

Capsule Summary
SM-735
47605 Beachville Road
Beachville vicinity
Private

c. 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-735

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 47605 Beachville Road

2. Location

street and number 47605 Beachville Road __ not for publication

city, town Beachville x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Roman Catholic Clergy c/o Rev. William K. McGroarty S J

street and number 5704 Roland Avenue telephone N/a

city, town Baltimore state Md zip code 21210

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-67, P-31

city, town Leonardtown liber 134 folio 475

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	<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	6+	1+ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	6+	1+ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

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.

Approached via a long dirt drive that lies perpendicular to the main house, the dwelling at 47605 Beachville Road typifies the dwellings erected by sharecroppers in the early twentieth century on the Roman Catholic Church property on Jutland Neck. The main dwelling, oriented on an east/west axis, is flanked to the north and south by at least three contributing early to mid twentieth century tobacco barns and two other early twentieth century outbuildings. The property also contains a non-contributing trailer to the north of the house. The topographically flat property lies at the head of Smith Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River. A number of cultivated fields encircle the house, while treelines to the south mark the location of the creekside.

The main house, erected circa 1900, is a two-story, three bay, single pile frame dwelling with a rear (west) one story kitchen ell. The exterior walls are sheathed with artificial siding, and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two interior end chimney flues protrude from the roof.

The front or west elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located entrance flanked on either side by one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The entrance, slightly skewed to the south, is sheltered by a frame, screened-in porch. The second floor bays, consisting of three one-over-one windows, are vertically aligned with those on the first floor. 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 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	<u>5 acres around house</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>985.38 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>St. Mary's City</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

While the total property consists of St. Inigoes Neck bounded by Smith Creek and the Potomac River to the east and west and Webster Field and Beachville Road to the north and west. The actual survey boundaries only included the immediate five acres of land around the main house. Other resources may still exist on the property. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 134, Folio 475.

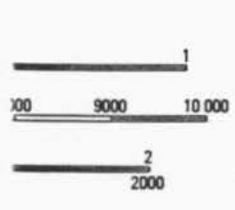
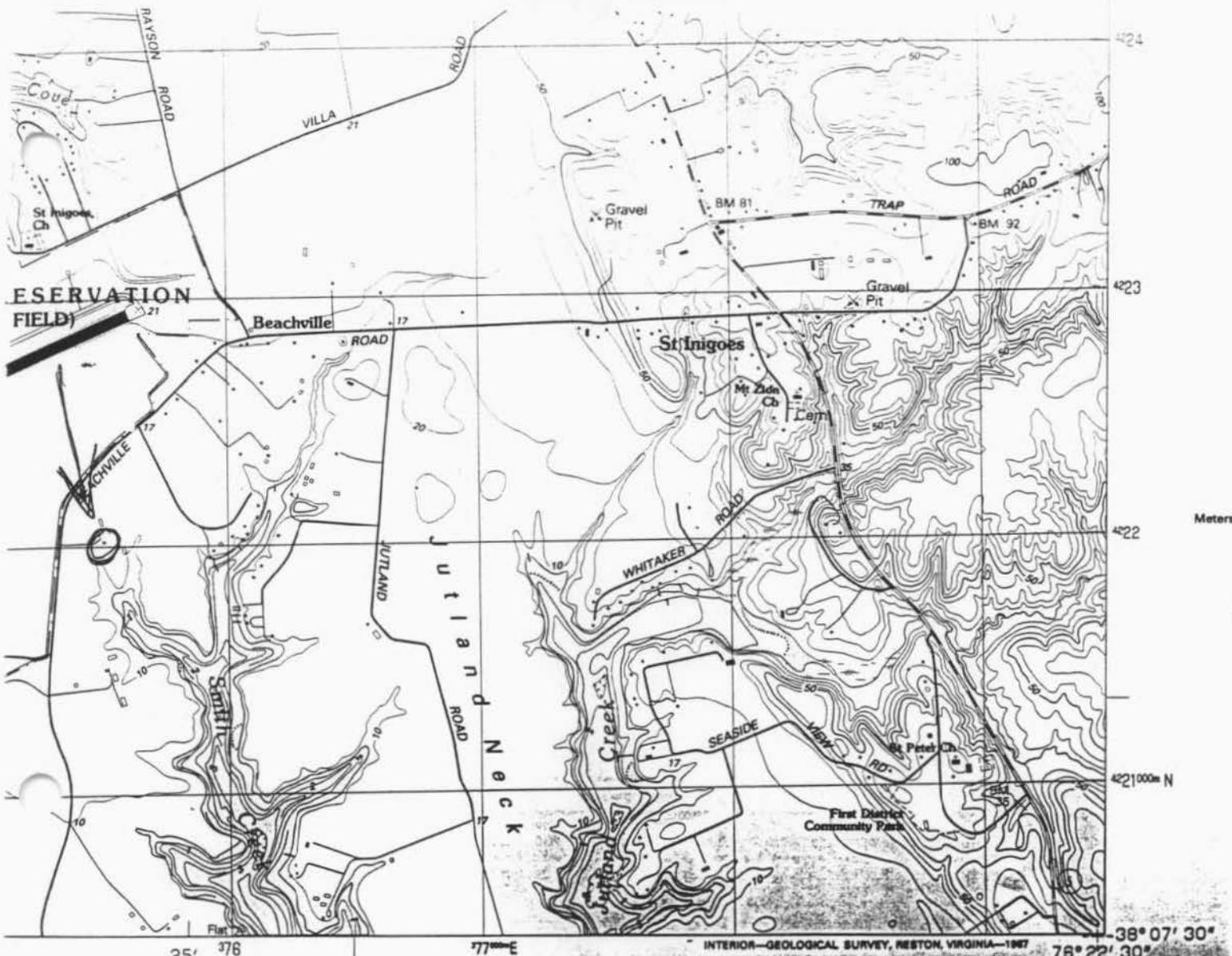
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

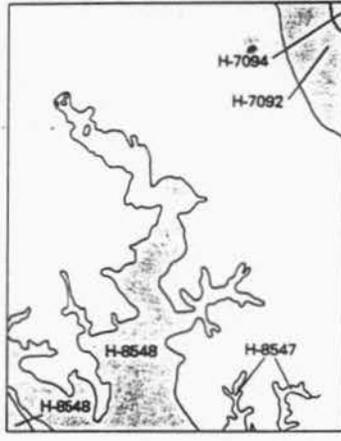
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX**



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ...
- Secondary highway, hard surface Unimproved road ...
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

ST. MARYS CITY, MD.

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**HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY
INFORMATION**

SURVEY NUMBER	SURVEY DATE	SURVEY SCALE	SURVEY LINE SPACING (NAUT. MILES)
H-7092	1948	1:10,000	02-15
H-7094	1945-48	1:20,000	04-18
H-8547	1968-80	1:10,000	03-10
H-8548	1980	1:10,000	02-07

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47605 Beachville Road
Beachville
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad

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St Mary's County, Md

Kirk Ranzetta

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