

Smith House
SM-685
23092 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

The Smith House was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Smith House

2. Location

street & number 23092 Three Notch Road (MD 235) not for publication

city, town California X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Guy N. Smith

street & number Star Route Box 125 telephone

city, town California state and zip code MD 20619

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-72

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio 267/097

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

**Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory**

 0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 23092 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 50 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house. A gravel driveway runs along the south side of the property.

The 1.5-story ell-shaped frame building clad in vinyl siding is supported by a concrete block foundation. According to the current owner, the house was recently raised and a new foundation was laid. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with two gable-roof dormers in the west slope of the roof. A one-story gable-roof ell extends from the southeast corner of the dwelling. An exterior brick chimney rises along the north side of the ell. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-six, eight-over-eight, and one-over-one double-hung sash.

The west, or main, elevation features a Tudor-influenced projecting central entry, with a steeply-pitched, flared, asymmetrical, cross-gable roof; the north side of the gable is longer than the south side. A small diamond-shaped window with four diamond-shaped panes is located north of the door. A set of paired six-over-six double-hung sash flank each side of the entry. A single six-over-six window is located in each dormer. The south elevation of the main block contains two bays in the first story: a single six-over-six double-hung sash and a set of paired one-over-one sash with divided muntins. An eight-over-eight double-hung sash is located in the gable. The east elevation of the main block contains a single six-over-six double-hung sash window and a set of paired six-over-six double-hung sash windows. The north elevation of the main block has a single six-over-six double-hung sash and a single one-over-one double-hung sash in the first story; and an eight-over-eight double-hung sash in the gable. The ell addition contains two six-over-six double-hung sash.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	
			<input type="checkbox"/> history	
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Alteration to the dwelling have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 01/20/98
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 1/20/98

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

 Category: Building

 Historic Environment: Urban

 Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.0 acres
Acreage surveyed 1.0 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 72, Map 34, Grid 17

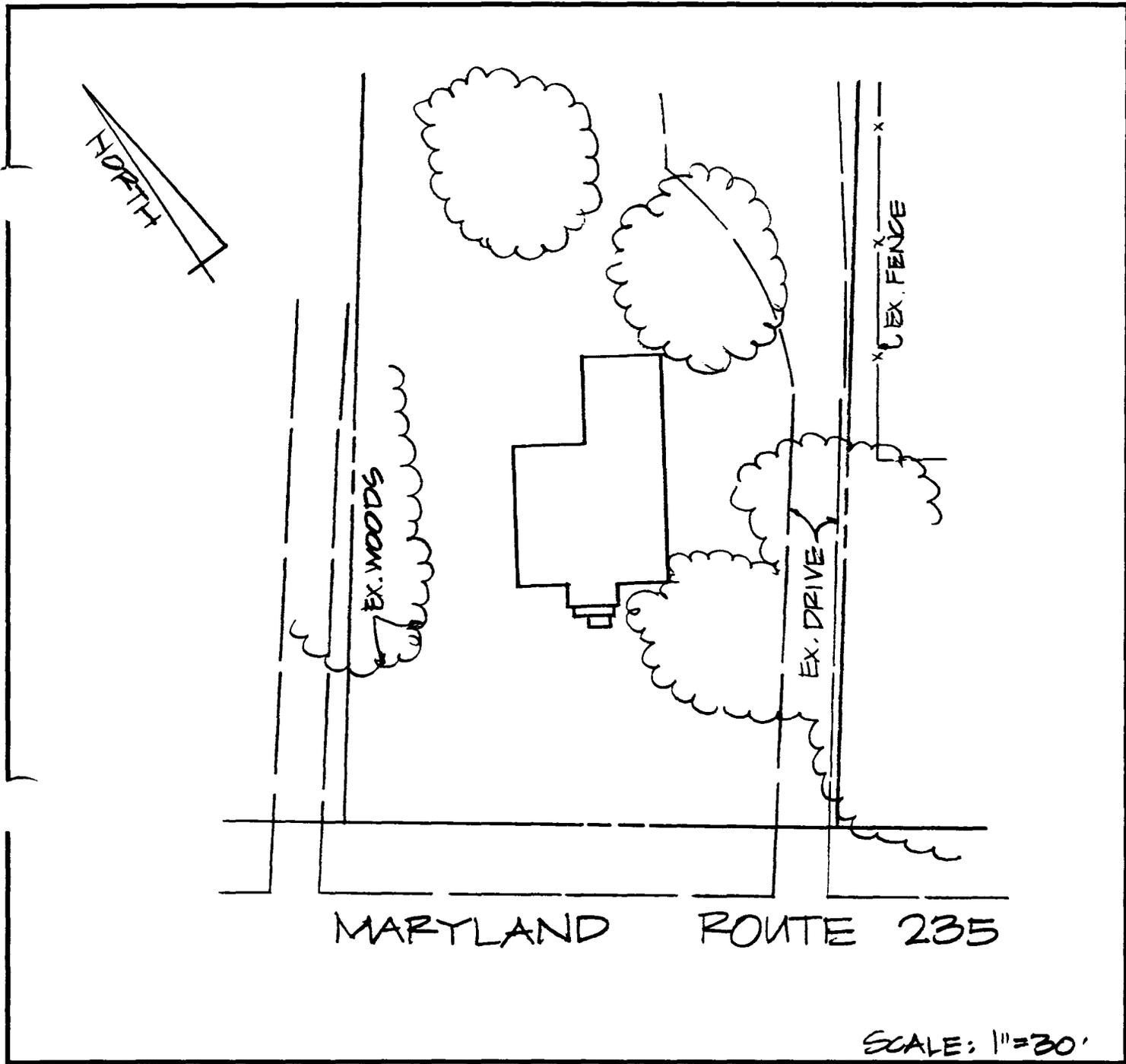
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 Smith House, 23092 Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

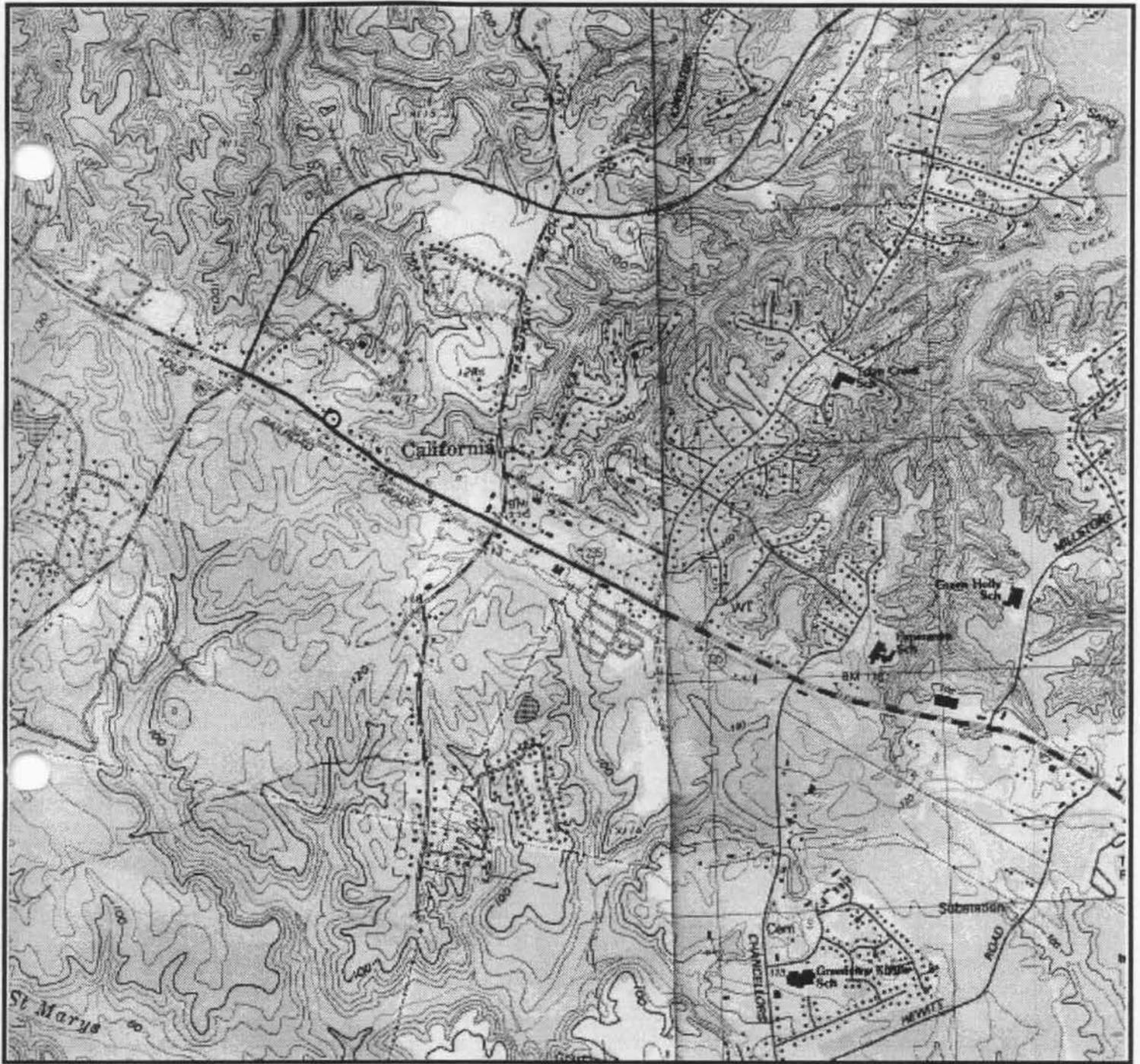


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 St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



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Smith House, 23092 Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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MD SHPO

W + N elev. looking SE

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MD SHPO

N + E elev. looking SW

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MS SHPO

S elev. looking N

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W elev. looking E

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