

Capsule Summary
SM-873
28140 Old Village Road
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1885

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-873

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 28140 Old Village Road

2. Location

street and number 28140 Old Village Road ___ not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville ___ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

street and number PO Box 37 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-9, P-84

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 640 folio 236

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	1	<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	1	<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	
				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.

The house on 28140 Old Village Road is located on the north side of the road in the rural crossroads community of Mechanicsville, Maryland. Oriented on a south/north axis, the dwelling is approached via a short drive that extends to the north of the road. Much of the 1.75 acre property consists of a mowed lawn, mature trees, as well as shrubs that is bounded by a chain-link fence. The dwelling presently appears vacant. The property is bounded to the east by the Mechanicsville Fire Department, to the north by a commercial business, to the west by a residential lot, and to the south by Old Village Road.

28140 Old Village Road is a circa 1885, two story, two bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof and a two story rear ell. The exterior of the house is sheathed with asbestos siding while the roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The roof of the main block is pierced by an interior brick chimney flue with a corbelled top. The rear addition exhibits an interior brick chimney flue with a corbelled top.

The first floor fenestration of the primary or south elevation consists of a door and a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The two bays are shaded by a screened-in porch supported by square posts with modest scroll sawn brackets. The second floor pierced by two six-over-six windows. A part of the rear ell is visible from this perspective as well. On the first floor, the ell features a modern two pane window and a doorway. The second floor is pierced by a six-over-six window.

The first and second floor fenestration of the main block's east side are each pierced by one window. The rear ell, meanwhile, features two six-over-six windows. A rear shed is pierced by a modern sash window. The second floor of the ell is pierced by a six over-six window.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input 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 1.75 acres
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east by the Mechanicsville Fire Department, to the north by a commercial business, to the west by a residential lot, and to the south by Old Village Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 640, Folio 236.

11. Form Prepared by

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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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