

Capsule Summary  
SM-709  
14665 Bay Front Drive  
Scotland Beach  
Private

circa 1936

Superior in terms of architectural integrity, the house at 14665 Bay Front Drive represents an excellent example of the seasonal cottages erected in the recreational community of Scotland Beach between the 1920-1940. The modest one-story, weatherboarded house features distinctive propped window shutters that allow the free flow of air. The shutters can be closed during significant windstorms in order to prevent damage. The dwelling remains as a relatively intact example of the building type and deserves further documentation.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-709

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

historic

other 14665 Bay Front Drive

### 2. Location

street and number 14665 Bay Front Drive \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Scotland Beach x vicinity

county St. Mary's County

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

name John P. & Audrey W. Wilkinson

street and number 14665 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, Lots 7-10

city, town Leonardtown liber 104 folio 301

### 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	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____ buildings
_____ site		<u>x</u> domestic	_____ social	_____ sites
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____ structures
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	_____ objects
		_____ government	_____ unknown	_____ Total
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ industry	_____ other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
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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.

Situated to the north of SM-708 is the house at 14665 Bay Front Drive. Positioned on a topographically low, rectangular-shaped lot, this one story, frame dwelling lies on a slender peninsula sandwiched between Tanner Creek and the Chesapeake Bay. The property is demarcated by a picket fence on the east side and a post-and-rail fence to the south, an empty but heavily vegetated lot to the north, and Tanner Creek to the west.

The primary elevation of the dwelling faces east towards the Chesapeake Bay and Bay Front Drive, while the west elevation faces the creek. Configured along a roughly rectangular plan, the house rests on a masonry foundation. Wood clapboard with broad corner boards sheath the walls while asphalt shingles cover the gable roof. The roof does feature a projecting pavilion or cross gable that roughly extends from the main block. An enclosed porch with a shed roof extends this pavilion even further. The roof's cornice has been left open allowing the rafter tails to be exposed. An exterior end brick chimney flue is situated on the north side of the house.

The primary or east elevation has largely been enclosed by windows as well as screens. The primary entrance lies on the east side and is centrally located on the elevation. This glazed wood door lies between sets of paired screen windows that feature distinctive shutters propped open by wood slats. Fenestration in the main block mostly consists of one-over-one, double-hung windows and appears to follow a roughly symmetrical arrangement. The other elevations of the house were not investigated. A long pier extends into Tanner Creek behind the house.

Overall, the house's architectural details, such as the propped shutters and the modest floor plan and construction typify the seasonal cottages erected in Scotland Beach between 1920-1940. It is a relatively intact example of the type and deserves further documentation.

# 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> c. 1936	

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.)

Superior in terms of integrity, the house at 14665 Bay Front Drive represents an excellent example of the seasonal cottages erected in Scotland Beach between 1920-1940. The modest one story, weatherboarded house features propped window shutters that allow the free flow of air while providing protection during significant windstorms.

The recreational community of Scotland Beach, first conceived by Thomas and Mary Ridgell, revolved around a hotel until 1933 when the hotel was swept away by a tidal wave. While some of the lots have been washed away by the Chesapeake Bay, the community is still characterized by small building lots and modest homes.

The dwelling remains as a relatively intact example of the building type and deserves further documentation.

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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 10,000 sq. ft.  
Acreage of historical setting 10,000 sq. ft.  
Quadrangle name Point Lookout Quadrangle scale: 1: 24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

14665 Bay Front Road is bounded to the east by Bay Front Drive , to the west by Tanner Creek, to the south by 14670 Bay Front Road (SM-708), and to the north by an undeveloped but heavily vegetated lot. The property is noted as consisting of Lots 7-10 of the Thomas A. Ridgell Scotland Beach subdivision as noted in the St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 104, folio 301.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

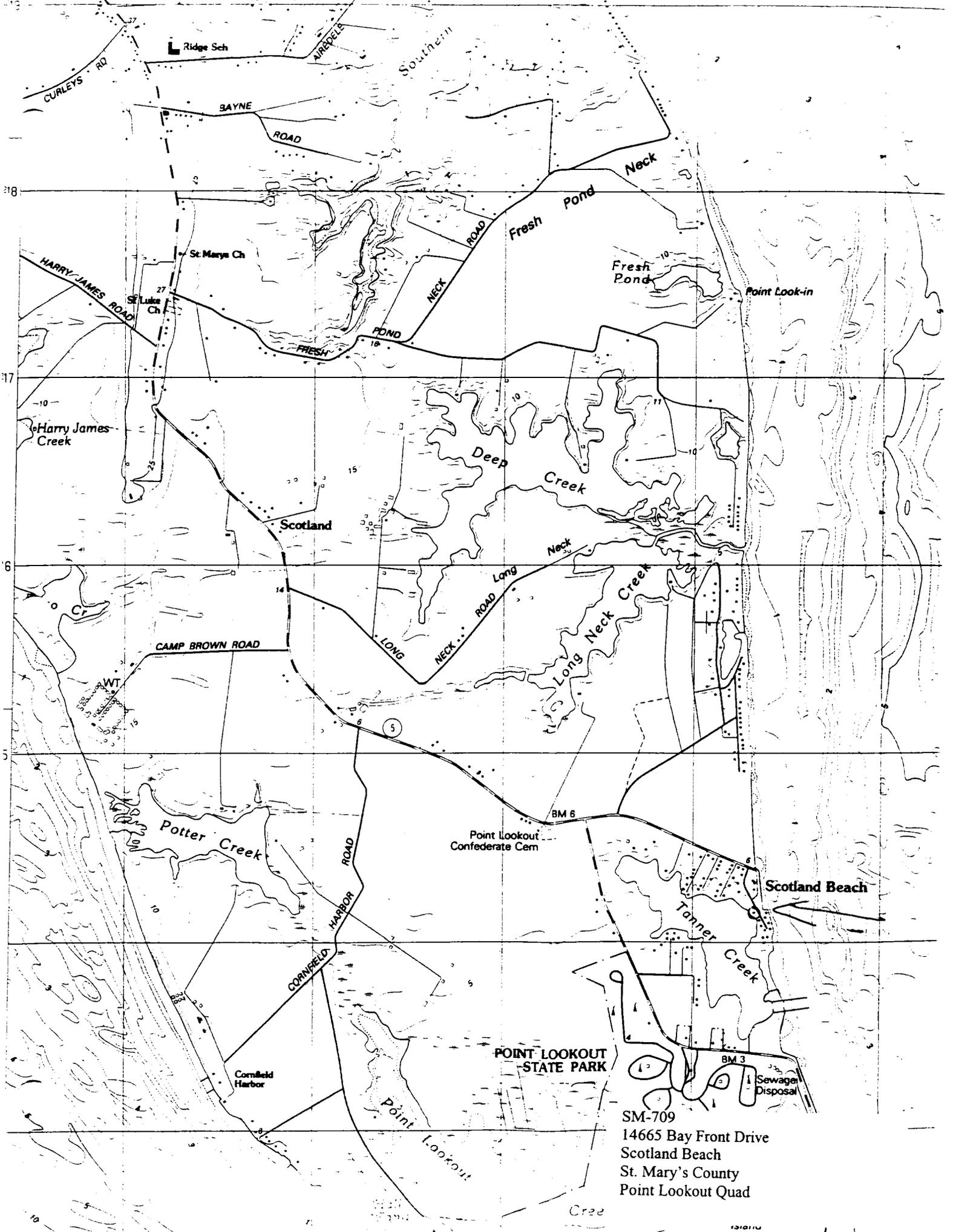
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Md

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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