

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Cooper - Garvin House Survey Number: T-865
Project: Chickentown Road, Tilghman Island, Talbot Co. Agency: SHA
Bridge No 20001, MD 33 over Knapps Narrows from
Willcy Road to 2000, north of Knapps Narrows
Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Orlando Rideout Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Cooper-Garvin House is eligible under Criterion C for architecture. One of a group of approximately nine remaining houses of a unique quarter-circle plan found in a small area of Talbot County, these houses are believed to be the work of James Cooper, a local builder who was extremely active in the building boom which took place on Tilghman Island at the turn of the century. The inventive design utilizes simple materials and forms to create a house that has unusual presence. The Cooper-Garvin House is also of interest as apparently having been built for Alexander Cooper, the brother of James Cooper.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review + Amplified Files

Prepared by: Elizabeth Hannold
11/30/90
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Ronald L. Anderson 29 Nov 90
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C.- A.D.900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Maritime Community

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residence

Known Design Source: attrib. to James H. Cooper

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Alex Cooper House

2. Location

street & number Chickenpoint Road ___ 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 Levin F. Harrison III

street & number telephone no.: 886-2407city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 446street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 5city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-865

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The Alex Cooper house is located on the north side of Chickenpoint Road in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. This house, one of the Island's six remaining "W" facade houses, is really an ell with a central, two-story, projecting bay. The house faces south with one wing of the ell extending to the southwest, and the other wing extending to the southeast.

This two-story, frame house is clad in yellow weatherboard and has an asphalt shingle roof. The foundation is supported by low, brick piers.

The south (main) facade has a three-sided, central, projecting bay. The central panel of this three-sided bay is an entrance door with sidelights and a four light transom. The two remaining sides have narrow one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds and peaked crown mouldings. This central bay is flanked by two-over-two sash windows with peaked crown mouldings and louvered shutters. A one-story porch supported by square posts follows the curvature of the central bay. The second story fenestration is identical to that of the first story except that the first floor entrance door is replaced by a one-over-one sash window on the second floor. The gable roof over the central, projecting bay breaks back towards the roofline of the house rather than forming a perfect triangle. A vent with a peaked crown moulding is set into this cross gable. Two interior brick chimneys flank the central, projecting bay.

The southwest gable end has one one-over-one sash window on the first floor and one two-over-two sash window on the second floor. Both windows have louvered shutters.

The northwest elevation is three bays with a two-story, central, projecting bay capped with a gable roof. The first floor of this elevation has a shed roof addition across its two eastern bays. This unfinished addition is mounted on cinderblocks and connected by a breezeway to a one-story, gable roofed building also unfinished and mounted on cinderblocks. The first floor western bay is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The second floor of the primary structure's northwest elevation has a central one-over-one sash window flanked by two two-over-two sash windows with peaked crown mouldings. There are no shutters on the northwest side.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-865

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.

The Alex Cooper house was built for Mary Lou and Alex Cooper around the 1890s. Alex Cooper operated a buy boat and would travel to North Carolina for inexpensive lumber. James Cooper, a well-known Tilghman carpenter at that time, was Alex Cooper's son-in-law. It is unclear whether this James, or Jim, Cooper built the house.

In 1925 the title to the property passed from the Cooper family to Luther Garvin who boarded fishing parties there in the summertime. The property was again sold in 1933 to Jan G. Reese and in 1967 to Herman E. and Margaret Ann Lednum. In 1970 Buddy and Roberta Harrison purchased the property. They are currently renovating the unoccupied building.

The Alex Cooper house is one of six remaining "W" facade houses on the Island. This house and the greatly dilapidated Willey Boarding house are the northernmost examples of this plan in the village of Tilghman.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-865

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

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city or town Easton state MD

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.

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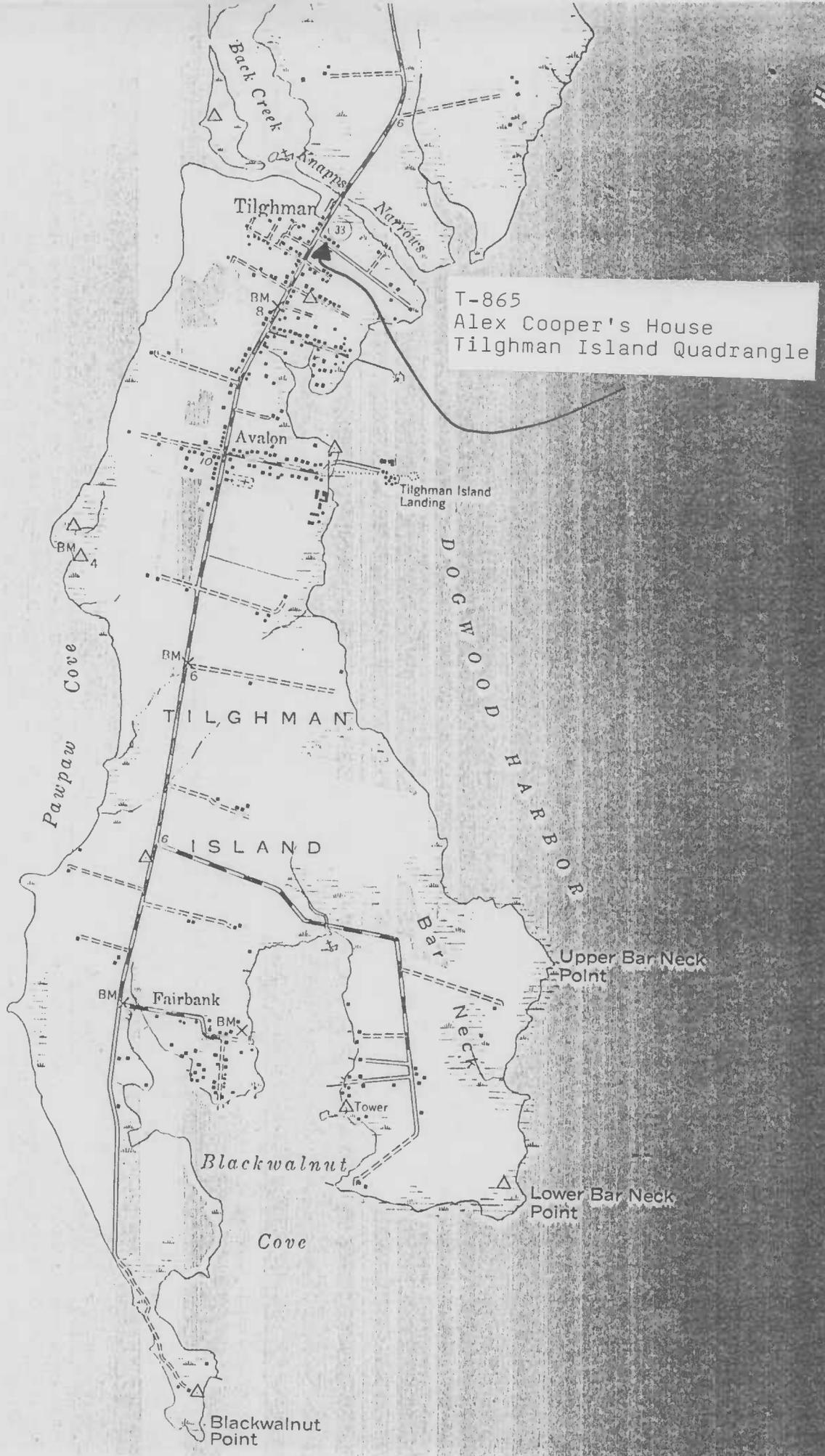
Alex Cooper House description continued.

The northeast elevation has one one-over-one sash window as the eastern bay and a pair of one-over-one sash windows as the northern bay of the first floor. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. These windows have peaked crown mouldings, and no shutters.

The southeast gable end has one shuttered, two-over-two sash window on both the first and second floors.

The interior was not seen.

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T-865
Alex Cooper's House
Tilghman Island Quadrangle

Tilghman

Avalon

BM 6

TILGHMAN

ISLAND

Pawpaw Cove

DOGWOOD HARBOR

BM

Fairbank

Blackwalnut

Cove

Blackwalnut Point

Upper Bar Neck Point

Lower Bar Neck Point

BM 8

BM 4

Tower

Tilghman Island Landing

Back Creek

Knapps Narrows







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ALEX COOPER HOUSE

TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

NW ELEVATION

E. HUGHES, PHOTO.

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