

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HILLARY-MAIN HOUSE

and/or common MAIN'S GREENHOUSE

2. Location

street & number 3659 RIVA ROAD not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE vicinity of 4th congressional district

state MARYLAND county ANNE ARUNDEL

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	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 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 WILLIAM P STEPHENS & HILDA S STEPHENS

street & number 40 CORNHILL STREET telephone no.: 263-3118

city, town ANNAPOLIS state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 3356

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 709

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD 21401

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-847

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

A one and one-half-story gable house with lap siding is located 1/8th mile north of Route 214 on the east side of Riva Road. The house faces west and sits back about 150 feet from the road. Two small poly-greenhouses are located north of the house. There is a small plank shed in the rear yard. The main section of the house has an asphalt-shingle gable roof with plain box cornices. The front door, which is located in the center, has a glass sash in the upper half. Its lower section has three panels, with the top panel divided and the lower two horizontal.

Centered in the front of the main section, there is a porch with a hip roof. The porch ceiling has narrow groove boards and the flooring is plain and narrow.

On either side of the front door are two-over-two windows with vertical panes. In the roof of the main section, centered over the front door, is a gabled dormer with a one-over-six window.

A wing with a hip roof has been added to the north side of the house. It is centered below a two-over-two window in the gable. There are windows abutting the wing on the first floor which have two-over-two vertical panes.

Between the first floor two-over-two window, there is an ell, built in two periods. The earlier addition has a hip roof (whereas the later portion has a shed roof). In this earlier section, there is a small six-over-one window on the north and a two-over-two window to the south, similar to the main structure. The newer section has paired eight-pane casement windows on the north side. The rear has two sets of similar casements set in side-by-side, with a five-panel back door on the left. A narrow cinder block chimney is located close to the junction of the south side of the ell and the main house.

Another wing has been added to the south end of the house. On the front, it is flush with the original house, but covers only two-thirds of its sides and abuts a two-over-two window on the east. The rear and the front of the wing have triple windows with six-over-one sash. The end has a brick chimney centered in the gable and, on each side, six-over-one windows. The second floor of the main house has a two-over-two window centered in the gable.

The cellar is partially dug out. It is reached by a bulkhead located on the northeast corner of the house. The portion under the main house is lined by cinder block areas, whereas under the ell there is poured concrete. The center cross beam and the joists are circular sawn. The center beam is also reinforced by an eight-by-eight beam. The foundation of the entire structure is constructed of an assortment of wood, cinder block, poured concrete, and red tile.

Inside, a narrow center hall separates paired rooms on each side. The parlor side has a wall which is divided by a waist-high wall (passageway) with two supporting decorative columns. The wall opens to the dining room. On the north side of the center hall are two similar size rooms. Both have access to the north wing. Throughout these areas, the trim is made of plain boards with simple corner blocks. The baseboards are plain with a quarter round toe molding. All interior doors have five horizontal panels except for a pair of French doors which lead to the south

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
<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/ 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 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.

The Hillary-Main House is a 1½ story frame house that appears to date to the mid- to late-19th century. The original section is two rooms deep with a center passage plan; later additions have been made to both gable ends and the the rear facade.

wing. The newer south wing has a fireplace which has been converted to a woodstove. The walls are knotty pine and the ceiling has exposed beams. The floors are finished in three-and-one-half-inch-wide oak.

The kitchen is reached by a door to the ell, on the east side of the dining area. On the north wall is a door to a closet which is set under the ladder-like stairs. The ladder stairs lead to a very large open room which fills the attic space of the main house.

