

Capsule Summary
SM-853
39400 Dr. Johnson Road
Morganza vicinity
Private

circa 1900

One of several farmhouses in the immediate vicinity located in the midst of rolling cultivated fields, the circa 1900 house at 39400 Dr. Johnson Road remains in a fairly well preserved farming community just south of Morganza, Maryland. The main house is a two story, five bay, center passage plan dwelling with a distinctive decorative pressed metal shingle roof. Surrounded by at least three tobacco barns dating to the early or mid-twentieth century, the farmhouse certainly recalls the area's reliance upon the sot weed. Interior photographs should be taken of the house's architectural components and research should uncover a chain-of-title so that the family relationships of neighborhood farms can be better understood.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-853

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 39400 Dr. Johnson Road

2. Location

street and number 39400 Dr. Johnson Road __ not for publication

city, town Morganza x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Shercliff Mattingly

street and number PO Box 34 telephone N/a

city, town Morganza state Md zip code 20660-0034

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-18, P-92

city, town Leonardtown liber RCG 4 & EWA 597 folio 22 & 137

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	4+
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	4+
		<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:	
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house at 39400 Dr. Johnson Road is located on the north side of this narrow rural byway just south of the rural crossroads of Morganza and west of Chopticon High School. Situated on a 97 acre parcel, the house and only about 30 acres were surveyed. The rolling cultivated fields of the surrounding farm are punctuated by at least three contributing, early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barns. The house is accessed via a short dirt drive that extends to the north of Dr. Johnson Road. The property is bounded by farms to the east, north, and west and Dr. Johnson Road to the south.

The house at 39400 Dr. Johnson Road is a circa 1900 two story, five bay, center-passage plan dwelling with a gable roof. While the exterior sheathing material is obscure from the road, the roof is clad with decorative pressed-metal shingles. The roof is pierced by two, interior end brick chimney flues.

The primary or south elevation is dominated by a full length porch. Supported by a series of round columns interspersed by a balustrade, the porch shades the first floor fenestration. These five bays consist of a door with sidelights flanked on either side by two, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The second floor is pierced by five six-over-six windows. Immediately above the center bay is a gable dormer lit by a trio of two-over-two windows. The center window features a glazed semicircular transom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 30 acres
Acreage of historical setting 97 acres
Quadrangle name Leonardtown Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by farms to the east, north, and west and Dr. Johnson Road to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber RGC 4 & EWA 597, Folio 22 & 137.

11. Form Prepared by

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.

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St. Mary's County
Leonardtown Quad



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