

Capsule Summary  
SM-887  
Eppard House  
Compton  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-887

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

historic

other Eppard House

### 2. Location

street and number E side of Joe Hazel Road approx. 1/4 mile S of its int. w/ Newtowne Neck Road  not for publication

city, town Compton  vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Louise Eppard c/o Philip Eppard

street and number 5130 Armand Avenue telephone N/a

city, town Suitland state Md zip code 20746-3801

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-39, P-8

city, town Leonardtown liber JMM 7 folio 272

### 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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<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>	

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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.

The Eppard House is located on the east side of Joe Hazel Road approximately ½ mile south of its intersection with Newtowne Neck Road near the rural crossroads community of Compton, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the dwelling is situated on a 20.29 acre parcel that actually extends to the west of Joe Hazel Road. Only about 5 acres were surveyed. The property is largely flat, but descends rapidly into Combs Creek. A short walk east of the house and down the slope leads to the Combs Creek Store (SM-889). The immediate property is bounded by the Combs Creek Marina to the north, Joe Hazel Road to the west, a residential subdivision to the south, and Combs Creek to the east.

The Eppard House is a circa 1900, two story, three bay, single pile, center passage plan dwelling with a gable roof and a two story side wing. The exterior is clad with artificial siding while the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the main block is pierced by a interior concrete block chimney flue and the wing features an exterior end concrete block chimney flue.

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. All of these bays are shaded by a porch supported by a series of posts with chamfered edges. The second floor is pierced by a modern two-over-two window flanked on either side by a six-over-six window. Above the central bay is a louvered opening with a semicircular crown. The louvered opening accents a crossgable that lies flush with the exterior wall. The addition is pierced on the first floor by a pair of French doors and a six-over-six window. The attic story is illuminated by a six-over-six window which lies within a cross gable. All of the window openings have louvered shutters.

The south side of the main block features a six-over-six window on the first and second floors.

The west elevation of the main block is pierced on the first floor by a central door flanked on either side by a six-over-six window. All of these bays are shaded by a porch. The second floor fenestration consists of three six-over-six windows. The wing exhibits a five panel doorway and a six-over-six window. The doorway is sheltered by a shed roof awning supported by a pair of arch braces.

The north elevation consists of two six-over-six windows on the first and second floors. An exterior end concrete block chimney is also visible.

# 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 5 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 20.29 acres  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The immediate property is bounded by the Combs Creek Marina to the north, Joe Hazel Road to the west, a residential subdivision to the south, and Combs Creek to the east. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber JMM 7, Folio 272.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

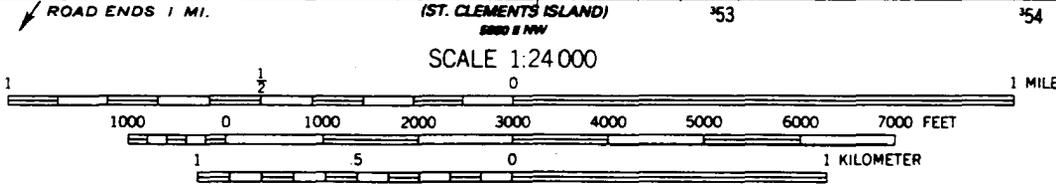
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

return to:                      Maryland Historical Trust  
   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600



CEAN SURVEY  
SURVEY INDEX



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 DASHED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY  
 0.5 METER CONTOURS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.7 METERS

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PHIC SURVEY  
 IATION

BASE MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 BATHYMETRIC SURVEY DATA COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC  
 ORGANIZATION (IHO) SPECIAL PUBLICATION 44 ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 AND/OR STANDARDS USED AT THE DATE OF THE SURVEY



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Eppard House  
St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

Sept/00

Md SHPO

Looking NW

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Looking SE

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