

Capsule Summary
SM-844
21183 Abell Road
Abell
Private

circa 1930

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-844

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 21183 Abell Road

2. Location

street and number 21183 Abell Road ___ not for publication

city, town Abell x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Michael S. Barber C/O Bernard Herbert

street and number 649 Jefferson Street NE telephone N/a

city, town Washington state DC zip code 20011

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-47, P-137

city, town Leonardtown liberEWA 766 & MRB 87 folio 463 & 410

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.

Located at the northwest corner of Hatchet Thicket and Abell Roads, the house at 21183 was oriented on an east/west axis. Accessed via a short drive that extends from Abell Road, the dwelling's property consists of one acre. Overall the property is topographically flat and is characterized by its mowed lawn. The lot is bounded by Abell Road to the east, Hatchet Thicket Road to the south, and wooded parcels to the west and north.

21183 Abell Road is a circa 1930, one story, three bay, frame dwelling with a hipped roof located in the rural community of Abell, Maryland. The overall form, plan, and massing of the building is boxy, much like a four square. The exterior appears to be sheathed with vinyl siding while the roof is clad with corrugated metal. One interior brick flue is visible near the middle of the roof.

The primary or east elevation is largely obscured by a screened porch. It fenestration, however, appears to consist of a central door flanked on either side by a two-over-two, double-hung sash window. The elevation also exhibits a hipped roof dormer window with a single pane sash.

The north elevation is pierced by two windows.

Other elevations were not documented.

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 one acre
Acreage of historical setting one acre
Quadrangle name St. Clements Island Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is bounded by Abell Road to the east, Hatchet Thicket Road to the south, and wooded parcels to the west and north. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Libers EWA 766 & MRB 87, Folios 463 & 410 .

11. Form Prepared by

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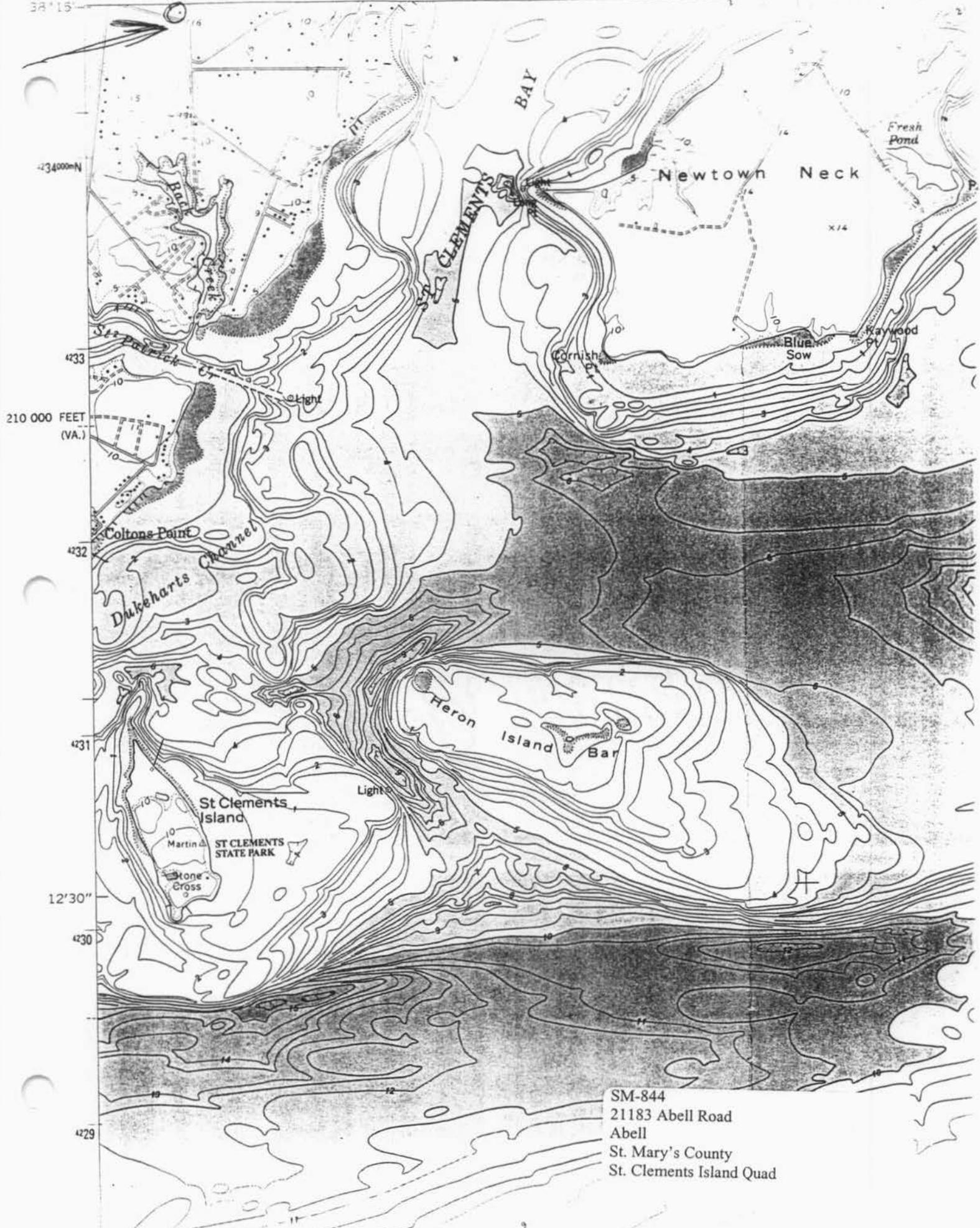
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

76°45' 38'15" 1480000E 2 510 000 FEET (VA.) 50 42'30" LEONARDSTOWN



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St. Mary's County
St. Clements Island Quad



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