

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common The Elms

## 2. Location

street & number Route 33 and Mission Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Tilghman \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Fifthstate MD 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 Shirley G. Walton

street & number Route 33 telephone no.: 886-2173city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 473street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 708city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-858

**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 Elms is located on the northeast corner of Mission Road and Route 33 in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. The house faces west, with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1893, The Elms is clad in weatherboard and supported by a brick pier foundation. The roof of this two-story, frame house is covered in asphalt shingles.

The five bay, west (main) facade has a central door with sidelights and a four light transom. A latticed portico with a scroll sawn balustrade shelters the entrance door and is flanked by a pair of six-over-six sash windows. On the second floor, there is a central, projecting, five-sided bay with a single four-over-four sash window on each side. A cross gable, clad in green shingles and supported by decorative brackets, roofs this projecting bay and has an inset half round fanlight. The central bay is flanked by a pair of six-over-six windows.

The north elevation of the primary wing, gable end has two four-light windows at the attic story, cornice returns, and an interior brick chimney. An extensive addition extends from the rear of the primary wing to the east. The north elevation of this addition has an assortment of one-over-one, two-over-two, and six-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors. There is an exterior chimney stack is located on the eastern end of this addition.

The east elevation of the primary wing has one six-over-six sash window on the first floor and two six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. The east elevation gable end of the two-story addition has a one-story, gable roof addition on the first floor. This addition is connected to the main house by an enclosed breezeway and lit by six-over-six sash windows and a six light casement. There are two one-over-one sash windows to the north of this addition and one one-over-one sash window to the south. Two six-over-six sash windows light the second story, and there are two four-light windows at the attic story.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-858

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### 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.

The Elms was built by Charles James Howeth who came to Tilghman with his family from Poplar Island in 1893. This property was purchased from Charlotte Howeth by the current owner's parents in 1928 and operated as a boarding house until the 1960s.

The Elms got its name from two large elm trees which stood in the front yard before they were taken by Elm blight. The ornate central bay of the front facade is distinctive. The house is large and rambling and situated on a generous portion of ground in the center of the village of Tilghman.

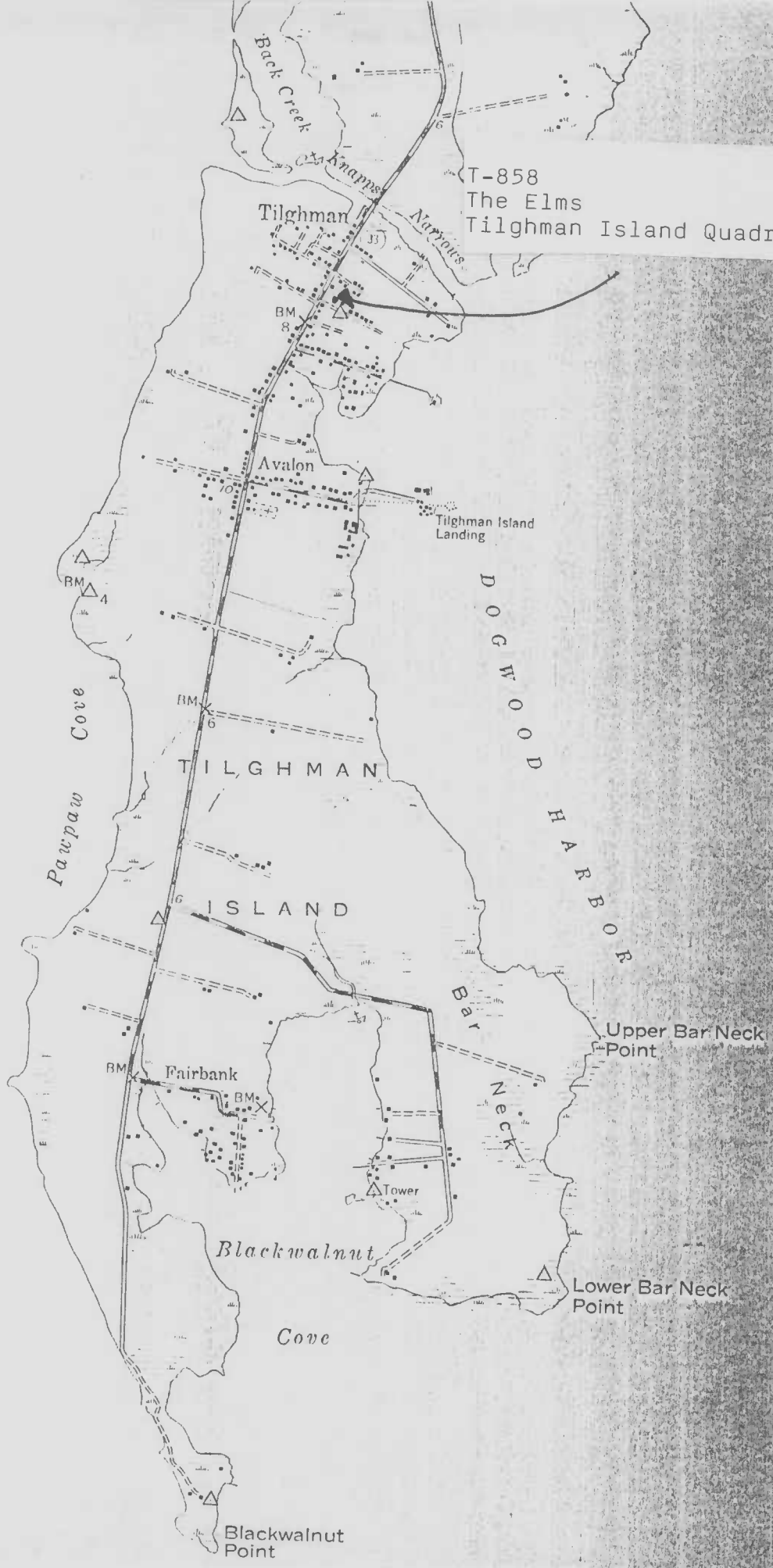


The Elms description continued.

The south elevation has a full length porch, enclosed in 1943, lit by six-over-one sash windows and two entrance doors. The windows are grouped as five banks of three windows. Seven six-over-six sash windows stretch across the second story. The two western bays of this elevation act as the south gable end of the primary wing. This section has two four-light windows in the attic story, cornice returns, and an interior brick chimney.

There are three outbuildings on the property which were formerly used to house boarders which are currently being used for storage. There is one three room, shed roof structure clad in vertical siding and lit by three six-light casement windows and three doors on the south side. A second three room outbuilding has a gable roof and is lit by three banks of two six-over-six sash windows and three doors. The third outbuilding is a one-and-a-half story cinderblock garage with dormer windows which has seven bedrooms.

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The Elms  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle



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