

Capsule Summary
SM-756
18926 Flat Iron Road
Drayden vicinity
Private

circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-756

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 18926 Flat Iron Road

2. Location

street and number 18926 Flat Iron Road ___ not for publication

city, town Valley Lee x_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name James Gregory Adams

street and number PO Box 253 telephone N/a

city, town Valley Lee state Md zip code 20692

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-62, P-17

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1212 folio 114

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	_____ agriculture	Contributing
x_ building(s)	x_ private	_____ landscape	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ commerce/trade	_____ 5+
_____ site		_____ defense	_____ buildings
_____ object		x_ domestic	_____ sites
		_____ education	_____ structures
		_____ funerary	_____ objects
		_____ government	_____ Total
		_____ health care	
		_____ industry	
		_____ recreation/culture	
		_____ religion	
		_____ social	
		_____ transportation	
		_____ work in progress	
		_____ unknown	
		_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ 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.

The house at 18926 Flat Iron Road lies to the east of Flat Iron Road just north of its intersection with Drayden Road. Oriented on an east/west axis, this 74.63 acre tract is bounded by other agricultural tracts and wooded parcels to the north, east, and south. Flat Iron Road passes to the west of the farm. The main house is approached via a long dirt road that straddles open cultivated fields. The main house is accompanied by a number of other contributing outbuildings. Those visible from the road include a crib, tobacco barn, stripping shed, and another storage building of unknown purpose.

The main house, itself, is a circa 1900 two story, five bay, single-pile, frame house with a gable roof. While the exterior cladding consists of either artificial siding or weatherboard, the roof is covered with metal. The roof is pierced by two interior end brick chimneys.

The first floor is pierced by a series of five symmetrically placed bays. A central doorway is flanked on either side by two six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. All of these bays are shaded by a porch supported by a number of posts. The second floor is pierced by five six-over-six windows. Above the central bay is a cross gable replete with a closed bed pediment.

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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Further documentation of the agricultural buildings is certainly warranted.

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 74.63 acres
Acreage of historical setting 74.63 acres
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This 74.63 acre tract is bounded by other agricultural tracts and wooded parcels to the north, east, and south while Flat Iron Road passes to the west of the house. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1212, Folio 114.

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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UNITY COLLEGE

Great Mills

St. Marys River

Trailer Park

Hilton Run

Run

WILLOWS

Eastern

Penb

Branch

Landing Strip

Park Hall Sch
Gravel Pit

Gravel Pit

Warehouse Point

Trinity Wichin I

Martin Pt

YARD S

Craney Creek

Frog Marshes

Long Pt

Short Pt

Light Horseshoe Pt

Bettys Cape

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FRIGS
MARSH
ROAD

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

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