

Capsule Summary
SM-744
St. Mary's Youth Memorial
Great Mills
Private

1902/1984

On the north side of Point Lookout Road near its intersection with Great Mills Road, stands the St. Mary's Youth Memorial. The memorial consists of a central grotto flanked by a number of granite markers that include the names of county children who lost their lives due to tragic circumstances. Initially erected in 1902 on the grounds of the St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown, the grotto was moved in 1984 and moved to its present site Thomas Edward and Agnes Langley Tippet. The unique devotional is constructed of concrete entirely covered with cobblestones of differing dimension. A central niche, outlined by similarly sized and colored stones, holds a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

As an excellent example of a Catholic devotional grotto from the early twentieth century, the statue is certainly worthy of further documentation and historical research.

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.

The St. Mary's Youth Memorial is situated on a .2 acre tract on the north side of Point Lookout Road just east of its intersection with Great Mills Road. Oriented on a north/south axis the memorial is accessed via a parking lot situated immediately off of Point Lookout Road. The site also includes a non-contributing picnic shelter. The lot is bounded to the north and east by the stormwater retention pond of Bay Ridge Estates, to the south by Point Lookout Road and to the west by a commercial lot.

The memorial itself, begun in 1984, consists of a grotto flanked on either side by a series of granite markers aligned in a semicircle and immediately preceded by a concrete sidewalk. The grotto, initially created in 1902 at the St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown and moved to this site in 1984, is constructed of concrete but entirely faced with cobblestones of various dimensions. Larger stones are situated at the base of the grotto, while smaller stones of similar color are used to accent the central niche occupied by a devotional statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. The use of small stones of similar color is especially emphasized on the three pylons that top the grotto.

The granite markers that flank the grotto are filled with the names of beloved children who resided and died in the county from tragic circumstances. An informational plaque explaining the memorial's history is located on a granite marker near the parking lot.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input 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	1902	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 .2 acres
Acreage of historical setting .2 acres
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is bounded to the north and east by the stormwater retention pond of Bay Ridge Estates, to the south by Point Lookout Road and to the west by a commercial lot. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 179, Folio 1.

11. Form Prepared by

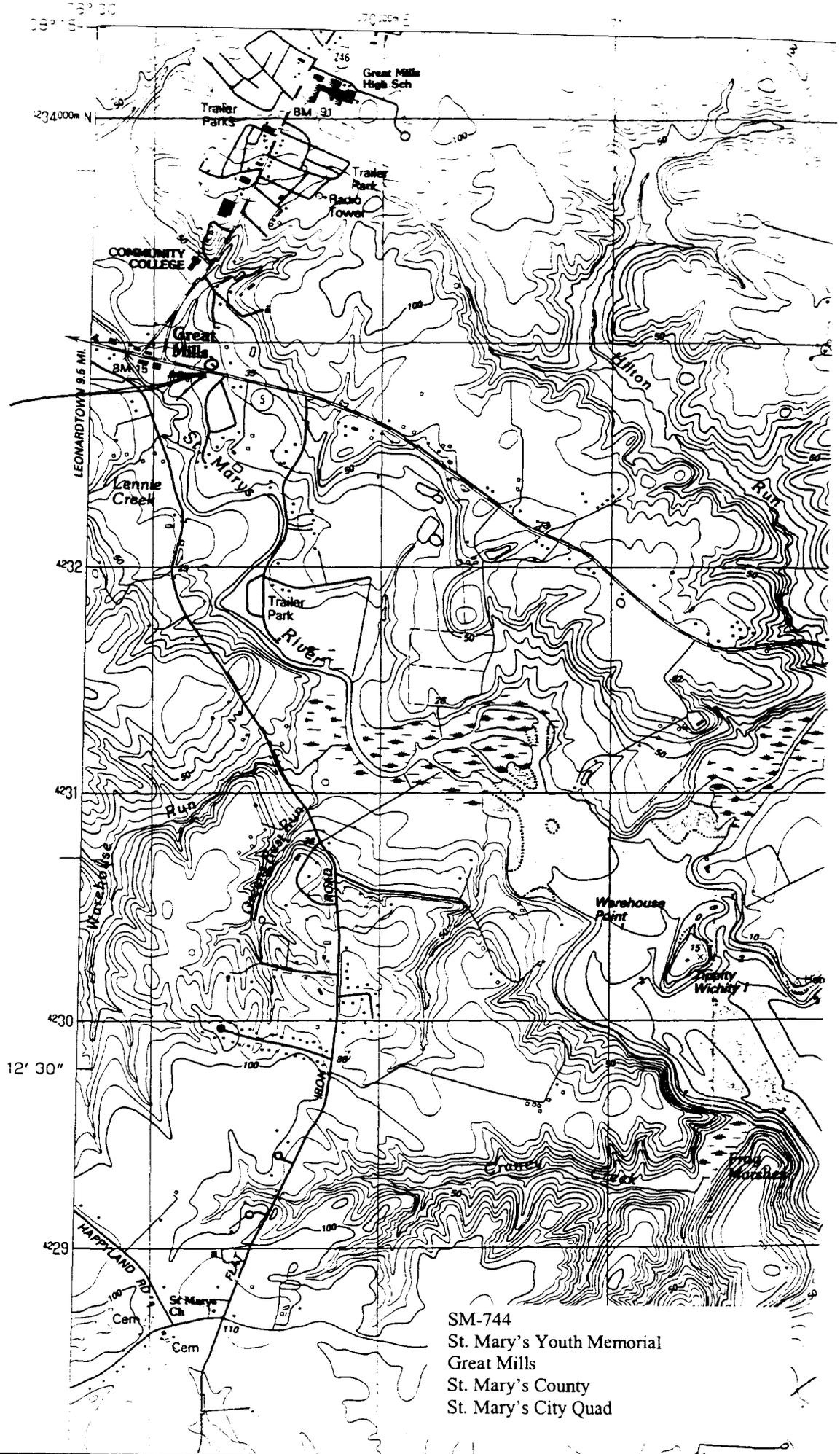
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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.

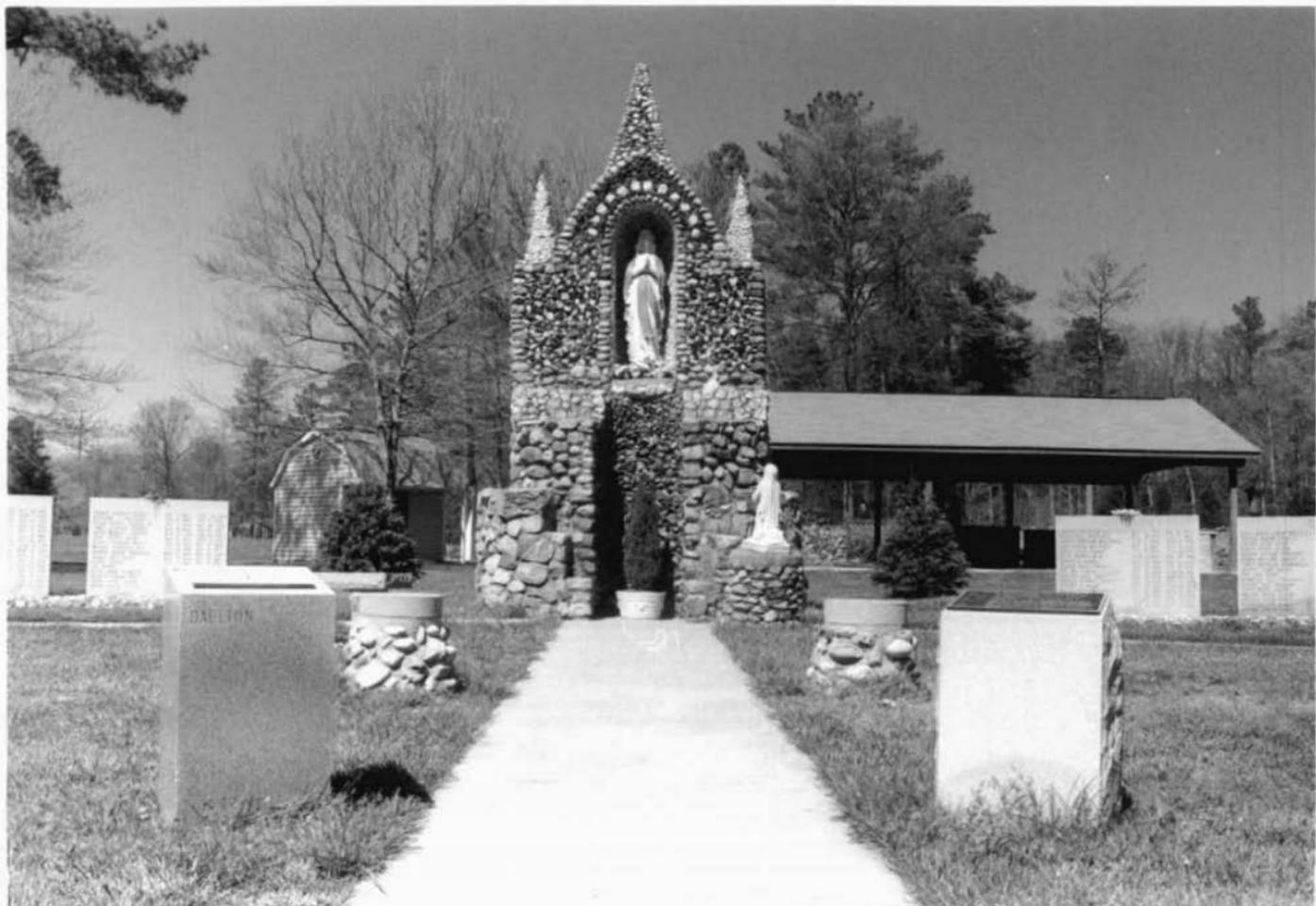
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Great Mills
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad



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St. Mary's Youth Memorial Park

St. Mary's County, Md

King of Prussia

1913

Nov/44

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ASBURN HILL DANCERS
JAN 12 1997
MAY 15 1993
JUNE 29 1989
AUG 6 1985
AUG 20 1983
AUG 28 1981
AUG 28 1979
AUG 28 1977
AUG 28 1974
AUG 12 1997
OCT 21 1995
MAY 3 1999
MAY 14 1941
OCT 2 1947
AUG 15 1995
AUG 12 1997
AUG 12 1997
MAY 16 1996

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St. Mary's Youth Memorial Park

St. Mary's Church

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