

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-899

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common E. Russell Casson 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street & number Talbot Street not for publication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	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 Robert M. and Katherine Mathews

street & number Talbot Street telephone no.:

city, town Claiborne state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 652

street & number folio 505

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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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 Casson house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces south.

Built around 1913, this two-story, two bay structure is sheathed in yellow weatherboard and the pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of cement blocks cast to look like chisled stone. The roof has a wide, Italianate overhang and the house is finished with blue cornerboards.

This south (main) elevation has an open porch decorated with heavy dentil molding and supported by doric columns which stretches across this elevation and curves around to the east side of the house. The first story is lit by one one-over-one sash window with blue trim and decorative crown molding. The entrance door is a single, large, oval light over a single panel with blue trim, and decorative crown molding. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with blue trim, and decorative crown molding. One shed roof dormer window sits in the center of the roof and is lit by one small one-over-one sash window.

The west elevation is lit on the first floor by four windows. The two original window frames of this side are one one-over-one sash window with blue trim and decorative crown molding, and one small single pane window with the same trim. One six-over-one sash window with wide surrounds, clearly replacing the original window in this site, and one two-light window with blue surrounds also light this floor of the house. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide, blue surrounds and decorative crown molding. A shed roof dormer with one one-over-one sash window is placed in the center of the roof. A two-story, shed roof addition extends to the north of the house.

The north elevation is completely covered by a two-story, shed roof addition sheathed in white, vinyl, wood grain siding. The first floor of this house is lit by three two-over-two sash windows and two one-over-one sash windows with narrow surrounds. A single pane over two panel door with a metal awning pierces this first story. The second floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows and two windows of louvered glass panels.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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.

Edward R. and Ida May Casson purchased this property from Henry B. Richards in 1913. Richards worked on the ferry and Russell Casson was the railway postal clerk for the B.C.&A. Railroad which ran mail from Claiborne to Ocean City. Casson had moved to Claiborne in 1910 from a farm in Talbot County and built this house in 1913. Here he and his wife raised their family until 1925 when they moved to Berlin, Maryland. One of the Casson children remembers that the house had running water only in the kitchen. An outhouse once stood in the rear yard.

After the Casson ownership, the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison in 1926. The property then passed to Nettie Jones, Mrs. Harrison's sister. Jones sold the property to Tacy Crutchley who transferred it to John A. Erickson. The Ericksons sold the property to the current owners.

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E. Russell Casson house Description cont'd.

The east elevation has a central, three-sided, projecting bay lit on the first floor by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds and decorative crown molding and on the second floor by three one-over-one sash windows, one of which still has one green shutter. The northern most bay is a two-story, shed roof addition lit by three one-over-one sash windows with narrow surrounds on the second floor. The southern most bay is lit by one one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds and decorative crown molding on the first and second floors. The open porch from the southern elevation curves around the southeastern corner of the house and stretches across the first floor of the east elevation up to the central projecting bay. The northern end of this porch is enclosed with white weatherboard and lit by two single-light windows on the east side and two six-light windows on the north side.

Two outbuildings exist on the property. One white tin outbuilding has a wood shingle, gable roof and is in a state of disrepair. The second structure is a white tin two car garage with a green tin, gable roof.



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E. RUSSELL CASSON HOUSE

SW ELEVATION