

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Norris House Inventory Number: SM-342

Address: 22805 Washington Street Historic district: yes no

City: Leonardtown Zip Code: 20650 County: Saint Marys

USGS Quadrangle(s): Leonardtown

Property Owner: Jo Anne Greenwell Choporis Tax Account ID Number: 019063

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 294 Tax Map Number: 133

Project: MD 5 Business within Leonardtown Town Limits Streetscape Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration

Preparer's Name: Anne Bruder and Stacey Streett Date Prepared: 12/28/2005

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Survey Form SM-342 and Project and Review Compliance Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Note: Please refer to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form SM-342 for specific information regarding the architecture and historic context.

According to the St. Mary's County tax records, the Norris House has a construction date of 1860. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame building that is located on the west side of Washington Street and faces east. It is three bays wide by two rooms deep. The building is a side-gable configuration with a full-width, first-story wrap-around, shed-roof porch on the façade. The entire building is covered in clapboard siding. All fenestration consists of six-over-six, double-hung, sash windows. Louvered shutters flank the windows.

The main entrance is approached by a central, concrete walkway from the right-of-way of Washington Street. It is located under the front porch on the north side of the façade. The southern wrap and east corner of the porch is screened, while the remainder of the porch is open. The original portion of the porch is supported by turned posts that are flanked by decorative brackets.

A single-story, shed-roof, frame addition and a second modern addition are located on the west (rear) elevation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: *Associated with Leonardtown's 19th Century development "boom". Retains architectural integrity of its building type.*

Jim Toluno ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/23/06
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

3/27/06
Date

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The roofs are covered with composite shingles. The gable roof is steeply pitched and is punctuated by a pair of interior brick chimneys, which rise above the ridge line at the center of the east and west roofs. The tops of the chimneys are capped by brick corbelling.

A frame gable-roof shed is located west of the residence. It is topped by a metal roof. The grounds surrounding the Norris House are planted in manicured evergreen shrubs and mature and young deciduous trees. The historic boundary is confined to St. Mary's County tax parcel 294 on tax map 133.

Significance

Based on the information in the 1980 MIHP Form and SHA's field visit, the Norris House is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C (architecture). It is a good example of a late nineteenth-century, Colonial-Revival style dwelling with a decorative Victorian-Era porch in Leonardtown. In addition, the original fenestration and clapboard remain intact on the building. Research conducted did not identify events or persons of local, state or national importance and therefore the Norris House is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of the historic standing structures study.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G
MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, National Register Program Date



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Reeves Insurance Bldg.
22795 Washington St.

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SM-274

SM-532

Courthouse

SM-564

Tower

326

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Sewage Disposit

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Camp Calvert

Forwell

Leonard Hall Sch

St Pauls Cem

Hospital

St Marys Academy

Father White Sch

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Leonardtwn

(BM 87)

New St Aloysius Cem

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NORRIS HOUSE, LEANING TOWER SURVEY

DISTRICT
ST. MARY'S CO., MD

A. B. ...
2/2005

ART-2611 <No. 15A>016
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INDSHP

EAST & SOUTH FRONTS, LOOKING
WEST

INDSHP

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Norris House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

237 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Mary's

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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
R. Norris

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Leonardtown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20650

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN
Leonardtown

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Norris House is a 2 1/2 story frame house of the late 19th century located on the west side of Washington St. (RD. 5) in Leonardtown, Maryland. The west elevation facing Washington Street consists of three bays with an entry in the north bay. A one story partially enclosed, shed roof porch with turned columns and scroll brackets extends across the west elevation. There are two modern additions at the rear and two interior end chimneys. The exterior is covered in weatherboards and the west facade windows are flanked by green louvered shutters. All windows are 6/6. The roof is modern composition material.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Morris House is a good example of late 19th century house architecture in small towns. It retains a basically colonial style gable roofed, 3-bay aspect, with original weatherboards and fenestration overlaid with the typically Victorian porch and ornamental details.

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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

Janet L. Davis

ORGANIZATION

MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE

September 26, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

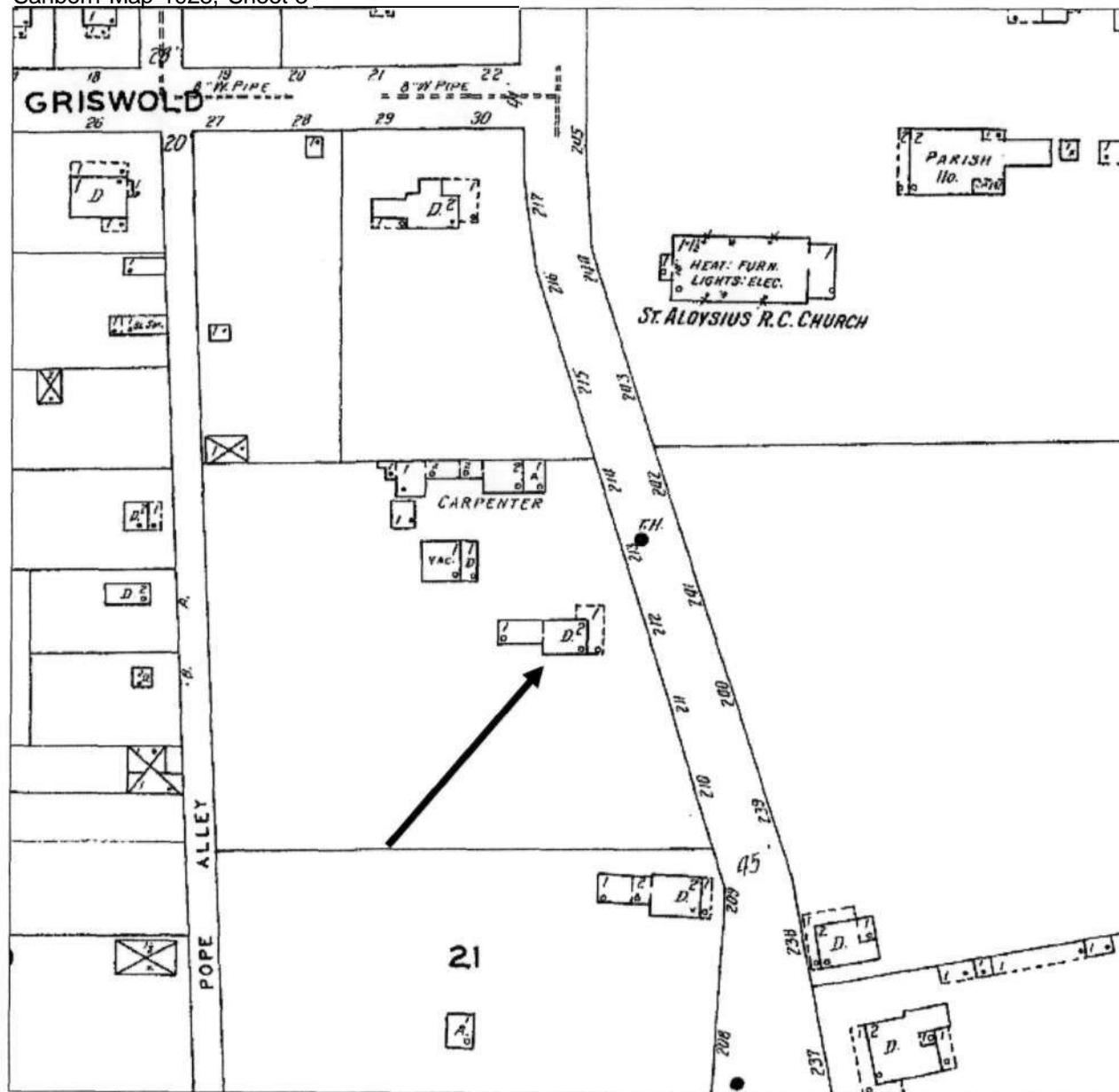
Maryland 21401

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.

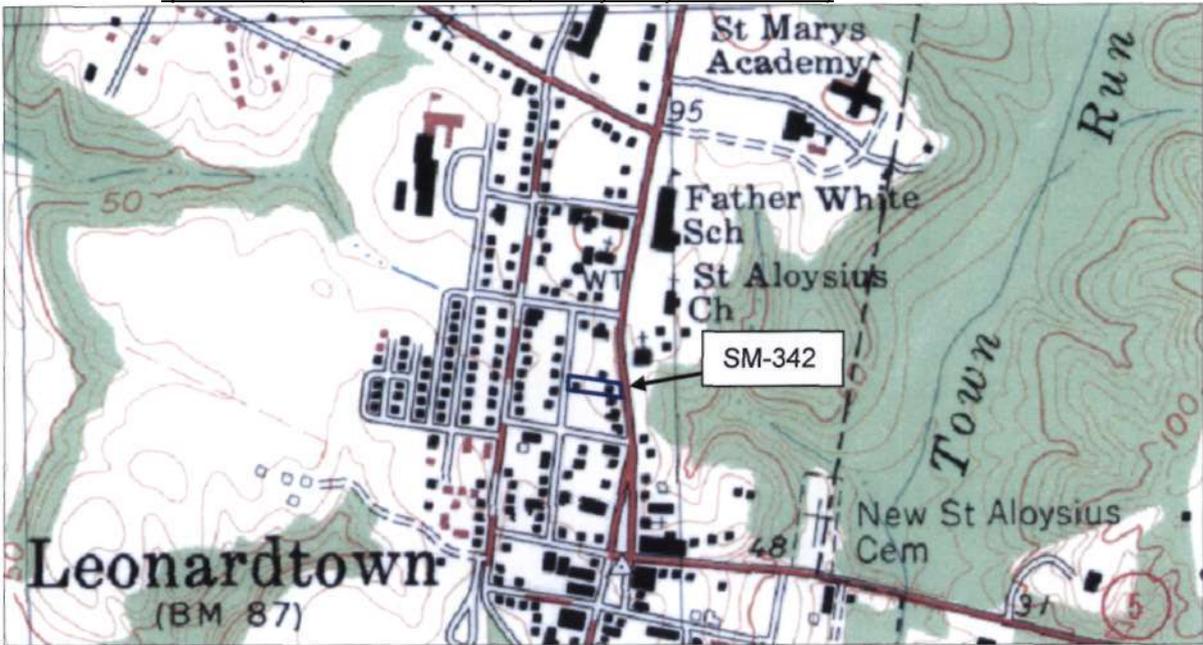
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Norris House
22805 Washington Street (MD 326), Leonardtown
Sanborn Map 1928, Sheet 3

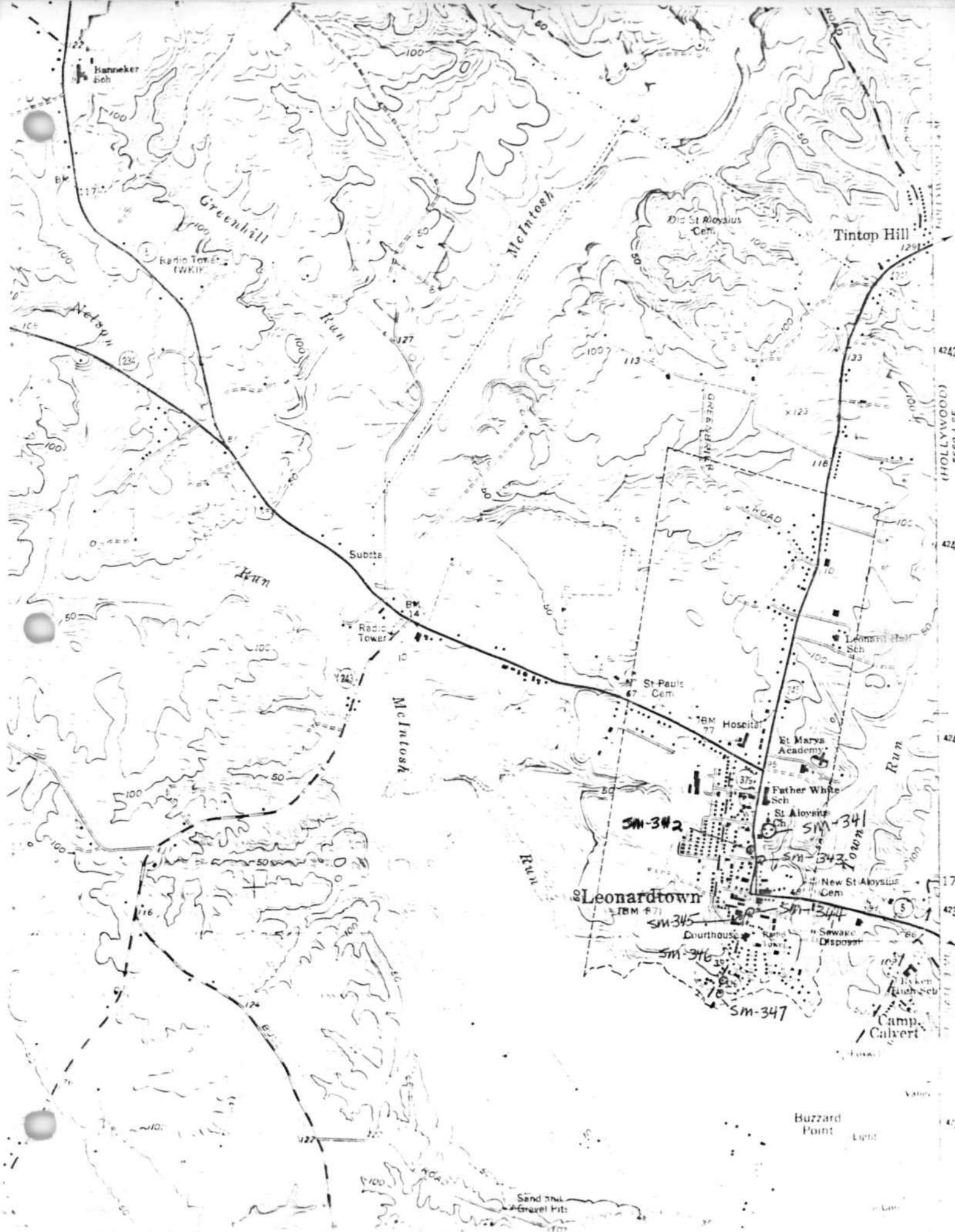


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 Norris House
 22805 Washington Street (MD 326), Leonardtown
 Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2007-08 Tax Map 133, P. 294





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Norris House

237 Washington St.

Leonardtown, MD

photo: Janet Davis

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7 September 1980

east elevation, camera facing southwest

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