

HA-1298

SUMMARY

Wm. Sims House
Aldino-Stepney Road
Carsins Run, Maryland

This two-story, gable-roofed frame farmhouse dates from the third quarter of the 19th century. It - or a portion of it - was probably built by Michael Gilbert on his 64-acre farm of the tract called "Gilberts Pipe". The Gilbert family owned a great deal of property in this area, and the nearby town of Aldino was once called "Gilbert Town". Several other Gilbert houses are still standing - HA-998 and HA-1299.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
William Sims House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Aldino-Stepney Road, North of Md. Rte. 22 nr. Carsins Run

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Harford

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
William Sims

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Aldino-Stepney Road

CITY, TOWN
Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, gable-roofed clapboard house is located on the east side of Aldino-Stepney Road, north of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22).

Set on a raised stone foundation, the house is four bays wide and one room deep, with a one-story shed-roofed addition on the east end. A one-story screened porch with a hipped roof and carved brackets spans the south-or-front-facade, which has windows (irregularly spaced) in each of the four bays. There are three brick chimneys with corbelled caps: a pair west of center in the main section and one in the east wing. Windows have 6/6 sash and, in the first story south side, louvered shutters.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 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 _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1826 Michael Gilbert began to accumulate parcels of "Gilbert's Pipe": 46 acres from the estate of Charles Gilbert (d. October 14, 1820)¹, 30 acres from the estate of James Gilbert², and, in tandem with John & James C. Gilbert, another 50 acres from the estate of Charles Gilbert³. When Michael Gilbert died in 1860, he left all his real estate "being a tract of land where I now live called Gilbert's Pipe containing 64 acres" to his wife Martha Gilbert.⁴ This house may have been built in the interim by Michael Gilbert, and exterior architectural evidence concurs with a mid-19th century date.

However, Michael Gilbert's inventory indicates that he was a less-than-prosperous farmer: "two small heifers and two dry cows; six ewes and lambs; two pigs (one ick); one old candle stand, old looking glass; six chairs, old Rush bottom; two beds and bedding; one old spinning wheel and reel; one old side saddle; one box and desk; six articles ironware, old; one old plough; three buckets and cupboardware." The modesty of Michael Gilbert's possessions suggests that the present house is of a more substantial size than one he would have lived in--he certainly could not have furnished all the rooms with what was included in his inventory. Only a portion of the house may have been here during Michael Gilbert's lifetime or, indeed, the house may have been constructed after his death.

The house was certainly built by 1878 when an equity case refers to 71 acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" "now is the occupancy of ... Martha & Edward Gilbert." (Martha Gilbert had acquired an additional seven acres from George Armstrong and Elizer Baker for \$625 in 1872).⁵ The 1878 Martenet's Map shows several houses in this vicinity, one belonging to Edward Gilbert.

In 1892, in another equity dispute, the farm was sold to J. Scott Hughes for \$1900.⁶ Nine years later, he sold it to Hobson Jones for \$2500,⁷ and in 1905 Lillie B. Jones, "spinster of Baltimore City," purchased it for \$2185.⁸ She sold it the next year to George Alexander Gilbert for \$1250,⁹ and after he died in 1907, the property was sold to Arthur Preston.¹⁰

In 1938, he sold the 71-acre farm to Fielder C. Rhudy, who soon after sold it to John D. & Florence E. Cooley.¹² In 1951, the property--still 71 acres--was sold to William & Elaine Sims.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, and Equity Records of Harford County
1878 Martenet's Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers

12/79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Harford County Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

45 South Main Street

838-6000 X 207

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WILLIAM SIMS HOUSE

Title Search

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|----|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1. | 360/196 | July 26, 1951 | Grantor: John D. & Florence E. Cooley
Grantee: William G. & Marian Elaine Sims
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 2. | MEWR 253/363 | December 3, 1938 | Grantor: Fielden C. Rhudy & wife, Ruth T. Rhudy
Grantee: John D. & Florence E. Cooley
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 3. | SWC 251/346 | June 8, 1938 | Grantor: Arthur & Celia Preston
Grantee: Fielden C. & Ruth T. Rhudy
Acreage: 71 Acres |
| 4. | Equity Records
JAR 99/378 | September 4, 1911 | Douglas B. & Doris Gilbert vs. Mary S. Gilbert, et al - Division of estate of George Alexander Gilbert (dec. August 25, 1907) |
| 5. | JAR 132/364 | March 3, 1911 | 1st Part: Noble L. Mitchell, Trustee
Henry A. Osborn, Mary S. Gilbert
2nd Part: Henry A. Osborn
3rd Part: Arthur Preston
Acreage: 71 Acres |
| 6. | WSF 117/241 | February 21, 1906 | Grantor: Lillie B. Jones, spinster of Baltimore City
Grantee: George A. Gilbert
Sum: \$1250
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe" = 71 Acres |
| 7. | WSF 115/318 | July 22, 1905 | Grantor: John L. G. Lee, Assignee
Grantee: Lillie B. Jones
Sum: \$2185
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 8. | WSF 102/42 | February 25, 1901 | Grantor: J. Scott & Ida B. Hughes
Fireside Bldg. Assoc.
Grantee: Hobson Jones
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 9. | WSF 73/174 | April 13, 1892 | Grantor: George L. Van Bibber, Trustee
(Amos Spencer vs. Martha M. Gilbert, et al)
Grantee: J. Scott Hughes
Sum: \$1900
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |

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| 10. | ALJ 62/136 | May 19, 1888 | Grantor: A. Preston Gilbert, Trustee
(Cassandra W. Lee vs. George
E. & Martha M. Gilbert, et al
Grantee: Martha M. Gilbert
Sum: \$2000
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 11A. | ALJ 27/149 | February 3, 1872 | Grantor: George S. & Sarah C. Armstrong
Charles & Elizer Baker
Grantee: Martha M. Gilbert (sic)
Sum: \$625
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe" = 7 Acres |
| B. | ALJ 23/363 | February 23, 1870 | Grantor: Sophia Gilbert, Chas. B. Gilbert
& wife, Susan H. Gilbert
Grantee: G. Sidney Armstrong
Sum: \$600
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe" |
| 12. | Will Records
CWB 7/594 | Approved
April 23, 1860 | Will of Michael Gilbert
Devisee: Martha Gilbert, wife |
| 13A. | HD 20/72 | October 21, 1836 | Grantor: Jarvis & Sophia Gilbert, Wm. &
Elizabeth Chesney, Ephraim &
Ann Gilbert, Amos & Ann Anderson,
Taylor & Sophia Gilbert, Comfort
Gilbert, Mary Weeks
Grantee: Michael Gilbert
Sum: \$210
Acreage: of James Gilbert, dec. called
"Gilbert's Pipe"
22 1/2 Acres; 8 Acres |
| B. | HD 10/287 | December 29, 1826 | Grantor: Garvas Gilbert, James C. Gilbert
Ephraim Gilbert, John Gilbert,
Taylor Gilbert, Elizabeth
Gilbert, Comfort Gilbert, Mary
Weeks, Ann & Amos Anderson
Grantee: Michael Gilbert
Partition of lands of Charles E. Gilbert,
dec.; to Michael Gilbert - 1/2 of
lots No. 4 & 5 - Clarks Tobacco
& Gilbert's Pipe - 46 Acres |
| C. | HD 12/123 | December 29, 1828 | Grantor: Taylor Gilbert
Grantee: James Gilbert, Michael Gilbert,
John Gilbert
Sum: \$100
Acreage: Part of "Gilbert's Pipe"; part
of plantation property belonging
to Chas. Gilbert, now dec. |

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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13D. HD 10/281

December 29, 1826

Grantor: Garves Gilbert, Ephraim Gilbert,
Taylor Gilbert, Elizabeth
Gilbert, Comfort Gilbert, Mary
Weeks, Ann & Amos Anderson
Grantee: James C. Gilbert, Michael
Gilbert, John Gilbert
Sum: \$100
Acreage: Lot No. 7 = 25 Acres

William Sims House
MA-1298
Significance (continued)
CONTINUATION SHEET #1

1. Liber HD 10, folio 287
2. Liber HD 20, folio 72
3. Liber HD 12, folio 123, Liber HD 10, folio 281
4. Will Records Liber CWB 7, folio 594
5. Liber ALJ 27, folio 149
6. Liber WSF 73, folio 174
7. Liber WSF 102, folio 42
8. Liber WSF 115, folio 318
9. Liber WSF 117, folio 241
10. Liber JAR 132, folio 364
11. Liber SWC 251, folio 346
12. Liber MEWR 253, folio 363



William Sims House
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Natalie Shivers
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