

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common W.H.Cummings House

2. Location

street & number Route 33 ___ not for publicationcity, town Tilghman ___ vicinity of congressional district Fifthstate MD 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 Courtney H. and Ruth F. Cummings

street & number Route 33 telephone no.: 886-2515city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 403street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 288city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. T-836

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" 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 W.H.Cummings house is located on the west side of Route 33, four lots south of Bayshore Drive, in the village of Tilghman, Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. This two-story, frame house faces east, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880-1890, the exterior of the W.H.Cummings house is clad in weatherboard, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The low brick pier foundation has been converted into a full masonry foundation.

The east (main) facade has a modern, full width addition across the first story which is covered in weatherboard and has a central door flanked by storm windows. The second story is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and green louvered shutters. This building has green pilaster cornerboards.

The north elevation has cornice returns and one six-over-six sash window as the eastern bay of the first story. An interior brick chimney stack rises above this north gable end.

The west elevation has a central, two-story, single bay, projection which ends in a gable with cornice returns. The north side of this wing has one six-over-six sash window with narrow trim and the shadow of a former doorway on the first floor. There are two six-over-three sash windows with wide surrounds on the second floor. The south side of this wing has two six-over-three sash windows with wide surrounds on the second floor, and a one-story, modern shed addition on the first floor. A one-story shed addition on the first floor of this wing's west end has six-over-six sash windows and a set of double doors. The central bay of the three bay south elevation is flanked by six-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors of the northern and southern bays.

The south gable end of the primary wing has one six-over-six sash window with a narrow surround as the eastern bay of both the first and second floors, and one six-over-six sash window with a wide surround as the western bay of the first floor. An interior chimney pierces the roof of this elevation which has shallow cornice returns.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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		

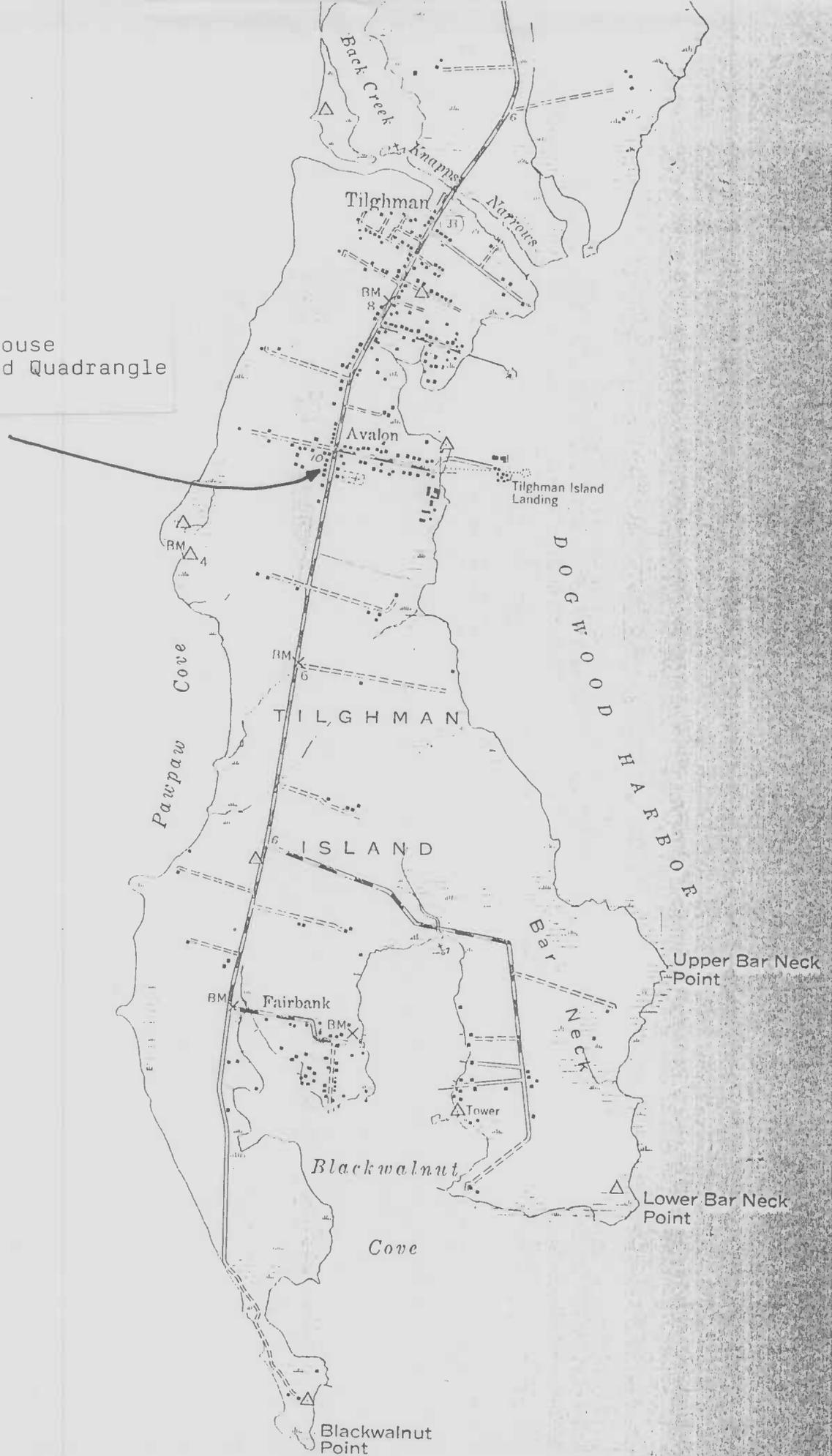
Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

W.H.Cummings built this house in the late 1800s. His son, Reverend Wade H. Cummings, purchased this house from his father in 1907. The color scheme of this white house with deep green trim is typical of the older buildings on Tilghman Island.

The W.H.Cummings house has been enlarged over the years, but its relationship to the main street of Tilghman has remained essentially the same. The Cummings house is one of a collection of two-story, frame houses on Tilghman Island with a straightforward plan and delicate exterior detail.

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W.H.Cummings House
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





J.W.H. CUMMINGS HOUSE

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TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

E. HUGHES, PHOTO

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