T-735 c. 1870
Eliza J. Thompson House
St. Michaels
Private

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 210 East Chestnut Street ___ not for publication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	_x_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_x_ building(s)	_x_ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	_x_ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_x_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_x_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 426

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 76

city, town Easton state MD 21601

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 Eliza J. Thompson house stands at 210 East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The small two-and-a-half story frame house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1870, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by a low masonry foundation, and the house is sheathed with German siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance filled with a partially glazed front door. Two-overtwo sash windows flank the door and are hung with louvered shutters. Stretching across the first floor is a Tuscan columned front porch. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two sash window.

Rising through each gable end is an interior end brick stack. The eaves to the roof are extended slightly and finished with short returns at the base of the roof.

The interior was not seen.

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.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian		
organization	Historic St. Michaels-Bay Hund.	date	11/15/89
street & number		telephone	
city or town	St. Michaels	state	MD 21601

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210 EAST CHESTNUT STREET

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 426 PAGE: 76
FROM: Gerard T. Warwick and Loraine A. Warwick
TO : Mary Eleanor Pope
NOTES: Mortgage of $17,600 (1965, 426/372)
Begins at NE corner of Austin Burrows; S 120 feet to an alley; W with the alley 38 feet to Ruth O. Donald ad William Davis Donald.
Conveyed to Warwick by Donald 1965, 406/370.

YEAR: 1965 VOL: 406 PAGE: 370
FROM: Ruth O. Donald and William Davis Donald
TO : Gerard T. Warwick, Jr. and Loraine A Warwick
NOTES: Begins NW corner of Austin Burrows; S 120 feet to an alley; W with alley 38 feet to the corner of a lot about to be conveyed by Donald to Gerard T. Warwick, Sr.; 120 feet to Chestnut Street; 38 feet to the beginning.
Part of the property conveyed to Donald by Gillis 1960, 360/571.

YEAR: 1960 VOL: 360 PAGE: 571
FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis
TO : Ruth O. Donald and W. Davis Donald
NOTES: Two parcels = adjacent lots. This is Parcel One with same description.
Parcel two is the continguous lot on west side.
Conveyed to Gillis by Donalds (clearance) 1960, 360/359.
Conveyed to Ruth Wharton (now Donald) by Baynard 1942, 252/454.

YEAR: 1942 VOL: 252 PAGE: 454
FROM: Virginia B. Baynard
TO : Wm. T. Wharton and Ruth Wharton
NOTES: 38' x 120'
Conveyed to G. Oscar Baynard and Virginia B. Baynard by Gillis 1938, 242/489.
Conveyed to Gillis by Baynard 1938, 242/443 (clearance)
Conveyed to Baynard by Orem 1910, 156/192.

YEAR: 1910 VOL: 156 PAGE: 192
FROM: Frank S. Orem and Kate Orem
TO : G. Oscar Baynard and Clarence Baynard
NOTES: $950. Between late Ann Kemp and Wm. H. Seymour. 30 x 120.
Conveyed to Orem by Lambdin 1909, 155/201.
Also includes a strip of land 8' x 120' on the side adjoining Kemp conveyed to Lambdin by Harrison 1891, 114/355.

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YEAR: 1909 VOL: 155 PAGE: 201
FROM: Robert D.Lambdin and Sarah E. Lambdin
TO : Frank S. Orem
NOTES: $950. Same description, 30 x 120.
Conveyed to Lambdin by Thompson 1884, 99/204.
Includes the 8 foot strip bought by Lambdin from Kemp 1891, 114/355

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 114 PAGE: 355
FROM: Ann Kemp
TO : Robert D. Lambdin
NOTES: $25. Part of the original 60-foot Kemp lot

YEAR: 1884 VOL: 99 PAGE: 204
FROM: Eliza J. Thompson
TO : Robert D. Lambdin
NOTES: $700. The lot is 30'x 120'.
Conveyed to Thompson by Thompson 1878, 86/251.
1884, 99/205 is a mortgage to Thompson from Lambdin.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 86 PAGE: 251
FROM: John S. Thompson
TO : Eliza Thompson
NOTES: Conveyed for L & A. 30' x 120'.
Conveyed to Thompson by Cox 1867, 74/13.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 13
FROM: Daniel P. Cox and Deborah A. Cox
TO : John S. Thompson
NOTES: $600. 30 x 120. Cox had sold the lot to William Fairbank; however, Fairbank resold to Thompson before the deed was drawn. Cox therefore sells lot to John T. Thompson of the City of Baltimore "with buildings and improvements".
Conveyed to Cox by Harrington and Benson 1850, 62/447.

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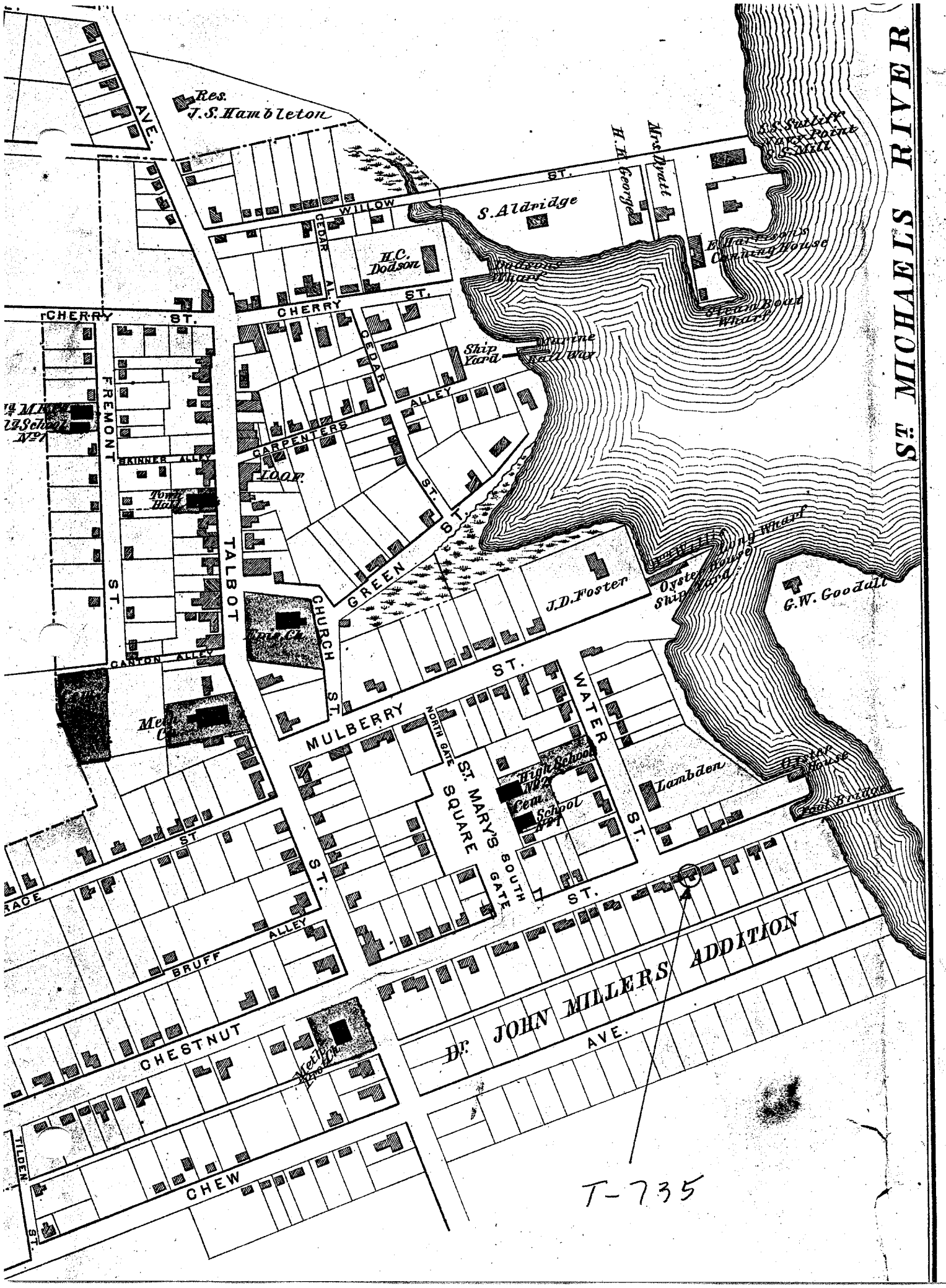
YEAR: 1850 VOL: 62 PAGE: 447
FROM: Nathan Harrington and James Benson
TO : Daniel P. Cox
NOTES: $50. Begins on Chestnut Street; runs 30 feet E to William Kemp; with Kemp SE 120 feet to land of Nathan Harrington; SW to a boundary; 120 feet to the beginning. 1/2 town lot (This description makes no sense!)

No deed has been found giving Harrington and Benson title to this (or other) lots on Chestnut Street. In 1848 (61/451), the Dorgan heirs sold Harrington and Benson 50 acres clearly stated in the deed to be contiguous to the boundary of the town. This boundary was 120 feet south of Chestnut Street and did not include the lots bordering on the street; nevertheless Harrington and Benson proceded to sell several lots (of which this is one) on Chestnut Street.

In 1882, the Dorgan heirs, who were living in Baltimore, filed a series of "ejectment suits" against the then-owners of the lots (John S. Thompson, owner of this lot is not mentioned in the newspaper account) but no record of the trial - if one was held - has been found. Also, there appears to be no break in the orderly sale of the lots concerned.



ST. MICHAELS RIVER
Res. J.S. Hambleton
AVE.
WILLOW ST.
CEDAR AL.
H.C. Dodson
S. Aldridge
H.H. George
Mrs. Dyatt
S.S. Sutliff
Navy Point
S.S. Mill
E. Harrison's Canning House
Dodsons Wharf
Steam Boat Wharf
CHERRY ST.
CHERRY ST.
CEDAR
Ship Yard
Marine Rail Way
FREMONT ST.
CARPENTERS ALLEY
SKINNER ALLEY
I.O.O.F.
Town Hall
TALBOT ST.
GREEN ST.
Long Wharf
Oyster House
Ship Yard
J.D. Foster
G.W. Goodall
CHURCH ST.
Epis. Ch.
CANTON ALLEY
MULBERRY ST.
WATER ST.
NORTH GATE
ST. MARY'S SQUARE
SOUTH GATE
High School No. 2
Cem.
School No. 1
Lambden
Oyster House
Foot Bridge
RACE ST.
BRUFF ALLEY
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Dr. JOHN MILLERS ADDITION
AVE.
CHEW
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ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942

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ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD
North elevation
11/89, Paul Touart, photographer
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