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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Trimble House (preferred)

and/or common: Quarters "W"/Building #965

2. Location

street & number: In Patuxent River Naval Air Station on Johnson Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Lexington Park x vicinity of congressional district: first

state: Maryland county: St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	x public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	___ 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	x no	___ military	___ other:

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

name: Department of the Navy, U.S. Government

street & number: telephone no.:

city, town: state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: St. Mary's County Courthouse liber JMM

street & number: folio 165

city, town: Leonardtown state: MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: none

date: ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town: state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
x excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
___ 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.

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
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates built c. 1820-40 **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 X local

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Homeowner's Loan Association, Valuation Analysis and Conclusions (1942). Ms. on file, Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center, St. Mary's City, MD.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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

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Field Notebook MD-7; Recorded 21 December 1982.

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Trimble House:

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The Trimble House is located on a level terrace approximately 10 feet above sea level, facing and less than 100 feet west of the Chesapeake Bay. The house is a 1½-story frame dwelling three bays long and one room deep with exterior brick chimneys at each end of the steeply pitched gable roof. The house has been enlarged and extensively renovated; additions include a lean-to across the entire west facade and a two-part addition to the north.

The principal facade faces east to the Chesapeake Bay. The front door is offset slightly to left of center, flanked by one 9-over-6 window on either side. A later door has been cut in at the extreme north end of this facade. Three pitched roof dormers are ranged across the second story. The center dormer is fitted with 6-over-6 sash and is larger than the flanking dormers, which are fitted with 4-over-4 sash. The door is trimmed with a wide, flattened ogee/astrayal backband applied to a plain (probably replaced) fascia, while the windows are trimmed with plain beaded fascias. The cut-in door to the north has matching trim but modern milling marks are evident and the trim is clearly made to match the early trim.

A one-story frame addition covers the majority of the north gable wall. The exterior brick chimney appears to be rebuilt. The only opening on this facade is one 9-over-6 window to the west of the chimney on the first story.

The original west facade of the house is concealed by a later one story frame lean-to addition. Two dormer windows on the second story remain in place but the sash has been removed and the openings blocked.

The exterior chimney on the south gable wall does not appear to have been rebuilt. The chimney is flanked by single 9-over-6 windows on the first floor and one 4-over-4 window in the east bay of the second story.

The interior of the main house was probably originally divided into a hall and parlor or a center passage plan. It has been opened up into a single large room with fireplaces centered on the north and south gable walls. An open-strung (?) stair rises against the west facade wall, turns 90 degrees, and continues up to the second story. This stair is presumably rebuilt and quite possibly is not in an original location, but it includes an early bannister consisting of delicate turned newls, a continuous molded rail, tapered balusters, scrolled step brackets, and replaced treads.

The most significant surviving interior features are the first floor mantels. The south mantel is composed of molded pilasters flanking the opening below sideblocks and a frieze. The sideblocks are decorated with oval fretwork. The complex molded mantel shelf is dominated by an ogee/astrayal profile similar to the backband on the front door architrave.

The north mantel is a board surround with a cove/astrayal backband framing the opening below small sideblocks, a larger center block, and a complex molded shelf.

The second-floor plan has been modified to accomodate a modern bath and closets, but evidence survives of original vertical beaded board partitions that formed a center stair passage plan with one chamber on either side and a small unheated room at the east end of the passage. The north room was heated by a small fireplace on the north gable wall. This fireplace is fitted with an early 19th century mantel that consists of a board surround with ogee/astrayal backband framing the opening below a plain frieze and complex shelf.

A small opening in the ceiling of the west lean-to allows examination of the west eave of the original house. One original beaded weatherboard survives and the ghost outline of the cornice bedmold is evident. The weatherboard is secured with early machine nails; the rafters are nailed to the plate with one large wrought spike and several smaller machine nails.

From this limited access to the lean-to roof, it would appear that the lean-to is an early addition that has been extensively altered.

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The Trimble House is a 1½-story frame dwelling that appears to date to circa 1820s. It was enlarged at an early period by the addition of a frame lean-to across the west facade and in the 20th century has been further enlarged and extensively renovated. The early fenestration pattern, 9-over-6 sash and molded exterior architrave trim, is largely intact. The interior plan has been opened up into a single room, but three original mantels and a possibly rebuilt open-strung stair survive. Other features of interest include the beaded board partitions on the second story and the beaded weatherboard and cornice evidence visible from the crawl space above the lean-to ceiling.

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Trimble House
Solomons Island Quad

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Hog Pt
Fishing Pt
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Harper Creek
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Towers
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