

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-903

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lida Smith 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street & number Talbot Street not for publication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 John P. Clyne

street & number 5508 Roosevelt St. telephone no.:

city, town Bethesda state and zip code MD 20817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 599

street & number folio 159

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 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 Lida Smith house is located on the south side of Talbot Street, Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. This structure faces north with the principle gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built by 1902, this two-story, frame structure is sheathed in asbestos shingles and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers infilled with cinderblocks. The roof line is finished with a boxed cornice.

The north (main) elevation has a screen porch across the entire first floor. Behind the screen porch the house is still covered in the original white weatherboards. Both the first and second storys are lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. The second story windows are flanked by grey, louvered shutters. The western corner of the house slants on a 45 degree angle to the south, lit at both the first and second storys by one shutterless two-over-two sash window. The roof line at this corner is decorated with spindle work. The eastern corner of the house is a six-sided projection with a cupola roof. Five segments of this six-sided projection are lit by one-over-one sash windows. Four of these windows have grey, louvered shutters. The sixth and western most segment is pierced by a four-light over four-panel door with a two pane transom. The second floor of this projection is lit on each six sides by one shuttered two-over-two sash window.

The east elevation has the described six-sided projection as the northern most bay. The central bay is a twelve-light over two-panel door with a two pane transom. A gable roof portico with turned supports and decorative detail work shelters this doorway, and at one time extended towards the south as an open porch. This porch is now enclosed and lit with two twelve light windows. The second story is lit by two six-over-six sash windows.

The south elevation has a gable end eastern bay with an exterior brick chimney. This wing is lit on the first and second floors by one six-over-six sash window. A one-story gable roof addition projects from this wing and extends to the west. Two six-over-six sash windows light the addition's southern side and an interior brick chimney pierces the roof. The west side

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: 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.

Annie Eliza Wrightson of McDaniel married Lewis J. Smith, a Civil War veteran and a captain on the Claiborne to Baltimore ferry, in 1899. In 1902 they purchased this house from Joseph Wilson, a ticket agent on the wharf, who had bought the property from John Cockey in 1898. Lida Smith, who taught for many years at the Claiborne School, continued to live in this house following her husband's death, and rented rooms to boarders regularly.

Mrs. Smith is well remembered by the residents of Claiborne. She planted the large magnolia in the backyard after a florist bet her \$5.00 that she could never grow the tree from a seed. As Mrs. Smith's pupils will tell you, and as her memoirs attest, there are few things that she could not do.

Lida Smith died in 1976 and ownership of this house passed to Naomi Smith Rich. She sold the property to Herbert Bohaker in 1977 and he sold the property to its present owner.

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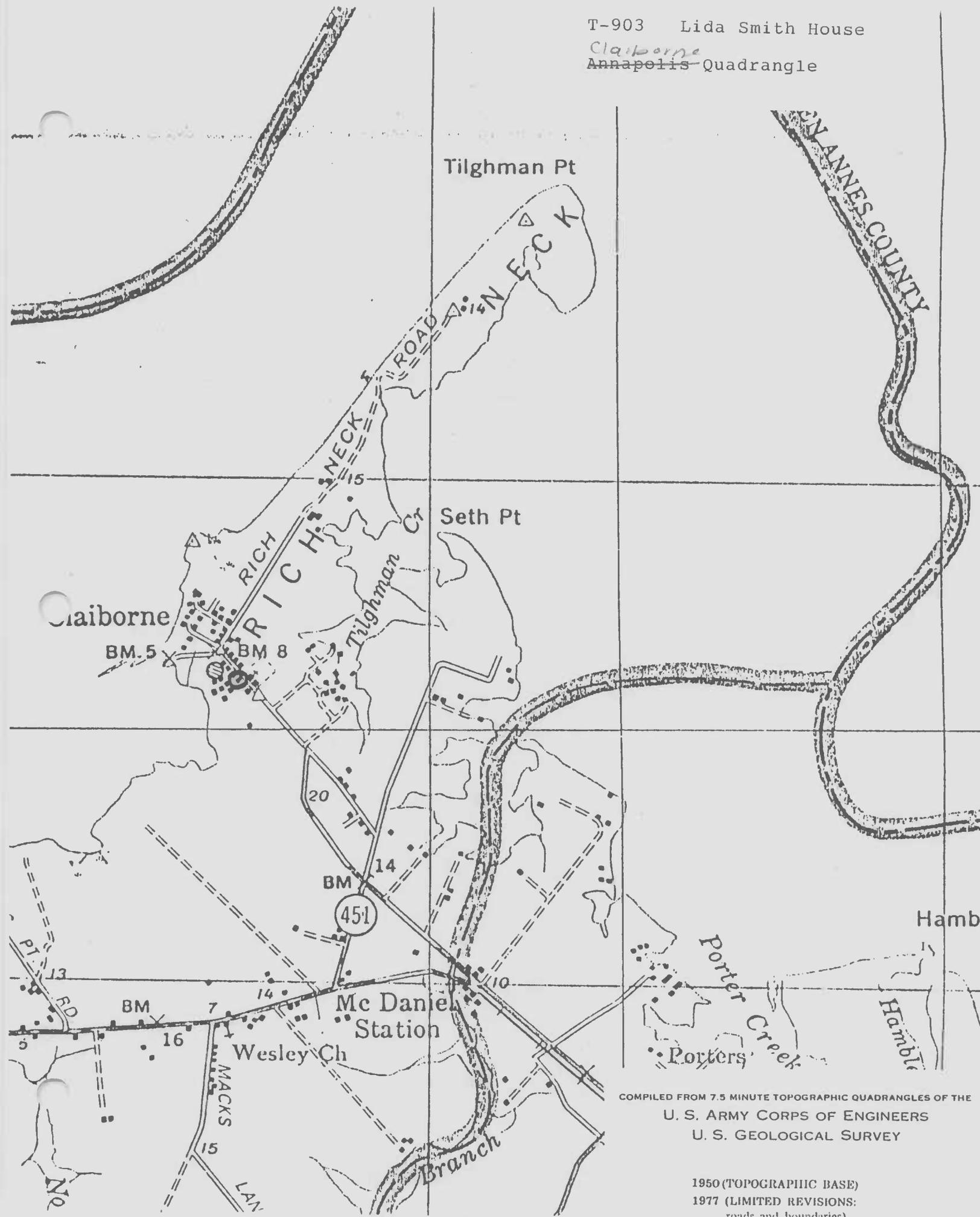
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of the addition has one six-panel door, and the north side is lit by one six-over-six sash window.

The west elevation gable end has corners set at a 45 degree slant lit on both the first and second storys by shutterless two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. At the roof line, these corners are finished in decorative spindle work. A one-story, gable-roof addition projects from the first floor of the house's main body and one six-over-six sash window lights the second story.

One gable roof outbuilding, formerly a summer kitchen, sits behind the house covered in asbestos siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. This structure was converted into a guesthouse in 1930. It is lit on each side by one two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds and a modern shed roof addition has been constructed on its east side.

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Claiborne
Annapolis Quadrangle



COMPILED FROM 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES OF THE
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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



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LIDA SMITH HOUSE
NORTH ELEVATION
CLARBORNE, MD.

JEANNE BOWEN'S COLLECTION.



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EAST ELEVATION.

CLAIBORNE, MD.

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CLAIBORNE, MD.

JEANNE BOWERS COLLECTION — SALIS., MD



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