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Robert Lambdin House c. 1840

St. Michaels

private

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Robert Lambdin acquired "Lot 51" in 1839 from Elizabeth Jones, widow of Wrightson Jones (54/530). It is estimated that the house was erected shortly after this transfer, and the house remained in the Lambdin name until the early twentieth century when the Lambdin estate trustee sold the property to Joseph W. Dyott (146/48). Since then the corner property has had over a half-dozen [redacted] owners.

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Magi No. 2102535404

DOE ___yes X no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lambdin House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 401 Water Street ___ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ethel Shultz

street & number 401 Water Street telephone no.:

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Lambdin house description

The Lambdin house, also known as the Cottage, is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Water and Mulberry streets near the St. Michaels harbor in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces north with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1825-1840, this center hall mortise and tenon frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboards. Attached to the back of the main house is a shed roofed addition, and extending to the east is a shorter single-story kitchen.

The north (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center door covered by a gabled baffle entrance. The pyramidal panel front door is topped by a two-light transom. East of the entrance is a projecting tripartite bay windown and west of the door is a single diamond-pane sash light. A pair of gabled dormers with diamond panes light the second floor, and a single brick chimney rises from the roof.

The west gable end, which faces Water Street, is marked by another tripartite diamond-pane sash window that lights the first floor, and two diamond-pane sash windows pierce the upper gable. The eave is flush and finished with a simple bargeboard.

Stretching across the back of the house is an enclosed shed addition that was formerly an open shed porch. A large gabled dormer flanked by two smaller gabled dormers light the second floor.

Largely covering the east gable end of the main house is a single-story, one-room plan kitchen covered by a simple gabled roof and sheathed with weatherboards. Attached to the east end of the kitchen is a screened-in porch.

The interior of the center hall house has been modified slightly through the years. The first floor newel post appears to have been replaced, but the rectangular balusters and oval-profile handrail are standard second quarter of the nineteenth-century features. The mantel in the parlor is a c. 1900 replacement, but the Greek Revival style mantel in the dining room dates from the mid nineteenth century. On the second floor the stairwell handrail has not been disturbed and retains its tapered newel post, rectangular balusters, and oval-profile handrail. Access into the crawl space above the second floor ceiling revealed a common rafter roof structure with the rafters lapped and fastened with cut nails.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

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

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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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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C				D			
E				F			
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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

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Historic St. Michaels date 1/13/86

street & number telephone

city or town St. Michaels state MD

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"THE COTTAGE" ROBERT LAMBDIN HOUSE #17

Bldg: #17 Year: 1978 Vol: 522 Page: 266
From: Ethel B Schultz Price:
To: Ethel B Schultz and Dorothy S Peck
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1965 Vol: 404 Page: 29
From: Charles Houston Sherman and Ada S Sherman Price: $5
To: Frederick W Schultz and Ethel
Notes: See 1978. McCrone survey 21 Oct 1964.

From Hyman N Firstman to C H Sherman 1957,337/201

On 404/31 there is a mortgage for $15000 to Balto Federal Savings & loan.

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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1957 Vol: 337 Page: 201
From: Hyman N Firstman & John Gordon Firstman Price: $5
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Bldg: #17 Year: 1950 Vol: 288 Page: 385
From: From Lee S Gillis & Florence Marie Gillis Price: $5
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Bldg: #17 Year: 1930 Vol: 223 Page: 344
From: Frank A Ferris & wife (Florence C Tunis) Price: $5250
To: Hyman N Firstman & Esther G Firstman
Notes: From Bethine A Buck and Edward R Buck 1928, 214/332.
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1928 Vol: 214 Page: 332
From: Bethine A Buck & husband Price: $4250
To: Frank A Ferris
Notes: From Dare C Chaytor to Bethine A Buck 1921, 188/358
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1921 Vol: 188 Page: 358
From: Dare C Chaytor Price: $3000
To: Bethine A Buck
Notes: From Morris Torrey & wife to Dare C Chaytor 1920, 186/268

From Mabelle H Porter to Morris Torrey 1914, 168/351
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Bldg: #17 Year: 1920 Vol: 186 Page: 268
From: Morris W Torrey & wife Price: $3000
To: (Ms) Dare C Chaytor
Notes: Lot number 51.

Chaytor has mortgage of $2000 (186/269)

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From Joseph W Dyott & Ruth S Dyott to M H Porter 1906, 147/348
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Bldg: #17 Year: 1906 Vol: 147 Page: 348
From: Joseph W Dyott and Ruth S Dyott Price: $1250
To: Mabelle H Porter
Notes: Lot number 51

From Wm D J Morris, trustee to J W Dyott 1905, 146/48
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Bldg: #17 Year: 1905 Vol: 146 Page: 48
From: Wm D J Morris, trustee(estate Robert D Lambdin) Price: $500
To: Joseph W Dyott
Notes: From Elizabeth Jones to Robert D Lambdin 1839, 54/530
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1839 Vol: 54 Page: 530
From: Elizabeth Jones (widow of Wrightson Jones) Price: $100
To: Robert Lambdin
Notes: Lot number 51.
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1825 Vol: 46 Page: 13
From: Alexander B Harrison & Eleanor (Spencer) Price: $40
To: Wrightson Jones
Notes: Deeds states "Known as the Warehouse Lot" or lot 51.

Formerly owned by Col. Perry Spencer and devised to his daughter Eleanor, wife of Alexander B Harrison.
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BOD

Bldg: #17 Year: 1783 Vol: 21 Page: 370
From: John Thompson Price: p25 specie
To: Perry Spencer, shipwright
Notes: Lots numbers 50 and 51.

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Bldg: #17 Year: 1782 Vol: 21 Page: 272
From: James Braddock Price: p10 specie
To: John Thompson
Notes: Lot number 51.

This lot is part of the tract known as "The Beach". For the remainder of the history see the series on the St Michaels tracts.
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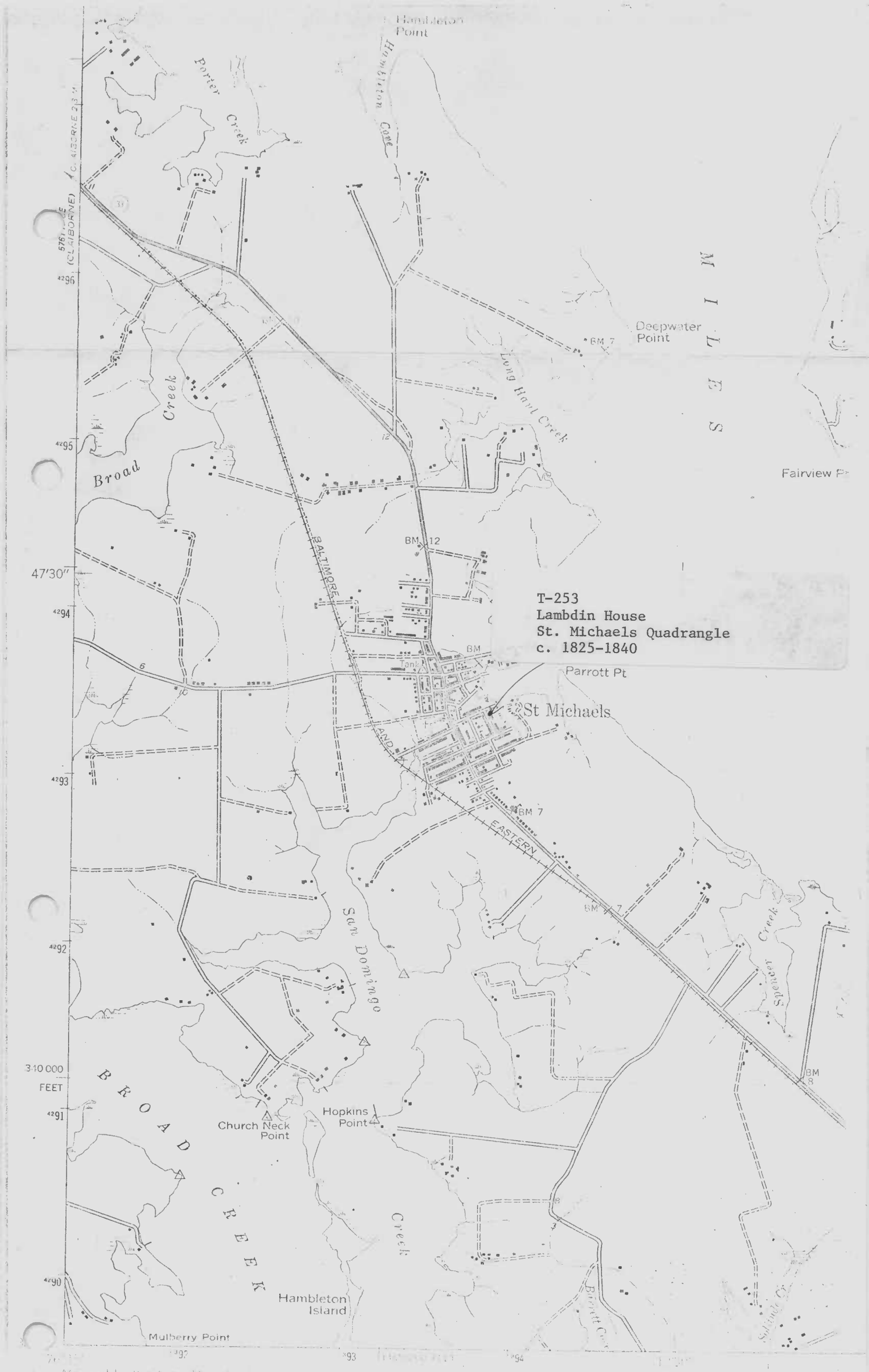

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The Cottage

St. Michael's