

T-799
Charles H. Gibson House
Unionville
Private

c. 1912

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES H. GIBSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-799

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-799
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES H. GIBSON HOUSE

and/or common MARTHA WILLIAMS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number West side of Unionville Road (MD 370) not for publication

city, town Unionville 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Heirs of Martha E. Williams

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 636

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 825

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

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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 Charles H. Gibson house, known also as the Martha E. Williams house, stands on the west side of Unionville Road in the small village of Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1912, the two-story, two-bay frame house is supported by a low masonry foundation, and it is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with boxed cornices and extended eaves. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical facade with a center entrance and closely set flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is partially glazed. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roofed, screened porch. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows.

The north gable end is a plain asbestos shingled wall surface with slightly extended eaves and short returns at the base. Rising through the south gable end is an interior end brick chimney stack.

The west (rear) elevation is partially covered by the two-story, one-bay rear wing, which is extended on its south side by a deteriorated shed addition. An interior end brick stack rises through the gable roof. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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: 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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CHARLES H. GIBSON HOUSE
Unionville, Maryland
Chain of title

636/825 Alice Williams, et al. Personal
 Representative of Martha E. Williams

to

5/26/1987 Alice Williams
 Emily Smith
 Ellen Morris (since 1987 has deceased)

271/182 Robert Julius Jackson, Sarah T.
 Jackson, et al.

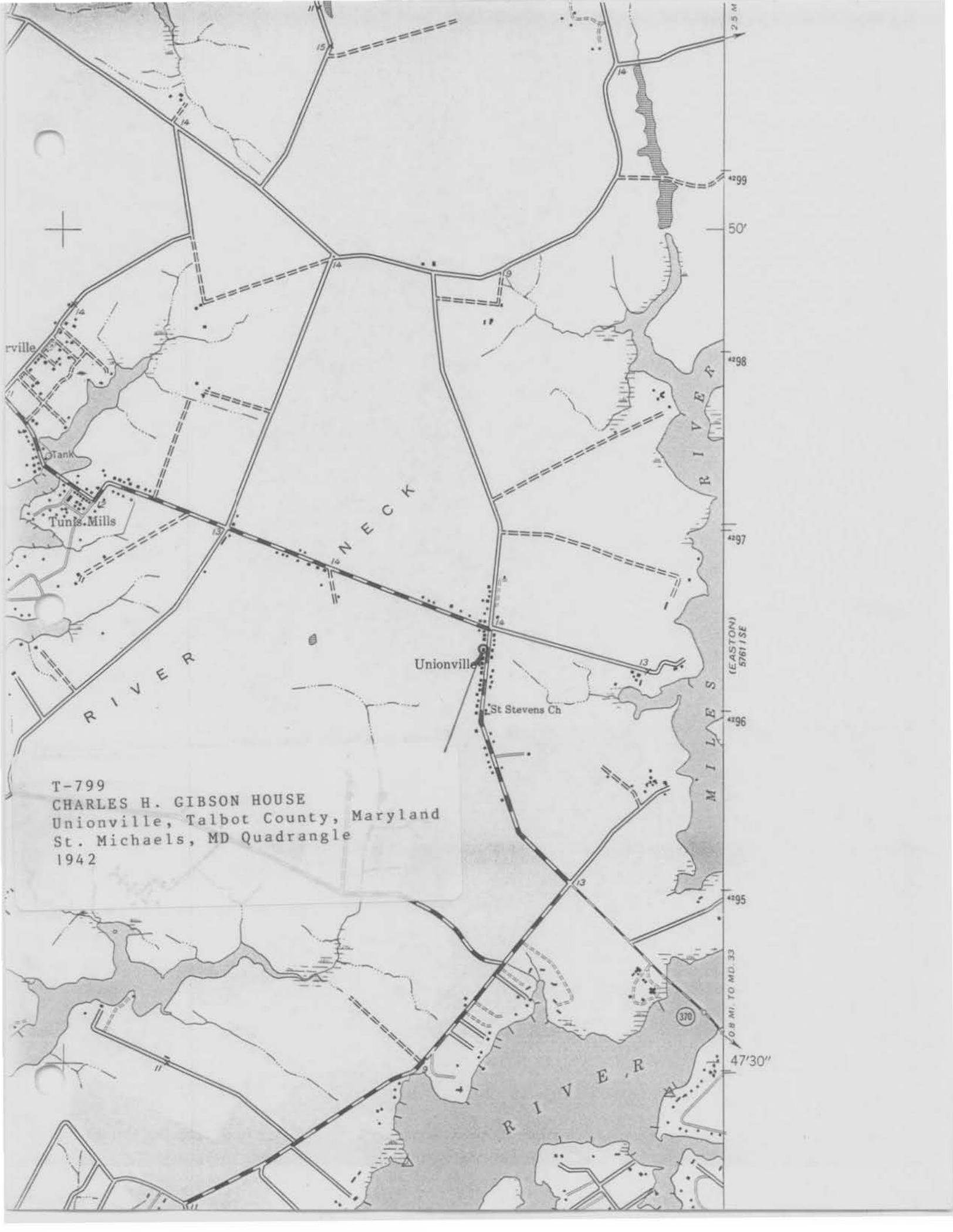
to

7/18/1946 Martha E. Williams
 known as the William Doram, Sr. lot

163/193 James M. Cowgill
 Lida A. Cowgill

to

11/9/1912 Charles H. Gibson
 Sarah Gibson
 \$200 128 square rods



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CHARLES H. GIBSON HOUSE
Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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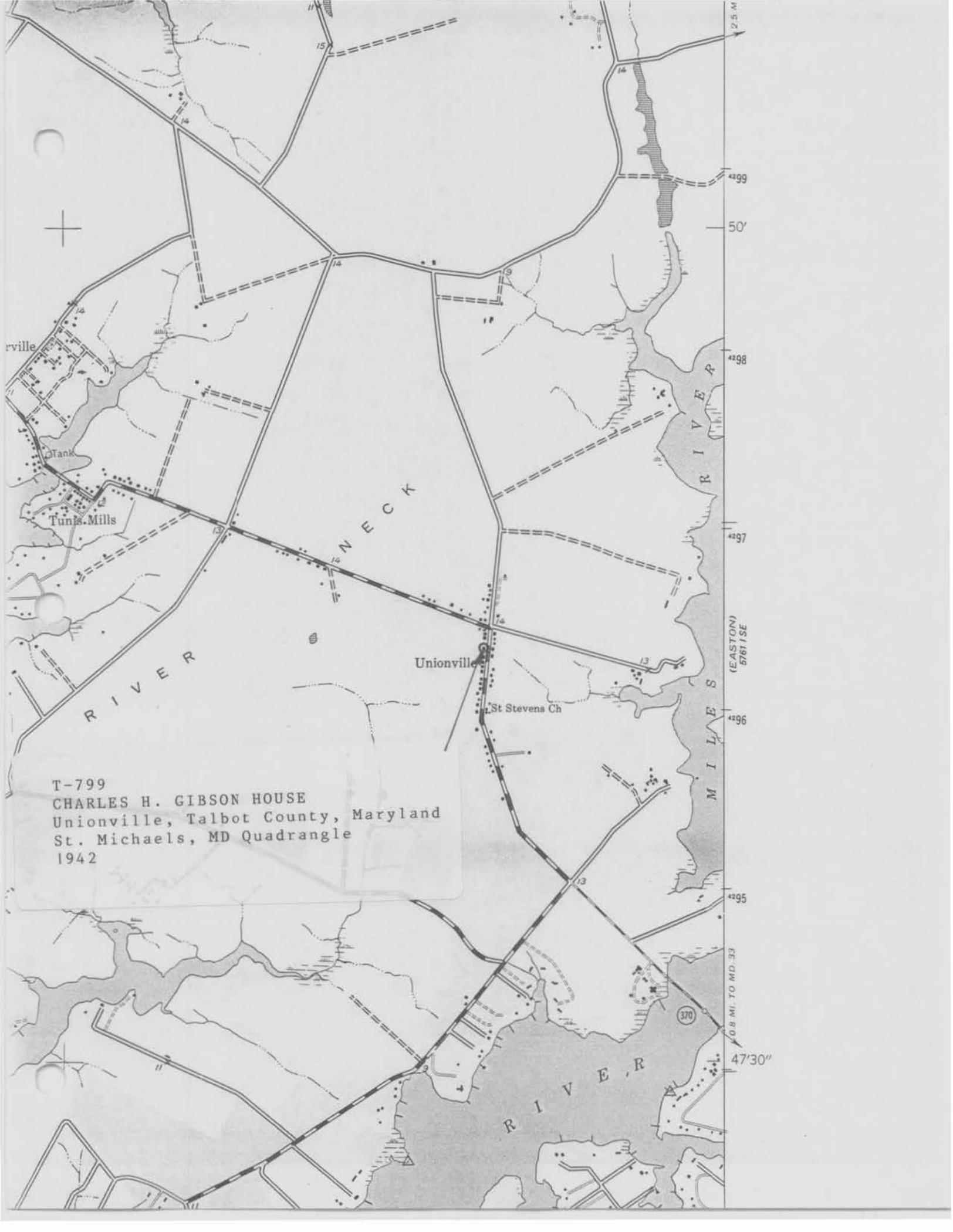
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Northeast elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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