

Capsule Summary  
SM-708  
14670 Bay Front Drive  
Scotland Beach  
Private

1928

Located on a slender, low lying, sandy peninsula sandwiched between Tanner Creek and the Chesapeake Bay, the small, one-story, frame house at 14670 Bay Front Drive typifies the small seasonal cottages built in the Scotland Beach Subdivision in the 1920s. The Scotland Beach area became a popular recreational spot after Thomas and Mary Ridgell erected a hotel there in 1911. The couple subsequently subdivided the property into small lots for summer cottages. The area prospered until 1933, when a tidal wave destroyed the hotel and many of the houses. This house apparently survived this calamity.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-708

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 14670 Bay Front Drive

## 2. Location

street and number 14670 Bay Front Drive  not for publication

city, town Scotland Beach  vicinity

county St. Mary's County

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

name Amanda Wagner, et al

street and number 14670 Bay Front Drive

telephone

city, town Scotland Beach

state Md

zip code 20687

## 4. Location of Legal Description

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

tax map and parcel TM-73, P-155, Lot 3-4

city, town Leonardtown

liber EWA 1175 folio 100

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

14670 Bay Front Drive is a diminutive one-story frame house situated on a low lying lot that lies on a slender peninsula sandwiched between Tanner Creek and the Chesapeake Bay. Oriented on an east-west axis, the pink colored dwelling rests on a brick and poured concrete pier foundation. The clapboard sheathing is fastened with wire nails and the dual pitch roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rafter tails are barely visible through the original block's open cornice.

Typical of the seasonal dwellings constructed in the 1920-1940s in the Scotland Beach subdivision, the house appears to be divided into three sections. The front or east porch appears to have been enclosed by a series of modern two-over-two, double-hung sash windows that encircle the porch. A central door provides access into the house. The gable ends of the main house main house are pierced by one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Larger windows light the main section, while smaller sash light the rear portion.

The rear portion of the house was not visible, but a pier on Tanner Creek is present.

# 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/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
<b>Construction dates</b> 1929	

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The house located at 14670 Bay Front Road typifies the small seasonal cottages built in the Scotland Beach Subdivision in the 1920s. The one story clapboard covered building, situated on a slender, low lying, sandy peninsula sandwiched between Tanner Creek and the Chesapeake Bay was designed primarily for summer occupation. Scotland Beach was initially conceived by Thomas and Mary Ridgell as early as 1910. The couple recognized the property's potential as a site for summer recreation and built a hotel on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay in 1911. If the construction date of the house on the tax rolls is correct, the dwelling survived a tidal wave that destroyed the hotel in 1933.

Overall, the dwelling's diminutive size recalls the area's development as a recreational destination in the early twentieth century. See SM-647 for more detail on the community of Scotland Beach.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: N.p., 1994.

Jackson, Faith. "Vanishing Assets: The Land That Was and Isn't" St. Mary's Chronicles Vol. 33, September 1985, No. 9.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 6449 sq. ft.  
Acreage of historical setting 6449 sq. ft.  
Quadrangle name Point Lookout

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

14670 Bay Front Road is bounded to the east by Bay Front Road, to the west by Tanner Creek, to the north by 14665 Bay Front Drive and to the south by an undetermined parcel. The property is noted as consisting of Lot 3 and 4 and part of Lot 5 of the Thomas A. Ridgell Scotland Beach subdivision as noted in St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EWA 1175, folio 100.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

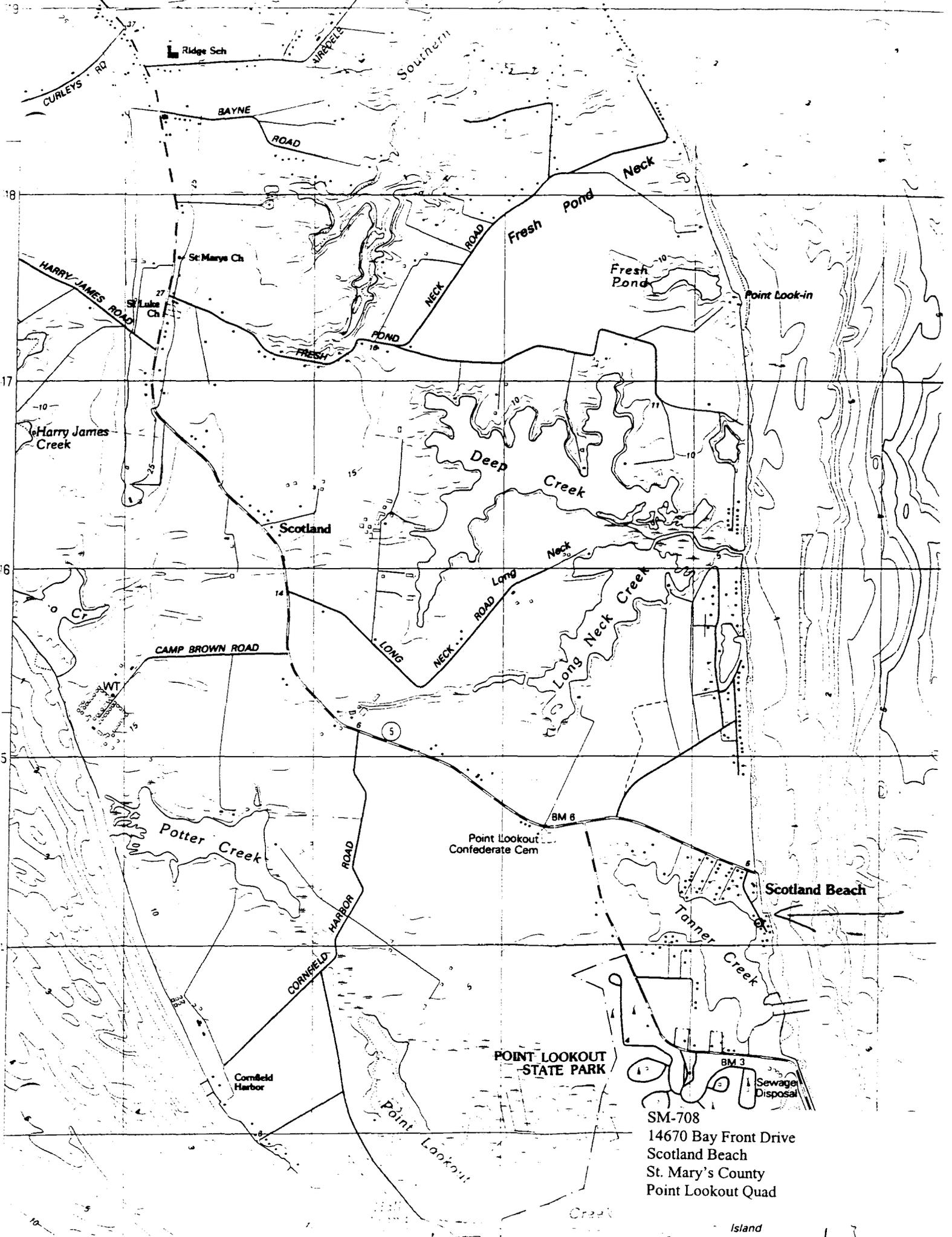
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Md

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.

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Impingement

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