

Capsule Summary  
SM-786  
40077 Big Chestnut Road  
Clements vicinity  
Private

c. 1920

Situated on a small .77 acre parcel, the house at 40077 Big Chestnut Road represents a relatively rare building type. Featuring a gable front entry, this particular dwelling appears to have been circa 1920. The one-story, three bay, frame house appears to be vacant and not occupied. Oral history should confirm the date of the house and a site visit should identify its exact plan.



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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.

The house at 40077 Big Chestnut Road is located near Leonardtown, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the house is situated in an open field and is approached via a dirt road that extends to the south of Big Chestnut Road. The .77 acre property is bounded on three sides by fields and to the west by the dirt road. The property also contains a contributing shed and a non-contributing trailer and pumphouse.

The dwelling at 40077 Big Chestnut Road, constructed circa 1920, is a one story, gable front, three bay dwelling with a gable roof. The exterior is sheathed with wood weatherboard while the roof is clad with corrugated metal. A single interior chimney flue projects from the middle of the roof.

The primary or west elevation is pierced by a central door flanked on either side by a window. All of these bays are shaded by a porch supported by a series of posts elaborated by scroll sawn brackets.

Other elevations were not observed.

# 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |
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| <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/<br>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/<br>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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .77 acres  
Acreage of historical setting .77 acres  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The .77 acre property is bounded on three sides by fields and to the west by the dirt road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 26, Folio 78.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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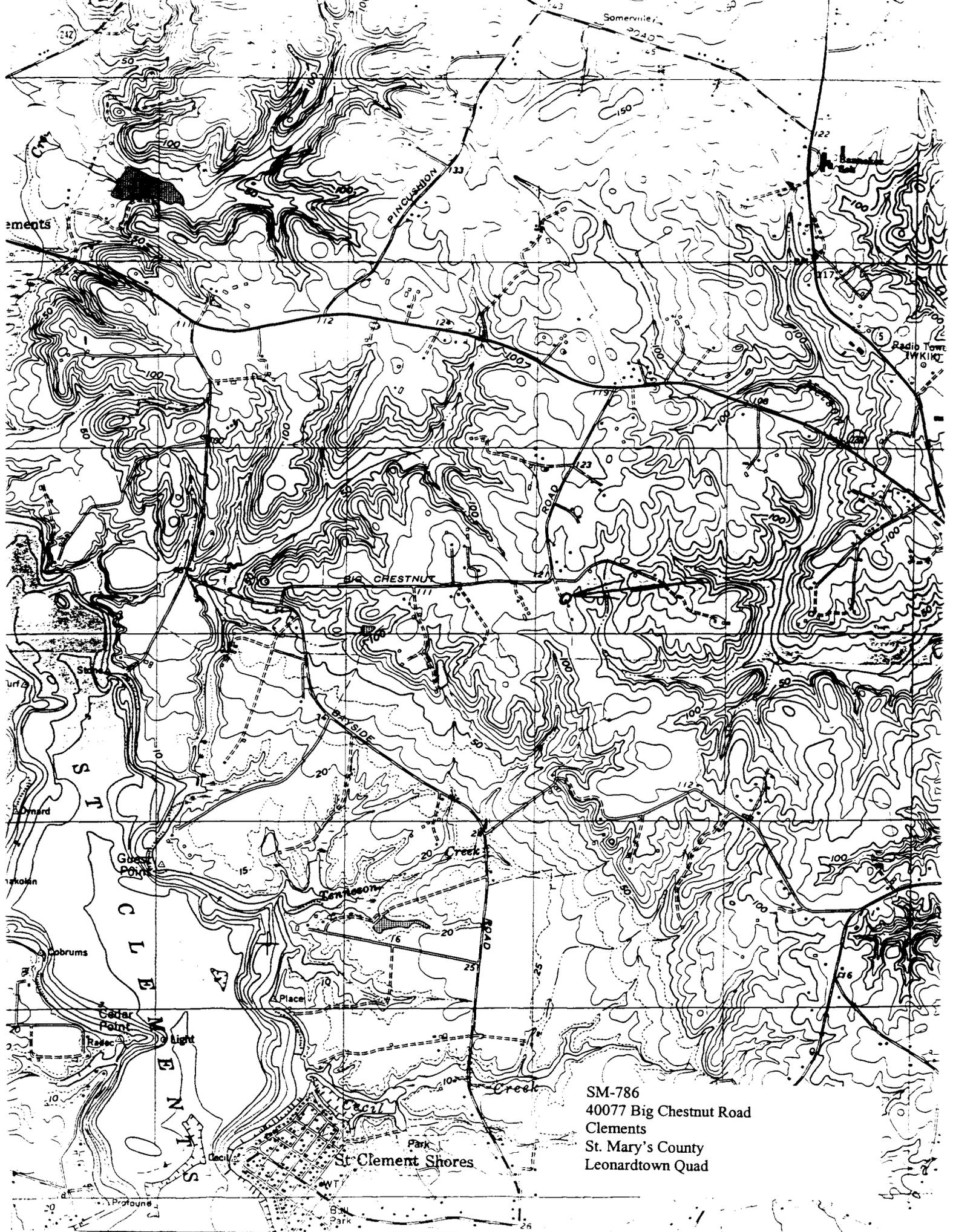
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|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title      | Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor         |           |              |
| organization    | St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning | date      | August, 2000 |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

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