

Capsule Summary  
SM-801  
23120 Cedar Lane  
Leonardtown  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-801

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

historic

other 23120 Cedar Lane Road

## 2. Location

street and number 23120 Cedar Lane Road \_\_ not for publication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 Evans M. and Violet F. Fletcher

street and number 23120 Cedar Lane 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-33, P-98

city, town Leonardtown liber 53 folio 494

## 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	6	_____
<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	6	_____
		<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 in the middle of a gently sloping farm stands the house at 23120 Cedar Lane Road. Oriented on a south/north axis, the house is approached via a dirt farm road that extends to the east of the main road. The 90.28 acre property is characterized by rolling pastures and cultivated fields set against a backdrop of a mature woods to the east. Only about 20 acres were surveyed. Aside from the house, the property also contains several contributing resources including two early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barns, two sheds, and an equipment or livestock shed. The property is bounded to the west by Cedar Lane, and to the north, east, and south by wooded and agricultural tracts.

Constructed circa 1900, the two story, two bay, frame house exhibits an integrated rear ell and a gable roof. The exterior is clad with weatherboard while the roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. A single, interior chimney flue rises from the center portion of the roof.

The primary or south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a door and a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. Both of these bays are shaded by a hipped roof porch. The second floor fenestration consists of two six-over-six windows.

The west elevation consists of the gable end of the main block and side of the ell. The main block is pierced by a six-over-six window on the first and second floors. The ell features a similar arrangement of windows, but the openings are noticeably smaller suggesting the ell may have been constructed at a later date.

No other elevations were 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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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 20 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 90.28 acres  
Quadrangle name Hollywood Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the west by Cedar Lane, and to the north, east, and south by wooded and agricultural tracts. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 53, Folio 494.

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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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