

Capsule Summary
SM-783
39890 Big Chestnut Road
Leonardtown vicinity
Private

c. 1910

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-783

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 39890 Big Chestnut Road

2. Location

street and number 39890 Big Chestnut Road __ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Kenneth Guy

street and number 39890 Big Chestnut Road telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-31, P-288

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 705 folio 366

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	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>2</u>	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<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:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

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.

Positioned in the middle of a relatively flat agricultural field stands the house at 39890 Big Chestnut Road. Oriented on a south/north axis, the house is accompanied on the 7.2 acre parcel by a mid twentieth century tobacco barn. A long dirt drive extends north of Big Chestnut Road and leads to the house. The property is bounded by the road to the south and by agricultural and wooded tracts to the north, east, and west.

The house itself is a two-story, double-pile, three bay, frame, four-square dwelling with a steep hipped roof that was constructed circa 1910. The exterior walls of the house are sheathed with wooden weatherboard while the roof is clad with decorative pressed metal shingles. Two symmetrically placed interior chimney flues with corbelled tops protrude from the roof top. The symmetrically balanced primary or south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located door flanked on either side by a window. All of these bays are shaded by a porch that is supported by posts embellished with scroll sawn brackets. The center portion of the porch is highlighted by a gabled projection. The second floor is pierced by three windows that lack shutters. A shed roof dormer projects from the roof.

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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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 7.2 acres
Acreage of historical setting 7.2 acres
Quadrangle name Leonardtown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by the road to the south and by agricultural and wooded tracts to the north, east, and west. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 705, Folio 366.

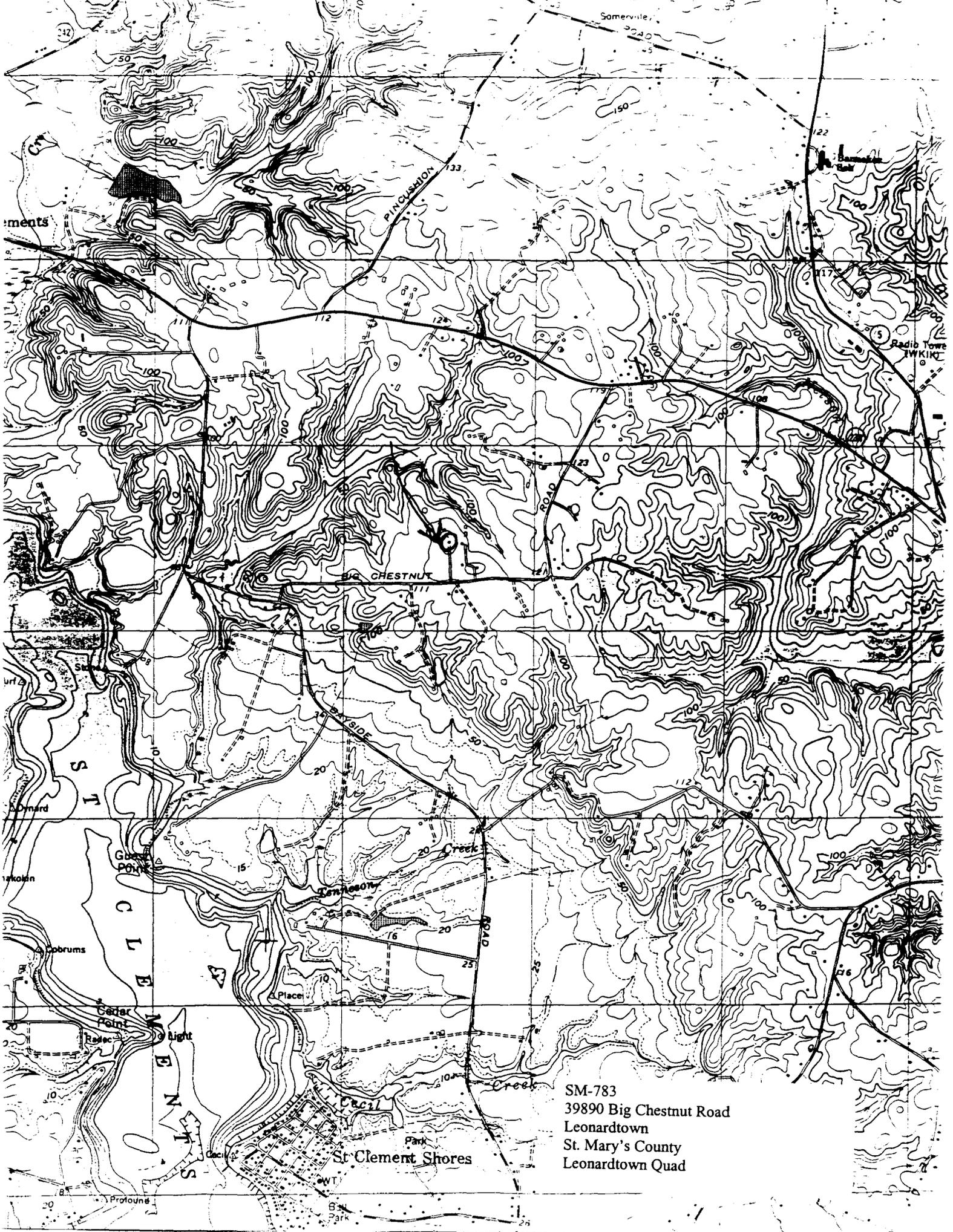
11. Form Prepared by

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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