

Capsule Summary  
SM-721  
17623 Three Notch Road  
Dameron vicinity  
Private

c. 1920

Surrounded by cultivated fields near the rural community of Dameron stands the house at 17623 Three Notch Road. Erected circa 1920, the main house is a two story, three bay, single pile dwelling with a two story rear addition. Largely devoid of architectural embellishment, the house does feature a cross gable. The overall standardized components of the house point to the influence modern building parts such as standardized lumber had upon rural architecture. Accompanied by a number of small work buildings and equipment sheds immediately around the main house, a number of tobacco barns are located to the west of the house in the middle of its expansive fields. The arrangements of these buildings reveal that even in the twentieth century, farmers stuck to traditional patterns of barn location.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-721

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

historic

other 17623 Three Notch Road

## 2. Location

street and number 17623 Three Notch Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Dameron x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name J. E. Trossbach

street and number PO Box 8 telephone N/a

city, town Dameron state Md zip code 20628-0008

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-68, P-86

city, town Leonardtown liber 17 folio 384

## 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	<u>x</u> 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>
				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.

Surrounded by an expansive cultivated field, the dwelling and accompanying agricultural outbuildings situated at 17623 Three Notch Road accurately project an early twentieth century farm. Oriented on an east/west axis, the main dwelling is constructed facing the main road and is actually framed by a series of fields that are in turn hemmed by woodlands on three sides. Joining the main house is a non-contributing dilapidated shed, a contributing equipment shed, and two outbuildings of unknown function. To the west of the house are three early twentieth century tobacco barns.

The main house is a circa 1920 two story, three bay, single pile house with a two story rear ell. While the foundation is obscured, the walls are sheathed with weatherboard. The roof of the main block is covered with raised seam metal and has two interior end chimney flues. The rear ell's roof is pierced by a single chimney flue. A cross projects from the roof as well and is glazed by a single window.

The front or east elevation is dominated by a later screened porch that is covered by a raised seam metal shed roof. Although the first floor fenestration is obscured by this porch, the second floor is pierced by three, more modern, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The other elevations were not investigated.

# 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**

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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 160 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 160 acres  
Quadrangle name Point No Point                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The 160 acre property located at 17623 Three Notch Road is bounded on the north, east, and south by woodlands and to the east by Three Notch Road. The property is more specifically described in the St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 17, folio 384.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600

5760 III NW  
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Dameron  
St. Mary's County  
Point No Point Quad



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17623 Three Notch Road

+ Maple Canyon Rd

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