

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Tilghman Island Survey Number: ~~704~~ T-546

Project: MD 33 over Knapps Narrows bridge replacement Agency: FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name R. Andrews & B. Hannold Date 6/8/15

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

see attached statement of significance

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: 1990 reconnaissance survey

Prepared by: Elizabeth Hughes

Elizabeth Hannold June 15, 1992
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Andrews
Reviewer, NR program

15 June 92
Date

Survey No. TX-546

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

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- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
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- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Villages

Known Design Source: N/A

TILGHMAN ISLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Tilghman Island Historic District is significant under Criteria A and C as perhaps the best remaining example of a Chesapeake island community. Tilghman was one of several small islands, including Deale, Smith, Hooper and Sharp's Islands, which began as large plantations in the 18th century, developed into agricultural communities in the mid-19th century and, at the turn-of-the century, and blossomed with the advent of the seafood and tourist industries. Most of these islands have experienced considerable change in recent decades and some, like Sharp's Island have been lost to erosion. Although there are mid- and late-20th century houses scattered throughout the island and several concentrations of new development, Tilghman is still characterized by its 19th and early 20th century frame houses and still consists of four distinct villages surrounded by open fields and ever-present views of the water. Moreover, Tilghman remains a community of watermen and home to a large number of skipjacks. Therefore, Tilghman offers the best opportunity in Maryland for the study of the development of these islands and the lifeways of the Chesapeake.

In the 1700s Tilghman Island was divided into several large plantations owned by Matthew Tilghman. By the mid-19th century much of the land had been subdivided into smaller farms and by the last quarter of the 19th century four small communities had grown up: Tilghman, Avalon, Fairbank and Barneck. Although mostly residential, these villages also contained stores, churches and schools. In the 1880s and 1890s, with improvements in shipping and food preservation, the seafood industry took off and the island burgeoned. Packing houses for oysters, crabs, fish, and roe as well as for tomatoes, corn, and other vegetables were found on the island. Boatbuilding and repair was another important industry. Tilghman was known for several boat types indigenous to the Chesapeake: log canoes, bug-eyes, and skipjacks. Improvements in rail and steamboat transportation in the 1890s brought tourists from Baltimore and other areas. Many private homes were converted to boarding houses in the summer and several hotels were constructed. Resources representing all of these industries remain on the island today.

The architecture of Tilghman Island dates from the mid-19th through the 20th century and is nearly all frame construction and modest, vernacular design. However, there are several houses of more elaborate design along Wharf Road in Tilghman and, scattered throughout the island, a number of houses of an unusual pie shape formed by two equal, diagonally-placed wings and a projecting entrance bay. The building was done by local carpenters, some of whom also worked as boat builders.

The boundaries of the island itself form the most appropriate boundaries for the historic district. The period of significance extends to World War II.

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DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic TILGHMAN ISLAND SURVEY DISTRICT

and/or common

2. Location

street & number MD. ROUTE 33 not for publication

city, town Tilghman Island vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Talbot County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Various Owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Washington Street folio

city, town Easton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The Tilghman Island Survey District is a collection of approximately twenty four buildings which date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It consists of a church, a gable roofed store with a false facade, a bank, and several residences with "Y" shaped floor plans.

Further survey work on the district needs to be done.

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
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<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/ humanitarian
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" 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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-546

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Geoffrey B. Henry

organization THE MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST date

street & number Shaw House, 21 State Circle telephone 269-2439

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438



William Donald Schaefer
Governor

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T-546

Property/District Name: Cooper-Cummings House Survey Number: _____
c. side MD 33, Tilghman Island
Project: MD 33 over Knapps Narrows from Willey Rd to 2000' Agency: SHA
N of Knapps Narrows, Tilghman Island, Talbot County
Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Cooper-Cummings House does not meet the criteria for individual listing according to the information presented by SHA and located in the review compliance files.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: _____

Prepared by: Elizabeth Harold

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 11/30/90

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

DJ Reviewer, NR program Date _____

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Known Design Source: _____



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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
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Property/District Name: Ed Lomax House and Cemetery Survey Number: T-546
Side of MD 33, Tilghman Island
Project: MD 33 over Knapps Narrows from Willey Rd to Agency: SHA
2000' N of Knapps Narrows, Tilghman Is, Talbot Co. Date _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Ed Lomax House and Cemetery do not meet the criteria for individual listing according to the information presented by SHA + located on the recent compliance files.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: _____

Prepared by: Elizabeth Hannott Date: 11/28/90

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Reviewer, NR program _____ Date _____

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