

Capsule Summary  
SM-818  
40035 Tippit Road  
Compton vicinity  
Private

circa 1907

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-818

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

historic

other 40035 Tippit Road

### 2. Location

street and number 40035 Tippit Road \_\_ not for publication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 Bernadette M. Johnson

street and number 40035 Tippit Road telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650-2515

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-39, P-30

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 843 folio 26

### 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	Landscape	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 type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<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>	
				<u>0</u>	

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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.

Prominently situated on a bank overlooking Combs Creek is the house at 40035 Tippit Road near the rural crossroads community of Compton, Maryland. The one-acre lot is relatively flat until it approaches Combs Creek where it precipitously drops to the south. The south yard consists of mowed grass and a dock extends southward into the creek. The house, oriented on a south/north axis, is approached via a short dirt drive that extends to the south of Tippit Road. The property is bounded to the north by Tippit Road, to the east and west by residential lots, and to the south by Combs Creek.

One of the larger dwellings constructed along the west side of the creek, the circa 1907 house at 40035 Tippit Road is a two story, five bay, center passage, single pile frame residence with a gable roof and a rear two story ell. The exterior is sheathed with wood weatherboard and the roof is clad with decorative pressed metal shingles. A single, interior, brick chimney flue protrudes from the roof.

The primary or south elevation features a five bay façade. It consists of symmetrically aligned bays with a central door flanked on either side by two two-over-two, double-hung sash windows replete with louvered shutters. All of the bays on the first floor are shaded by a porch embellished with turned posts and scroll sawn brackets. The second floor is pierced by five two-over-two windows. Immediately above the central window of the second floor is another opening that is framed by a steeply pitched cross gable decorated with a turned vergework and cornice returns.

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 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 1 acre  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north by Tippit Road, to the east and west by residential lots, and to the south by Combs Creek. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 843, Folio 26.

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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
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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



21'30" ROAD ENDS 1 MI. (ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND) 5000 ft MW 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

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 40035 Tippit Road  
 Compton  
 St. Mary's County  
 Leonardtown Quad

SCALE 1:24 000

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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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