

Capsule Summary

SM-857

30339 Point Lookout Road

Helen

Private

circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-857

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 30339 Point Lookout Road

2. Location

street and number 30339 Point Lookout Road not for publication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 Dorothy Wathen

street and number 30335 Point Lookout Road telephone N/a

city, town Mechanicsville state Md zip code 20659

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-13, P-96

city, town Leonardtown liber 21 folio 350

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 10+	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 10+	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>0</u>	

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 30339 Point Lookout Road is situated on the west side of the road just north of Helen, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the dwelling was constructed on an 83 acre parcel largely consisting of cultivated fields, mature woodland, and a number of contributing agricultural buildings. These buildings include at least six early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barns, a stripping shed, and two other outbuildings. The property also contains a non-contributing circa 1961 house. The property is bounded by farmland to the north, woodlands to the west, a rural subdivision to the south, and Point Lookout Road to the east.

30339 Point Lookout Road is a circa 1900 two story, two bay, single pile dwelling with a gable roof and a one story rear addition. The exterior walls are clad with horizontal wood weatherboard and the roof is sheathed with raised-seam metal. An interior brick chimney pierces the middle portion of the main block's roof while the addition features an interior end brick flue.

The first floor of the primary or east elevation is largely obscured by a screened-in porch that lines the entire side of the house. The second floor is pierced by two, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows.

The fenestration of the main block's north elevation consists of one two-over-two window on each floor. The rear addition is also visible from this perspective. It is pierced by a single two-over-two window.

No other elevations were investigated.

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	<u>83 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>83 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Mechanicsville</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by farmland to the north, woodlands to the west, a rural subdivision to the south, and Point Lookout Road to the east. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 21, Folio 350.

11. Form Prepared by

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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

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.

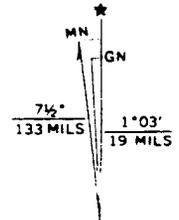
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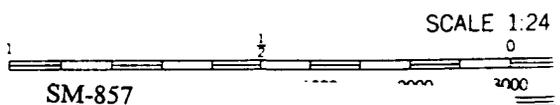


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all photographs by stereophotogrammetric
photographs taken 1952. Field check 1953
Chart 539 dated 1951
1927 North American datum
shown on Maryland coordinate system
are shown in brown
Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
Multiple compiled from aerial photographs
information not field checked



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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30339 Point Lookout Road
Helen
St. Mary's County
Mechanicsville Quad

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL



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30339 Point Lookout Por.

St Mary's County

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