

CE-889 Gillespie House

c. 1860

The architecture of the 3rd quarter of the 19th Century is best remembered *by* the proliferation of revival and eclectic styles that echoed earlier traditions in design. (Gothic Revival, Romanesque, Colonial Revival, Egyptian Revival, etc.) More *pervasive*, however, is the Gillespie House, a two story three bay center hall frame house with "T" rear addition. Harking back to its 18th Century precedents, the ever *present* center hall house plan was extensively employed in the mid to late 19th Centuries and better represents the typical house type of the period rather than its elaborate contemporaries.

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File #871

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gillespie House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1 Mile north of Kiby Corner Crossroads on Route 222

CITY, TOWN

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Pilot Town

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 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

The Gillespie House c. 1850-1860 is a typical 2 story frame I-House with a T addition to the north. The main facade has a southern exposure and the main gable runs east/west.

The main block is a 3 bays across by one room deep. The rear addition is two bays across by one room deep. A single story half hip roof addition is found on the east end of the house and extends around the corner. Shed roof porch additions are located off the kitchen addition and the west side of the rear section.

The entire structure rests on an uncoursed stone basement and is sheathed with narrow German siding. The structure is capped with a medium sloped slate roof with interior end stretcher bond brick stove flues.

The south facade is three bays across with the central bay as an entrance to the center hall plan. The 19th century door has a four light transom and plain surrounds. The window sash in the main block is 2/2 with plain trim also. The boxed cornice has sloped soffits. The remaining details of the single bay shed roof front porch are the 19th century turned posts and corner brackets. The single story addition is similar but with a 6/6 sash window.

The west facade has 2 openings on each floor and two 4 pane attic windows that flank the stove flue. The sash remain 2/2 even in the rear section. The eaves are extended. A small porch is located across the 2 bays on the rear section. It has a slate roof with Doric Columns. A single 2/2 sash lights the second floor.

The north and east sides have basically the same details.

The interior was not open to view at the time of investigation.

A rather dilapidated barn and wagon shed is located to the north of the house. A tenant house is directly east of the main house. It is two bays across by one bay deep and rests on a fieldstone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboards and there is a medium sloped tin roof. The window sash is 6/6 with plain trim on the first floor and 6/3 on the second. A 4 panel 19th century door is located between the two bays.

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The interior has a winder stair on the south wall. The interior detailing is extremely plain. Remains of a fireplace can be seen on the north wall.

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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house and the few outbuildings are good examples of a mid to late 19th century farm type. The house retains most of its detail and therefore architectural character. The small tenant house is a building not usually found remaining. The complex is another example of the mid to late 19th century development of the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/29/78

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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