

Capsule Summary
SM-758
45572 Happyland Road
Valley Lee
Private

circa 1920

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-758

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 45572 Happyland Road

2. Location

street and number 45572 Happyland Road __ not for publication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 Winifred Wilson

street and number 3101 Alabama Ave SE telephone N/a

city, town Washington state DE zip code 20020-3009

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-57, P-119

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1069 folio 519

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 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.

The house at 45572 Happyland Road is near the rural community of Valley Lee, Maryland. Oriented on a south/north axis, the dwelling is bounded to the west by a residential lot, to the north by a wooded tract, to the east by an agricultural property, and to the south by Happyland Road. The house is approached via a short drive that extends to the north of Happyland Road. The drive leads directly to a cinder block garage topped by a gable roof. The property is flat and largely open. The parcel consists of 19 acres but only the 1 acre around the house has been surveyed.

The main house, constructed circa 1920, is a two story, three bay, single pile frame house with a two story rear ell. Resting on a masonry foundation, the house is apparently sheathed with aluminum siding and the roof is clad with asphalt shingles. Two patches located near the peak of the roof indicate that the house once features two interior chimney flues.

The primary or south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a central door shaded by an awning flanked on either side by paired eight-over-eight, double-hung sash windows. The second floor is pierced by three symmetrically placed eight-over-eight windows.

No other elevations were 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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Due to the repetitive nature of the house type across St. Mary's County, no further recordation is recommended. Oral history, however, may uncover the history of the African-American community that lies along Happyland Road.

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 around house
Acreage of historical setting 19 acres
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling is bounded to the west by a residential lot, to the north by a wooded tract, to the east by an agricultural property, and to the south by Happyland Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1069, Folio 519.

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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