

## Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1107

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Name: Rigby Valliant House, 123 W. Chestnut Street,  
St. Michaels Historic District (T-577)

Construction Date: ca. 1832

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

A contributing element in the St. Michaels Historic District, this house is a two-story, three bay structure with a lateral gable roof line. Currently functioning as a Bed & Breakfast, the house has been altered extensively. A large, two-story addition has been added to the west elevation of the main block, and a one-story addition to the rear. Some original trim-work, mantels, doors, and some hardware remain on the interior. The building rests on a brick pier foundation and has been clad in vinyl siding.

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Rigby Valliant House (St. Michaels Historic District)

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 123 W. Chestnut Street  not for publication

city, town St. Michaels  vicinity of congressional district First

state 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 Richard & Joan Crompton

street & number P.O. Box 88t telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663-0088

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 616

street & number Washington Street folio 97

city, town Easton state MD 21601

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title St. Michaels Historic District

date 1986  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

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## 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Rigby Valliant House is a two-story, three bay, wood frame structure, constructed ca. 1832. The facade contains an entrance in the easternmost bay flanked by narrow, three-pane sidelights and a six-pane overhead transom. A single bay, gabled entry porch shelters the front door. All of the original windows have been replaced with modern aluminum units. An original porch located on the east elevation has been enclosed. The main block of the building is rectangular in plan; however, a large, modern two-story addition has been added to the west elevation, and a large one-story addition added on the rear. The additions were probably added in 1986 to provide more space to accommodate guests, as the home currently operates as a bed and breakfast. The interior contains original trim-work, mantel, doors and some hardware. The building rests on a brick pier foundation, and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The main house has been covered with vinyl siding. A single exterior end, brick chimney is located between the main block of the house and the modern two-story addition. A modern wood deck, equipped with a hot tub, abuts the rear wing.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1832 Builder/Architect unknown

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.

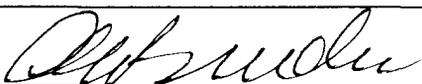
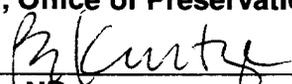
This early-nineteenth century structure (ca. 1832) is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577) as part of the group of the mid-to-late nineteenth century domestic buildings considered significant to the town under Criterion C. Please refer to the St. Michaels Historic District National Register Nomination Form for the statement of significance.

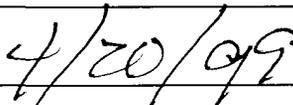
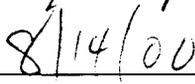
The house has had extensive alterations. Since the building is a contributing element within the St. Michaels Historic District, it is assumed that the alterations and new construction were approved by the St. Michaels Historic Area Commission and conform to the St. Michaels Area Design Guidelines.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

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

Comments: The house is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577). The district nomination did not describe all individual properties; therefore, this form was completed.

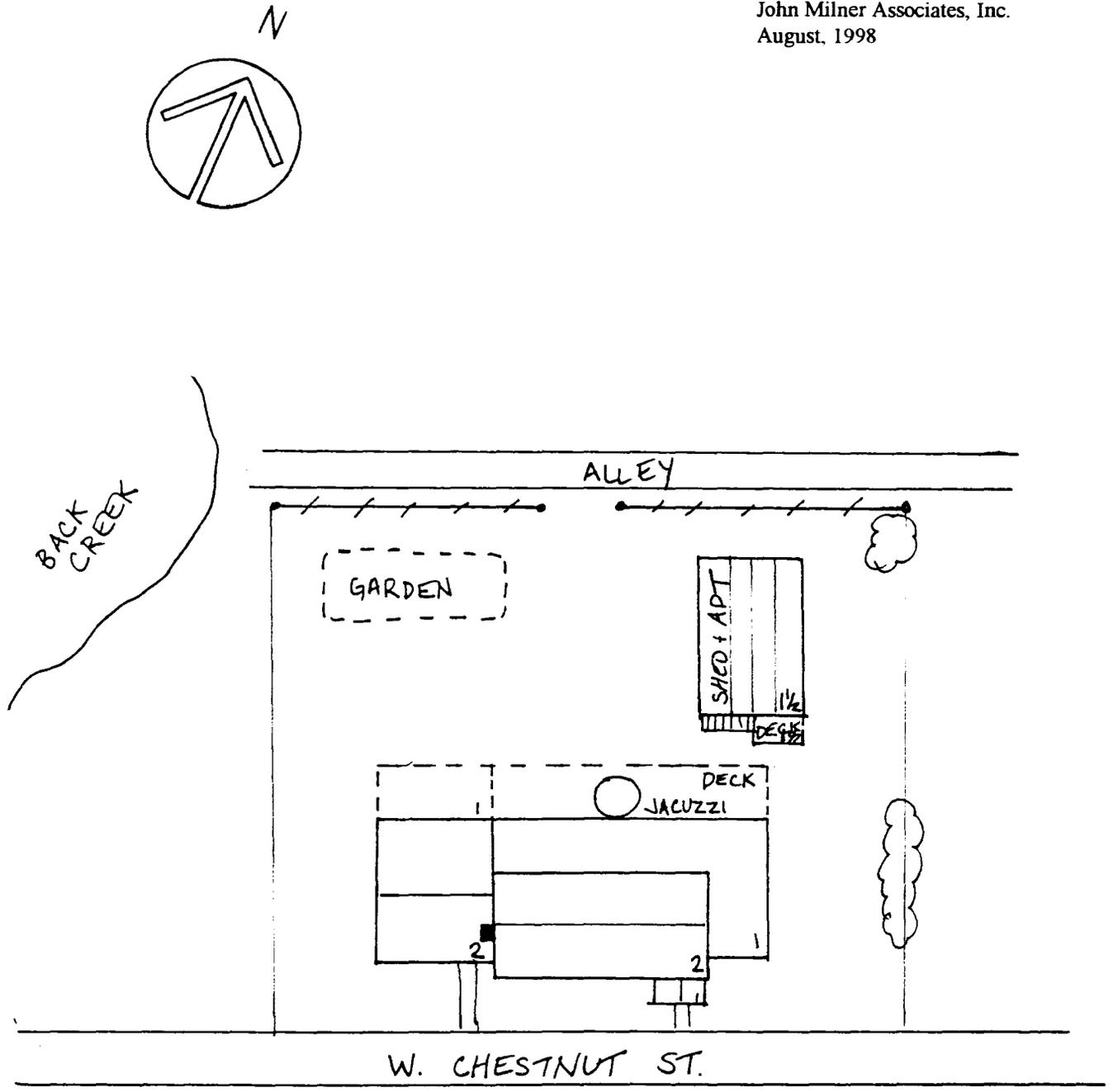
  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
  
 Reviewer, NR program

  
 Date 4/20/99  
  
 Date 8/14/00  




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St. Michaels Historic District  
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

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John Milner Associates, Inc.  
August, 1998



# Continuation Sheet

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period A.D. 1815-1870

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none





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Main house, South elevation ~~front~~  
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Main house, East elevation

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Main house, West elevation

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Main house, North elevation

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Apartment/shed, looking NE  
NE of Main house

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Apartment/shed, looking SE

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