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Tilghman Island Victorian House  
Tilghman Island  
Private

Late 19th Century

This is a late-nineteenth-century structure whose peculiar design resembles some other, unsurveyed, houses elsewhere on the island. The form follows an L-plan with two equal gable-roofed sections placed perpendicular to each other. From their intersection projects a three-sided entrance bay. The first story accommodates a central entrance framed by a transom and sidelights and flanked by windows in the side bays. The arch in the gable's window echoes the lines of the apex of the roof above. There is a three-sided, one-story porch with ornate brackets and posts on the main facade between the wings.

Survey No. T-859

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lee House

## 2. Location

street & number Route 33 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication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"/> museum                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)         | <input checked="" 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 Shirley G. Walton

street & number Route 33 \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: 886-2173

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 649

street & number Talbot County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ folio 531

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

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### 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 Lee House is located on the east side of Route 33 between Coopertown Road and Mission Road. The Lee House, one of the Island's six remaining "W" facade houses, is really an ell with a central, two-story, projecting bay.

Built around 1893, the Lee House is clad in weatherboard and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. This two-and-a-half story, frame house is supported by a low, brick pier foundation.

The west (main) elevation has a central, three-sided, projecting bay. The first floor of this bay has a central door with a three light transom and sidelights, flanked by narrow one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds and a peaked crown moulding. A porch extends from this bay with turned supports which rest on a concrete slab. There is a large one-over-one sash window in the central bay of the second floor flanked by narrow one-over-one sash windows. A pointed-arch window is inset into the attic cross gable. This lines of this gable break back towards the main body of the building. Two interior chimneys flank the projecting bay.

The southwest gable end elevation has one two-over-two sash window on both the first and second floor.

The southeast elevation has a central, two-story, flat roof addition with louvered windows which was added in the 1940s. To the south of this addition is a two-over-two sash window on the first and second floor. To the north of the addition is a gable end bay with a shed roof, screened porch addition across the first floor. The first floor is light by a pair of one-over-one sash windows and the second floor has one two-over-two sash window.

The northeast elevation has a central, two-story gable end with one two-over-two sash window on the first and second floors. To the west of that gable end is one two-over-two sash window on the first and second floors. To the east of the gable end is one two-over-two sash window and entrance door behind the first floor screened porch addition and one two-over-two sash window on the second floor.

# 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/humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
| <input 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.

Becky Lee is remembered as a former resident of this house. The Lee house is the best preserved of these "W" facade houses on the Island. The only addition to the house is a two-story, flat roof addition on the southeast elevation which was built in the 1940s to provide bathroom facilities. The Lee house was used at one time as a boarding house for fishing parties, but it presently stands vacant on the main road and receives much attention from visiting tourists.



Lee House description continued.

The northwest gable end has one two-over-two sash window on the first and second floors.

The interior room configuration of the Lee house has not been changed over the years.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tilghman Island Victorian House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rt. 33, approximately 1/2 mile from the bridge into Tilghman

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Tilghman Island

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Easton

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

T. 859

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                              | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tilghman Island Victorian House is a peculiar design of late nineteenth century house of which there are three examples on Tilghman Island and several others in the vicinity. The one being described is on the east side of Maryland Route 33, directly across from Miss Mary's Store.

The basic form of the main facade of the house is an "L" shape with two wings of equal length and in the angle of the ell is a three bay entrance projection. Both the wings and the entrance projection are two storys in height. The house is set so that the angle of the wings and the entrance projection form the main facade. Usually this facade has a three sided one story screened porch with late nineteenth century bracket trim. The entrance projections - Three sides are parallel to those of the porch and it has a central doorway with sash windows in the other bays. A gable roof covers the projection and often the front bay has a pointed arch window. In this example, the wings only have gable end windows, although in some examples windows exist on one or both sides of the wings. Also, usually one of the wings continues in the rear of the house making the actual plan a 'T' shape. Chimneys are located on the inner sides of the wings.

The interior then has a square entrance hall containing the stair case and which is reached through the tiny vestibule of the entrance projection. The staircase follows three walls of this stair hall, and there are three rooms that lead off of the stair hall.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| 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 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tilghman Island Victorian style house is an interesting example of changes in architectural taste representative of its late nineteenth century period. It also shows the outside influences that affected architectural design in this area.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

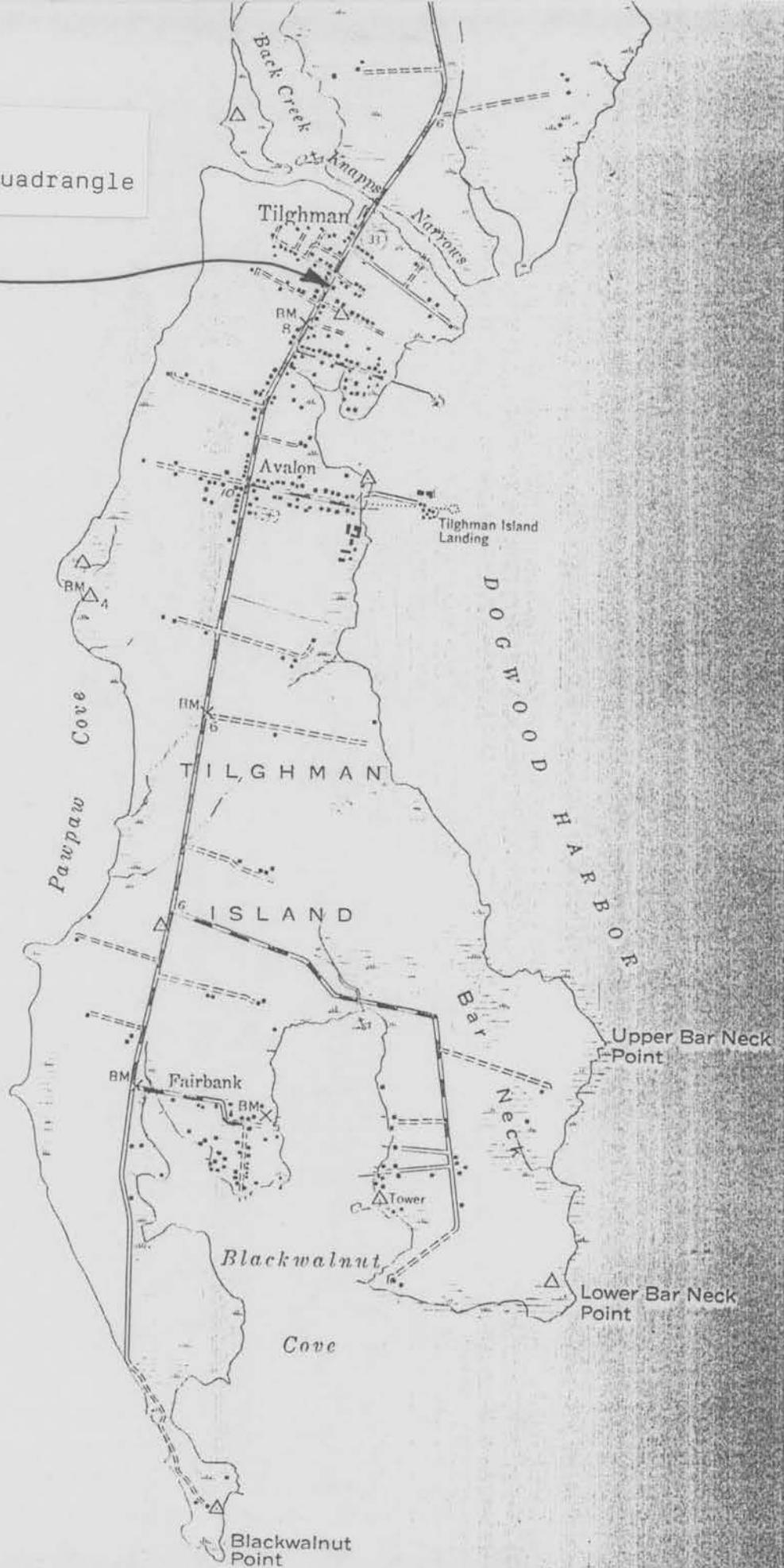
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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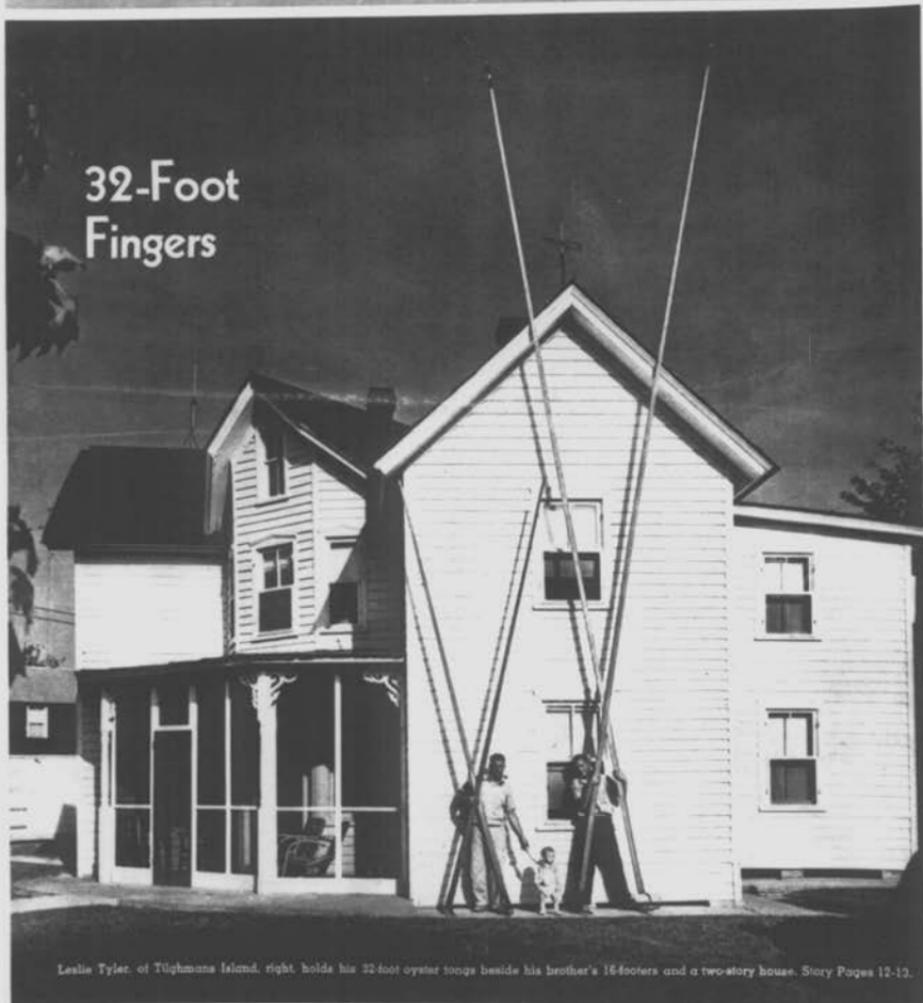
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NETHROGRAVURE

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## 32-Foot Fingers



Leslie Tyler, of Tilghmans Island, right, holds his 32-foot oyster togs beside his brother's 16-footers and a two-story house. Story Pages 12-13.

LEE HOUSE

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ROUTE 33 , TILGHMAN, MD

TILGHMAN ISLAND , TALBOT COUNTY , MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION.

BILL BODENSTEIN , PHOTOGRAPHER.

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13 x 1.72

50%

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Tilghman Island Victorian Style House



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THE LEE HOUSE

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TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

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