

Capsule Summary
SM-875
26225 Morganza Turner Road
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1902

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-875

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 26225 Morganza Turner Road

2. Location

street and number 276225 Morganza Turner Road __ not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Robert and Maxine Spence

street and number 26225 Morganza Turner 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-18, P-143

city, town Leonardtown liber 246 folio 90

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>1</u> Total
		<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 26225 Morganza Turner Road is located on the west side of the road approximately one mile north of the rural crossroads of Morganza, Maryland. The house is oriented on an east/west axis and is approached via a short dirt drive that extends to the west of the main road. Situated on a six acre parcel, only about one acre was immediately visible from the road. Much of the property consists of a mowed yard bounded by mature trees. The property is bounded by a large wooded parcel to the north, west, and south and by Morganza Turner Road to the east.

26225 Morganza Turner Road is a circa 1902, two story, three bay, frame dwelling with a hipped roof and Queen Anne stylistic architectural elements. The exterior is sheathed with what appears to be aluminum siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. No interior chimney flues were visible at the time of the visit due to foliage.

The first floor of the primary or east elevation is pierced by a central door flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window complete with louvered shutters. Situated in the middle of a three-sided, two story projection, the front door is elaborated by sidelights and a transom. At least one other side of the projection is lit by a two pane sidelight. All of these bays are shaded by a front porch elaborated by a series of posts interspersed by a balustrade. Graceful scroll-sawn brackets are also visible. The second floor features a central pair of six-over-six windows flanked on either side by a six-over-six window. Immediately above the central windows is a cross gable accentuated by fishscale patterned shingles, a one-over-one window and a finial.

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 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 6 acres
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by a large wooded parcel to the north, west, and south and by Morganza Turner Road to the east. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 246, Folio 90.

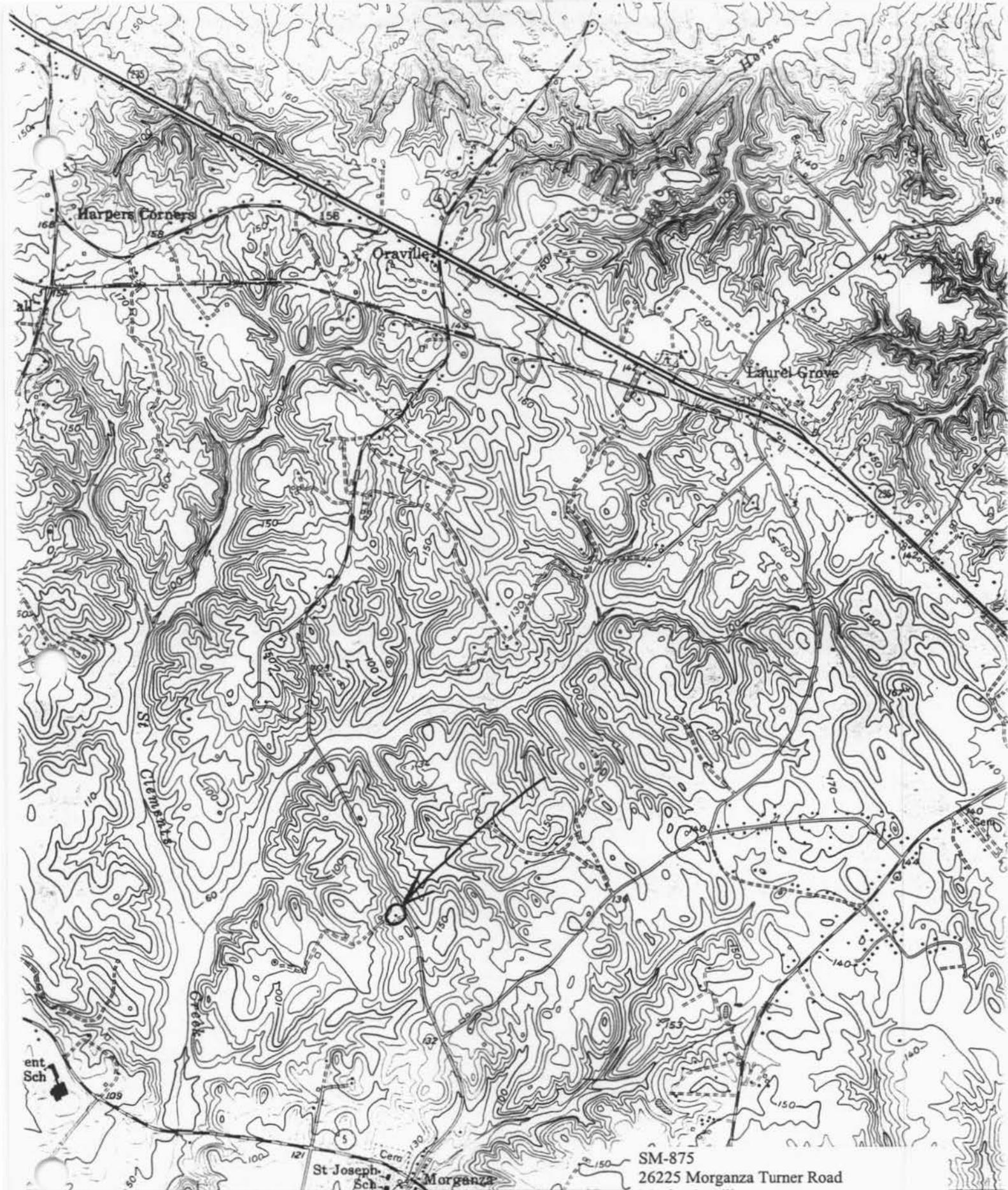
11. Form Prepared by

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

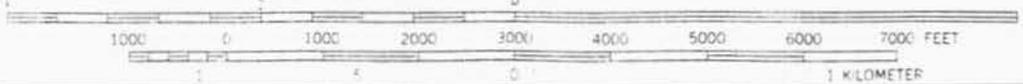
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 DHCD/DHCP
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 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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