

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest Inventory Number: SM-811
Address: 23200 Clark's Rest Lane Historic district: ___ yes no
City: Leonardtown Zip Code: 20650 County: Saint Mary's
USGS Quadrangle(s): Leonardtown
Property Owner: Calvert, LLC Tax Account ID Number: 03-005062
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 514 Tax Map Number: 127
Project: MD 5: MD 243 to MD 245 Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: EHT Tracerics, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Saleh Van Erem Date Prepared: 10/31/2007

Documentation is presented in: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ___ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest is sited on a 177.86-acre parcel of land north of Point Lookout Road (MD 5) in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The property is located northwest of the central business district of Leonardtown. The sloping lot features overgrown trees and shrubs. The tenant house sits at the bottom of a hill below where the main dwelling on a plantation known as Clark's Rest was located.(1) The circa 1840 two-story wood-frame dwelling at Clark's Rest/Clark's Farm (SM-237) and other associated outbuildings have burned down and collapsed.(2) Tenant House #1 is located to the west. A third tenant house, notated in the 2000 MIHP form as being inaccessible for survey, was not located and is presumably no longer extant.

The one-and-a-half-story, three-bay dwelling was constructed circa 1900 as a tenant house. The wood-frame structure was clad in asbestos shingle. A cross gable roof covered the main block of the structure. A one-story ell was located on the rear elevation.(3) The structure has collapsed and all that remains standing is an interior brick chimney, which holds up a small portion of the north and east wood-frame walls. The pile of rubble includes wood, brick, and corrugated metal.

The rural town of Leonardtown is located in southern St. Mary's County, Maryland, and is situated on the northern banks of Breton Bay, a tributary of the Potomac River. Point Lookout Road (MD 5), a north-south highway, connects Washington, D.C. and

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MHT Comments:

Jim Fulmer
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

2/7/08

Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

southern Maryland. The road is approximately 75 miles long and runs from Suitland, Maryland, at the District of Columbia/Maryland state line to Point Lookout in southeastern St. Mary's County. The road is known by various names, including Branch Avenue, Leonardtown Road, and Point Lookout Road.

The earliest extant buildings in the Leonardtown area date to the mid-eighteenth century, with the majority of buildings dating from the late nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. These buildings reflect the agricultural, governmental, and commercial history of the area and illustrate a variety of styles, including Greek Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and a variety of vernacular interpretations of popular styles.

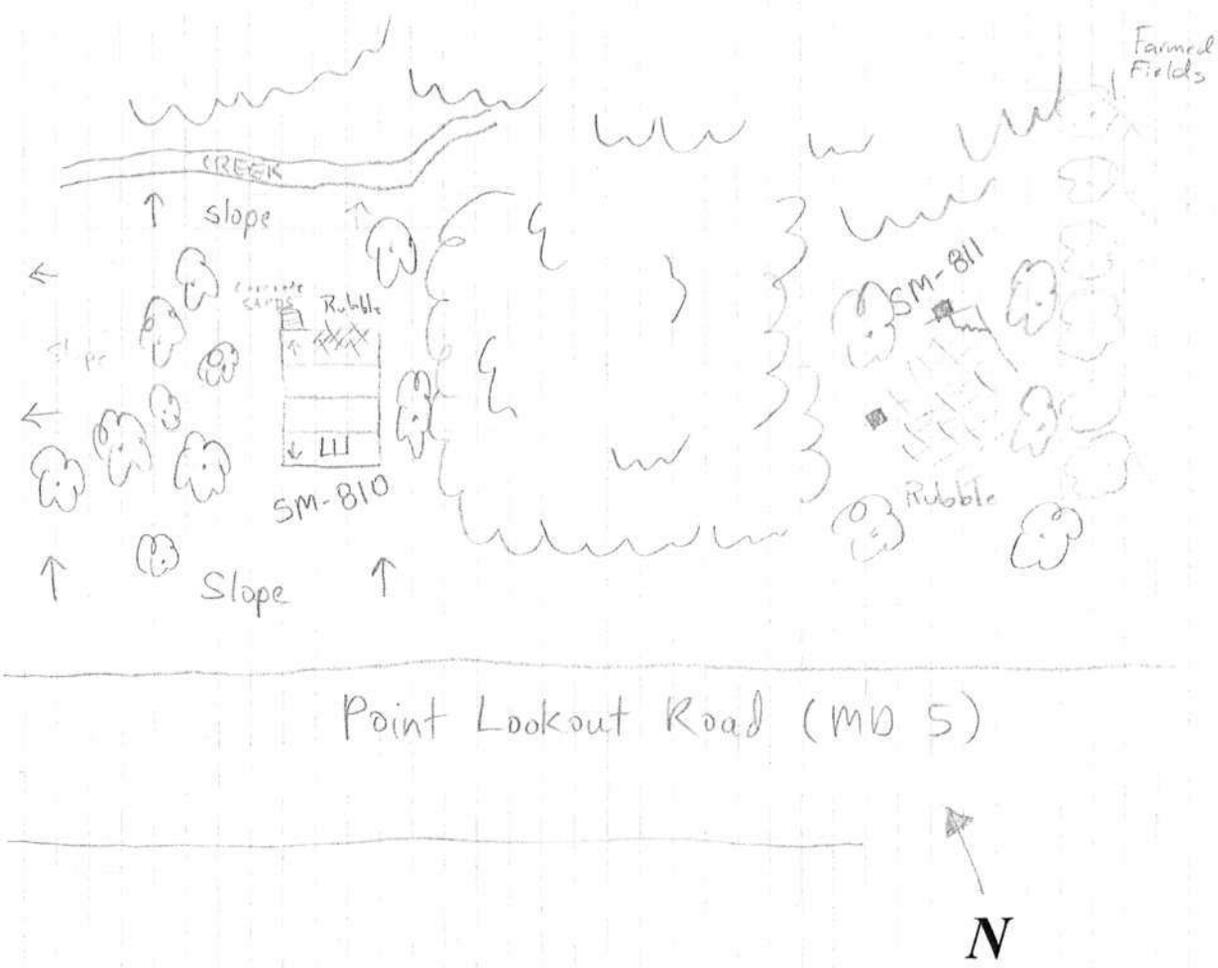
Like much of southern Maryland, tobacco was the primary crop in the area and farming remained central to Leonardtown's economy from its establishment through the early twentieth century.(4) Beginning in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, increasing competition from farms located in the West and the loss of slave labor resulted in many Leonardtown farmers turning to the water for additional income. Many farmers became watermen, fishing, crabbing, and gathering oysters to supplement their income.(5) Others attempted to grow wheat, peaches, corn, fruit, and other vegetables in order to diversify their crops.(6) Despite increasing pressure, tobacco remained the primary crop and source of income for most in the community. Medium-sized farms, such as Clark's Rest, appear to have continued farming tobacco in the twentieth century, based on the number of outbuildings present in 2000 and the construction of three tenant houses on the property in the early part of the twentieth century.

Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest was constructed circa 1900 to house tenant farmers who worked the plantation at Clark's Rest (SM-237). However, this property is not individually associated with the events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest is not eligible under Criterion B. This dwelling does not embody distinctive characteristics of early-twentieth-century domestic architecture nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value, rather it is a typical example of a vernacular dwelling common to St. Mary's County. Further, the buildings integrity has been compromised by asbestos cladding and the structures current condition. It is thus disqualified for eligibility under Criterion C. Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been recommended that the Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C.

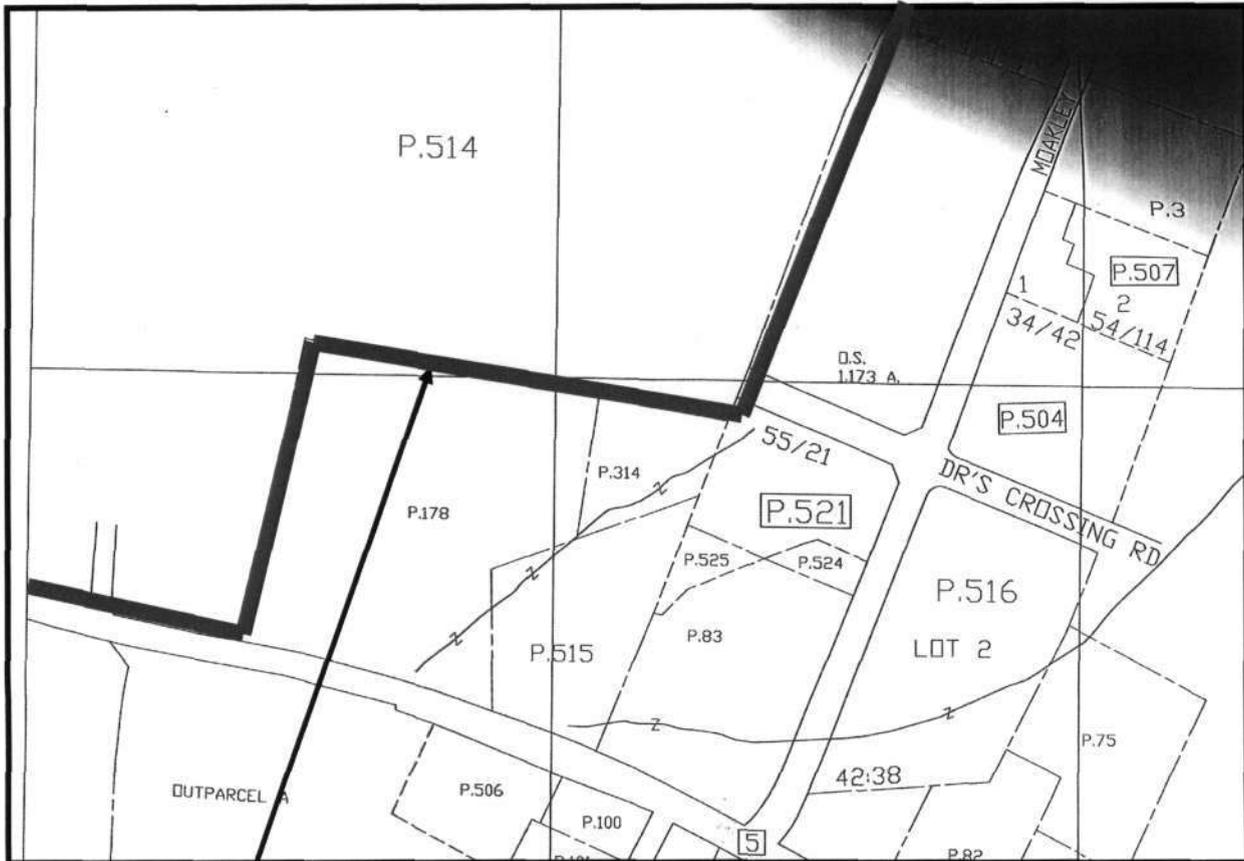
- 1) Kirk E. Ranzetta, "Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest," (SM-811) Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form (2000), 8:1.
- 2) Kirk E. Ranzetta, "Leonardtown Survey District," (SM-592) Maryland Historical Trust, State Historic sites Inventory Form (1997), 7:1.
- 3) Ranzetta, "Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest," 7:1.
- 4) 1850 U.S. Federal Census (Slave Schedule), Election Districts 1-5, St. Mary's County, Maryland; 1850 U.S. Federal Census (Slave Schedule), Election Districts 1-5, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
- 5) Aleck Loker, A Most Convenient Place: Leonardtown, Maryland, 1650-1950 (Leonardtown, MD: The Commissioners of Leonardtown and Solitude Press, 2001) 76-80.
- 6) Ranzetta, "Leonardtown Survey District," 8:12.

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

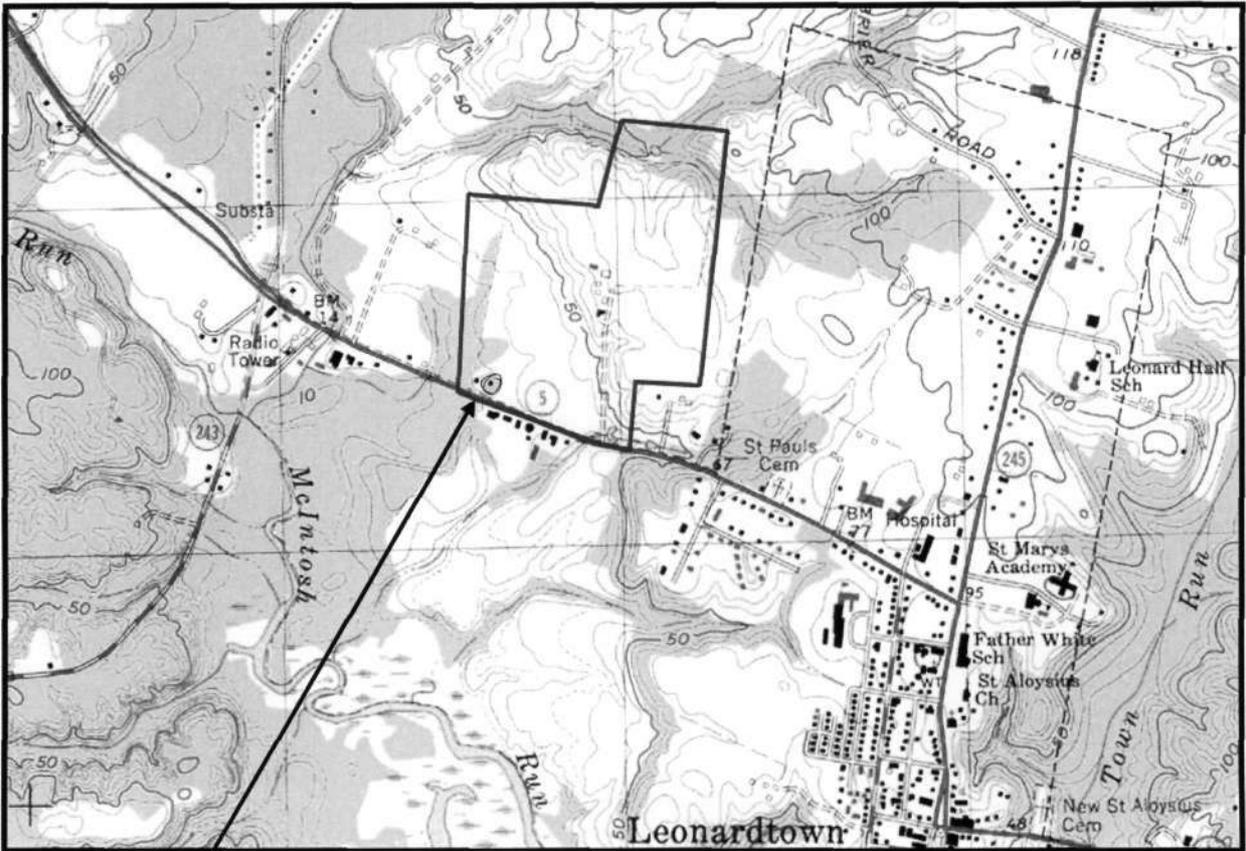


ID#:	SM-810 + SM-811	Name:	Tenant House #1 + #2 at Clark's Rest
Address:	23200 Clark's Rest Lane		
Town/Town Vicinity:	Leonardtown	County:	St. Mary's



Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest (SM-811), 23200 Clark's Rest Lane
Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, MD
Tax Parcel Map 127, Parcel 514
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Leonardtown Quad, USGS Topographic Map, 1963, Revised 1984
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Looking east

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Looking north.

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Capsule Summary

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Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest

Leonardtown vicinity

Private

circa 1900

In the aftermath of the Civil War, agricultural tenancy took on an added importance in the region's agricultural economy. In order to work the expansive acreage of some farms, planters erected tenant houses on the periphery of their plantations to accommodate workers and their families. Tenant House #2 was probably erected for this purpose around 1900. The dwelling is a modest one-and-a-half story, three bay house with an interesting abbreviated cross gable. Standing on the eastern margins of the large farm called Clark's Rest, the house is one of three situated in close proximity to one another on the north side of Maryland Route 5. SM-810 lies to the east of this house and another one-and-a-half story dwelling lies to the north (The third dwelling was not documented due to the presence of thick undergrowth that surrounds the resource.). All three of these houses, their relationship to the main farm, and the tenants, farmers, and planters that occupied them should all be researched further.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-811

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest

2. Location

street and number N side of Md. Rt. 5 approx. 3/4 of a mile W of Leonardtown __ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown __ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name George E. Clarke, Trustee

street and number PO Box 330 telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650-0330

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-127, P-514

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1153 folio 327

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

7. Description

Inventory No. SM-811

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.

Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest is located on the north side of Maryland Route 5 approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west of Leonardtown, Maryland. Situated in close proximity to the road, the house is approached via a short drive that actually proceeds in front of the dwelling and to the north. Oriented on an east/west axis, the house lies at the western margins of the large farm called Clark's Rest. The house is currently vacant and in exceptionally deteriorated condition. The property is bounded by a wooded tract to the west, agricultural parcels to the north, a residential lot to the east, and by the road to the south.

Constructed circa 1900, Tenant House #2 at Clark's Rest is a one-and-a-half story, three bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof and one story rear ell. A centrally located stove flue is situated in the middle of the gable roof and an interior brick flue is located in the ell. Asbestos shingles clad the exterior walls of the house. Due to the advanced deterioration of the house, the roofing material of the house remains uncertain although remnants of black felt paper are evident.

The primary or east elevation consists of a centrally located door flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The door is shaded by a screened-in porch supported by square posts. Immediately above the porch roof is an abbreviated cross gable.

The south elevation consists of the gable end of the main block and side of the rear ell. The main block is pierced in the attic story by a six-over-six window, while the ell exhibits a window opening that has since deteriorated.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 178 acres
Quadrangle name Leonardtown Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by a wooded tract to the west, agricultural parcels to the north, a residential lot to the east, and by the road to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1153, Folio 327.

11. Form Prepared by

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

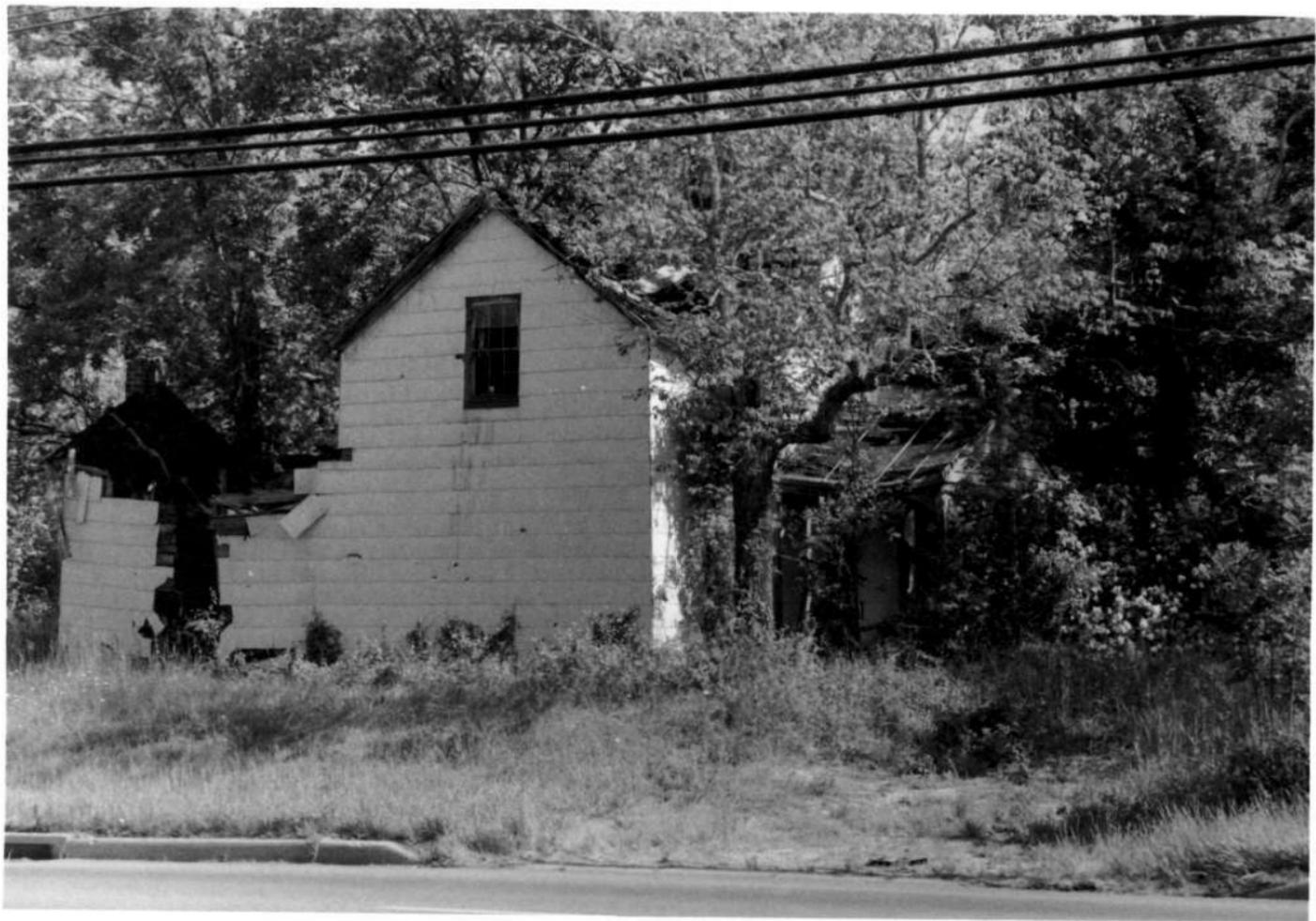
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Nov/99

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