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Cockey House
St. Michaels
private

1917

Standing at 204 East Chestnut Street is this two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling erected in 1917. Following a traditional vernacular house form, a side stair hall is flanked by the parlor. Both rooms are finished with a mixture of colonial revival and late Victorian style woodwork. Similar to several nearby dwellings, the house extends to the rear with a single-story service wing. Even though the Cockey house is one of the more recently erected structures on East Chestnut Street the traditional nature of the house contributes to the uninterrupted rows of period structures that line each side of the street.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common COCKEY HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 204 East Chestnut Street not for publicationcity, 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 Sarah and Mary Alice Cockey

street & number 204 East Chestnut 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

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-635

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cockey house is located at 204 East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces north with the main gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1917, the two-story, side hall/parlor frame house is supported by a low masonry foundation and it is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roofs have extended eaves. Attached to the back of the main block is a single story service wing.

The north (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a side entrance framed by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. The door is partially glazed. The adjacent bay is filled with a three-sided bay window filled with single-pane sash. The entire first floor is sheltered by a turned post, hip roof porch. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced single-pane sash windows.

The gable ends of the main block are plain wall surfaces covered in asbestos shingles. Small louvered vents pierce the uppermost gable and the eaves extend slightly beyond the wall surface with short returns at the base. Rising through the southwest corner of the main block is an interior brick chimney that serves the main room.

The south side of the main house is covered largely by a two-story, two-bay section with single-pane sash windows on each floor. Rising through the gable end is an brick chimney finished with a corbelled cap. Extending farther southward is a single-story frame kitchen wing also lighted by single-pane sash windows.

The interior has survived largely intact since the early twentieth century. The side hall contains the period stair with a paneled square newel post, turned balusters and a molded handrail. Below the steps is a molded stringer and below that is a narrow beaded board wall that encloses the bottom of the staircase. A door provides access to the space under the stair. Opening into the adjacent rooms are four-panel doors framed with fluted, bulls-eye block surrounds.

The parlor is simply finished with a Federal style mantel fixed to the south wall. Reeded pilasters and a reeded frieze are topped by a mantel shelf enriched with egg-and-dart edge molding and a dentiled bed molding.

The back rooms behind the dining room are fitted with beaded board wainscoting with late nineteenth-century style chair rail and plain surrounds that frame the doors and windows. Four-panel doors open into pantry rooms at the rear of the house.

The second floor was not seen.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 Cockey house is a traditional two-story, three-bay, side hall/parlor frame house erected in 1917. Similar to several nearby dwellings, the house extends to the rear with a single-story service wing. Inside the house has retained much of its early twentieth-century woodwork that carries colonial revival woodwork as well as a mixture of Victorian moldings. Even though the Cockey house is one of the more recently erected structures on East Chestnut Street the traditional nature of the house contributes to the uninterrupted rows of period houses that line each side of the street.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- DODSON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Pens, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Fatty, Carbon Oil, Pipes, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.
- HADDAWAY**, Insurance Agent and Contractor.
- W. DEAN**, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
- S. DYOTT**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, 30 at St. Michael's.
- ED H. HAMBLETON**, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.
- S. F. TON**, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Taxes.
- S. F. A. ...**, Justice of the Peace and Collector.
- SMITHMAN**, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
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- WILLIAM CAULK**, Physician and Surgeon.
- JAMES BETH**, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.
- LIAM S. HARRISON**, Blacksmith and Carriage Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.
- J. NEAVITT & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.
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- E. BLADES**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.
- SEPH HERGERSHEIMER**, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.
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- R. RISON & 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.
- THOMAS BLADES**, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.
- THOMAS HARRISON**, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.
- S. KILMON**, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.
- A. DODSON** Physician and Surgeon.

Dr. C. Gibson



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COCKEY HOUSE
St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle, 1942

Broad
Creek

San Domingo
Creek

Fairview Pt

BALTIMORE
AND
ANNE ARBOR
RD.

EASTERN
RD.

HUNTING

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EEF
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BROAD
CREEK

San Domingo

San Domingo
Creek

Little Neck Cr.

Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

BM 12

BM

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

St Michaels

BM 7

BM 7

BM 8

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North elevation

3/88, Paul Touart, photographer

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Northeast elevation

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