

Capsule Summary  
SM-814  
39965 Tippit Road  
Compton vicinity  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-814

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

historic

other 39965 Tippit Road

## 2. Location

street and number 39965 Tippit Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Compton x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Thomas P. Howe

street and number 39965 Tippit 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-39, P-115

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 185 folio 430

## 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	1
<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	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <span style="float: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; display: inline-block;">0</span>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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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.

Perched on a small rise above Combs Creek is the modest house at 39965 Tippit Road which is located in the rural community of Compton, Maryland. Positioned on a small 17,947 square foot lot, the dwelling is oriented on an east/west axis. The property is relatively flat and is approached via a short dirt and gravel drive that extends to the east of Tippit Road. The lot is bounded to the west by a vacant parcel, to the east and south by Combs Creek, and to the west by a vacant field. A non-contributing shed lies to the west of the house.

The house, erected circa 1900, is a one-and-a-half story frame building that has received a number of one story additions. The exterior is sheathed with asbestos shingles while the roof is covered with raised-seam metal. Due to the number of additions and the distance of the resource from the road it is difficult to ascertain the primary elevation as well as individual architectural details.

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 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 checked="" 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 17,947 sq ft  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is bounded to the west by a vacant parcel, to the east and south by Combs Creek, and to the west by a vacant field. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 185, Folio 430.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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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.

return to:                      Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



2130" ROAD ENDS 1 MI (ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND) 53 SM-814  
 39965 Tippit Road  
 Compton  
 St. Mary's County  
 Leonardtown Quad

SCALE 1:24 000

1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 F  
 5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 DASHED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY  
 0.5 METER CONTOURS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER



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39965 Tippit Rd  
St Mary's County  
Kirk Ranallo

July 99  
Mid St AD  
Looking SE  
July 1