

Capsule Summary

SM-862

St. Joseph's Hall

Morganza

Private

1907

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-862

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Joseph's Hall

other

2. Location

street and number Behind St. Joseph's Church, W of int. of Colton's Point & Pt. Lookout Rds. not for publication

city, town Morganza vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name James Hickey, Archbishop of Washington

street and number No address given telephone N/a

city, town Morganza state Md zip code 20660

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-18, P-34

city, town Leonardtown liber EBA 3 folio 504

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" 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
			<u>0</u>

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.

St. Joseph's Hall is located on the south side of Point Lookout Road just west of the intersection between Point Lookout and Colton's Point Road near Morganza, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the hall is situated on a southward sloping four-acre parcel that also includes St. Joseph's Church (SM-79) which lies to the north. The parcel is bounded to the east by a vacant parcel, to the west and south by a farm, and to the north by Point Lookout Road.

St. Joseph's Hall is a one story, gable-front, frame building with a gable roof. Resting on a concrete foundation, the hall's exterior walls are clad with aluminum siding and the roof is sheathed with decorative pressed-metal shingles.

The primary or north elevation features a flat roofed, three bay extension. The fenestration of this extension includes a set of paired, paneled doors flanked on either side by a modern one-over-one, double-hung sash window. The doors are sheltered by a gable roof portico supported by two turned posts. The main block, meanwhile, features a one-over-one window lying on either side of the extension. The upper portions of the elevation exhibits two louvered openings presumably for the ventilation of the attic. A large cross adorns the peak of the gable front and cornice returns further accentuate the elevation.

The west side of the hall is pierced by two sets of five windows. Each of these sets consist of five, six-over-six windows. Two six-over-six windows flank these sets of windows. The basement appears to be pierced by a number of openings, further suggesting it may be functional.

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 checked="" 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.

Beitzell, Edwin Warfield. The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland. 3rd ed. Leonardtown, MD: St. Mary's County Historical Society, 1998.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4 acres
Acreage of historical setting 4 acres
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The parcel is bounded to the east by a vacant parcel, to the west and south by a farm, and to the north by Point Lookout Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EBA 3, Folio 504.

11. Form Prepared by

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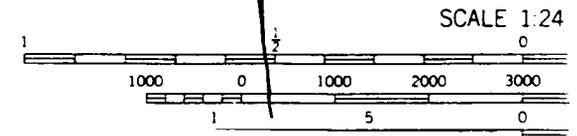
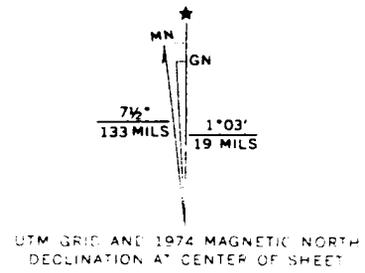
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