

Capsule Summary  
SM-880  
40391 Parsons Mill Road  
Loveville  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-880

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 40391 Parsons Mill Road

## 2. Location

street and number 40391 Parsons Mill Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Loveville x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Elizabeth T. Reeder et al

street and number PO Box 175 telephone N/a

city, town Waldorf state Md zip code 20604-0175

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-19, P-208

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 541 folio 238

## 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	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____ buildings
_____ site		<u>x</u> domestic	_____ social	_____ sites
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____ structures
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	_____ objects
		_____ government	_____ unknown	_____ Total
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ industry	_____ other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
				0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Prominently positioned overlooking the intersection of Point Lookout Road and Loveville Road is the house at 40391 Parsons Mill Road. Oriented on a west/east axis, the main farm house is approached via a short meandering dirt drive that climbs the small hill to the house. While part of a larger six acre farm, only the house and the three acres immediately visible from the road were surveyed. The yard in the front of the house is mowed and several large trees shade the house. The property is bounded to the north by Parsons Mill Road, to the east by a residential tract, to the south by Point Lookout Road, and to the west by Loveville Road.

40391 Parsons Mill Road is a two story, three bay, center passage plan dwelling with a hipped roof. Constructed circa 1900, the house is clad with horizontal wood weatherboard and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof is pierced by an interior brick chimney with a corbelled top.

The first floor fenestration of the primary or west elevation is pierced on the first floor by a central door flanked on either side by four-over-four, double-hung sash windows. The center door entry actually projects from the exterior wall. The projection is also present on the second floor. All of the bays on the first floor is shaded by a porch supported by a series of turned posts with scroll-sawn brackets. The second floor is pierced by three four-over-four windows. Again the center bay is actually projected forward of the exterior wall. A wide eave is generously decorated by wide modillions. Above the center bay is a cross gable that also features a modillioned cornice. The cross gable is also pierced by a pair of single light windows.

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 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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>3 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>6 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north by Parsons Mill Road, to the east by a residential tract, to the south by Point Lookout Road, and to the west by Loveville Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 541, Folio 238.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

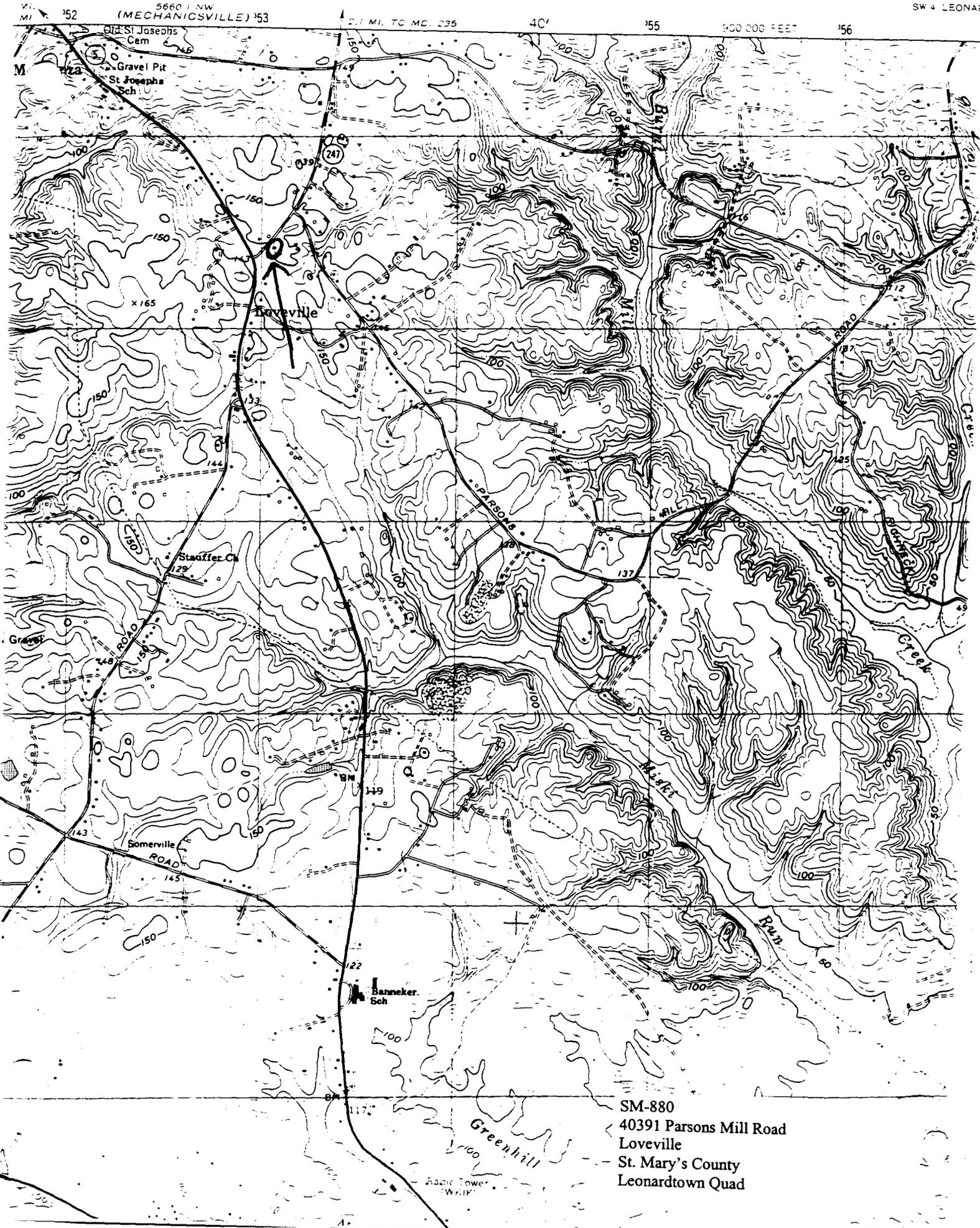
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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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