

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-913

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Daniel J. Kilmon house

2. Location

street & number Royal Oak Road not for publication

city, town Royal Oak vicinity of congressional district 2

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 Louis S. and Susan K. Kilmon

street & number telephone no.: 745-3141

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 415

street & number folio 534

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 Daniel J. Kilmon house is located on the north side of Royal Oak Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This house faces south with the principle gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built by 1883, this two bay, two-and-a-half story, frame structure is clad in white weatherboard and roofed with wood shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers. The house is finished with corner boards and the roof has a boxed cornice.

The south (main) elevation has an open porch across the first floor supported by three doric columns which sit on a red floor of wainscoting. The first story is pierced by a single-light over two-panel entrance door with a three light transom. One six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and green, louvered shutters lights this first floor. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and green, louvered shutters. There is a central cross gable at the attic story lit by one six-over-six sash window with green louvered shutters. The upper sash of this window is rounded and the shape of the shutters repeats this curve.

The east elevation is lit on the first and second floor by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and green, louvered shutters. The upper half story is lit by one two-over-two sash window with the same shutters and surrounds. A smaller scale, two-story addition of weatherboard siding and wood roof shingles extends to the east. The first floor once had an open porch which has since been enclosed. A single-light over three-panel door and three four-light casement windows pierce the first floor. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and green, louvered shutters. A one-story, gable roof addition set on a cinderblock foundation extends to the north. This addition has a cellar and was built in the late 1930's. It is lit on the east side by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds and pierced by a four panel door. The north side is lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds and one four-light casement window. The west side of this addition has one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds.

The north elevation of the one-story addition has an exterior cinderblock chimney on this gable end. The north elevation of the two-story addition is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this two-story gable end.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/orApplicable Exception: A B C D E F GLevel of Significance: national state local

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

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. This three-eighths of an acre lot was once part of the estate known as "Plaindealing Enlarged" or "Oak Field" inherited by Emma Banning and Edward Thomas Benson in 1863 and sold in 1864 to Levi Scott Kilmon. Kilmon sold this lot to his brother Daniel James Kilmon in 1873.

In Twig and Turf Bernice Leonard writes that a new house was built on this property in 1883. During some remodeling work, however, the current owners found a plank of wood in one of the house walls with Daniel Kilmon's signature and the date "November 1872." It is not so unlikely that Kilmon would have built a structure on this property prior to purchasing it since his brother was the grantor. Although it is possible that the wood plank has some other meaning, or that it may have been recycled from an older building, a structure is located on this property in the 1877 Atlas of Royal Oak with the identification "D.J.Kilmon." A second and larger structure is located next to it on the property labeled as "Carriage Sh."

Daniel J. Kilmon died in 1889 and the property was purchased by George A. Seymour who sold it to Jeremiah Valliant Harris, Sr. in 1901. Harris built a store next to the house which he passed on to his son, Jerry Harris, Jr. The Harris store was famous for both its enormous stock and enormous disarray. A large wood burning stove sat in the middle of the floor and brightly painted gourds from his garden hung from the front porch to attract passersby. One summer guest to Royal Oak in 1912 remembers, "One of the big attractions of this area was a visit to 'The Merchant Prince of Royal Oak,' Jeremiah V. Harris. Harris had anything in the world in his general store and most of it was hanging from the ceiling...He had the muskrat traps hanging next to the ladies underwear...You couldn't see anybody when you walked in, you just had to call out and he'd appear from nowhere out of the back, smoking a big cigar."

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Daniel J. Kilmon Description cont'd.

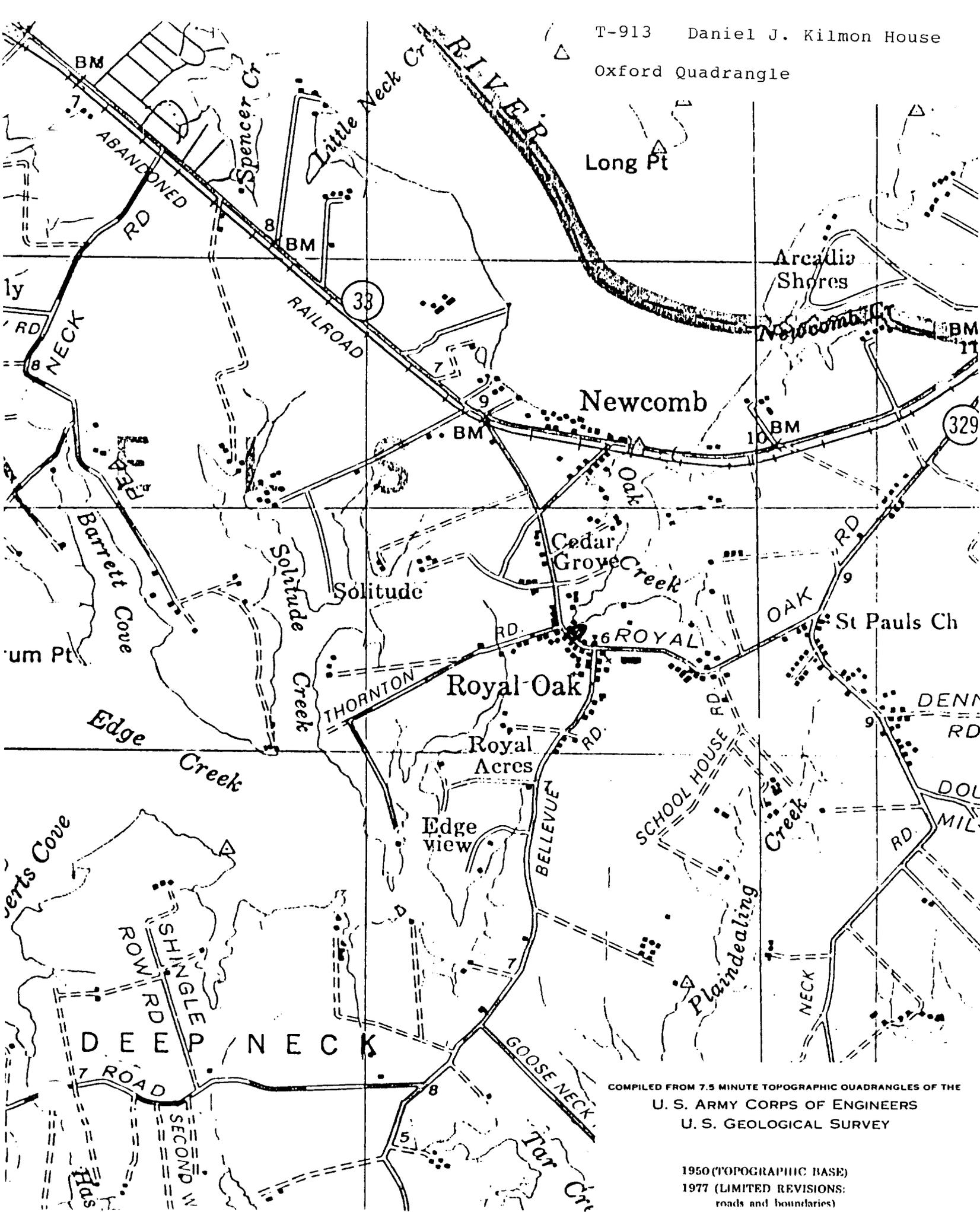
The west elevation of the house's main body is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and green louvered shutters and a three sided bay window. Each side of this northern bay window projection is lit by two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds and green, louvered shutters. The second story is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with green shutters, and narrow surrounds. The upper half story of this gable end is lit by one two-over-two sash window with green, louvered shutters. A two-story addition extends to the west lit on the first and second floor by one six-over-six sash window with green, louvered shutters. An entrance door also pierces the first floor of this addition.

There are two outbuildings on this property. A large barn-like structure clad in german siding sits at the rear of the lot next to a finger of Oak Creek. This structure has a tin, gambrel roof and is supported by a foundation of cement and oyster shells and bricks. Built around the 1920s, this is the second of two structures which sat on that site. The first structure was used to house horses, among other things, and was destroyed by fire. The second outbuilding is considerably smaller and has a shed roof of tin. It is clad in green asbestos shingles and has a full-width porch roof of tin supported by square posts.

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Daniel J. Kilmon house Significance cont'd.

Harris used the red, shingle building to the east of his store, the green shed, and the large weatherboard barn on the property for storage. Harris also kept horses and pigs and had a corn crib on his property. The store closed with Harris' death in 1961. The current owner demolished the building and now uses the site as a vegetable garden .



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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
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DANIEL J. KILMON HOUSE

SW ELEVATION



T-913 DANIEL J. FLEMING HOUSE

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

ROYAL OAK, MD.

MIKE LUBY COLLECTION



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DANIEL J. KILMON HOUSE

BARN

NW ELEVATION