

Capsule Summary
SM-823
Wallace House
Compton vicinity
Private

circa 1943

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-823

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Wallace House

2. Location

street and number 22203 Bay Side Road not for publication

city, town Compton vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Robert and Joyce Wallace

street and number PO Box 134 telephone N/a

city, town Compton state Md zip code 20627-0134

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-39, P-2

city, town Leonardtown liber DBK 184 folio 70

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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<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:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				<u>0</u>

7. Description

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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.

Situated on a 2.77 acre parcel on the west side of Bay Side Road in the rural crossroads community of Compton, Maryland is the Wallace House. The dwelling is oriented on an east/west axis and is approached via a dirt drive that extends to the west of the main road. Positioned in the middle of the lot, the dwelling is surrounded by a mowed lawn and well manicured landscaping and mature deciduous trees. The property is bounded to the north and south by residential parcels, to the west by a wooded lot, and to the east by the road.

The Wallace House, constructed circa 1943, is a two story, side passage, three bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. Sheathed with faux weatherboard, the exterior walls are slightly shaded by an enclosed overhanging eave. The gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles and is pierced by two interior brick chimney flues.

The primary or east elevation is pierced on the first floor by a door and two sets of paired, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Each pair of windows only features one pair of louvered shutters. All of these bays are shaded by a porch elegantly embellished by turned porch posts, scroll sawn brackets, and a balustrade and rail. Above the roof of the porch are three symmetrically placed six-over-six windows each with louvered shutters.

The south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a paired set of six-over-six windows and a single six-over-six window. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six window. The attic story is lit by a window of unknown sash.

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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.77 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>same</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north and south by residential parcels, to the west by a wooded lot, and to the east by the road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber DBK 184, Folio 70.

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.

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