

Capsule Summary

SM-839

Avenue General Store and Storehouse

Avenue

Private

circa 1925

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-839

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

historic Avenue General Store and Storehouse

other

## 2. Location

street and number 21020 Colton's Point Road  not for publication

city, town Avenue  vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Medley Enterprises

street and number Route 247 telephone N/a

city, town Loveville state Md zip code 20656

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-46, P-30

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 477 folio 21

## 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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<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.

Located on the east side of Colton's Point Road in the rural crossroads community of Avenue, Maryland is the Avenue General Store and Storehouse. Oriented on a southwest/northeast axis, the store is situated on a one acre lot. A contributing four bay, frame storehouse stands immediately to the southeast from the general store. The lot is relatively flat and is bounded by a wooded lot to the northeast, a residential lot to the southeast, and the road to the northwest and southwest.

The store is a four bay, two story, single pile, frame building with a one story wing and two story rear ell. Constructed circa 1925, the store is clad with asbestos shingles and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. A single interior chimney flue is visible in the middle of the roof of the main block and an exterior brick chimney flue is visible in the rear of a one story addition to the northwest.

The primary or southwest elevation is dominated by a partially enclosed front porch. The enclosed portion is pierced by three picture windows. The unenclosed portion permits entry into the store. The second floor of the main block is pierced by four, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The southwest side of a rear one story addition is pierced by a single six-over-six window.

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 checked="" 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 one acre  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Stratford Hall                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is relatively flat and is bounded by a wooded lot to the northeast, a residential lot to the southeast, and the road to the northwest and southwest. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 477, Folio 21.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

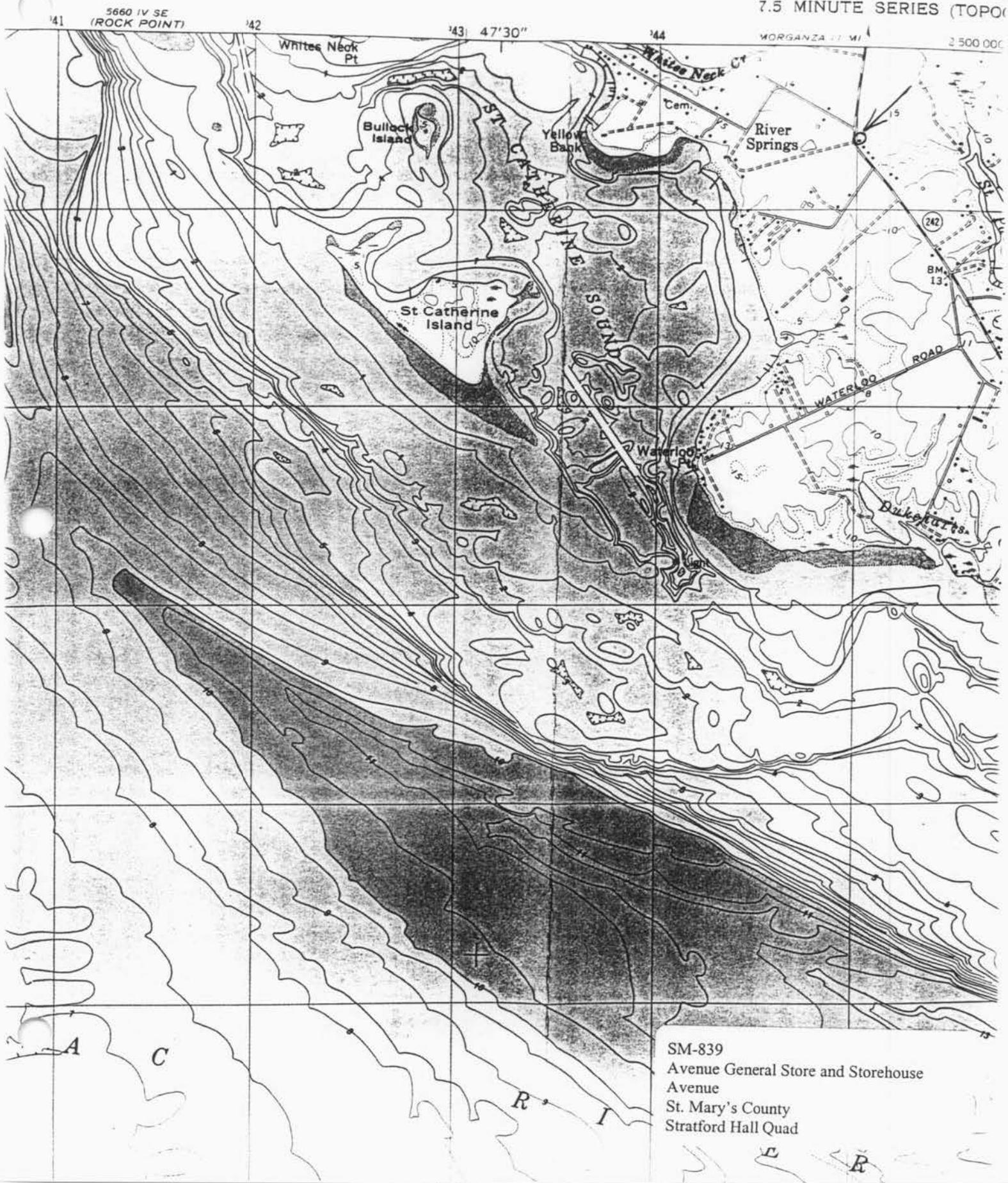
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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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



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Avenue  
St. Mary's County  
Stratford Hall Quad

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Avenue General Store + Storehouse

St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

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Looking SE

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Looking SE (storehouse)

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