGE BARBER PROPERTY

## 2. Location

street & number Howard Grove Road  not for publicationcity, town Davidsonville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel County

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber GW 115

street &amp; number South Street folio 28

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-845

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house is located on Howard Grove Road, approximately 1 1/4 miles off Rutland Road on property commonly called the St. George Barber Property in Davidsonville. It is south of U.S. Route 50 and approximately 1/4 mile west of the South River. The house sits on a slight rise; to the rear is a deep ravine with a small creek. There is some terracing to the east side.

The tenant farm house was built during the first quarter of the 20th century. Generally the house is in a bad state of repair; however, the structure appears sound and stable. Almost all the windows and sash are missing; few doors are in place; the interior walls and ceiling are deteriorating badly; and exterior siding is missing in some places. The one story house has a "T" plan. The gabled front section, which is two rooms wide and two rooms deep, measures 30 feet by 24 feet. It has a cross-gabled porch on the front and a cross-gabled section, the base of the "T", consisting of two tandem rooms on the rear. This rear section measures 24 feet by 14 feet.

The wood frame house has novelty siding applied with square cut nails. It was previously painted white. There are plain corner boards on both sides at the corners. The house rests on brick piers. There is no skirting between the piers. The gabled roof is covered with brown asphalt shingles which are laid in a diamond or diapered pattern. The rafters oversail. A plain facing board encloses the rafters but the ends of the closely spaced roof nailing boards are exposed. The soffit is a plain board; no mouldings or rake boards exist. There are two interior chimneys. The one on the right side is further in and centered over the porch gable.

The house faces northeast. The front facade has three openings: a door slightly to the right of center, one window centered to the left, and double windows centered to the right. A gabled porch is located on the right 2/3 of the facade covering the door and double windows.

The front door has three horizontal panels and had a four-light top as evidenced by breaks in the moulding. The other two exterior doors are also the same type, and all have the glass missing. All doors, interior and exterior, either have or had boxed locks. The front door has plain trim on the sides with a simple moulding; the other exterior doors are framed with plain trim. Almost all of the window sash is missing; however, it was determined that all were 6/6. All windows have plain trim and simple sills.

As stated previously, the porch is on the right 2/3 of the front and extends to within 2 feet of the north corner of the house. The cross gable of the porch enters the roof below the ridge of the main gable. The gable end is covered with the same novelty siding. Centered in the gable is a rectangular opening with plain trim. It appears to have a single-light window which opens inward. There are three square chamfered posts across the front. They have wood bases and no cap plates. The foundation is concrete block, 3 courses high. The porch flooring is poured concrete. The ceiling is narrow tongue-and-groove paneling.

# 8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

This one story frame house was constructed in the first quarter of the 20th century for use by tenants on the St. George Barber farm. It incorporates a "T" plan with parlor, kitchen and two bedrooms in the front section and two unheated sleeping chambers in the rear wing. The exterior and interior are quite plain in finish, and the building rests on brick piers, reflecting the economies of construction typical for tenant houses.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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On the northwest gable facade, two windows blank a small rectangular opening with evidence of a four-light window which opens inward.

The rear wing projects from the southwest end of the rear facade, forming a "T" plan. A door is located in the left bay of the southeast facade with one window to the right. A single window opening is centered on the southwest gable; two windows are symmetrically placed on the northwest facade.

The southeast gable end of the main section has a window on the left and a door on the right. At the door is a small concrete open porch and steps. There is a small rectangular opening in the center of the upper gable.

The interior of the house is badly deteriorated; only the flooring seems to be sound.

The interior of the house consists of four rooms in the main rectangular block and two additional rooms in the rear "T". The front two rooms serve as a parlor (to the right) and kitchen (to the left). The remaining four chambers are bedrooms. Two brick stove chimneys serve the four front rooms.

There are two tandem rooms in the rear wing. A closet is located between the two bedrooms with access from each room. There are no facilities for heating this wing.

The two sections are finished differently. The walls in the front section, except the kitchen which has plasterboard walls, are beaver board with battens. The walls in the rear section are plasterboard with battens. In the parlor there is a plain ceiling moulding. In the front section, the flooring is uniform, 3 1/4 inches wide boards. In the rear section the flooring is uniform, 5 1/2 inches wide boards. All the baseboards are plain with a quarter round top moulding. All the interior doors have five horizontal panels. They either have or had box locks. In the front section, all the window and door trim is plain with the top board sitting atop the side boards; the sills and aprons are plain. In the rear section the window and door trim consists of a complex moulding with mitered corners. On the rear windows this trim is used as the apron. This elaborate trim is also located on both sides of the doorway between the two sections.

In the attic, there is a partial random width board floor in the main section, but none in the rear. The rear attic is accessible through only a small opening. In both sections the joists are 14 inches on center. The rafters are 35 inches on center in the main section, but in the wing they are 21 inches. Wire nails are used in both sections. One small part of the plate between the porch and front sections is merely a rough log instead of a cut board. Interesting features in the attic include the two chimneys which corbel at a 15 to 20 degree angle over to the center of the roof ridge.

To the rear is a toppled two hole privy. A water well with valve is located to the southwest. Further to the southwest below some terracing are several pig pens and a badly deteriorated shed. Further beyond is a 20th century smoke house in good condition which was in use as late as 1976.



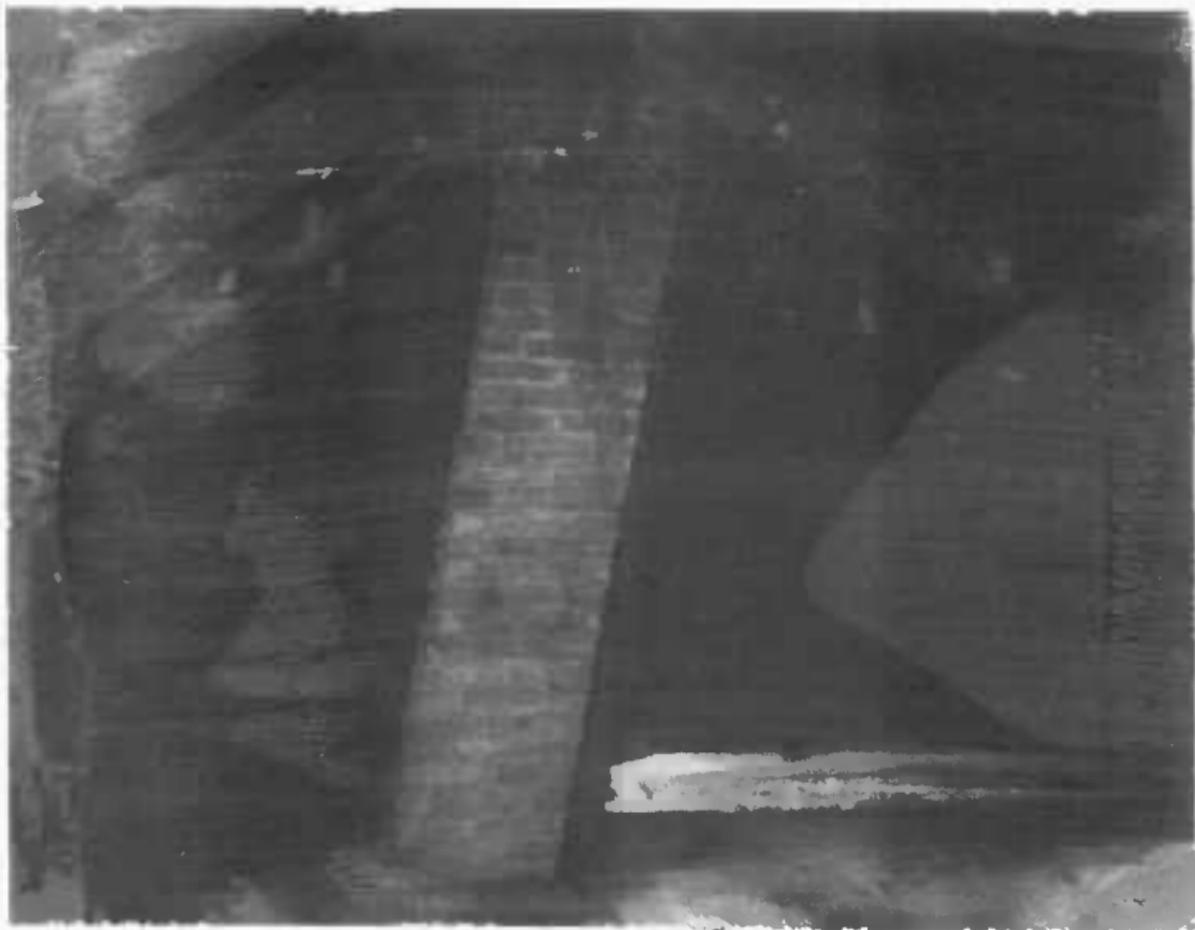
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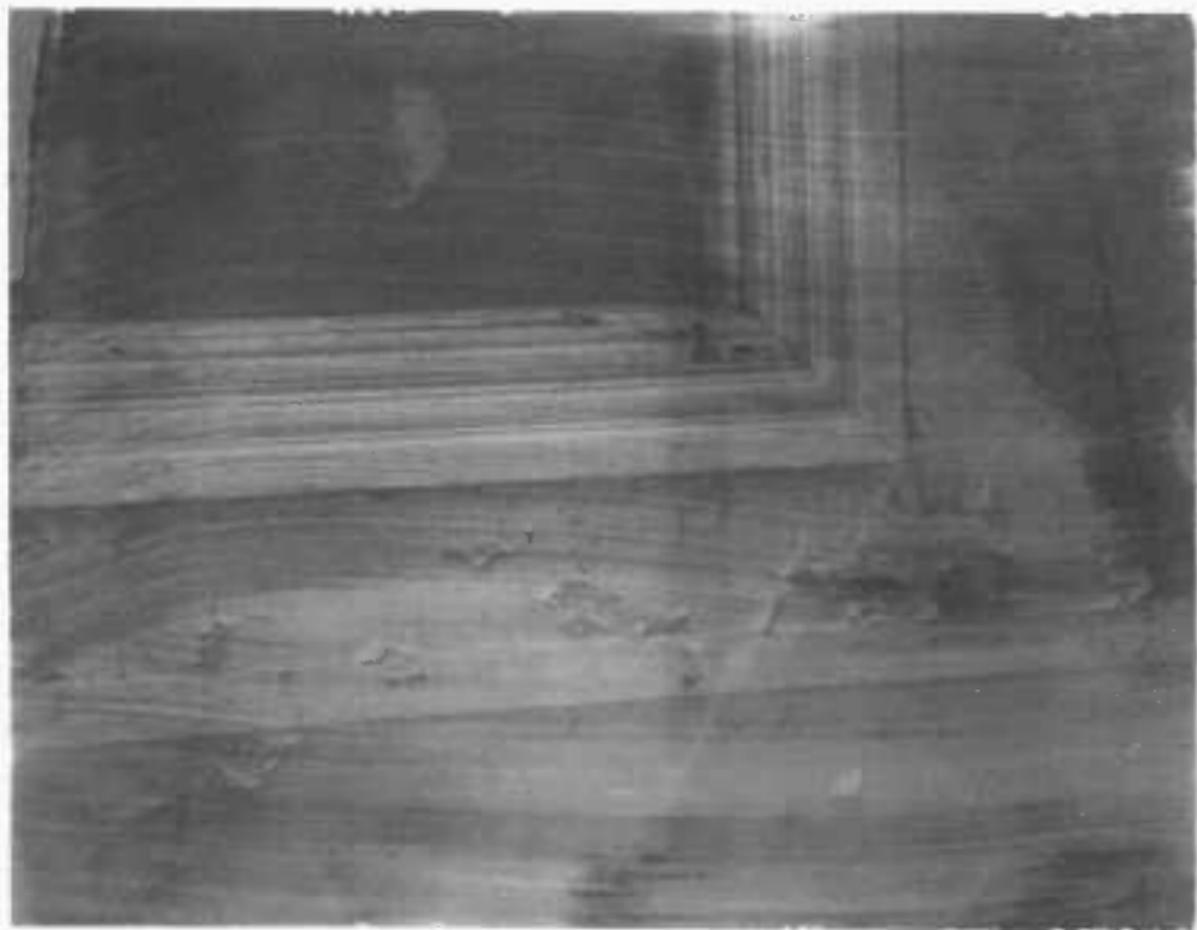


St. Leo Barber Property Trust  
House

View of Corbell chimney in  
Gutter

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SP Leo Barber Property Aunt  
House

Interior trim detail

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