

— Capsule Summary
SM-587
Guy Tavern
Loveville
Private

c. 1910s

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme: Architecture
Commercial

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural crossroads

Historic Function and Use: Tavern and Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-587

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Guy Tavern (pref.)

and/or common Loveville Lounge

2. Location

street & number NW corner of Pincushion Road and Route 5 not for publication

city, town Loveville vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-25, P-28

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 checked="" 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 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 George R. Medley and Mary C. Robinson

street & number Rt 2 Box210 telephone no.:

city, town Hollywood state and zip code Md 20636-9615

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 370

street & number folio 8

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Guy Tavern is located on the northwest corner of Pincushion Road and Maryland Route 5 in the rural crossroads community of Loveville, Maryland. The building is oriented on a east/west axis and is situated on a flat 1.02 acre parcel. The property is bounded on the east and south by roads and by trees to the west and north.

The Guy Tavern is a two story, three bay, frame commercial building with a steep pyramidal roof that is interrupted, presumably for ventilation, near the peak. Since it was initially constructed in the 1910s, the building has undergone significant alterations. A one story brick addition with a shed roof presently creates a skirt around the entire building. The brick walls were constructed of modern machine made bricks that vary in color. The roof of the addition is covered with tar paper. The walls of the original building have been covered with vinyl siding. At the intersection of the wall and roof is a wide frieze and box cornice. The roof is sheathed with pressed-tin metal shingles.

The primary or south elevation consists of the brick addition and the second floor of the original building. The brick addition is pierced by a modern door that is flanked to the east by one circular window and to the west by three circular windows. A sign reading "Loveville Lounge (Tom's Place)" partially covers the three windows to the south. The second floor of the original building is pierced by three, symmetrically aligned, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows. The roof on this elevation is pierced by a shed dormer with two, single pane windows.

The west elevation consists of the one story brick addition and the second story of the original building. The brick addition is pierced by a modern door flanked to the north by one circular window and to the south by three circular windows. One of the circular windows has been removed for an air conditioning unit. Immediately over the door is a open bed, gable roof awning. The second floor of the tavern is pierced by one, four-over-four window and two, two-over-two windows. The roof on this elevation is pierced by a brick chimney flue.

The brick addition on the north elevation is pierced by a centrally located modern door flanked to the east by two, small, glass block windows and to the west by two louvered openings. The second floor of the main block is pierced by four, two-over-two windows.

The brick addition on the east elevation is pierced by a middle door flanked to the south by two circular windows and to the north by one circular window. The ends of the brick addition do not form right angles. On the south end the angle is cut to allow for a sliding glass window, presumably for walk up liquor sales. On the north end the angle is broken into three sides to accommodate a two story, three sided bay of the main block. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two, two-over-two windows and one, two-over-one window. Each side of the three sided bay of the main block is pierced by a two-over-two window. A shed roof dormer projects from the roof of the building and features four, small, single pane windows.

The interior was not investigated.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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

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.

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Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 370, Folio 8
Grantee: George R. Medley and Mary C. Robinson
Grantor: George F. Miedzinski
Date:

Notes: The property is listed as containing 1.02 acres and was once part of a tract called "Buzzard's Hill." The deed also notes that the property was once called "Guy's Tavern." The tract was surveyed by George W. Joy, Jr. on July 9, 1962.

Reference: Liber 196, Folio 400
Grantee: George F. Miedzinski
Grantor: William F. Miedzinski, personal representative of Mary Irva Miedzinski
Date: October 11, 1984
Notes: The property was sold for \$40,000.

Reference: Liber DBK 190, Folio 208
Grantee: John E. and Mary Irva Miedzinski
Grantor: Berchman C. and Eunice M. Guy
Date: May 11, 1973
Notes: John Miedzinski died on November 29, 1980 leaving his wife Mary the surviving tenant.

Reference: Liber CBG 102, Folio 397
Grantee: Berchman C. and Eunice M. Guy
Grantor: C. Byron Guy, et ux
Date: July 24, 1962

Reference: Liber JMM 8, Folio 509
Grantee: C. Byron Guy
Grantor: Claude E. and Agnes A. Guy
Date: June 22, 1934
Notes: Here the property is listed as containing 1/2 acre.

Reference: Liber EBA 20, Folio 491
Grantee: Claude E. and J. Warren Guy
Grantor: Benjamin and Hersie April
Date: April 29, 1922
Notes: J. Warren Guy sold his interest to Claude. Here the property is listed as being part of Mt. Pleasant or Buzzards Hill. It was also called Lot 4 on a plat made by John H. Chunn, surveyor on September 14, 1877.

Reference: Liber EBA 18, Folio 126
Grantee: Benjamin April
Grantor: George A. Hayden
Date: May 28, 1919

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8.2 Significance

Reference: Liber EBA 12, Folio 119
Grantee: George A. Hayden
Grantor: Milton Clarke
Date: November 7, 1913

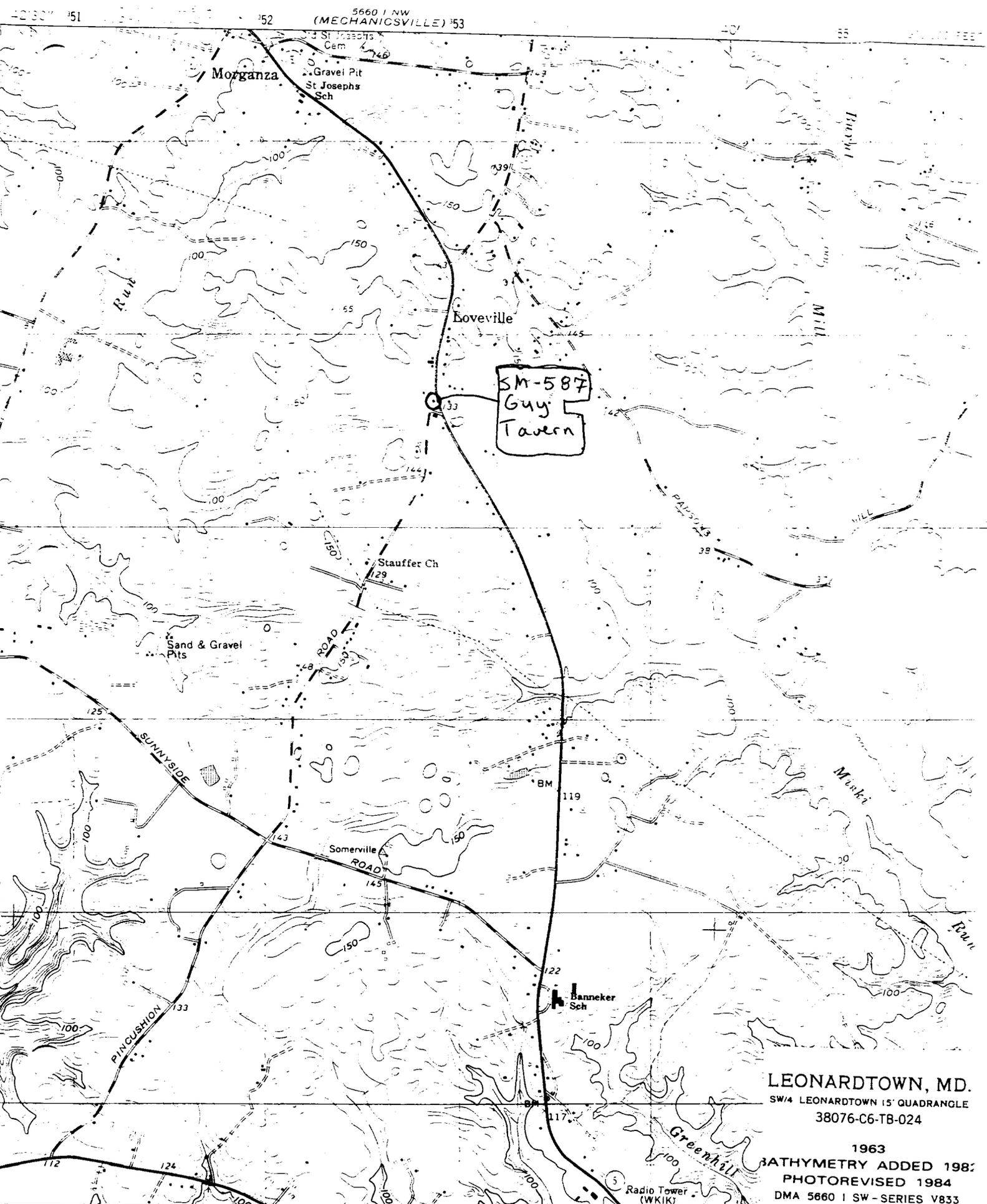
Reference: Liber EBA 10, Folio 124
Grantee: Milton Clarke
Grantor: Madeline J. Love
Date: April 16, 1912

Reference: Liber EBA 7, Folio 519
Grantee: Madeline J. Love
Grantor: Stephen H. Bowles
Date: May 12, 1909
Notes: This deed probably separated this tract from the larger farms listed in later deeds.

Reference: Liber JFF 3, Folio 193
Grantee: Stephen H. Bowles
Grantor: James T. M. Raley, exec. of George H. Morgan
Date: September 27, 1878
Notes: Here the property is listed as containing 120 acres and part of Lot 4 as laid out by surveyor John H. Chunn on September 14, 1877.

Reference: Liber JTB 4, Folio 262
Grantee: George H. Morgan
Grantor: Benjamin G. Harris
Date: January 15, 1864
Notes: Here the property is listed as part of several tracts that total over 500 acres. These include Linstead, Green lot, Part of Chance, Delay, Part of Lowland, Mount Pleasant, and Long Slips.

Reference: Liber JTB 4, Folio 151
Grantee: Benjamin G. Harris
Grantor: Joseph and Catherine Morgan
Date: May 13, 1863
Notes: Here the deed notes the sale of the property "Hopewell." It also notes that a man named Rodgers and Abraham Norris ?, a free black, now resides on the tract. No mention is made of the previous named lots.



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St Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

May 1997

Mid CHPO

S + W elevations

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