

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Levin Harrison House

## 2. Location

street & number Barneck Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Barneck \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Fifthstate MD county Talbot

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                            |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input 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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <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 Barbara H. Donegan

street & number 123 Severn Ave. telephone no.:city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21405

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 654street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 769city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-834

|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <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 Levin Harrison house is located on the east side of Barneck Road in the village of Barneck on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The Harrison house, built between 1880-1890 is clad in asbestos shingles and roofed with asphalt shingles. This two-story frame house has a brick pier foundation.

The five bay west (main) facade has a central door sheltered by a small gable roof portico with wrought iron supports. This central bay is flanked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows with green louvered shutters. Five shuttered one-over-one sash windows light the second floor. The two northern bays are spaced more widely from the southern three bays, suggesting that the northern bays represent a later addition.

The south elevation gable end has an exterior cinderblock chimney flanked on either side by a two-over-two sash window on the first floor, and by a one-over-one and two-over-two sash window on the second floor. A two story, single bay, shed roof addition is connected to the eastern end of this elevation with a door on the first floor and a two-over-two sash window on the second floor.

The east (rear) elevation has a one-story shed addition built in the 1940s across the southern three bays of the first floor. Two two-over-two sash windows serve as the northern bays. The second floor is lit by four two-over-two sash windows.

The north elevation has two two-over-two sash windows on the first floor and two two-over-two sash windows on the second floor. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this north gable end.

The interior was not seen. There are two outbuildings on the property. One is relatively new and in good condition. The other is older and dilapidated, clad in vertical siding and covered with a tin roof.

# 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 |
|----------------|-------------------|
|----------------|-------------------|

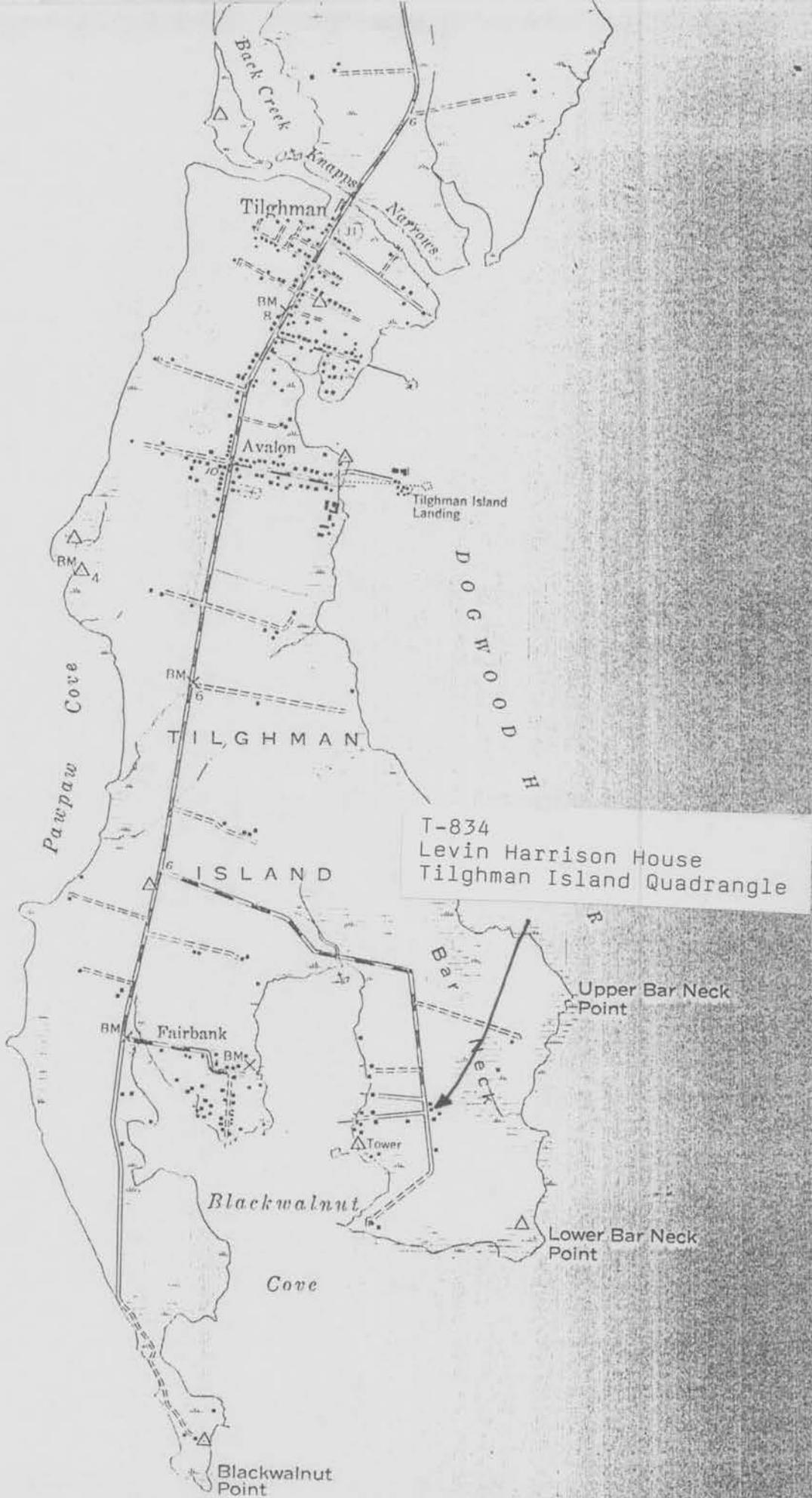
check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

Levin F. Harrison Sr., a waterman and occasional steamboat captain, and his wife Ida Harrison began taking women and children as summer boarders around the 1900s. His son would pick up boarders at the steamboat wharf and transport them to Barneck in a horse and buggy. Later, the Harrisons organized weekend fishing parties, and fishermen would board at the house, often sleeping in hammocks on the large front porch. In the early 1940s the Harrisons moved to the village of Tilghman and continued their fishing party operation at the Riverdale Hotel. The Barneck house was then owned by the Porters and later by the Berridge family.

Initially a simple side hall, parlor plan, the Harrison house was expanded to include two additional bays by the 1920s. A full-width, single story, front porch, which was sometimes used as a sleeping area, was removed from the house in the 1940s. The Levin Harrison house is the precursor to Harrison's Chesapeake House in the village of Tilghman, the only surviving boarding house/fishing charter business on Tilghman Island today.





T-834  
Levin Harrison House  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle



LEVIN HARRISON HOUSE

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BARNECK, TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

WEST ELEVATION.

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LEVIN HARRISON HOUSE

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TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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