T-600
Mills House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1871-1872

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Magi No. 2106005504

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Mills House

2. Location

street & number 405 Water Street ___ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Douglas Rollon

street & number 405 Water Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD. 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot Co. Clerk of Court liber 537

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 587

city, town Easton state MD. 21663

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
x good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Mills house stands at 405 Water Street in the central residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall-parlor frame house is faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1871-72, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with abestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending from the south gable end of the main house is a shorter two-story, two-bay frame wing built at the same time as the main block. An even shorter two-story service wing extends to the rear.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows with louvered shutters. The four-panel front door is framed by multi-pane sidelights and a three-light transom. A single bay stoop shelters the front door. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced single-pane sash windows. Decorative brackets trim the base of the roof. The adjacent two-bay wing is finished in a consistent manner with the main block with brackets that trim the cornice and single-pane sash windows that light the first and second floors.

The north gable end is a blank wall with slightly extended eaves, whereas the south end wall is marked by an exterior brick chimney that was added during the twentieth century. The east side of the house follows in the same manner as the rest of the building. A screened-in porch covers the entire first floor.

The first floor interior of the main house follows a side hall parlor plan. The stair rises against the south wall of the hall, and it is distinguished by a large turned newel post, turned balusters, and a simply molded handrail. The perimeters of the hall and parlor are fitted with ogee molded baseboard. Four-panel doors framed by simply molded surrounds provide access between rooms. There is no east wall to allow for a large dining room. The kitchen is a later addition.

The second floor is finished in a straightforward manner without unusual details. A small room is located at the head of the stair. Access into the attic through a drop stair provided construction evidence that indicated the front two sections of the house were built at the same time.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul Touart - Architectural Historian		
organization	Historic St. Michaels	**date**	9/16/1987
street & number		**telephone**	
city or town	St. Michaels	**state**	MD. 21663

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1979 VOL: 537 PAGE: 587
FROM: Ira and Eleanor M. Downs PRICE: $120,000
TO: Ladson A. and Christina P. Mills
NOTES Begins at the NW corner of Vera M. Fatjo; N on Water Street 60 feet to Claude F. Sewell; with Sewell E 120 feet more or less to the water; along shore S 60 feet to Fatjo; then W with Fatjo to beginning.
Conveyed to Ira Downs by William W. Bradford 1970, 448/55.

YEAR: 1970 VOL: 448 PAGE: 55
FROM: William W. and Christine B. Bradford PRICE:
TO: Ira and Eleanor M. Downs
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to William W. Bradford by James A. Alger 1968, 432/215.
Christine Bradford died, 1970.
Subject to the provisions of deed 1952, 300/445, William M. and Myrtle O. Baynard to Commissioners of St. Michaels.

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 432 PAGE: 215
FROM: James A. and Julia I. Alger PRICE:
TO: William W. and Christine B. Bradford
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to James A. Alger by Myrtle O. Baynard 1966, 416/264.

YEAR: 1966 VOL: 416 PAGE: 264
FROM: Myrtle O. Baynard, widow PRICE: $29,000
TO: James A. and Julia I. Baynard
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Robert L. Baynard by Georgia F. Smith 1898, 129/291. Robert L. Baynard died in 1936 and property descended to his wife Ida May Baynard and son William M. Baynard. The interest of Ida May Baynard was transferred to William M. and Myrtle O. Baynard by 1946, 269/329. William M. Baynard died intestate in 1966 and Myrtle O. was sole survivor.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 269 PAGE: 329
FROM: Ida May Baynard PRICE:
TO: William M. Baynard and Myrtle O. Baynard.
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Robert L. Baynard by Georgia F. Smith 1898, 129/291.

YEAR: 1898 VOL: 129 PAGE: 291
FROM: Georgia F. Smith PRICE: $800
TO: Robert L. Baynard
NOTES Begins NW corner of Mary E. Caulk (formerly Dawson Caulk); run with Water Street N 60 feet to C. Scott Keithley (formerly John Keithley); then E 120 feet to the water; with the shore S 60 feet to Caulk; with Caulk W120 feet to the street; with street 60 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Georgia F. Smith by Giles W. Jump 1872,78/314.

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 315
FROM: Charles and Georgia T. Smith PRICE:
TO: Workingmen's Building & Loan of St. Michaels
NOTES Mortgage for $600.

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 314
FROM: Giles W. Jump and Martha W. PRICE: $700
TO: Georgia F. Smith
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Giles W. Jump by John T. Caulk 1871, 77/111. Georgia Smith's husband is called "Charles".

YEAR: 1871 VOL: 77 PAGE: 111
FROM: John T. and Mary E. Caulk PRICE: $550
TO: Giles W. Jump
NOTES Same description.
No derivation given.

YEAR: 1855 VOL: 66 PAGE: 151
FROM: James M and Louisa Seth PRICE: $575
TO: John Thomas Caulk
NOTES Same description but distance from street to water is given as 160 feet

YEAR: 1854 VOL: 66 PAGE: 2
FROM: William Harrison (of James) and Mary Ann PRICE: $900
TO: James M. Seth
NOTES Lot 53 on Water Street. Begins at SW corner of #52 (John Keithley); with Water Street 60' to #54 (Dawson Caulk) then 160 feet to the water. Deed also includes a lot on St. Mary's Square.

YEAR: 1845 VOL: 59 PAGE: 92
FROM: John Bozman Kerr, trustee for Samuel Harrison's estate PRICE: $5 cm
TO: William Harrison of James
NOTES Desribed as lot number 53 and from the estate of Samuel Harrison.

No record showing acquisition of lot 53 by Samuel Harrison was found.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 140
FROM: John Edmondson, trustee for estate of Thomas Groves PRICE: *
TO: William Skinner, Ship Carpenter of St. Michaels
NOTES Lots 53 and 54. * No price paid is mentioned except a "$25 commission" paid to John Edmondson by Skinner.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 253
FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p60 sp
TO: Thomas Groves, Mariner
NOTES Deed is for lots #47, #53, and #54. Land is part of the original grant of "The Beach".

Thomas Groves, Mariner (also styled "Innholder") purchased six of the original lots of St. Michaels between 1780 and 1784.

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

ICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chem-s, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth ushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, asses, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. e Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, nts, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, as, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, mps, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions care-y Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Con-vancer.

V W. DHAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate ent and Conveyancer.

ES DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, op at St. Michael's.

RED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Buil-. Sh t. Michael's.

SS N, Real Estate Agent and Col-tor of .

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First ass work done on short notice. Repairing omptly and neatly done.

V S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Ham-eton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-ighting, and all work appertaining thereto. In-icate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming nplements on hand, and made to order at short otice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES SETH, Physician and Surgeon, Office nd Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Vagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly one. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

J. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

N T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Wil-ams House," Newly furnished and fitted. Table arefully catered for. All the luxuries of the sea-son. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer n all kinds of Wagons.

ORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

H. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skilful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

RRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Ma-kers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats, kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

PT. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds point.

IOMAS ADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notio eries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

EM HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.

S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Car-riages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

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MILLS HOUSE
St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
1942
Broad Creek
Haul Creek
Fairview Pt
Navy Pt
Parrott Pt
St Michaels
BALTIMORE AND EAST
Tank
BM 12
BM 7
BM B
RIVER
HUNTIN
San Domingo
Spencer Creek
Little Neck Cr
BROAD CR
Church Neck Point
Hopkins Point
33

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MILLS HOUSE T-600
St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.
West elevation
4/87, Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.
Northwest elevation
4/87, Paul Touart
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