

Capsule Summary
SM-840
21002 Colton's Point
Avenue
Private

circa 1931

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-840

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 21002 Colton's Point Road

2. Location

street and number 21002 Colton's Point Road __ not for publication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 Glenn Gass and Margaret Elizabeth Cheseldine

street and number PO Box 33 telephone N/a

city, town Avenue state Md zip code 20609

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-46, P-277

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 860, EWA 873 folio 460, 248

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		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

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.

Located immediately beside the Avenue General Store, is the house at 21002 Colton's Point Road near the rural community of Avenue, Maryland. Oriented on a southwest/northeast axis, this dwelling is approached via a short dirt drive that extends to the northeast of Colton's Point Road. The 31,319 square foot parcel is characterized by a mowed yard with several shrubs located around the sides of the house and mature trees surrounding the periphery. The property is bounded to the northwest by the Avenue General Store and Storehouse (SM-839), a residential lot to the southeast, Colton's Point to the southwest, and a wooded parcel to the northeast.

Constructed circa 1931, this one story, four bay, concrete block dwelling features a gable roof. The exterior walls are constructed of rusticated concrete block with smoother blocks serving as decorative quoins at the corners of the building. The gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and is pierced by a single interior brick chimney flue.

The primary or southwest elevation features a roughly central door accompanied by two sets of paired six-over-six, double-hung sash windows and a single six-over-six window. All of the bays exhibit concrete lintels. The single window and door are sheltered by a gabled porch projection that is supported by two large square posts set on concrete block bases. The porch has been screened-in.

The northwest or gable end elevation is pierced by a paired set of six-over-six windows and another window of unknown sash. W' exterior walls here are constructed of concrete block, the upper portion of the gable end are sheathed with weatherboard.

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 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>31,319 sq. ft.</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>31,319 sq. ft.</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Stratford Hall</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the northwest by the Avenue General Store and Storehouse (SM-839), a residential lot to the southeast, Colton's Point to the southwest, and a wooded parcel to the northeast. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Libers EWA 860 & 873, Folios 460 & 248.

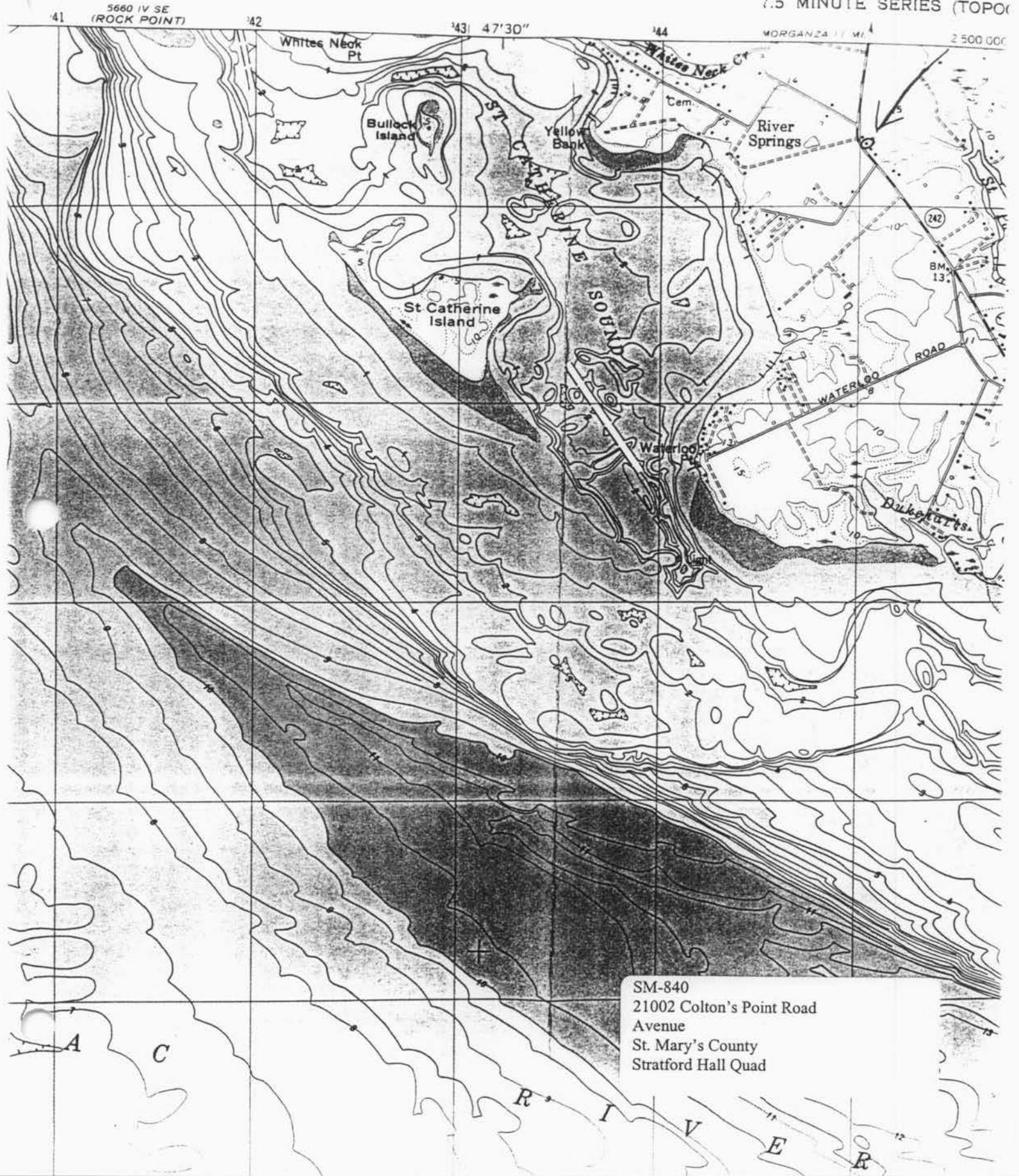
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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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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