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Pinckett House  
St. Michaels  
Private

c. 1852

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The Pinckett house is a two-part dwelling probably built for a middle income working class laborer or perhaps, a skilled artisan. The story-and-a-half structure has been thought by the owners to be a horizontal log house erected during the seventeenth century. Exterior architectural features, however, suggest the house was assembled around 1850. Only an interior investigation would reveal its true wall construction, but in most cases where owners have claimed log construction there argument is based on a few floor timbers that are partially bark covered. Although log houses are known to have been built in St. Michaels during the eighteenth century no surviving examples have been confirmed.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common PINCKETT HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 107 Mill Street  not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels  vicinity of congressional district First

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	<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

street &amp; number 107 Mill 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 344

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 329

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

# 7. Description

Survey No. ~~20~~<sup>T</sup>-267

<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 Pinckett house stands at 107 Mill Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half, two-part frame house faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Probably built during the middle years of the nineteenth century, the story-and-a-half frame dwelling rests on a low brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of wood shingles. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a shed roofed addition.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with the entrance in the shorter of the two sections. A partially glazed front door is flanked by a single-pane sash window sheltered by a metal awning. The two bays to the slightly taller section are filled with single-pane sash windows along covered by metal awnings. Centered on the two roof slopes are gabled dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows. A narrow brick stove chimney rises between the two sections.

The west gable end is defined by a two latter paired window openings on the first floor and a small window opening on the second floor. Each opening is sheltered by a metal awning. The gable end is flush.

The east end, on the other hand, is a largely plain surface aside from two small windows to the rear on either side of an exterior brick stove flue.

Attached to the back of the house are shed roofed additions.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. TMO-267

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
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<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.

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**HISTORY AND SUPPORT**

The earliest deed that defines this Mill Street lot (formerly called Willow Street) dates to November 14, 1851 (64/124), when James Watkins purchased a lease to the property from Jeremiah and Rebecca Ann Harrison. Only seventeen days later the Watkinses transferred the lease to Samuel T. Harrison (64/122) who purchased fee title to the property in 1865. (72/240) It appears Samuel T. Harrison erected the house, perhaps around 1852, and then sold the house and its household furnishings to a Louisa J. Harrison, perhaps his wife or daughter, in 1867.(73/448) The house and lot remained in her hands until 1896.(125/122) During much of the twentieth century the property has been owned by the Pinckett family. Commodore Littleton and Nora Virtenia Pinckett purchased the house in 1920.(186/125)



YEAR: 1958 VOL: 344 PAGE: 329 PRICE:  
FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis  
TO: Paige Pinckett and Hazel E. Pinckett  
NOTES: Begins at a stone at the SW corner of a lot belonging to the heirs of Jeremiah Sewell; run with Sewell N 167 feet to Susan H. Dawson; W with Dawson 44 feet to Charles W. Green; then S 167 feet to Willow Street; E on Willow 44 feet to the beginning.  
Part of a title clearance. Conveyed to Gillis by Pinckett 1958, 344/327.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 344 PAGE: 327 PRICE:  
FROM: Paige Pinckett and Hazel E. Pinckett  
TO: Lee S. Gillis  
NOTES: Title clearance. Same description.  
Conveyed to Nora Virtenia Pinckett and Paige Pinckett by Harry E. Clark and Ellen C. Clark 1953, 306/505. Nora died intestate 1956. Sons Joseph S. and Paige Pinckett inherited. Joseph's interest transferred to Paige 1958, 344/325.

YEAR: 1953 VOL: 306 PAGE: 505 PRICE:  
FROM: Harry E. Clark and Ellen C. Clark  
TO: Nora Virtenia Pinckett and Paige Pinckett  
NOTES: Title clearance. Same description.  
Conveyed to Clark by Pinckett 1953, 306/502.

YEAR: 1953 VOL: 306 PAGE: 502 PRICE:  
FROM: Commodore Littleton Pinckett and Nora Virtenia Pinckett  
TO: Harry E. Clark  
NOTES: Title clearance. Part of a divorce settlement.  
Conveyed to Pinckett by Turner 1920, 186/125.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 186 PAGE: 125 PRICE: \$450  
FROM: Horace M. Turner and Helen G. Turner  
TO: Commodore Littleton Pinkett and Nora Virtenia Pinckett  
NOTES: Same description.  
Conveyed to Turner by Byrd 1919, 182/230.

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 182 PAGE: 230 PRICE: \$50+OVC  
FROM: Henry E. Byrd and Charlotte Byrd  
TO: Horace M. Turner  
NOTES: Same description.  
Conveyed to Byrd by Sewell 1911, 160/499.

YEAR: 1911 VOL: 160 PAGE: 499 PRICE: \$475

FROM: Emma H. Sewell and Walter M. Sewell

TO: Henry F. Byrd.

NOTES: Same description but is between heirs of Jeremiah Sewell back to former John M. Hambleton now Susan H. Dawson; 44 feet to the heirs of Cloudsberry Kirby, now Charles H. Green.

Conveyed to Sewell by Harrison 1896, 125/122.

YEAR: 1896 VOL: 125 PAGE: 122 PRICE: \$450

FROM: Louisa J. Harrison

TO: Emma M. Sewell

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Louis Harrison by Samuel T. Harrison 1867, 73/448.

Conveyed to Samuel T. Harrison by Jeremiah Harrison 1865, 72/240 (fee)

Conveyed to Samuel T. Harrison by James Watkins 1851, 64/122 (leasehold)

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 73 PAGE: 448 PRICE: \$25+L&A

FROM: Samuel T. Harrison

TO: Louisa J. Harrison

NOTES: Same description. Includes buildings and all household and kitchen furniture in said buildings.

YEAR: 1865 VOL: 72 PAGE: 240 PRICE: \$75

FROM: Jeremiah Harrison and Sarah A. Harrison

TO: Samuel T. Harrison

NOTES: Begins SW corner of Jeremiah Sewell runs 44 feet to Cloudsberry Kirby, back 167 feet.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 64 PAGE: 122 PRICE: lease

FROM: James Watkins and Sarah Ann Watkins

TO: Samuel T. Harrison

NOTES: Made December 1, 1851.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 64 PAGE: 124 PRICE: lease

FROM: Jeremiah Harrison and Rebecca Ann Harrison

TO: James Watkins

NOTES: Made November 14, 1851. Begins at the Easternmost corner of James Townsend on Willow Street; run with street N 77 30' E 41 feet; then N 12 30' W 160 feet to John N. Hambleton; then 41 feet to Townsend; then to the beginning.

The lot is part of the original tract called "Stopper" patented by Christopher Stamper in 1668. In 1741, Joseph Harrison had the land declared escheated and resurveyed, calling it "Joseph's Lot".

Joseph died in 1784. The land descended to his son Thomas who was born in 1734 and died in 1801. Thomas had 9 children, of whom daughter Mary married her 3rd cousin, Joseph Harrison. Joseph died in 1815 and on Mary's death in 1822, the property went to her oldest son, Jeremiah.



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**W. DEAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

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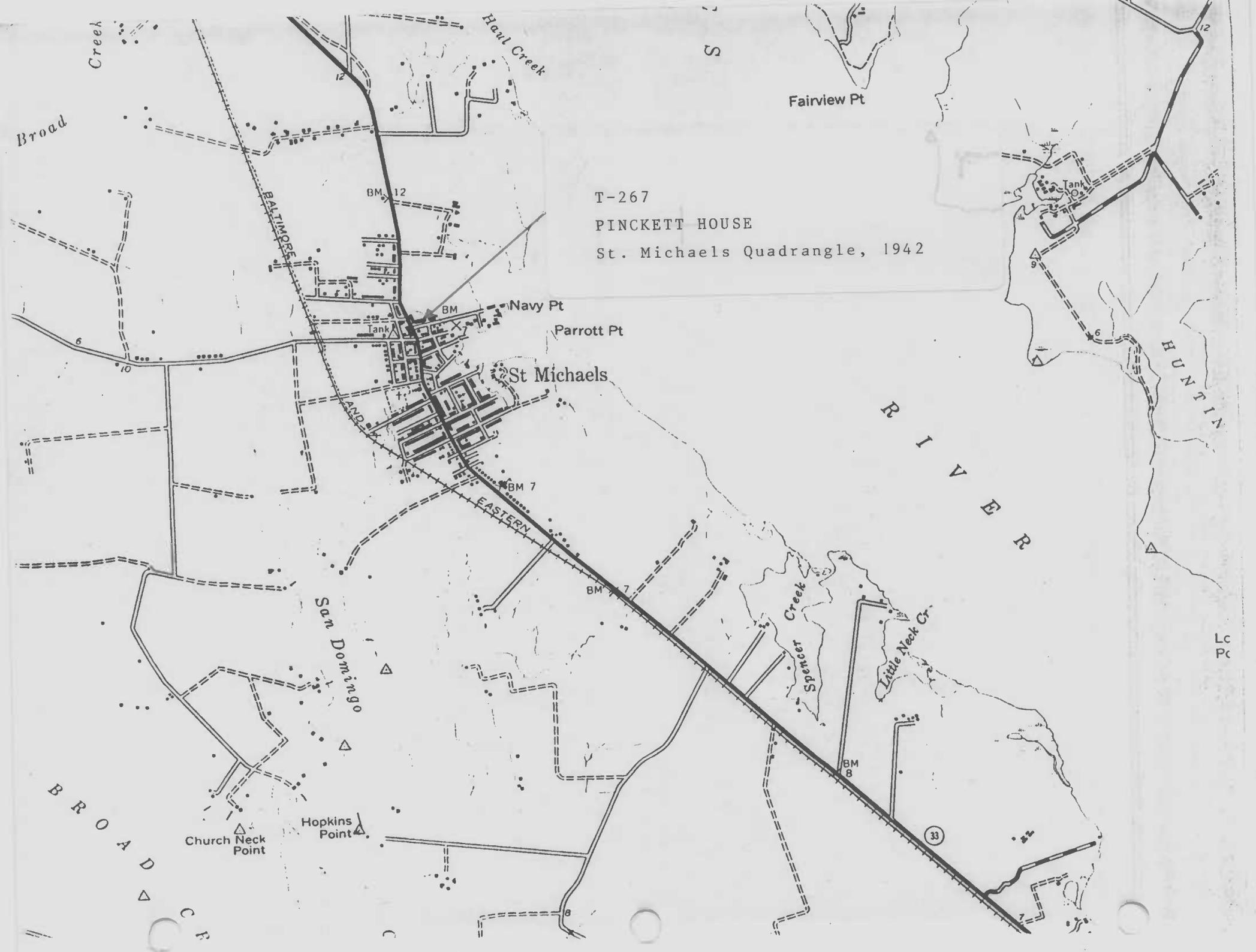
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AND STEVENSON ATLAS



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PINCKETT HOUSE

St. Michaels Quadrangle, 1942



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PINCKETT HOUSE

Southwest elevation

ST. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

5/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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PINCKETT HOUSE

Southeast elevation

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

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