

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Gorman Cummings House

## 2. Location

street & number Fairbank Road  not for publicationcity, town Fairbank  vicinity of  congressional district Fifthstate 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Charles L. and Dorothy G. Cummings

street &amp; number Fairbank Road telephone no.: 886-2315

city, town Fairbank state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 414

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 18

city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. T-820

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Gorman Cummings house stands on the west side of Fairbank Road in Fairbank on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. This two-and-a-half story frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built between 1900-1925, the Cummings house is clad in German siding and supported by brick piers reinforced with cinder blocks. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade has a one-story, full-width porch across the first floor which was enclosed by the present owners and clad in weatherboard. This first floor has a central door flanked by louvered windows. The second floor has three two-over-two sash windows with black louvered shutters. The windows have wide surrounds and flat crown mouldings. A small two-over-two sash window is set into the central cross gable at the attic story. The Cummings house has cornerboards and an open eave with exposed rafter feet.

The south elevation has two two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. The roof of this south gable end is pierced with an interior brick chimney.

The west elevation has a projecting, two-story wing as the central bay. The west gable end of this wing has an interior chimney and no windows. The north and south sides of the wing are lit by two-over-two sash windows. A modern, one-story, shed addition is attached to the south end of this wing.

The north elevation has two two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. An interior brick chimney rests at this north gable end.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-820

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 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

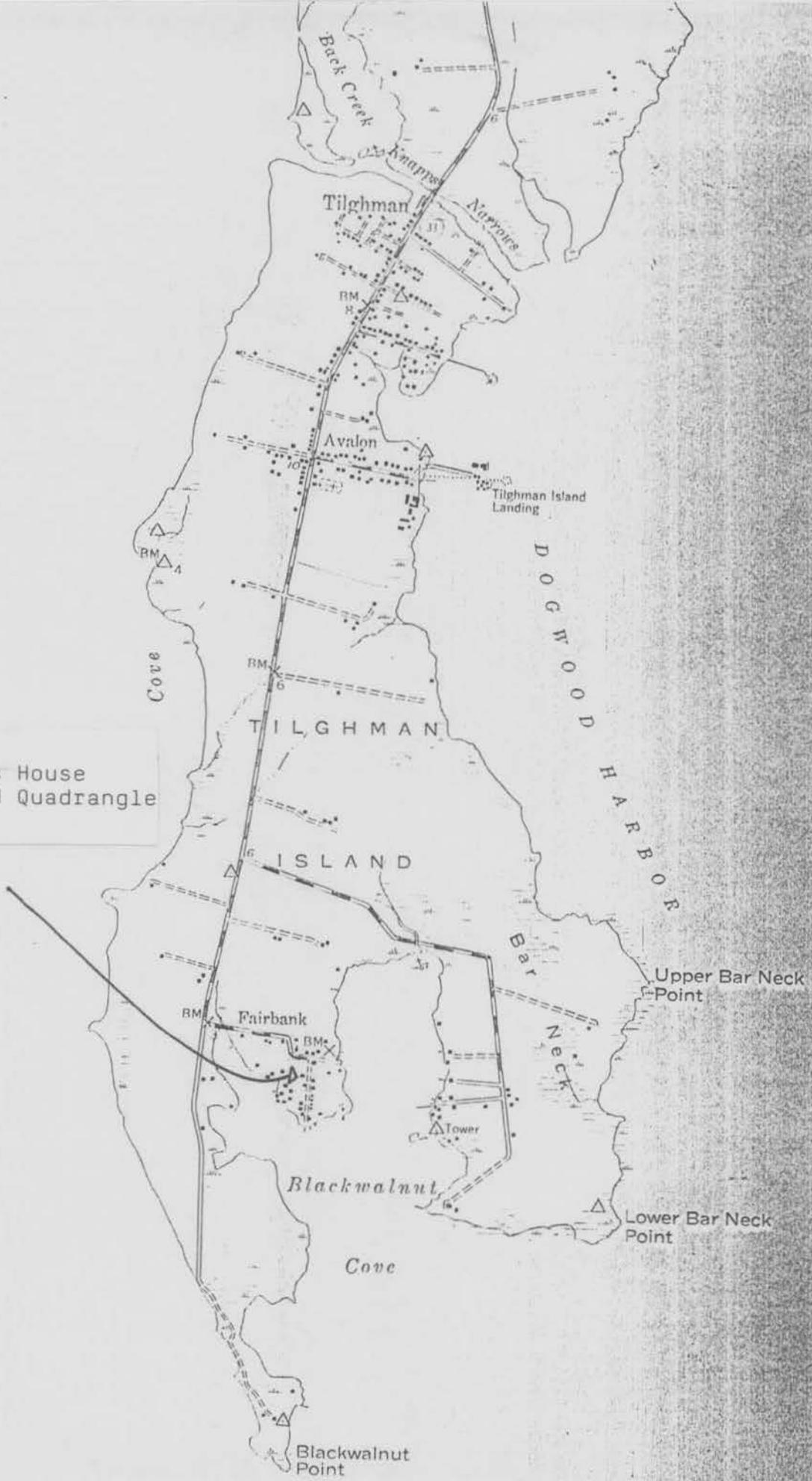
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built by Gorman Cummings between 1900-1925, this house stands out in Fairbank because of its commanding size and generous lot. The use of German siding is unusual in Fairbank. The foundation is also unusually high for Tilghman. It is so high in fact, that Thomas Faulkner remembers playing under the Cummings house as a child in the 1930s.

The Cummings house is a contributing structure to the village of Fairbank.



T-820  
Orman Cummings House  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





GORMAN CUMMINGS HOUSE

T-820

TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION.

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