

Fusco House
SM-686
23088 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

The Fusco 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.

This 1.5-story gable-roof brick house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-686

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Fusco House

2. Location

street & number 23088 Three Notch Road (MD 235) not for publication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 Pasco L. Fusco

street & number Star Route Box 123 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 34-73

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB173/393

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

**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 23088 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 and two modern frame sheds are located southeast of the dwelling. A wood picket fence encircles the back yard and a gravel driveway runs along the south side of the property.

The 1.5-story ell-shaped brick (laid in common bond) building is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the north side of the dwelling. A screen-enclosed porch is located in the northwest elbow of the house. The gable end of the south ell is covered with vertical wood siding. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-one double-hung sash and have brick sills.

The west, or main, elevation contains three bays: a window in the north bay and door in the central bay under the porch, and a single window in the ell. The south elevation includes four bays in the first story: a single window in the west end, a door (with shed-roof entry porch) and a window in the central two bays, and a window in the east end. A single window is located in the south gable end. The east elevation contains three single six-over-one double-hung sash. The north elevation includes two windows in the first story and a single window in the gable end.

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/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<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. Despite minor alterations, the dwelling appears to retain 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 type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	9/29/98
Reviewer, NR program	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	11/12/98

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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 0.81 acres
Acreage surveyed 0.81 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 73, Map 34, Grid 23

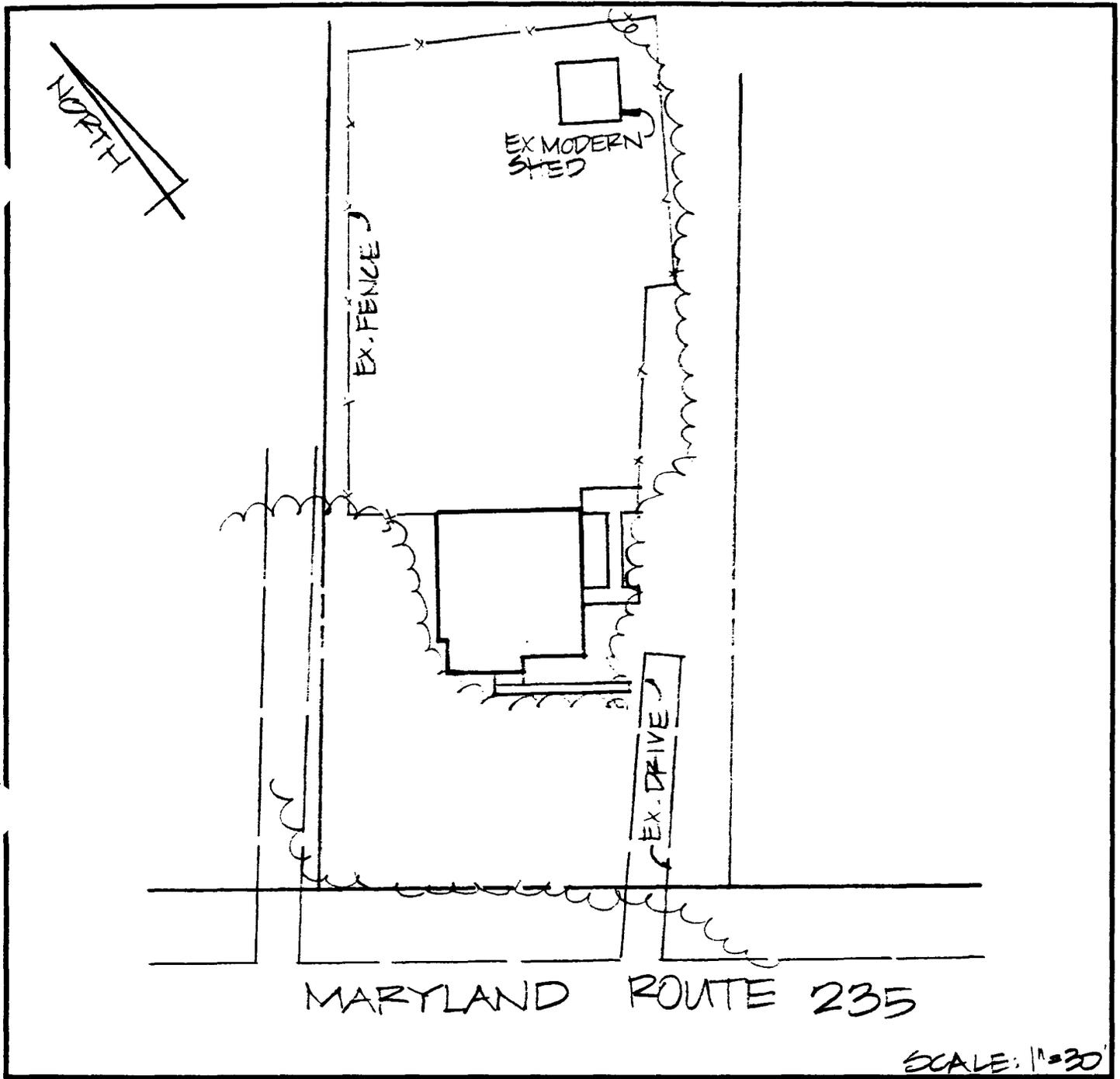
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

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 Fusco House, 23088 Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

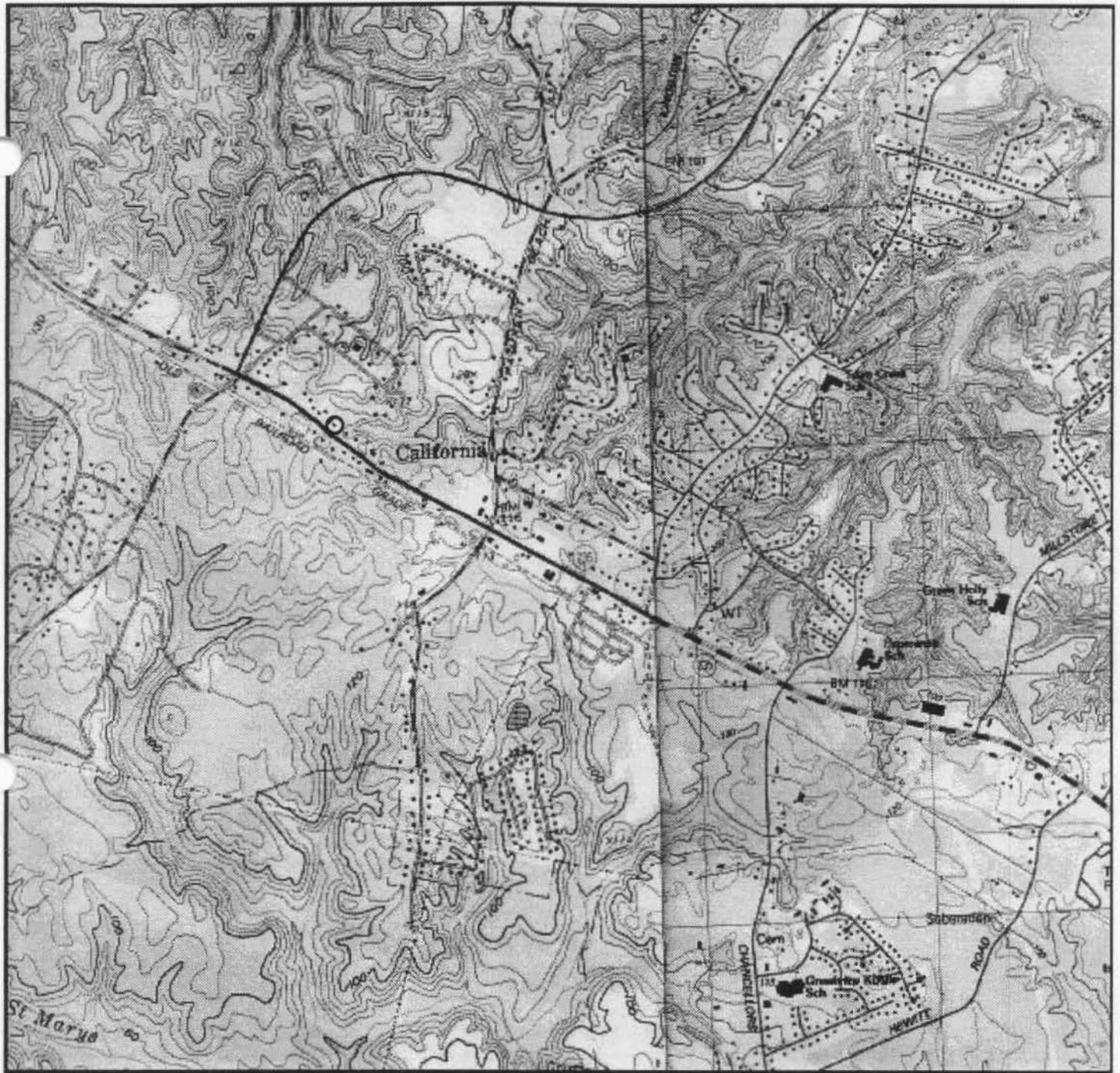


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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
 St. Mary's County, MD

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 Fusco House, 23088 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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MS SHPO

W + S elev. looking NE

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E + N elev. locking SW

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W elev. looking E

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