

Capsule Summary
SM-724
Trossbach House
Dameron Vicinity
Private

c. 1910

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-724

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Trossbach House

2. Location

street and number 18224 Trossbach Road not for publication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 Wilma Jane and Caroline Anne Trossbach

street and number 18224 Trossbach Road telephone N/a

city, town Dameron state Md zip code 20628

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-64, P-26

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 260 folio 421

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 | <u>6</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | <u>1</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | _____ sites |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | _____ structures |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | _____ objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | <u>6</u> <u>1</u> Total |
| | | <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 |
| | | | <u>0</u> |

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.

Positioned in the middle of a broad flat plain of cultivated fields stands the Trossbach House. Located at the northern terminus of Trossbach Road near Dameron, Maryland, the house is approached via a dirt farm road that proceeds east to a number of agricultural buildings and then curving northward again to the main house. The house is bounded by a number of mature trees as well as a non-contributing metal shed or workshop situated just north of the house. The surveyor was previously denied access to the property, so photography and observations were taken from the distant public road.

The house itself is a two-story frame house probably erected circa 1910. The primary or south elevation is entered through a centrally located door and is fenestrated by a number of what appear one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. All of these bays are sheltered by a wrap-around shed roof porch that is embellished with a balustrade. The balustrade is interrupted only by the main entrance on the south and west. The second floor of the south elevation is pierced by three symmetrically placed windows of similar sash. The middle window is emphasized by a cross gable that interrupts the raised-seam metal gable roof.

A number of agricultural outbuildings are located on the property. These include at least two tobacco barns, a gambrel roofed dairy/cattle/hay barn, and two cribs. Some are located well to the northeast of the house in the fields, while the others are situated astride the main drive. These buildings as well as the main house deserve further recordation.

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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 85.86 acres
Acreage of historical setting 85.86 acres
Quadrangle name Point No Point Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is rimmed by woodlands that mark the location of a brackish marsh to the north, east and south, and a steep wooded ridge to the west. The property is more specifically described in the St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 260, Folio 421.

11. Form Prepared by

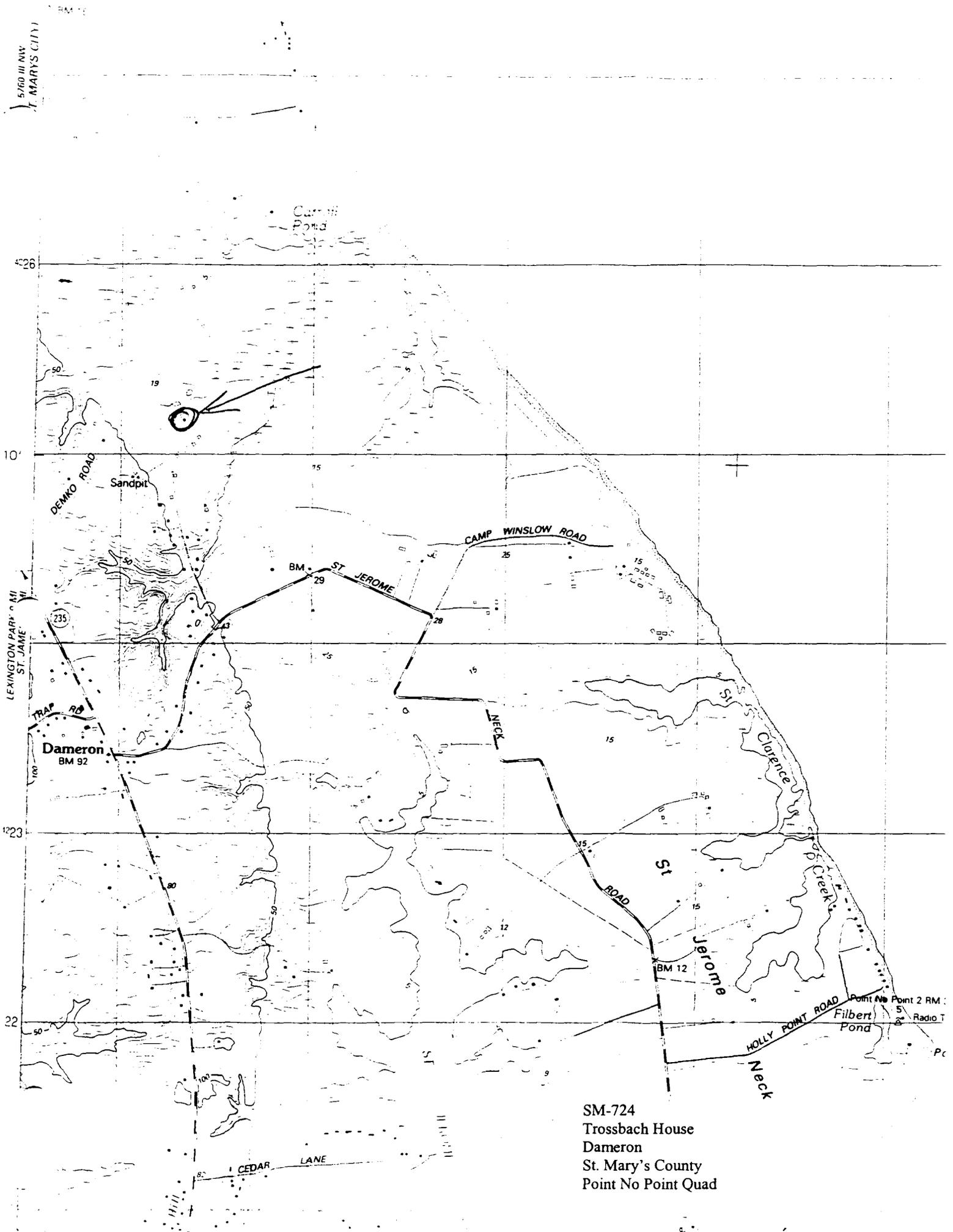
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|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title | Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor | | |
| organization | St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning | date | August, 2000 |
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| 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.

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Dameron
St. Mary's County
Point No Point Quad



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St Mary's County, Md

Kirk Ranzetta

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Looking NE

Left