

Capsule Summary  
SM-772  
Cobrum's Wharf Farm  
Oakley vicinity  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-772

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Cobrum's Wharf Farm

## 2. Location

street and number 39128 Cobrum's Wharf Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakley x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Robert and Lynn Burton

street and number 39128 Cobrum's Wharf Road telephone N/a

city, town Avenue state Md zip code 20609

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-39, P-268

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1380 folio 70

## 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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Cobrum's Wharf Farm is located near the terminus of Cobrum's Wharf Road in the rural community of Oakley, Maryland. The houses sits amidst a 33.9 acre tract consisting of flat cultivated fields that overlook the confluence of Tomakokin Creek and St. Clements Bay. The property includes a main house approached via a long dirt drive that extends to the north of Cobrum's Wharf Road. Contributing resources include at least two mid-twentieth century tobacco barns and the main house. A non-contributing two car garage is located to the east of the main house. The property is bounded to the west by the Stone farm (SM-771), to the north by Tomakokin Creek, to the east by St. Clements Bay, and to the south by Cobrum's Wharf Road.

The main house is a two story, five bay, frame house oriented on an east/west axis. Featuring a one story wing on both the north and south sides, the house's exterior walls appear to be sheathed with clapboard while the low pitched hipped roof is covered with raised-seam metal. Two symmetrically placed interior chimney flues protrude from the roof. The symmetrical primary façade appears to be the west elevation. The main entrance, covered by a pedimented porch, is flanked on either side by two windows. The second floor is pierced by five windows. Above the central window of the second floor is a low cross gable topped by a pediment. It also appears to contain a diamond-shaped window. The one story wing to the south appears to be pierced by a door and four windows. The other wing is not visible.

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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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Inventory No. SM-722

Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 33.9 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 33.9 acres  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the west by the Stone farm (SM-771), to the north by Tomakokin Creek, to the east by St. Clements Bay, and to the south by Cobrum's Wharf Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1380, Folio 70.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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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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Kirk Ranzetta

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