

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-898

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William Hunt house

**2. Location**

street & number Talbot Street  not for publication

city, town Claiborne  vicinity of congressional district 5

state 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Theodore T. and Esther M. Jones

street & number P.O. Box 1261 telephone no.: 745-5976

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

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 549

street & number folio 36

city, 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

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 William Hunt house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The T-shaped house faces south with the principle gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, this two-and-a-half story structure is sheathed in yellow, wood grain, vinyl siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers painted green. The roof line is finished with a box cornice.

The south ( main) elevation has a two-and-a-half story, three-sided gable end structure as the western most bay. This bay is lit on the first and second storys by three two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds and brown, louvered shutters. Decorative spindle work finishes the corners of this gable end which has cornice returns. One two-over-two sash window lights the attic story. An open porch with turned supports stretches across the first floor of the house's main body. This first floor is pierced with a four panel entrance door with a two-light transom and one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the house.

The east elevation is lit on the first and second floor by one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters. This gable end is finished with cornice returns and is lit by one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds at the attic level. A one-story, shed roof addition lit by two six-light casement windows extends to the north of the house.

The north elevation has a one-story, shed roof addition across the first floor to the projecting, western most, gable end bay. When first built this addition was simply an open porch. By the late 1930s this addition was enclosed and lit by five six-light casement windows. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters. The western bay is lit by one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters on the first and second floor. This gable end is finished with cornice returns and lit at the attic level by one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds.

# 8. Significance

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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: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

William T. and Sarah C. Hunt, formerly Sarah Spence, purchased this property from John Cockey in 1898. By 1902 it appears on the USGS map of Maryland. In 1913 the Hunts sold this property to Henry B. and Ollie A. Richards. "Harry" Richards was a ferry ticket agent who had begun his career working as the B.C.&A. stationmaster at McDaniel. The Richards lived here until 1968 when the property was sold to T. Otis Jones, who sold it to Thomas Coleman DuPont in 1976. The DuPonts sold the house to its current owner.

Except for the vinyl siding, this house has changed little over the years. The open porch and shallow setback from the main street are typical of the neighborly Claiborne community.

# 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

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

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

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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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William Hunt house Description cont'd.

The west elevation is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide, white surrounds and brown, louvered shutters on the first and second floors. An interior, brick chimney pierces the roof of this wing.

There are two outbuildings on the property. One is sheathed in white weatherboard and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It is lit by two four-light windows and has a red batten door. The second outbuilding is sheathed in white, vertical wood siding and the gable roof is covered with green tin. The two large swing doors on this structure suggests that it served as a garage at one time.



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U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)  
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:  
roads and boundaries)



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