

Capsule Summary  
SM-790  
39850 Sunnyside Road  
Clements vicinity  
Private

c. 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-790

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

historic

other 39850 Sunnyside Road

## 2. Location

street and number 39850 Sunnyside Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Clements x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Joseph and Mary Vallandingham

street and number PO Box 113 telephone N/a

city, town Clements state Md zip code 20624

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-24, P-5

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 575, MRB 493 folio 118, 503

## 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	<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	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<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.

Situated near the rural crossroads of Pincushion and Sunnyside Roads, is the house at 39850 Sunnyside Road. Oriented on a south/north axis, the house is approached via a short drive that extends north of Sunnyside Road. Although the property contains 178 acres of rolling cultivated fields, only approximately 5 acres were documented. A number of late-nineteenth to early twentieth century tobacco barns are located in the fields immediately behind the house. The property is bounded by agricultural tracts to the north and west, by Sunnyside Road to the south, and by Pincushion Road to the east.

The dwelling itself is a two story, four bay frame house with a gable roof and L-shaped plan. Consisting of two distinct parts, but probably all constructed circa 1900, the dwelling is sheathed with wood weatherboard on its exterior walls while the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is pierced by two brick chimney flues.

The primary or south elevation consists of the gable end of the two story ell and the front of the main block. The main block fenestration features a central door flanked on either side by a two-over-two, double-hung sash window, while the side ell appears to be pierced by two closely spaced doors. The second floor of the main block is pierced by three two-over-two windows. The ell, meanwhile is pierced by a two-over-two window. Immediately above the window of the ell is a diamond-shaped accent window situated just below the eave line.

The west side of the ell is pierced on the first and second floors by two, two-over-two windows.

Other elevations were not observed.

# 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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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 5 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 178 acres  
Quadrangle name Leonardtwn

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by agricultural tracts to the north and west, by Sunnyside Road to the south, and by Pincushion Road to the east. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 575, Folio 118.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

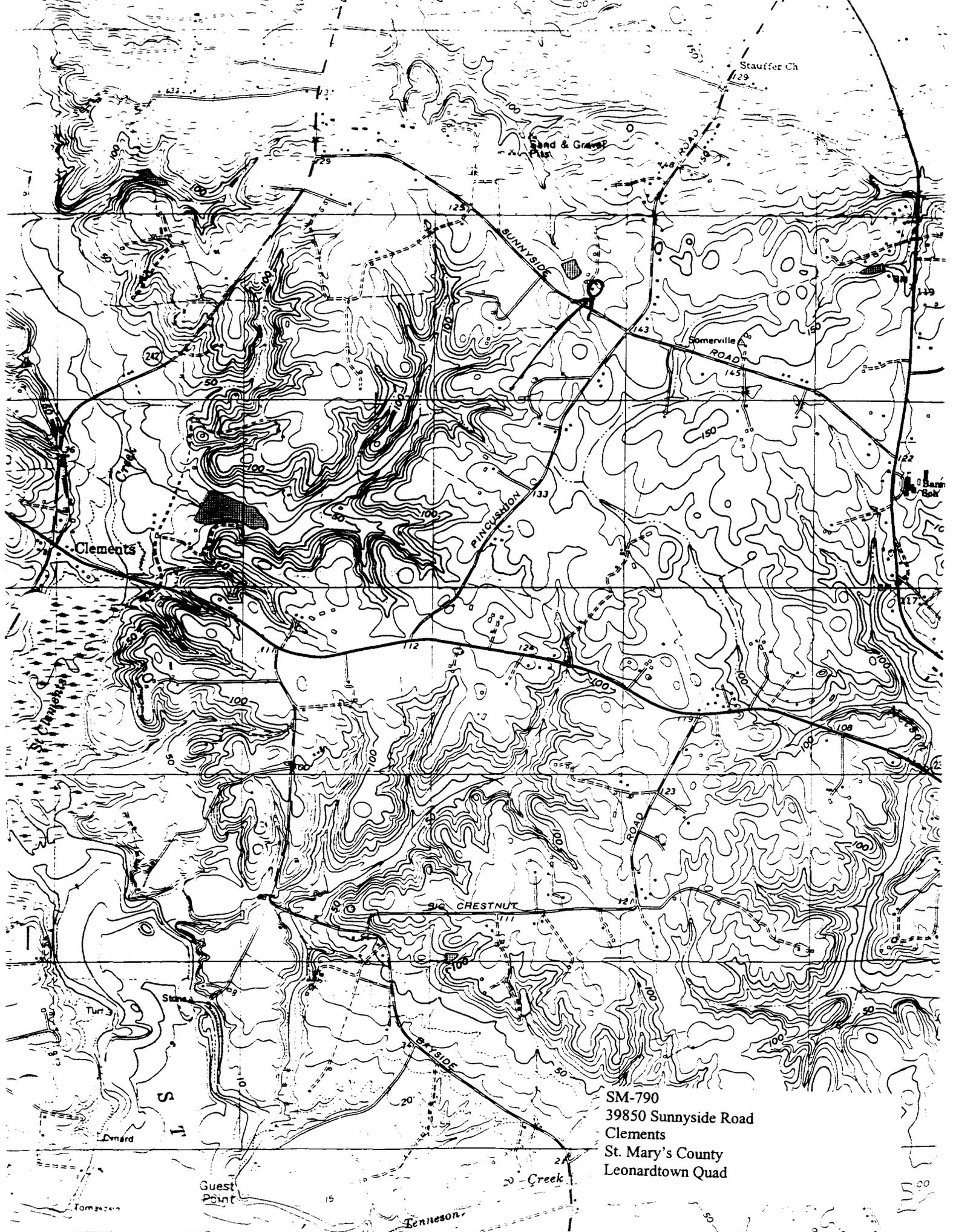
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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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city or town	Leonardtwn	state	Maryland

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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