

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Weber House

2. Location

street & number Fairbank Road not for publicationcity, town Fairbank vicinity of congressional district Fifthstate Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" 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 Joseph Kalista

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 547street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 298city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local repository for survey recordscity, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-818

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 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 Weber house is located on the south side of Fairbanks Road in the village of Fairbank on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. The Weber house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis

Built around the turn of the century, the original weatherboard exterior of this two-and-a-half story, frame building is now clad in asbestos shingles. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the house is supported by a brick pier foundation.

The five bay north (main) facade has a three-sided central bay projection with a six panel front door entry. The door has a three light transom and sidelights. It is flanked by a pair of six-over-six windows with black louvered shutters. A full-width porch extends across the first floor of the structure, supported by doric columns. The second story is lit by five six-over-six sash windows, and the central cross gable at the attic story has a square, single sash window inset.

The west elevation of the Weber house has shallow cornice returns and no windows. An interior brick chimney stack rises above this west gable end.

The south elevation has a two-story gable end extension as the two eastern bays. There are no windows on this structure, but there is a shed addition connected to the first story of this wing. Three six-over-six sash windows mark the second story of the western three bays, and a recently enclosed porch extends across the first floor.

The east gable end of the primary wing is blind, with an interior brick chimney stack rising above it. A four bay wing which extends to the south is attached to the south side of this gable end. The east elevation of this wing has four six-over-six sash windows lighting the second story. On the first floor there are two six-over-six windows as the northern bays, one six-over-six window as the southern bay, and a door between them. This door is sheltered by a small, shed roof portico.

The interior of the kitchen still has much of its original wainscoating. There is one original mantle on the first floor.

8. Significance

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/ 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**

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.

According to the present owner, Mr. Weber was in the seafood business and built this house for his wife as a wedding gift. Following the Weber family ownership, the house was acquired by the Hawthorne family. It was again sold in the late 1950s to the Fetzer family, and was purchased by Kalista in 1980. At one time a fence completely surrounded the property, and a brick fire pit in the back yard was used to heat tar for skipjacks and pound nets.

The Weber house is the first house one encounters on the south side of Fairbanks Road when entering the village of Fairbanks. The Weber house is set close to the road and faces an expansive corn field. A large, flat lawn extends behind the house to Black Walnut, or Barney's Cove. On one visit to the Island, that lawn was used by former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes as a landing strip.

The Weber house is one of a collection of frame, two-and-a-half story houses in Fairbank which have been enlarged over the years. Its classical detail, namely the doric portico, is unusual for Fairbank, but its straightforward arrangement reflects the essential practicality of the houses in this village.



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Weber House
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





