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c. 1870 and earlier

John S. Hambleton House
St. Michaels
private

The John S. Hambleton house is a significant two-story dwelling that defines the east side of North Talbot Street in the northern precincts of this river-side village. The exterior of the cross-gabled frame structure has survived essentially intact with its Victorian porch, two-over-two sash windows, and original entrance. To the rear is a two-story porch with its late nineteenth-century second floor railing. Standing behind the house is an interesting single-story frame outbuilding with three four-panel doors that open into separate rooms. The house is set back from the road farther than the adjacent dwellings, and it is enhanced by a more generous lot.

The property on which this house stands was purchased by John S. Hambleton from the School Commissioners for Talbot County in 1871 for \$350. The school commissioners had acquired the site in 1849, and during that time and 1870, classes were held in a structure that Hambleton later reworked as a dwelling. The writers for the Easton Star included in the December 20, 1870, issue that, "John S. Hambleton is altering the old school house for a dwelling." The property remained in Hambleton's hands until his death, when he bequeathed the property to his wife, Angeline. The children of John and Angeline Hambleton retained ownership of their parent's house until the late 1920s.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN S. HAMBLETON HOUSE

and/or common HAMILTON JEWITT HOUSE

2. Location

street & number East side of North Talbot²⁰⁹ Street not for publication

city, town St. Michaels vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 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	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 Hamilton Jewitt

street & number 209 North Talbot Street telephone no.:

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-618

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.

The John S. Hambleton house, more recently known as the Hamilton Jewitt house, stands at 209 North Talbot Street in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The two-story, cross-gabled frame house is reported by the owner to have started as a school and reworked as a dwelling by John S. Hambleton. This family tradition is substantiated by documentary references. (see History and Support Statement) The tee-shaped frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof has slightly extended eaves with short returns at the base of the roof. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing with shed additions to the back. A small single-story frame outbuilding of undetermined original use remains in the backyard.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded Victorian front door is framed by sidelights and a transom, while the windows retain original louvered shutters. The hip roof porch that shelters the first floor is supported by chamfered porch posts trimmed with decorative brackets. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows that are hung with louvered shutters as well. The center cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch four-over-two sash light. Protruding through the center of the house is a stuccoed brick chimney.

The side elevations of the main block are defined by two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and smaller sized windows light the attic. The eaves are slightly extended beyond the wall surface.

The east side of main house is largely covered by the two-story service wing, which is extended to the south by a two-story partially enclosed shed-roofed porch. The service wing is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and four-panel side doors pierce the north and south first floor walls. The second floor porch retains a Victorian handrail.

The interior has been reworked to a large degree. The front door opens into a small vestibule through which one passes to the north and south front rooms. Both rooms have been stripped of late nineteenth-century finishes and retrimmed with modern materials. A brick mantel and hearth have been added to the fireplace wall in the south room. The stair is fixed in the northeast corner of the main block, and it has been reworked as well. In addition, new finishes have been introduced to the rear service wing with the removal of beaded board wainscoting and a rear stair.

The outbuilding is a single-story weatherboard frame structure with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The front slope of the roof extends farther than the rear slope. Three four-panel doors pierce the west wall and open into separate rooms. No structural evidence or oral traditions revealed the original use of the late nineteenth-century building.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" 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.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The property on which this house stands was purchased by John S. Hambleton from the School Commissioners for Talbot County in 1871 for \$350.(77/71) The school commissioners had acquired the property in 1849 (62/36), and during that time and 1870, classes were held in a structure that John S. Hambleton reworked as a dwelling. The writers for the Easton Star included in the December 20, 1870, issue that, "John S. Hambleton is altering the old school house for a dwelling." The property remained in Hambleton's hands until his death, when he bequeathed the property to his wife, Angeline.(Will Book 19/36) The children of John and Angeline Hambleton retained ownership of the house until the late 1920s.

JOHN S. HAMBLETON HOUSE

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YEAR: 1935 VOL: 236 PAGE: 30

FROM: Sallie B. Kimball PRICE:

TO : Lavinia B. Jewett

NOTES: Begins at a stone near the bridge across the main road; run East to a stone by the marsh; then SW to former Jeremiah Harrison; with the Harrison lots West to the road; with the road to the beginning. About 1 acre.

Conveyed to Kimball by Legg 1934, 232/163.

1935, 236/31 is a mortgage, Jewett to Kimball for \$450.

YEAR: 1934 VOL: 232 PAGE: 163

FROM: S. Willard Legg

TO : Sallie B. Kimball

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Legg by Kimball 1929, 221/60

YEAR: 1929 VOL: 221 PAGE: 60

FROM: Sallie B. Kimball PRICE: \$2350

TO : S. Willard Legg

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Kimball by Henry, Trustee 1929, 216/375

YEAR: 1929 VOL: 216 PAGE: 229

FROM: T. Hughlett Henry, Trustee PRICE: \$2050

TO : Sallie B. Kimball

Notes: Same description. By decree of Circuit Court in Equity, 1928. Mildred H. Hambleton complaintant and John Harold Hambleton and William Harris Hambleton, infants, defendants. Sold to Sallie B. Kimball.

Property was acquired by Mildred H. Hambleton, John Harold Hambleton and William Harris Hambleton, only children of Harold H. Hambleton on his death in 1918 and by deed from Emerson 1928, 214/292

YEAR: 1928 VOL: 214 PAGE: 292

FROM: Horace H. J. Emerson and wife

TO : Mildred H. Hambleton and others

NOTES: Same description. This deed conveys a 1/16 interest.

Interest acquired under the will of Angeline D. Hambleton 1916, 19/238

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 19 PAGE: 238 (WILL)
WILL OF ANGELINE D. HAMBLETON

Leaves all her property to her children: Rosa Hambleton Millett, Anna Hambleton Hooper, and Harold H. Hambleton.

Angeline D. Hambleton had received the property under the will of her husband, John S. Hambleton.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 19 PAGE: 36
WILL OF JOHN S. HAMBLETON

One item of the will leaves the "house and lot where he resides" to his wife Angeline D. Hambleton with the power to sell with the consent of her children.

YEAR: 1871 VOL: 77 PAGE: 71
FROM: School Commissioners for Talbot County PRICE: \$350
TO : John S. Hambleton
NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to the School Commissioners by Robert A. Dodson, Edward Willey, and Oliver Harrison, Trustees of the Primary School of St. Michaels 1849, 62/36.

EASTON "STAR", 1870, December 20: John S. Hambleton is altering the old school house for a dwelling.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 36
FROM: Samuel Hambleton PRICE: \$100
TO : Trustees of School District Number 9
NOTES: Same description. Adjoining the property of Jeremiah Harrison. Part of Samuel Hambleton's farm that he bought from Robert Rolle Richardson in 1812.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 240
FROM: Robert Rolle Richardson PRICE: \$2808
TO : Samuel Hambleton
NOTES: This is where "Purser" Samuel Hambleton (of the Battle of Lake Erie) buys parts of "Beach", "Davenport", "Elliott's Lot", and "Stopper" - a total of 175 acres - that he afterward named Perry Cabin Farm.

NOTE

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

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MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Brushes, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Fine Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

S. DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

J. S. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

S. B. ..., Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Indicate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES BETH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

C. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

J. N. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House." Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

ORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

H. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH BERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

ERISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

PT. C. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

OMAS BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

EMIL HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.

S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DODSON Physician and Surgeon.



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John S. Hambleton House
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle 1942

St Michaels

HUNTING RIVER

BROAD

San Domingo

Speiser Creek

Little Neck Cr.

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

Fairview Pt

Parrott Pt

Navy Pt

BM 12

BM

BM 7

BM 7

BM 8

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JOHN S. HAMBLETON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Maryland

Northwest elevation

1/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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JOHN S. HAMBLETON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southeast elevation of outbuilding

1/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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