

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common J.C.Harrison House or Johnny Hot House

## 2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_  not for publication

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Fifth

state 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 Lorna A. Stoffer and John T. Kinnamon

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: 886-2204

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 632

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 552

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-851

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The J.C.Harrison house is located on the west side of a public way commonly called Doctor's or Reeser's Road, so named because Doctor Reeser once lived at the end of the road. This public way is on the south side of Gibsontown Road in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, the exterior of this frame, two-and-a-half story house is clad in asbestos shingles and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The house is supported by a brick pier foundation.

The three bay east (main) facade has a screen porch across most of the first floor highly decorated with sawn scroll work and supported by turned posts identical to those used at the Rest. The first floor is still sheathed in German siding and has a central door with a four light transom and sidelights. This door is flanked on the south by a pair of one-over-one sash windows and on the north by a three-sided, projecting bay with one-over-one sash windows. The second story has three one-over-one sash windows with a central, projecting, rounded bay covered in sawtooth shingles. A cross gable over this central bay is also covered in sawtooth shingles and has a pointed-arch window inset.

The north elevation has two one-over-one sash windows on the first and second stories. This gable end is sheathed in sawtooth shingles at the attic story. An addition built around 1910 to the west of the primary wing has three six-over-six sash windows on the second story and two six-over-six sash windows and a door across the first story of its north elevation. A second, one-story, gable roof addition is attached to the south end of the 1910 structure and has two six-over-six sash windows and an entrance door.

The west elevation of the primary structure has one one-over-one sash window on both the first and second floors. The 1910 addition has cornice returns and the remains of cornerboard pilasters. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this gable end. The second, one-story addition is blind on its west gable end.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-851

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.

John Camper Harrison, nicknamed Johnny Hot, started the Tilghman Packing Company with his brother Oswald Harrison and S. Taylor in 1897. This house was built for him by William Catrup Nichols, his brother-in-law, in 1900. His son, Dickie Harrison, eventually inherited the house, and used the rounded central bay on the second floor as his office.

The J.C.Harrison house, like the Rest, is an unusually decorative design compared to others on Tilghman Island. Its growth is representative of the growth of the Tilghman Packing Company which remained one of the most important economic concerns on the Island until the early 1950s. This house served as a stylish showplace for one of Tilghman's major businessmen.

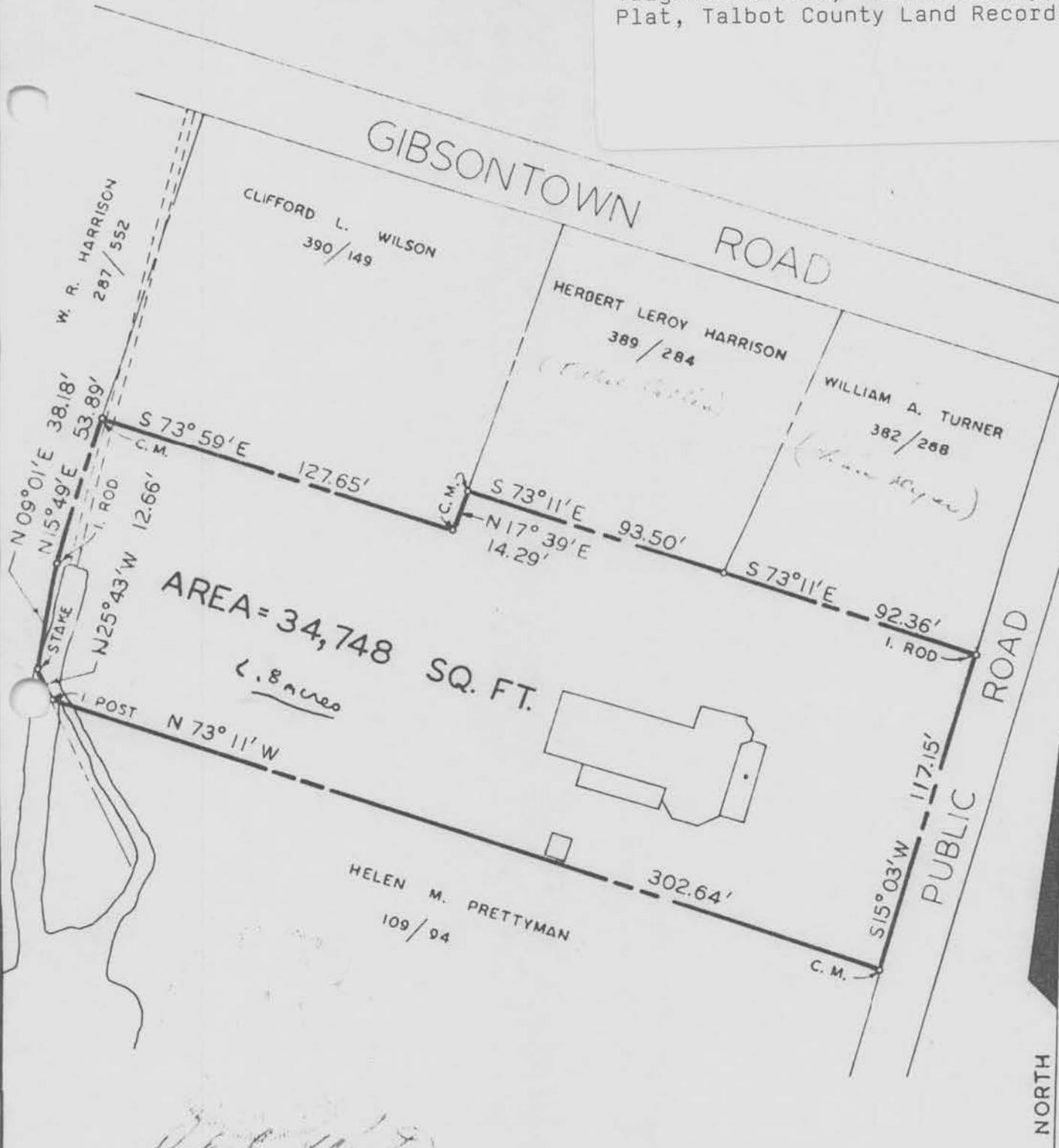


J.C.Harrison House description continued.

The south elevation of the primary wing is a three-sided bay with one-over-one sash windows on the first and second stories. The attic story gable end is sheathed in sawtooth shingles and supported by brackets. There are two quarter-round windows at the attic story. The south elevation of the 1910 addition is lit by three six-over-six sash windows at the second story and two entrance doors and three six-over-six sash windows at the first story. The eastern bay of this addition is a two-story projection with a first floor entrance door. Part of this 1910 addition south elevation is clad in German siding. A porch extends across the first floor and becomes a screened porch across the second addition.

The interior of the J.C.Harrison house has two sets of oak pocket doors and a central, winding stairway which is rumored to have come from the Sharp's Island Hotel.

J.C.Harrison House T-851  
 Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD.  
 Plat, Talbot County Land Records.



*Ralph M. White*  
 PLAT OF A SURVEY

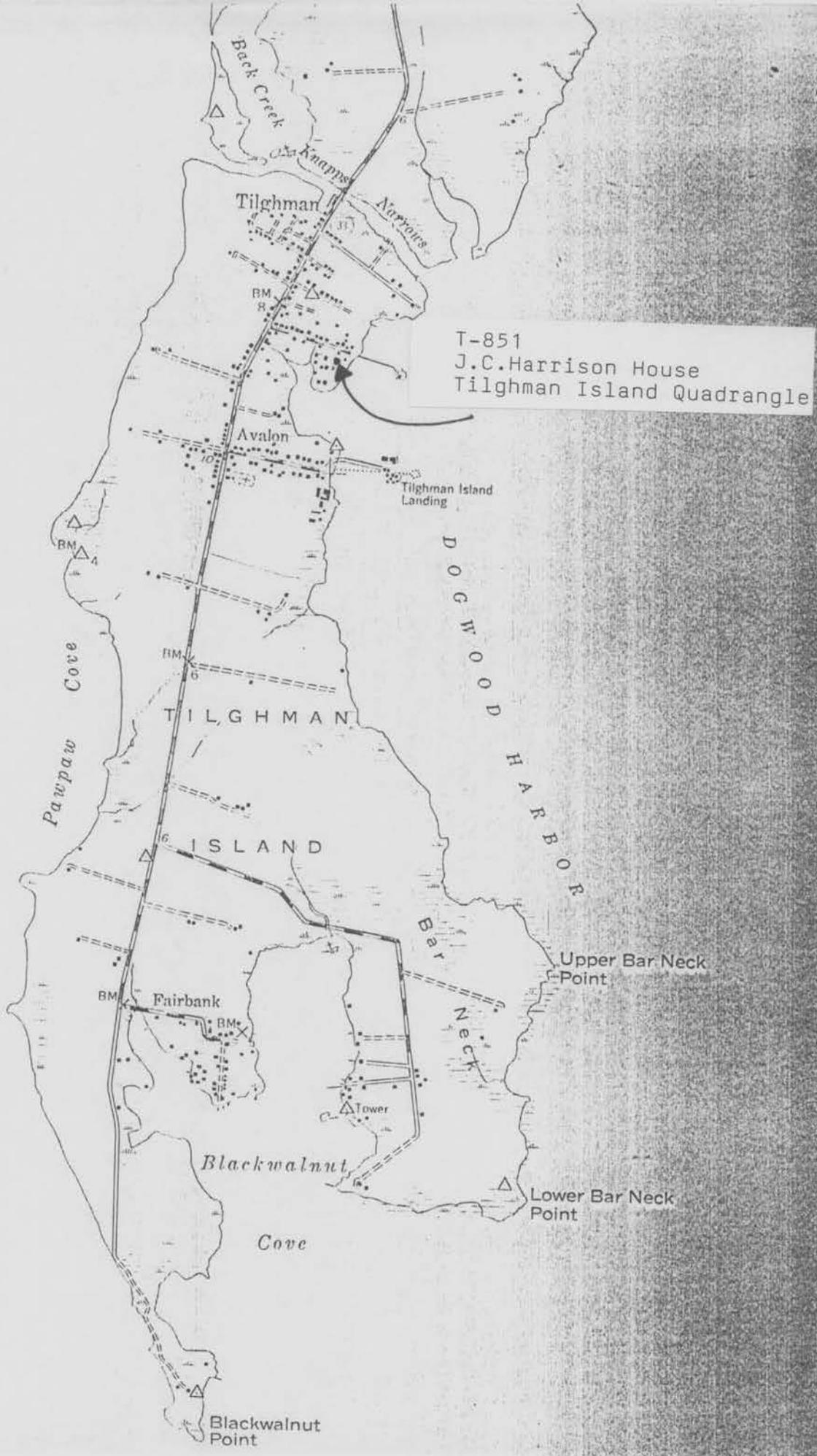
OF THE LAND OF  
**KENNETH E. HARRISON**  
 THE 5TH. ELECTION DISTRICT  
 TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

**J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc.**  
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
 AND SURVEYORS  
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND  
 PRINCE FREDERICK    UPPER MARLBORO  
 TRAPPE    LEONARDTOWN    CHESTERTOWN

DRAWN BY *P.W.*  
 SCALE 1" = 50'  
 DATE MAY 1971  
 JOB NO. K-3087  
 FOLDER

BRUNING 40.21 12194

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T-851  
J.C. Harrison House  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle



J.C. Harrison House

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TILGHMAN, TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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J. C. PRISON HOUSE

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

E. HUGHES, PHOTO.

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