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c. 1870

Eliza J. Thompson House
St. Michaels
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 210 East Chestnut Street not for publication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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 426

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 76

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-735

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 Eliza J. Thompson house stands at 210 East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The small two-and-a-half story frame house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1870, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by a low masonry foundation, and the house is sheathed with German siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance filled with a partially glazed front door. Two-over-two sash windows flank the door and are hung with louvered shutters. Stretching across the first floor is a Tuscan columned front porch. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two sash window.

Rising through each gable end is an interior end brick stack. The eaves to the roof are extended slightly and finished with short returns at the base of the roof.

The interior 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/ 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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

It has not been determined who financed the construction of this small cross-gabled frame dwelling, but it is estimated to date from the 1870s since a structure is identified at this site on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, published in 1877. Eliza Thompson acquired this property in 1878 from a John S. Thompson. (86/251) She held title to the property until 1884, (99/204) when it was sold to Robert D. Lambdin for \$700.

ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE

210 EAST CHESTNUT STREET

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 426 PAGE: 76

FROM: Gerard T. Warwick and Loraine A. Warwick

TO : Mary Eleanor Pope

NOTES: Mortgage of \$17,600 (1965, 426/372)

Begins at NE corner of Austin Burrows; S 120 feet to an alley; W with the alley 38 feet to Ruth O. Donald and William Davis Donald.

Conveyed to Warwick by Donald 1965, 406/370.

YEAR: 1965 VOL: 406 PAGE: 370

FROM: Ruth O. Donald and William Davis Donald

TO : Gerard T. Warwick, Jr. and Loraine A Warwick

NOTES: Begins NW corner of Austin Burrows; S 120 feet to an alley; W with alley 38 feet to the corner of a lot about to be conveyed by Donald to Gerard T. Warwick, Sr.; 120 feet to Chestnut Street; 38 feet to the beginning.

Part of the property conveyed to Donald by Gillis 1960, 360/571.

YEAR: 1960 VOL: 360 PAGE: 571

FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis

TO : Ruth O. Donald and W. Davis Donald

NOTES: Two parcels = adjacent lots. This is Parcel One with same description. Parcel two is the contiguous lot on west side.

Conveyed to Gillis by Donalds (clearance) 1960, 360/359.

Conveyed to Ruth Wharton (now Donald) by Baynard 1942, 252/454.

YEAR: 1942 VOL: 252 PAGE: 454

FROM: Virginia B. Baynard

TO : Wm. T. Wharton and Ruth Wharton

NOTES: 38' x 120'

Conveyed to G. Oscar Baynard and Virginia B. Baynard by Gillis 1938, 242/489.

Conveyed to Gillis by Baynard 1938, 242/443 (clearance)

Conveyed to Baynard by Orem 1910, 156/192.

YEAR: 1910 VOL: 156 PAGE: 192

FROM: Frank S. Orem and Kate Orem

TO : G. Oscar Baynard and Clarence Baynard

NOTES: \$950. Between late Ann Kemp and Wm. H. Seymour. 30 x 120.

Conveyed to Orem by Lambdin 1909, 155/201.

Also includes a strip of land 8' x 120' on the side adjoining Kemp conveyed to Lambdin by Harrison 1891, 114/355.

YEAR: 1909 VOL: 155 PAGE: 201
FROM: Robert D. Lambdin and Sarah E. Lambdin
TO : Frank S. Orem
NOTES: \$950. Same description, 30 x 120.
Conveyed to Lambdin by Thompson 1884, 99/204.
Includes the 8 foot strip bought by Lambdin from Kemp 1891, 114/355

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 114 PAGE: 355
FROM: Ann Kemp
TO : Robert D. Lambdin
NOTES: \$25. Part of the original 60-foot Kemp lot

YEAR: 1884 VOL: 99 PAGE: 204
FROM: Eliza J. Thompson
TO : Robert D. Lambdin
NOTES: \$700. The lot is 30'x 120'.
Conveyed to Thompson by Thompson 1878, 86/251.
1884, 99/205 is a mortgage to Thompson from Lambdin.

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 86 PAGE: 251
FROM: John S. Thompson
TO : Eliza Thompson
NOTES: Conveyed for L & A. 30' x 120'.
Conveyed to Thompson by Cox 1867, 74/13.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 13
FROM: Daniel P. Cox and Deborah A. Cox
TO : John S. Thompson
NOTES: \$600. 30 x 120. Cox had sold the lot to William Fairbank; however, Fairbank resold to Thompson before the deed was drawn. Cox therefore sells lot to John T. Thompson of the City of Baltimore "with buildings and improvements".
Conveyed to Cox by Harrington and Benson 1850, 62/447.

YEAR: 1850 VOL: 62 PAGE: 447

FROM: Nathan Harrington and James Benson

TO : Daniel P. Cox

NOTES: \$50. Begins on Chestnut Street; runs 30 feet E to William Kemp; with Kemp SE 120 feet to land of Nathan Harrington; SW to a boundary; 120 feet to the beginning. 1/2 town lot (This description makes no sense!)

No deed has been found giving Harrington and Benson title to this (or other) lots on Chestnut Street. In 1848 (61/451), the Dorgan heirs sold Harrington and Benson 50 acres clearly stated in the deed to be contiguous to the boundary of the town. This boundary was 120 feet south of Chestnut Street and did not include the lots bordering on the street; nevertheless Harrington and Benson proceeded to sell several lots (of which this is one) on Chestnut Street.

In 1882, the Dorgan heirs, who were living in Baltimore, filed a series of "ejectment suits" against the then-owners of the lots (John S. Thompson, owner of this lot is not mentioned in the newspaper account) but no record of the trial - if one was held - has been found. Also, there appears to be no break in the orderly sale of the lots concerned.



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ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942



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ELIZA J. THOMPSON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

North elevation

11/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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