

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

 MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no
1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sam Bullen house

2. Location
street & number Talbot Street not for publicationcity, town Claiborne vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Clarence L. Johnson, Jr.

street & number telephone no.: 745-5586

city, town Claiborne state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 592

street & number folio 791

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-900

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 Sam Bullen house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces south and has a pyramidal roof with a wide overhang.

Built around 1913, this two bay, two-story, structure is sheathed in yellow weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. It is supported by a brick pier foundation. The house is finished with cornerboards and a boxed cornice.

The south (main) elevation has a full-width porch across the first floor with turned supports and a square baluster. The eastern half of this porch is screened and stretches around to east side of the house. The first floor is pierced by a one-light over one-panel entrance door and one one-over-one sash window, both of which have wide surrounds. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. A dormer window sheathed in wood shingles projects from the center of the roof lit by one one-over-one sash window.

The west elevation is lit by one rectangular, colored glass window. A one-story, shed roof addition extends to the north lit by four single light windows. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof.

The north elevation has a one-story addition across the first floor lit by three single-light windows and one two-over-two sash window. The east side of this addition is pierced by one four-light over two-panel door. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows.

The east elevation has a screened porch across the first floor. The northern half of this porch is enclosed and lit by a set of two one-over-one sash windows. The north side of this enclosure is lit by one one-over-one sash window and the south side is pierced by an entrance door. A pair of french doors open onto the screened porch as this elevation's southern first floor bay. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds.

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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Sam Bullen house is located on a parcel of land outlined in the plat "John Cockey's Addition to Claiborne." John Cockey purchased this property from Georgiana Tunis in 1876 and sold the Bullen lot to H.C.Monroe and J.Lewis Warner. Monroe and Warner then sold it to Elijah J. Jarmon who sold it to Bullen in 1913.

Sam Bullen worked on the railroad and was the engineer on the ferry. His house is remembered as the only "kit house" in Claiborne. Kit houses, or mail-order houses, proliferated around this time when the ready-to-assemble designs could be ordered by mail and sent by rail to the building site. American companies such as Sears, Roebuck, & Company, The Hodgson Company, Alladin Homes and Montgomery Ward all began selling houses through mail-order catalogs between 1895 and 1910. These houses were designed to be sturdy, inexpensive, and modern homes.

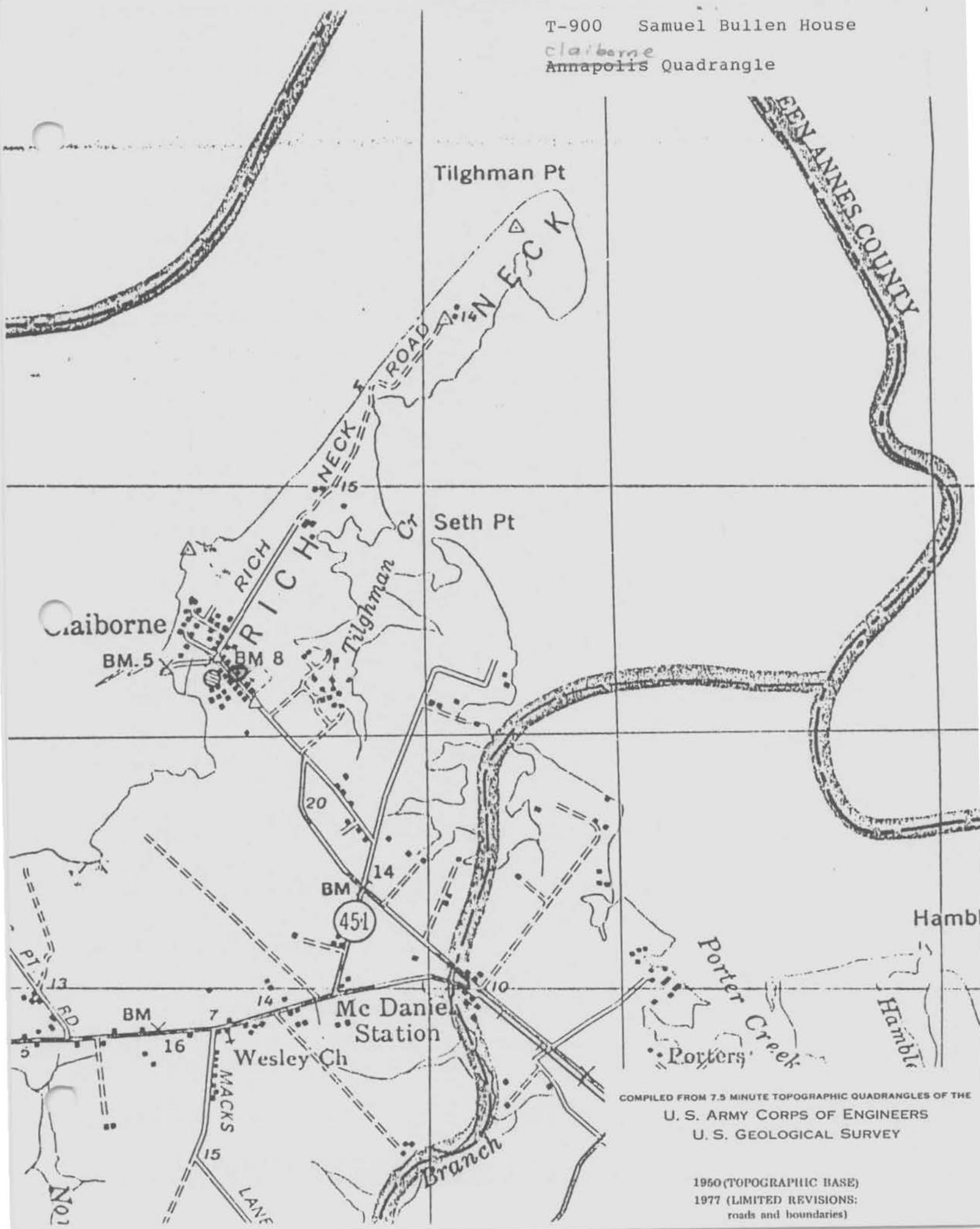
Despite its unique history this house does not look significantly different in appearance from other houses in Claiborne. In fact, the main body of the house is quite similar to that of the nearby Casson house. For more information on mail order houses see Katherine Cole Stevenson's Houses by Mail, A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck, & Company.T-901 Ernest Davis House

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Sam Bullen house Description cont'd.

Three outbuildings stand on the property. All three are clad in yellow vertical board siding. One has a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles and the remaining two have gable roofs covered with tin.

T-900 Samuel Bullen House
Claiborne
Annapolis Quadrangle



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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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SAMUEL BULLEN HOUSE

SW ELEVATION



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SAMUEL C. BULLEN HOUSE

SOUTHEAST ELEV.

CLAIBORNE, MD

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