

Capsule Summary
SM-869
28375 Thompsons Corner Road
Thompson's Corner
Private

circa 1900, 1940

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-869

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 28375 Thompsons Corner Road

2. Location

street and number 28375 Thompsons Corner Road __ not for publication

city, town Thompsons Corner x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Ira and Susie Hertzler

street and number 28375 Thompsons Corner Road telephone N/a

city, town Mechanicsville state Md zip code 20659-5004

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-8, P-2

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1168 folio 575

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	<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	<u>2+</u>	<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	<u>2+</u>	<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

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 house at 28375 Thompsons Corner Road is situated on the west side of the road near its intersection with Woodburn Hill Road near the crossroads community of Thompsons Corner in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house, oriented on an east/west axis, is positioned on a flat 41.56 acre parcel, only one acre of which was surveyed. The main farm dwelling, positioned near the road, is approached via short dirt drive that extends to the west of the road. Aside from the house, a contributing mid-twentieth century tobacco barn is immediately visible to the south of the house. Board and picket fences line the property's boundary with the road and also outline the main house lot. The property is bounded by farms to the north, south, and west, while the road forms the east boundary.

As the combination of two discrete house types, the house at 28375 Thompson's Corner Road represents a rare conglomerate of additions. Judging from exterior massing and fenestration, it appears that the south section of the house dates from circa 1900. This two story, three bay, frame portion features an exterior sheathing of asbestos shingles. The gable roof is covered with decorative pressed metal shingles. A single brick chimney with a corbelled top pierces the roof. The circa 1940s section, attached to the northeastern corner of the aforementioned building is a three bay, one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling with a gable roof. The exterior of this portion is also covered with asbestos siding, but the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The primary elevation of the circa 1900 section of the house is dominated by an enclosed porch. While the enclosed porch obscures the fenestration pattern of the first floor, a gable projection in the porch roof indicates the location of the primary entry. The second floor of the main block is pierced by three, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows. Immediately above the middle bay is a cro gable lit by a four pane window. The circa 1940s addition features a wrap around porch that actually connects to the circa 1900s building. The primary elevation was obscured during the visit, but the turned porch posts are clearly visible as is a shed roof dormer. Most windows on the circa 1940s addition also appear to be six-over-six sash.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" 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 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 41.56 acres
Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by farms to the north, south, and west, while the road forms the east boundary. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1168, Folio 575.

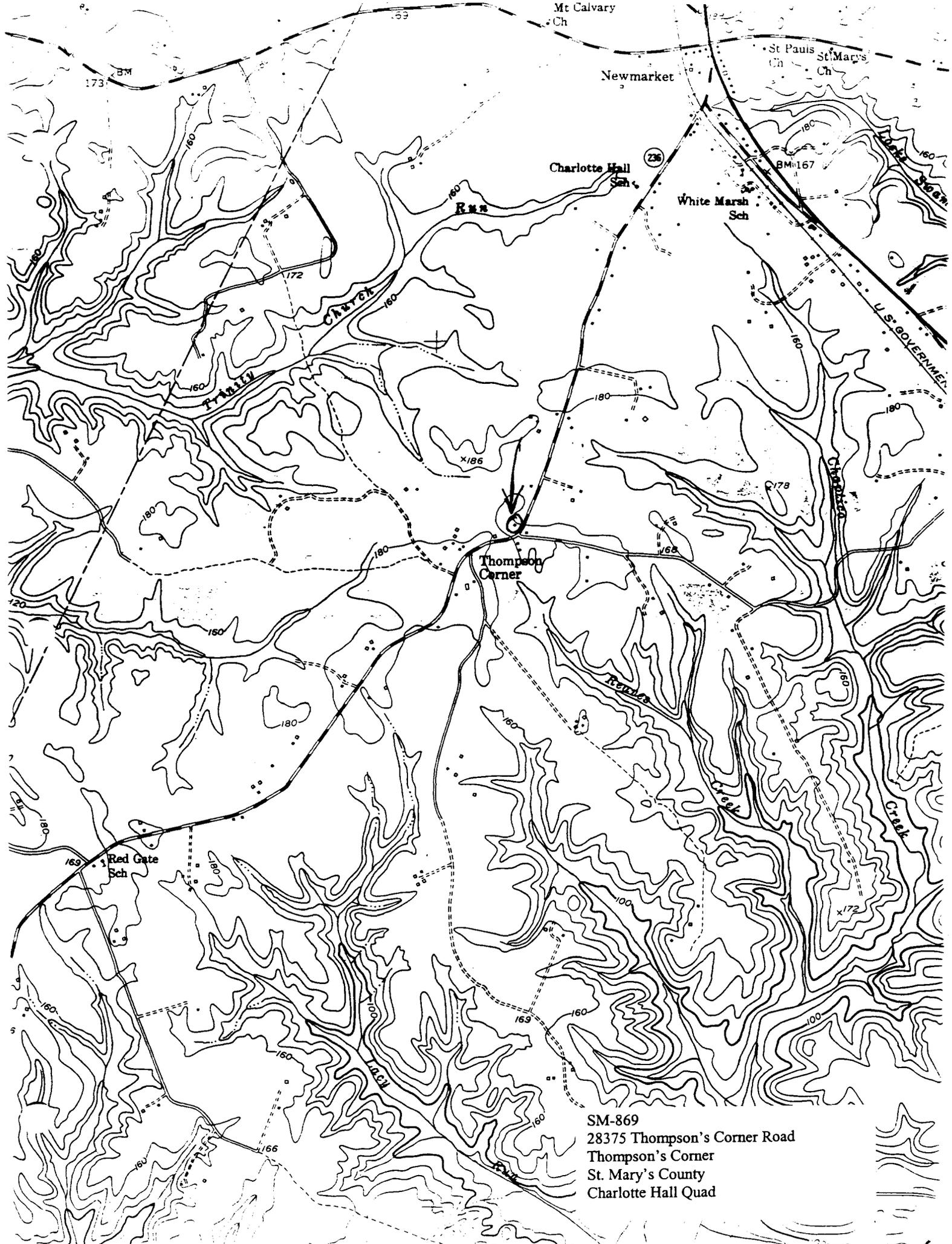
11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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