

Capsule Summary
SM-855
38988 Helen Chaptico Road
Helen
Private

circa 1937

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-855

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 38988 Helen Chaptico Road

2. Location

street and number 38988 Helen Chaptico Road __ not for publication

city, town Helen x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Stella Theresa Bowles L/E et al

street and number PO Box 535 telephone N/a

city, town Charlotte Hall state Md zip code 20622

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-18, P-2

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 923 folio 314

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	3+
<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	3+
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<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:	_____
			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 on the north side of the road near the rural crossroads community of Helen, Maryland is the house at 38988 Helen Chaptico Road. Oriented on a south/north axis, the house is approached via a straight dirt drive that extends to the north of Helen Chaptico Road. Although part of a larger farm consisting of 118 acres, only about 10 acres were surveyed. The relatively flat property is mostly cultivated. A contributing, early twentieth century cart shed and tobacco barn are immediately visible to the west of the house. The property is bounded by farms to the east and west, a wooded lot to the north, and the Helen Chaptico Road to the south.

The house itself is a circa 1937, two-and-a-half story, three bay, frame dwelling with a hipped roof. While the sheathing of the exterior walls is not readily apparent, the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Often called a four-square for its overall boxy appearance, the house's roof is pierced by at least two interior, brick chimney flues.

The primary or south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a central door flanked on either side by paired sets of windows that only feature one set of louvered shutters. All of these bays are sheltered by a unenclosed porch. The second floor is pierced by a central window flanked on either side by paired sets of windows with shutters.

No other elevations were 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 10 acres
Acreage of historical setting 118 acres
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by farms to the east and west, a wooded lot to the north, and the Helen Chaptico Road to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 923, Folio 314.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtwn	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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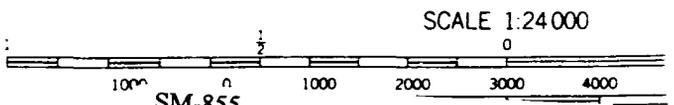


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