

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF Survey No. T-906  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES Magi No.  
DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Prettyman 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street & number Talbot Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication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 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	<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 Irene P. Stinson and Roberta Lednum

street & number P.O. Drawer E telephone no.:

city, town Bethany Beach state and zip code DE 19930

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 657

street & number folio 947

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 Prettyman House is located on the south side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces north and the principle gable is oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1920, the Prettyman house is a two-story, three bay frame structure sheathed in white german siding with green trim and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers. The house's corners are finished with plain, white cornerboards, and the roofline has a boxed cornice.

The north (main) facade has a single-light over three panel door with two-light sidelights and a two-light transom as the central bay. This bay is flanked on either side by one two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds. This first floor is sheltered by a porch with turned supports and decorative brackets. The second story is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. Two interior brick chimneys flank the central hall of the house.

The west elevation is lit by a set of two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds at the first and second storys. This gable end is finished with cornice returns and decorative brackets. The eave is sheathed in fish scale shingles and the attic is lit by one centrally placed, square, single-light window.

The south elevation has a one-story, two bay, shed roof addition as the western most bay. This addition has one one-over-one sash window on the west end and one three-panel door on the east end. Three two-over-two sash windows light the second floor.

The east elevation, like the west, is lit by two one-over-one sash windows on the first and second storys. This gable end is finished with cornice returns and has decorative brackets. The eave is covered with fish scale shingles and lit by one centrally place, square, single-light window.

There are two gable roofed outbuildings on the property. One is roofed with tin and sheathed in vertical wood siding. This structure is lit by two six-light windows and two two-light windows and has a metal stovepipe protruding from the roof. Two large swing doors pierce its north side. The

# 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.

On the edge of the Prettyman and Bergman property line stand two buildings which control the town's water supply. One of these is a square cement structure with a pyramidal tin roof. The second is a gable roof building sheathed in asbestos shingles.

This property was purchased from the Claiborne Land Company by Elijah Jarman and Ira Caulk in 1899. In 1912 they sold it to Theodore I. Jones, Jr. The 1915 plat of Claiborne shows no house on this property at that time, and he sold it in 1921 to William D. Harrison. It may be that Harrison built this house. Various names are associated with the property after Harrison including John C. North in 1938, Carroll Price in 1942, Ruth R. Startt in 1947, and finally Victor Porter and his daughter Elmyra Prettyman. Besides having many owners, the house seems to have been a rental property. A Mr. Black who worked on the ferry is remembered to have leased this home. Generally, this house is referred to as the Prettyman house in the Claiborne community.

Although not a particularly old house, nor a house which holds special significance in the community, the Prettyman house has changed little over the years. This is the only house in Claiborne clad in german siding and one of the very few with its original sheathing still exposed.

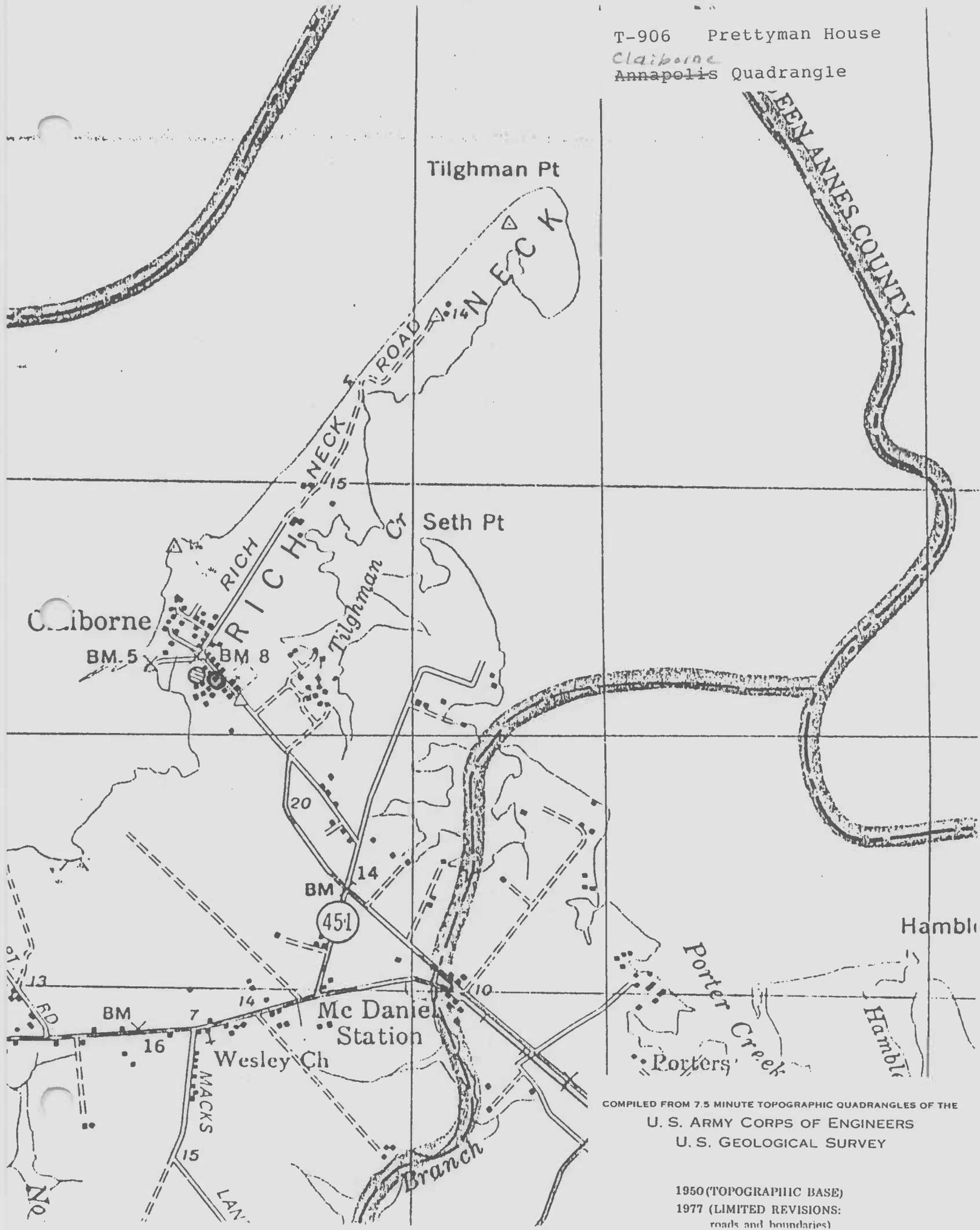


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Prettyman house Description cont'd.

second structure is sheathed with german siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. One batten door stand on both the north and south side of this building.

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Claiborne  
Annapolis Quadrangle



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PRETTYMAN HOUSE

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