

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-908

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Little-Haven-On-The-Bay

## 2. Location

street & number off of Route 33  not for publication

city, town McDaniel  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	<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 Eben Lothrop

street & number telephone no.:

city, town McDaniel state and zip code MD 21647

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 349

street & number folio 501

city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

Repository 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.

Little-Haven-On-The-Bay is located at the end of a private road which leads from Route 33, just after the turn-off for Route 451, to a site on the Chesapeake Bay in McDaniel, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces east with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Little-Haven is a five bay, two-and-a-half story, flemish bond brick house with an "L" shaped footprint. The house is roofed with slate and has a brick foundation.

The east (main) elevation has a central six-panel door with a five-light transom framed with plain, white pilasters. A gable roof portico extends over this doorway, supported by fluted columns. Two six-over-nine sash windows with narrow surrounds flank either side of the doorway. Five six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Three gable roof dormer windows are placed on the roof of the house lit by six-over-six sash windows. An interior brick chimney sits at both ends of this primary wing. A two-story, two bay, gable end, common bond brick wing which extends to the west serves as the northern most bay of this elevation. This wing was built around 1940 to replace a frame structure of similar dimensions. The first and second floors of this wing are lit by two six-over-six sash windows. The gable is finished with cornice returns and a louvered vent is located at the attic level.

The south elevation is a blind gable end except for two four-light windows with wide surrounds at the attic level. This gable end is finished with cornice returns. The south side of the brick wing which extends to the west is lit on the first floor by one six-over-six sash window, and on the second floor by three gable-roof, six-over-six sash dormer windows which break the cornice line.

The west elevation once had a wooden porch which wrapped around the first floor of this elevation to the south and east sides. This porch has been removed and replaced on the west elevation by a one-story addition enclosed with louvered, glass windows across three bays of the first floor. The second floor of this addition is railed and serves as a deck. The addition is flanked on the south by two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows, and three six-over-six sash, gable roof dormer windows extend across the roof. The brick gable end addition

# 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
<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.

Little-Haven-On-The-Bay, as it was named in 1915 when Mrs. P. Carroll Price operated a boarding house here, is located on a plot of land patented in 1680 as 150 acres of Fishbourne's Lot. Local historian Bernice Leonard writes about this property in her book Twig and Turf II, Bartlett and Allied Families, 1693-1984. Ralph Fishbourne was a prominent Quaker in the Bay Hundred Meeting who also owned land on the Choptank River. Neither of his two sons, William, a merchant who moved to Philadelphia, and Ralph, who died young, remained in the area. The property passed to Ennion Williams, also a Quaker, who later sold it to Laughlin McDaniel, Jr.

This property remained in the McDaniel family for the next one hundred years. In the 1798 tax assessment, the family is taxed 150 pounds sterling for a brick dwelling. In 1817 James Morsell McDaniel is living in "the two-story brick dwelling his father had built". James' son, Benjamin Roberts McDaniel, inherited "the dwelling house portion of Fishbourne's Lott" and finally sold it in 1868.

In the 1877 Atlas of the Bay Hundred District this property is identified as that of Mrs. T. Russell. In more recent history, the property passed from the Price family to the Berry family, and then to the Cameron family. The present owner purchased this house from the Cameron family and renamed it "Haven-on-the-Bay."

Although this house is not located in Claiborne proper, its existence as a boarding house is inextricably linked to the ferry and railroad operation based in nearby Claiborne. The 1902 USGS map of Maryland shows that Rich Neck Road, the main road from the Claiborne ferry stop, was linked to the Little-Haven-on-the-Bay drive by means of Old Claiborne's Dom Pedro Street.



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Little-Haven-On-The-Bay Description cont'd.

on the north end of the house is lit on the first floor by one three panel picture window with the same white pilaster frame which surrounds the entrance door on the east elevation. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows. This gable end has cornice returns and a louvered vent in the eave.

The north elevation, constructed in the 1940s, ends in a gable at the eastern most bay with a slightly projecting shed roof addition enclosed in louvered glass windows across the first floor. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows, and a four-light window sits in the eave. This gable end is finished with cornice returns. To the west of this gable end, the wing is lit on the first and second floors by one six-over-six sash window. An exterior brick chimney is placed at the end of this elevation.

There are five outbuildings on this property as well as a swimming pool, a chinese chesnut tree orchard, and a cemetery. One of the outbuildings is a cinderblock garage with a tin roof built in the late 1940s. There is a small boat house by the water, and two square, board and batten outbuildings lit by three six-light windows. A dilapidated corn crib is also located on the property. The cemetery is a McDaniel family graveyard with some stones dating to the 1830s.



COMPILED FROM 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES OF THE  
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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



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Benjamin Roberts McDaniel





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NEAR CLABORNE, MD.  
W ELEVATION

EBEN LOTHROP COLLECTION



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NEAR WAIBORNE, MD

NE ELEVATION

EBEN LOTHROP COLLECTION



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SW ELEVATION