

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common The Rest or Captain Johnny May's House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

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

state MD \_\_\_\_\_ county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<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 Christopher L. and Joann Henderson

street &amp; number 3724 Nimitz Rd telephone no.:

city, town Kensington state and zip code MD 20895

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 459

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 431

city, 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-852

**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 Rest, or Capt. John May's house, is located on the west side of Doctor's or Reeser's Road, a public way on the south side of Gibsontown Road, so named because Doctor Reeser lived there around 1900. The Rest is located in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. The house faces east, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built between 1890-1907, this two-story, frame building is clad in red cedar shake shingles and supported by a brick pier foundation which has been infilled with concrete block. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The three bay east (main) facade has a four panel door with colored glass sidelights and a four light transom flanked by a pair of six-over-six sash windows on the first story. The second story has three six-over-six sash windows. A shed roof porch stretches across the full width of the first floor with tongue-in-groove flooring and turned supports identical to those of the neighboring J.C. Harrison house. To the north of this main wing is a projecting one bay, two-story addition with a cross gable at the attic story and a hipped roof. This addition has a one-over-one sash window on the first and second floors and a round vent in the cross gable. To the north of this addition is a two-story, seven-sided tower capped with a conical roof and finial. The tower is lit on five sides of the first and second floors by one-over-one sash windows.

The north elevation has a three bay wing extension to the west which is lit by three one-over-one sash windows on the first and second stories. A one-story, gable roof addition is attached at the west end of this wing and has a door on the north side. The seven sided tower projects from the main body of the building at the eastern end.

The west elevation gable end is blind while the one-story addition is lit by one six-over-six sash window. The hipped roof section to the north of this wing is lit on the first and second floors by a one-over-one sash window and a first floor entrance door.

The south elevation of the primary wing has two six-over-six sash windows on the first and second stories. The western wing has a one-story

# 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
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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.

The Rest, or Captain John May's house, was built between 1890-1907 by his wife's brother-in-law, William Catrup Nichols. Nichols also built the neighboring J.C. Harrison house. The Rest was a boarding house during the early 1900s, and old postcards exist which show its dancing and bathing pavilions on Dogwood Cove.

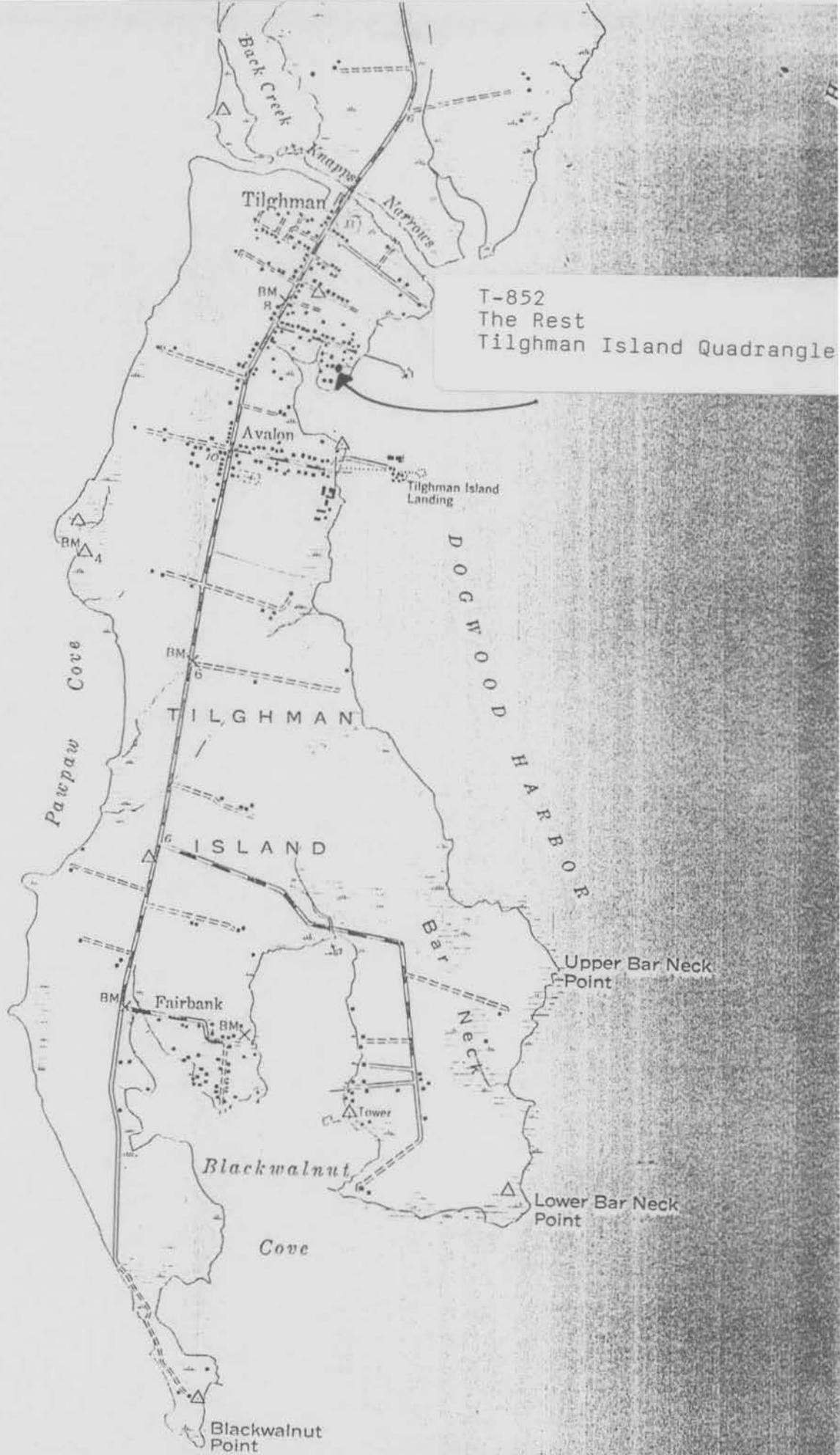
The Rest is an unusual design for the village of Tilghman. The tower demonstrates an interest in High Victorian architectural features and a concern for fashion which is not evident in most of the Island's straightforward housing design.



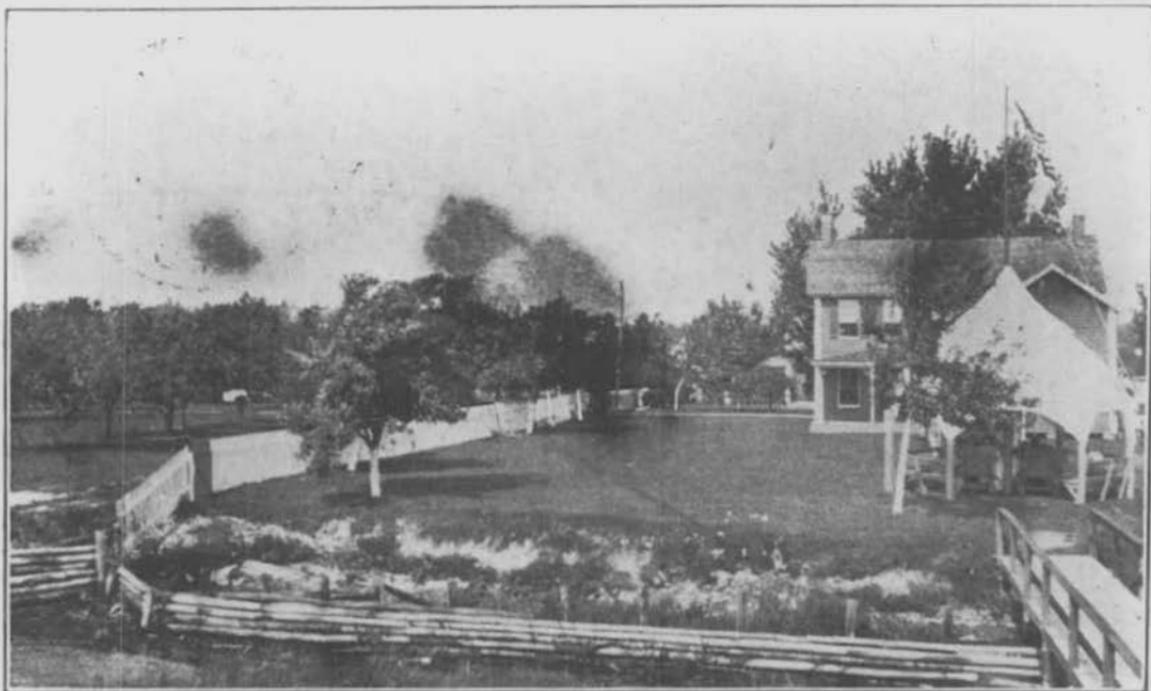
The Rest description continued.

shed roof addition with louvered windows and an entrance door across the first floor and three one-over-one sash windows across the second floor.

The interior was not seen.



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The Rest  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle



*This is May's.*  
*The Rest, Tilghman, Md. Pub. by R. D. North & Co., Tilghman, Md.*

THE REST

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TILGHMAN, TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

WESTERN ELEVATION.

BILL BODENSTEIN, PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Rest.



THE REST

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TILGHMAN, TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION.

BILL BODENSTEIN, PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Rest.



THE REST

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TILGHMAN, TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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THE NEST

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NORTH ELEVATION

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THE REST

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TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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The Rest

(Captain Johnny May's House)