

Capsule Summary

SM-841

Colton's Point General Store, Post Office, and Bar

Colton's Point

Private

circa 1936

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-841

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

historic Colton's Point General Store, Post Office, and Bar

other

## 2. Location

street and number 20254 Colton's Point Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Colton's Point x\_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name George and Laura Vallandingham

street and number 20254 Colton's Point Road telephone N/a

city, town Colton's Point state Md zip code 20626

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-53B, B-12, Lot-1

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 301 folio 320

## 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>1</u> Total
		<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 Colton's Point General Store, Post Office, and Bar is located at the northeast corner of Bay View Road and Colton's Point Road in a waterside community called Colton's Point. Oriented on a southwest/northeast axis, the commercial building is situated on a 31,250 square foot lot that is relatively flat and low lying. The property is bounded by residential lots to the northeast and northwest and roads to the southeast and southwest.

Erected in 1936, the Colton's Point General Store, Post Office, and Bar is a brick and frame building that has been extensively modified since its initial construction. The overall massing of the building is marked by two gable roof buildings ringed by a series of additions. These shed roof additions, for the most part feature exposed rafter tails. Most of the windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The post office is entered via a door on the southwest side, while the bar is entered via a door on the southeast side. Much of the building seems to be propped up on brick or concrete piers. Brick laid in an all stretcher bond covers much of the western side of the building while horizontal weatherboard sheaths much of the eastern side. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and flattened metal.

An elevation by elevation description was not undertaken.

# 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	<u>31,250 square feet</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>same</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Stratford Hall</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by residential lots to the northeast and northwest and roads to the southeast and southwest. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 301, Folio 320.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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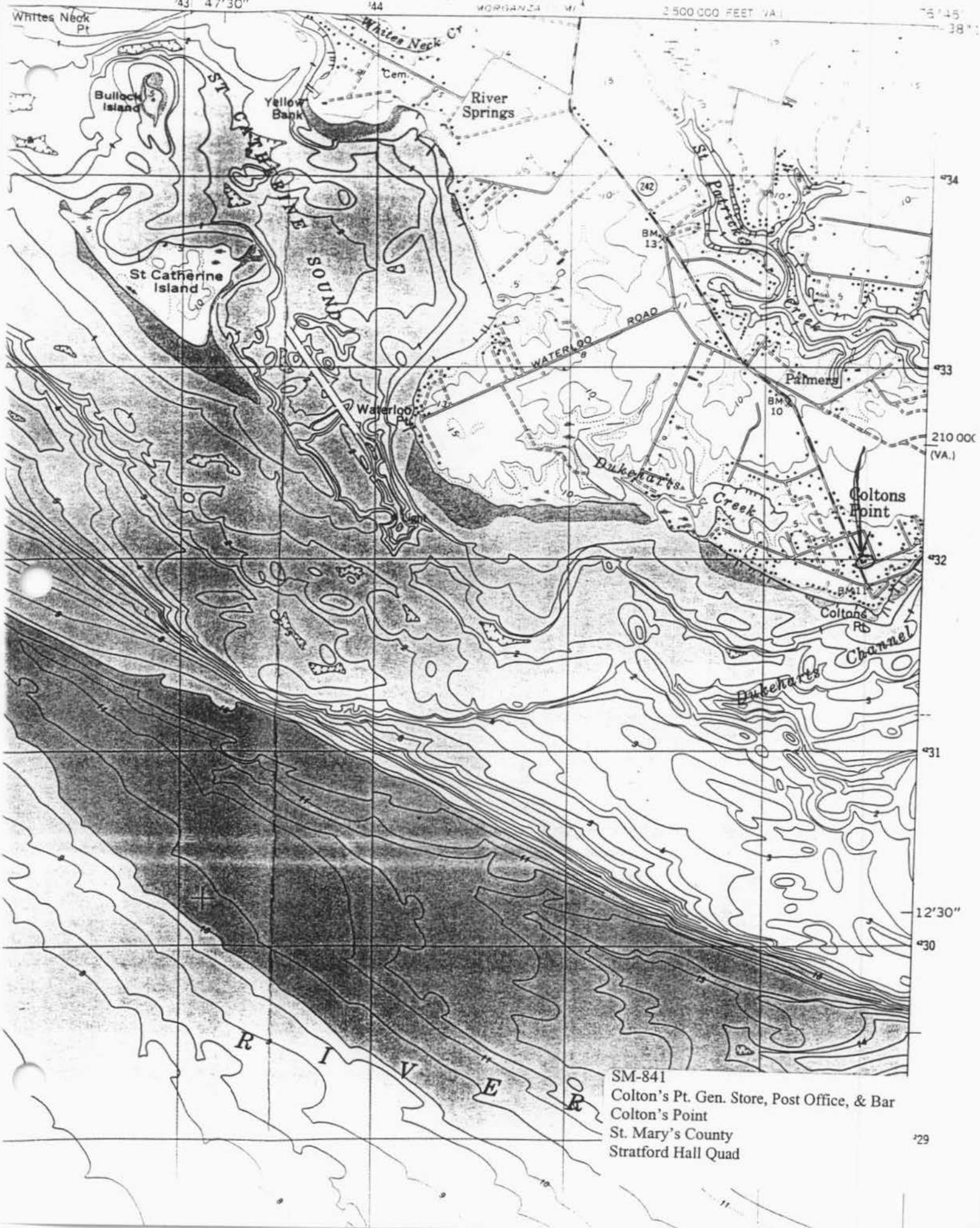
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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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St. Mary's County

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