

REVIEW SHEET

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Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: GILLIS HOUSE, OLD RT. # 18, STEVENSVILLE, MD. Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: STEVENSVILLE  
2-16-88 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State

2-16-88 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection of property by State staff?  no \_\_\_ yes date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

\_\_\_\_\_ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:
1	_____ Extensive loss of historic fabric
	_____ Substantial alterations over time
	_____ Preliminary determination of listing for district
	_____ for individual property
	_____ Significance less than 50 years old
	_____ Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	_____ Moved property
	_____ State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	_____ Recommendation different from the applicant's request

NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.
2	(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>1850 - 1930</u>
	(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes ___ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling ___ association _____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section <u>7</u> , page <u>8</u> .
	(3) For properties less than 50 years old: _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
	(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____ _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. _____ Other, explain:
	B. Evaluation of the property: _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Criteria Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G
	(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and: _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation. _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT IN 1885, THIS STRUCTURE IS A TWO-STORY FRAME, GABLE-ROOFED RESIDENCE WITH A TWO-STORY, TWO-BAY, GABLE ROOFED REAR ELL ON THE NORTH ELEVATION. THE BUILDING IS SHEATHED WITH ROUND-BUTTED WOOD SHINGLES AND HAS A STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF. THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING IS FAIR DUE TO THE SAGGING CENTRAL CORE OF THE HOUSE AT THE REAR OF THE CENTER HALL. INTERIOR HISTORIC FABRIC REMAINS VIRTUALLY INTACT AND IN FAIR CONDITION ALTHOUGH SOME MODERN FEATURES, SUCH AS THE KITCHEN, PANELING AND TRANSOMS, WERE ADDED AT AN UNKNOWN DATE.

THIS BUILDING DEMONSTRATES THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE STEVENSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT.

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State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
  - The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
  - The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
  - The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
  - The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
    - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
    - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
  - The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
  - Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended     Precedent-setting case     Forwarded without recommendation

3-23-88  
Date

  
State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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OMB Approved  
No. 1024-0009  
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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NRIS No:

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Project No: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Gillis House

Address of property: Street Old Route 18

City Stevensville County Queen Annes State Maryland Zip 21666

Name of historic district: Stevensville Historic District

National Register district  certified state or local district  potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
- certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Emma Jane Saxe

Street 12975 Hampton Forest Ct. City Fairfax

State VA Zip 22030 Daytime Telephone Number 703-830-3318

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Roger Eisinger Signature *R. Eisinger* Date Jan 28, 1988

Organization Stevensville Towne Limited Partnership

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

Street Suite 400E, 7315 Wisconsin Ave. City Bethesda

State MD Zip 20814 Daytime Telephone Number 301-652-8800

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Office/Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

See Attachments

HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—  
PART 1

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Gillis House

Property Name

Old Rt. 18, Stevensville, MD

Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

See Continuation Sheet

Date of Construction: c.1885 Source of Date: NR nomination

Date(s) of Alteration(s): Various - See Description

Has building been moved?  yes  no. If so, when? before 1887. The source of this information is the nomination. No additional information is available.

6. Statement of significance:

See Continuation Sheet

7. Photographs and maps. Photo Key located on A-3.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

2.3 (streetscapes)  
1,4-12B (exterior)  
20,25,28,33,35,36,39,43,50  
(representative interior)

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no

**Property Name:** Gillis House  
**Address:** Old Route 18, Stevensville, Maryland  
**Owner Namer/Taxpayer I.D. Number:** Stevensville Towne Lim. Partnership [REDACTED]

**Description:**

The Gillis House, facing south on Old Route 18 in a residential section of Stevensville, is a two-story frame, gable-roofed residence with a two-story, two-bay, gable roofed rear ell on the north elevation. The building is sheathed with round-butted wood shingles and has a standing seam metal roof. The existing wood shingles date at least to 1906 where they are evidenced in an historic photo (photo #17). Shortly after acquiring the building, the present owner removed the mid-20th century asbestos shingle siding. Please refer to photos #12A and 12B which illustrate this former appearance.

The overall condition of the building is fair due to the sagging central core of the house at the rear of the center hall; lack of maintenance during recent years as a rental house; damage (possibly structural) at the roof line of a former full-length porch on the front (south) facade which has been removed by a previous owner; and removal of the window heads, an area now patched with thin sheets of metal.

The main block of the building is on an east-west axis situated close to the narrow road, facing other residences also from the last quarter of the 19th century. The south elevation has an off-center entrance with a replacement stoop and gabled porch and asymmetrically placed window openings on the ground floor, with four windows on the second floor. An historic photograph, dated 1906, shows a plain full-length porch on the front elevation. The west elevation has two symmetrically placed window openings on each floor flanking a later 20th century buff brick exterior chimney. The rear ell ties directly into the main block and has two window openings on the second floor and a shed roof porch with latticed siding. The north elevation consists of two bays of the rear ell and two additional window openings. On the north and east elevations of the ell are enclosed, frame sheds which are later additions. Various window openings have been reworked. The east elevation has no window openings except for two small lights in the gable end. Windows are 2/2 sash on the main facades and 2/2, 6/6 and 1/1 on the rear (north) facade. There are two interior chimneys, one in the main block and one in the rear ell.

The front entry opens into a center hall which provides access to the two rooms on the ground floor of the main block and access at the rear to the ell which consists of one large room -- a kitchen and a breakfast room totally refinished with the contemporary material as well as a half-bath installed in the shed addition attached to the east elevation of the ell. The second floor is divided into three rooms in the main block and one room and a full bath in the rear ell.

Only the main block and second floor of the rear ell contain surviving historic features: the plain window and door trim; doors; wood floors. Added closets and a bath are recent alterations to the second floor rooms. The plaster walls are in fair condition. The main feature of the east room on the first floor is an historic mantelpiece; the entrance from the hall into this room represents a circa 1920 alteration. There are no other significant finishes or character defining features in these spaces. The previous use of this building has been residential rental.

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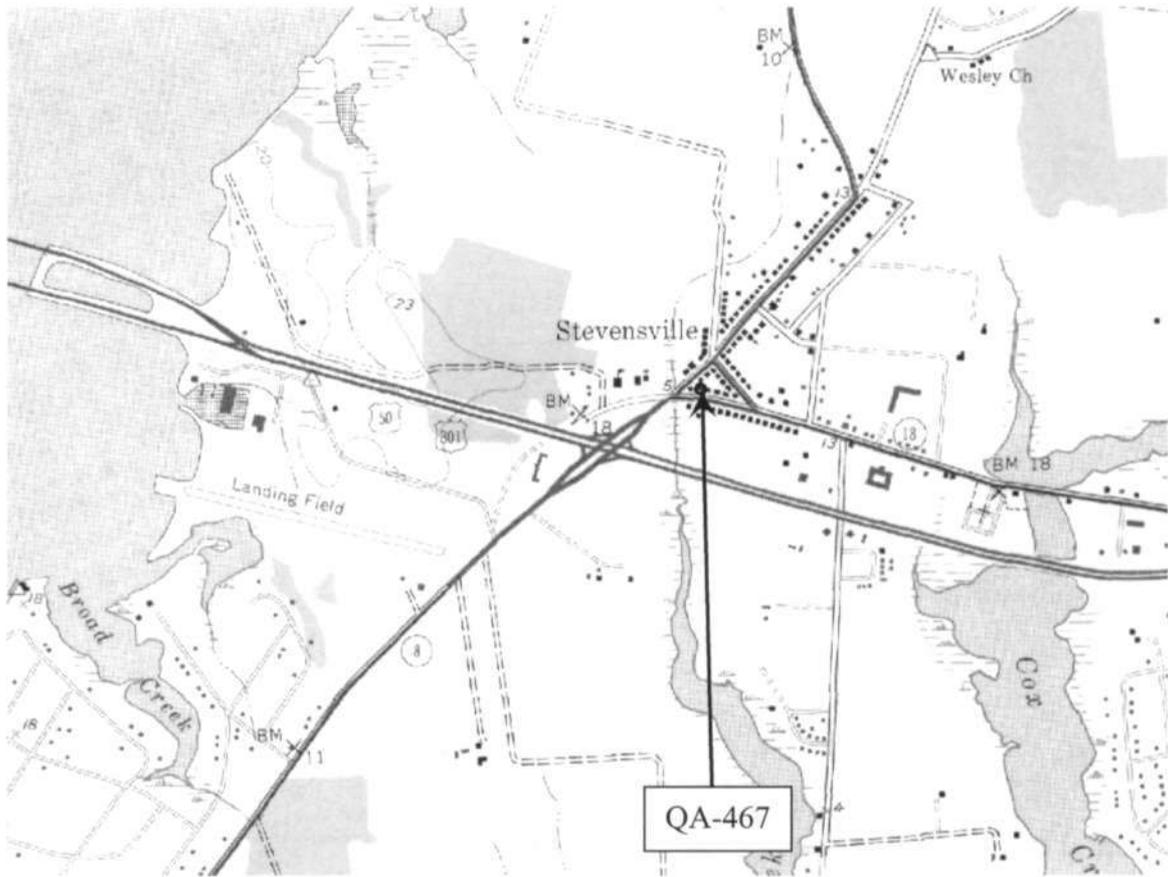
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**Significance:**

The Gillis House contributes to the significance of the Stevensville Historic District in its location, design, setting, materials and association. Its contribution has been enhanced by the removal of the non-historic siding which reveals the original wood shingles. In its frame construction, orientation to the road and vernacular feeling, it is similar to its neighboring residences on the street, all of which date from the second half of the 19th century. The building demonstrates the typical residential architecture of the southern section of the district, i.e. "I" houses of the 1875-1900 period set close to the streets on small lots. The building is listed as a contributing building in the National Register nomination, Item 7, page 8, parcel 120.

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