

Capsule Summary

SM-847

Davis House

Abell

Private

circa 1930s

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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.

The Davis House is located on the north side of Robert Lacey Road approximately 100 feet from its intersection with Abell road near the rural community of Abell, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the dwelling currently appears vacant. Occupying 1.5 acres, the lot is characterized by a mowed lawn and mature trees scattered about. The property is bounded by a wooded parcel to the west and north, a residential lot the east, and the road to the south.

The Davis house is a circa 1930, one story, four bay, frame dwelling with a hipped roof and rear one story addition. The exterior is sheathed with horizontal wood weatherboard while the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof of the rear addition is pierced by an interior end, concrete block, chimney flue, while the main block features a single interior chimney flue.

The front or east elevation is pierced on the first floor by two, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows and two doors. All of these bays are shaded by a screened-in porch. The rafter tails for the porch have been left exposed. Immediately above these bays is a shed dormer pierced by two, two-pane windows. The south side of the main block is pierced by a large two-over-two window, while the rear addition features a six-over-six window.

No other elevations were observed.

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
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	<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 1.5 acres
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name St. Clements Island Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by a wooded parcel to the west and north, a residential lot the east, and the road to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records although no records are provided in the tax records..

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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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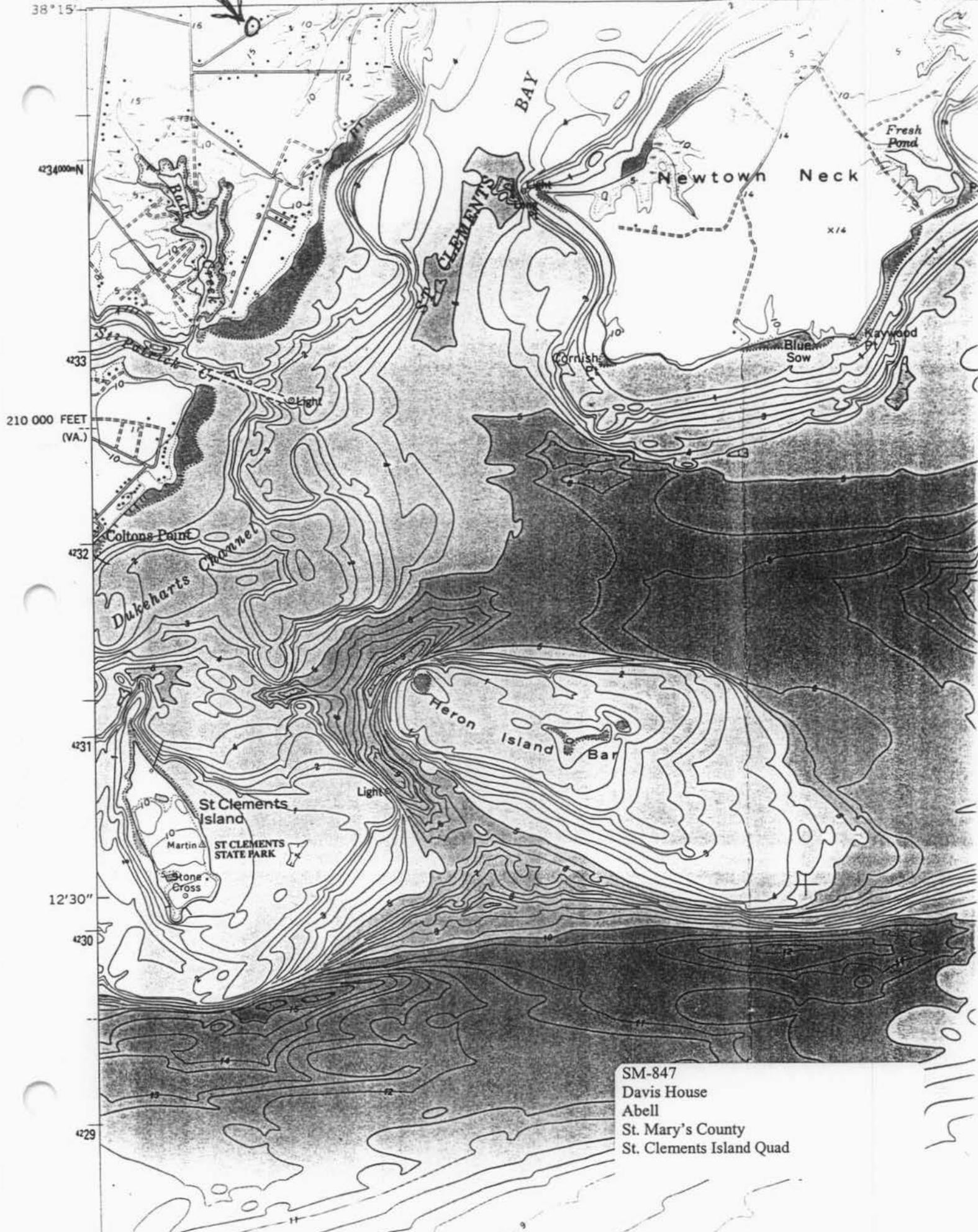
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 St. Clements Island Quad



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