

Capsule Summary
SM-728
48722 Fox Harbor Road
Wynne Vicinity
Private

c. 1930

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-728

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 48722 Fox Harbor Road

2. Location

street and number 48722 Fox Harbor Road ___ not for publication

city, town Wynne x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Minnie Russell & Carolyn Fenwick

street and number 16477 Dunbar Lane telephone N/a

city, town Ridge state Md zip code 20680

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-70, P-215

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 522 folio 24

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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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.

Perched on a small rise overlooking Fox Harbor, a tributary of Jutland Creek and ultimately the Potomac River, the house located at 48722 Fox Harbor Road is located near the small maritime community of Wynne, Maryland. Situated on a flat one acre property, the residence is approached via a now grassy drive that extends to north from Fox Harbor Road. The property immediately to the south of the house consists of a cultivated field, while the grounds immediately around the house consists of large deciduous trees, cedars, and other shrubs. The property is bounded by Fox Harbor Road to the south, Fox Harbor to the north and residential lots to the east and west. A non-contributing garage lies to the east of the main house.

Constructed circa 1933 (date from tax records), the main house follows Colonial Revival sentiments common in the early twentieth century. While a moderate expression, the two-story, five-bay, double-pile dwelling nonetheless sports a symmetrical façade, colonial inspired front porch, and a steeply pitched hipped roof with a broad eave. A small one story addition appears on the house's east side. The exterior walls are covered with weatherboard, while the roof is covered with what appear to be asphalt shingles. A corbelled chimney projects from a central location in the roof.

The front or south elevation consists of a centrally positioned doorway shaded by a classically inspired porch supported by turned posts. The porch, now in disrepair, is partially enclosed by a balustrade and also exhibits segmental arch just under its gable roof. The opening is flanked on either side by paired six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Each pair of windows is further elaborated by set of louvered shutters. The second floor fenestration consists of large central six-over-six window flanked on each side by paired, six-over-six windows. The one story addition appears to be pierced by two six-over-six windows.

The other elevations were not observed.

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 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 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre
Quadrangle name St. Georges Island Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north by Fox Harbor, to the south by a broad cultivated field and Fox Harbor Road, and to the east and west by residential properties. A more specific description appears in St. Mary's County Land Records in Liber MRB 522, Folio 24.

11. Form Prepared by

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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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