

Capsule Summary  
SM-826  
40225 Big Chestnut Road  
Clements vicinity  
Private

circa 1900

The house at 40225 Big Chestnut Road is a circa 1900, three bay, two story, center passage, single-pile dwelling with a gable roof and two story rear ell. Surrounded by cultivated fields and a host of agricultural outbuildings including at least four tobacco barns, the somewhat dilapidated house and overall farm nonetheless epitomizes early to mid-twentieth century farmsteads in the county. Any further architectural investigations should confirm the date of the house, otherwise further documentation is not necessary.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-826

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

historic

other 40255 Big Chestnut Road

## 2. Location

street and number 40255 Big Chestnut Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Clements x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Roy S. Guy, et al

street and number 40255 Big Chestnut Road telephone N/a

city, town Clements state Md zip code 20624-2602

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-31, P-390

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 617 folio 390

## 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	<u>5+</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>5+</u>	<u>1</u> 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.

The house at 40255 Big Chestnut Road is located near the corner of Big Chestnut and Budd's Creek Road just east the rural crossroads community of Clements. The main house is located in the middle of 60.98 acres of rolling cultivated fields. Approached via a dirt farm road that extends to the east of Big Chestnut Road, the main house is oriented on a north/south axis. Historic maps indicate the farm was once approached from Budd's Creek Road. At least four contributing tobacco barns and a host of other outbuildings surround the house. A non-contributing modern dwelling is located to the north of the house. The property is bounded by a wooded tract to the west, Budd's Creek Road to the north, Big Chestnut Road to the east, and a farm to the south.

The house at 40255 Big Chestnut Road is a circa 1900, two story, three bay, center passage, single pile, frame dwelling with a gable roof, a rear two story ell, and a number of small one story shed additions that ring the house. The exterior is sheathed with both wood weatherboard as well as asbestos shingles. The gable roof is covered with raised-seam metal. An interior brick chimney flue projects through the roof of the main block.

Judging from the three symmetrical two-over-two, double-hung sash windows of the second floor, the primary or north elevation is probably pierced on the first floor by three bays – a central door flanked on either side by a window. Unfortunately, the entire first floor is obscured by a wrap around porch that has been partially enclosed on the house's east side.

This east shed is pierced by a window as is the second floor of the main block. The rear ell is obscured by foliage.

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	<u>30 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>60.98 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by a wooded tract to the west, Budd's Creek Road to the north, Big Chestnut Road to the east, and a farm to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 617, Folio 390.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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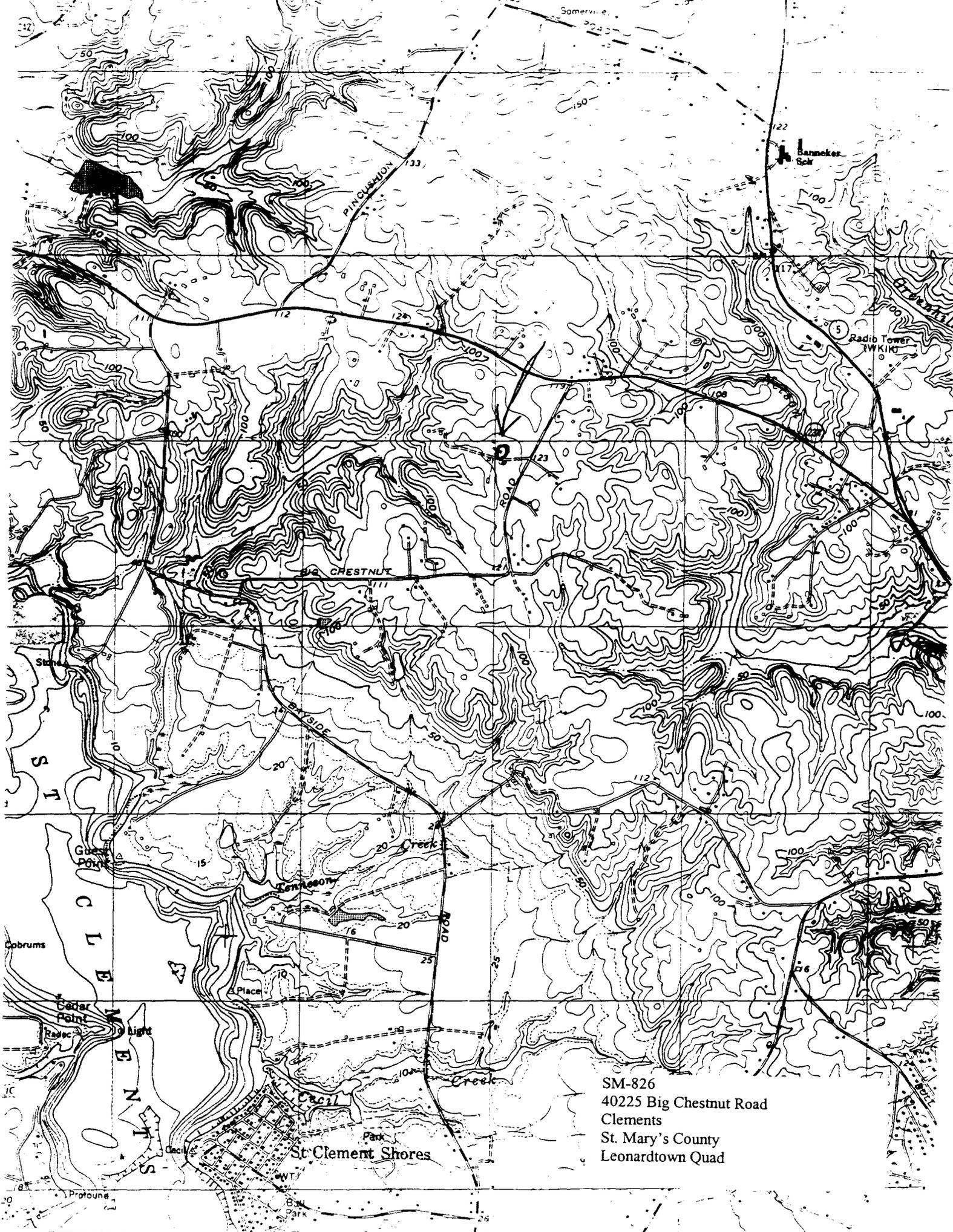
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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.

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