

Capsule Summary
SM-715
50025 Hays Beach Road
Scotland
Private

c. 1920s

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-715

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 50025 Hays Beach Road

2. Location

street and number 50025 Hays Beach Road __ not for publication

city, town Scotland x_ vicinity

county St. Mary's County

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

name Barbara Dean

street and number 50025 Hays Beach Road telephone N/a

city, town Scotland 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-71, P-314

city, town Leonardtown liber 96 folio 440

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

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Peering out from behind a number of evergreen trees in the middle of a cultivated field stands the house at 50025 Hays Beach Road. Approached via a long farm lane that extends southward from Hays Beach Road, the house is oriented on a north/south axis. To the east of the farm lane are a series of farm buildings which include a corn crib, tobacco barn, and long equipment shed. To the south of the house and in the middle of an overgrown field overlooking Deep Creek is a large tobacco barn possibly built in the mid to late-nineteenth century. Several outbuildings of unknown functions are located just west of the main dwelling.

The main dwelling itself is a modest, two-story, two bay, frame house sheathed with asbestos shingles. The roof, pierced by a single interior end chimney, is covered with raised seam metal. The first floor bays are shaded by a shed porch covered with raised seam metal and supported by wood posts. A carport addition is visible on the house's east gable end. Judging from the house's scale, proportions, and location it appears to have been built in the early twentieth century – probably in the 1920s.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 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

Construction dates 1920s

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.)

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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: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 48.38 acres
Acreage of historical setting 48.38 acres
Quadrangle name Point Lookout Quadrangle scale: 1: 24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

50025 Hays Beach Road is bounded by an agricultural lot to the west, Deep Creek to the south, a wooded tract to the east, and Hays Beach Road to the north. The property boundaries are more explicitly explained in St. Mary's County land records Liber 96, folio 440.

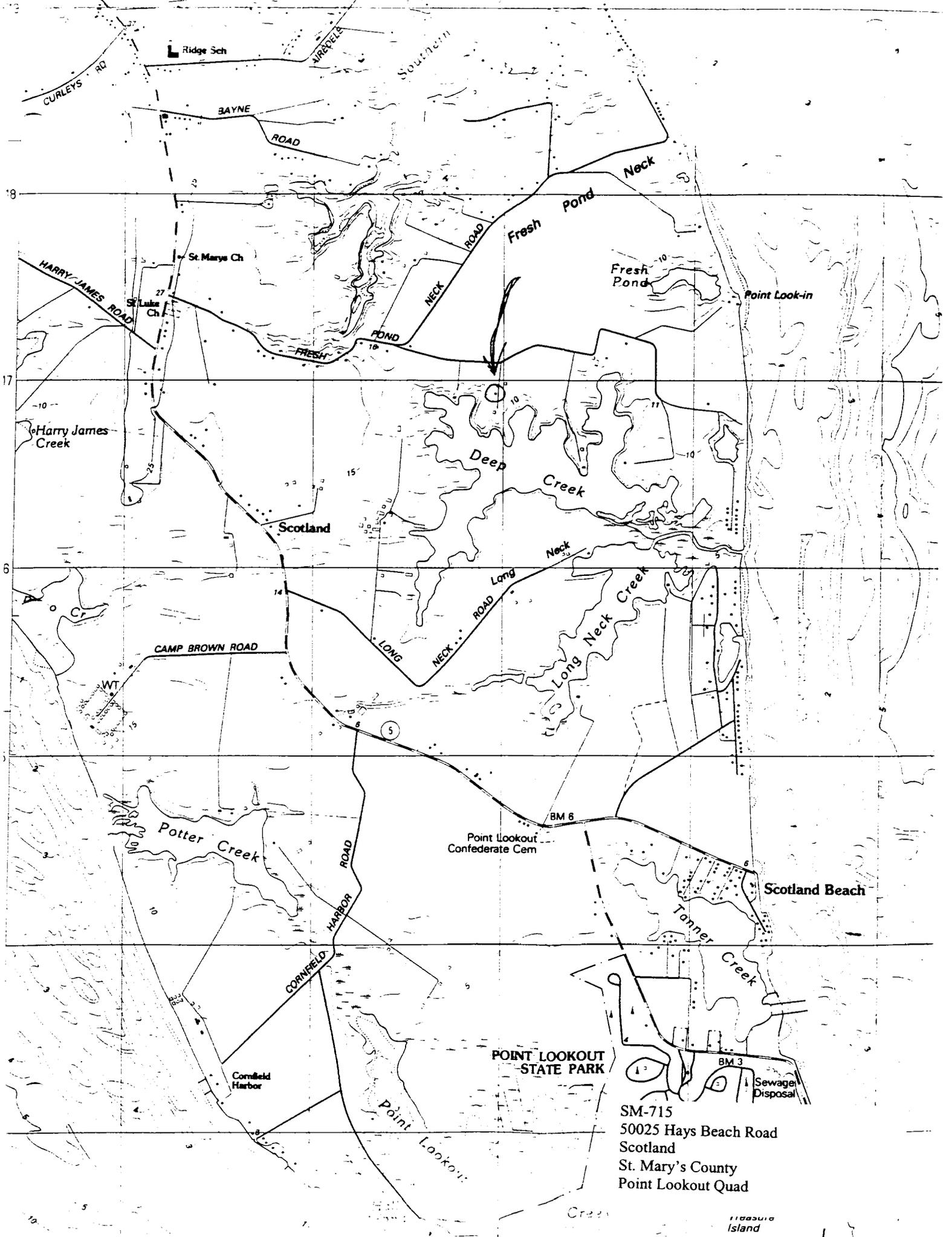
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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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.

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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