

Capsule Summary
SM-838
37373 River Springs Road
Avenue
Private

circa 1944

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-838

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 37373 River Springs Road

2. Location

street and number 37373 River Springs Road __ not for publication

city, town Avenue x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Marland and Marlyn Townsend

street and number 1174 Dover Lane telephone N/a

city, town Foster City state CA zip code 94404

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-46, P-24

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 411 folio 190

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 type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	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	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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.

Strategically positioned overlooking the Potomac River, the house at 37373 River Springs Road is located near the crossroads community of Avenue, Maryland. Oriented on a northeast/southwest axis, the house lies close to the road. Constructed into an embankment that leads down to the Potomac River, the house stands on a one acre lot largely consisting of a mowed lawn. The property is bounded to the north by the road, to the south by the river, and to the east and west by residential lots.

37373 River Springs Road is a circa 1944, one story, three bay, frame bungalow with a gable front entry. The exterior is sheathed with faux siding and the roof is clad with asphalt shingles. An exterior end chimney lies on the south side of the house.

The primary or northeast elevation consists of a door accompanied by two sets of three-over-one, double-hung sash windows. Extending out from the main entry is a gabled porch supported by battered posts resting on brick bases. The eaves of the porch and main block are supported by modest brackets.

The southeast elevation is pierced by two oblong six pane casement windows separated by the exterior end brick chimney. A gabled projects from the exterior wall is pierced by a series of three three-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The eaves of this projection are supported by modest brackets. Other windows and doors were not visible at the time of the visit.

Other sides of the house 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 checked="" 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 1 acre
Quadrangle name Stratford Hall Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north by the road, to the south by the river, and to the east and west by residential lots. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 411, Folio 190.

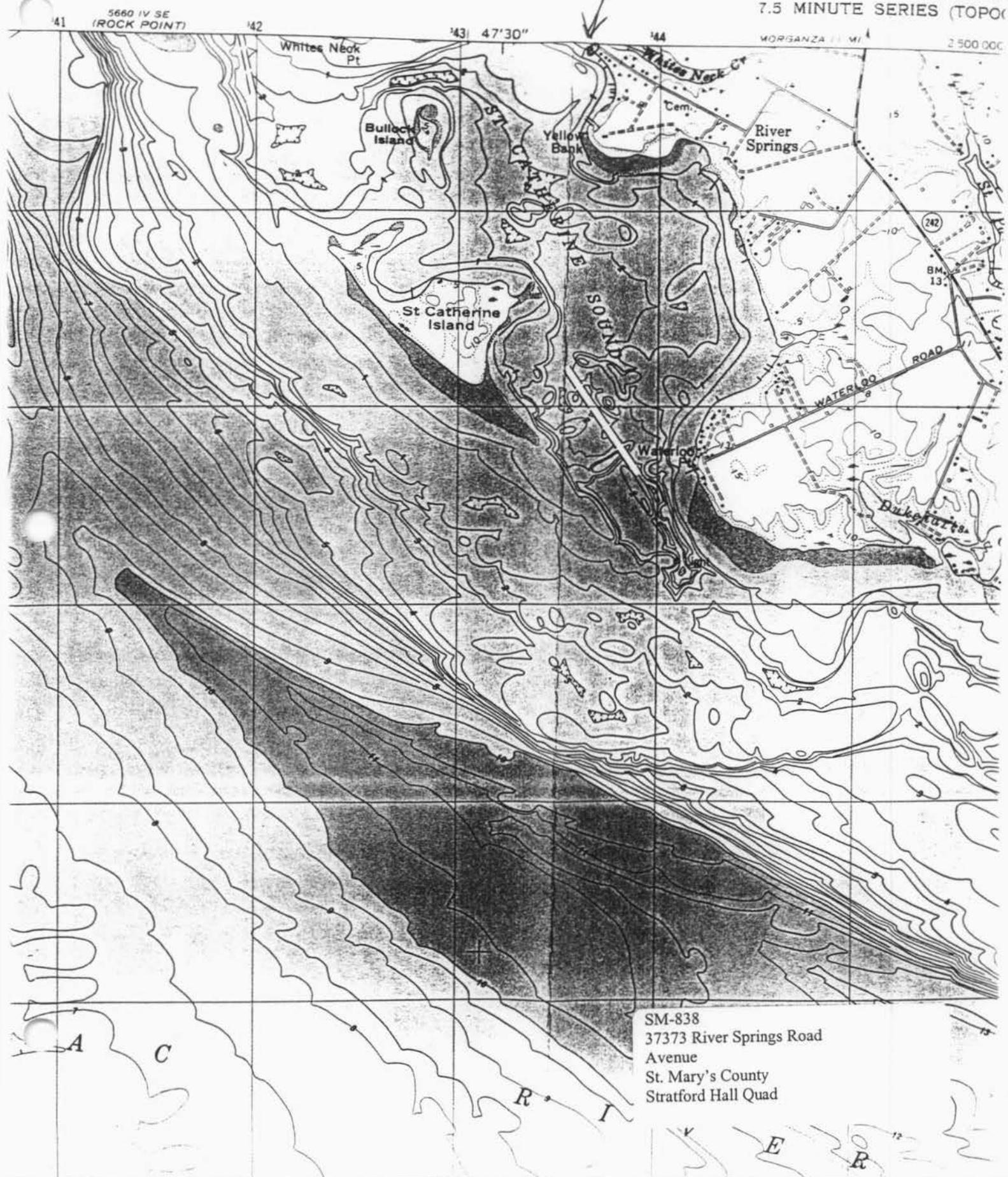
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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.

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