

Capsule Summary
SM-888
Cusic House
Leonardtown
Private

circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-888

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Cusic House

2. Location

street and number 22530 Bull Road __ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Lloyd and Mary Cusic

street and number 22530 Bull Road telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-40, P-10

city, town Leonardtown liber 133 folio 296

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	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> 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 Cusic House is located on the northeast side of Bull Road just east of its intersection with Newtowne Neck Road in the vicinity of Leonardtown, Maryland. Oriented on a southwest/northeast axis, the house is approached via a short drive that extends to the north of Bull Road. The 8.17 acre parcel includes the house a contributing privy and tobacco barn as well as a non-contributing modern dwelling. Much of the property is flat. The property is bounded to the northwest and southeast by a residential parcels, to the northeast by a wooded tract, and to the southwest by Bull Road.

The Cusic House is a one-and-a-half story, six-bay, telescoping plan house with a gable roof. The exterior of the dwelling is entirely sheathed with German siding while the roof is covered with corrugated metal. Interior end brick chimneys are visible protruding from the roofs of the main block and middle wing.

The primary or southwest elevation of the main block is pierced by a four panel door and a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The middle wing is also pierced by a six-over-six window and a door. The southeastern most wing exhibits a six-over-six window and a four panel door. An interesting four pane window is visible just under the eave of the main block.

The southeast elevation of the southeast wing is pierced by a six-over-six window. A rear shed addition to the wing is visible lying just to the northeast. It is pierced by a door and window.

The rear or northeast elevation of the main block is pierced by a six-over-six window and another window lying just under the eav. The middle wing is pierced by two six-over-six windows.

The northwest elevation was not 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	<u>8.17 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>8.17 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the northwest and southeast by a residential parcels, to the northeast by a wooded tract, and to the southwest by Bull Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 133, Folio 296.

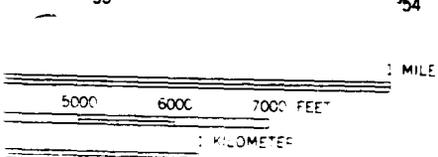
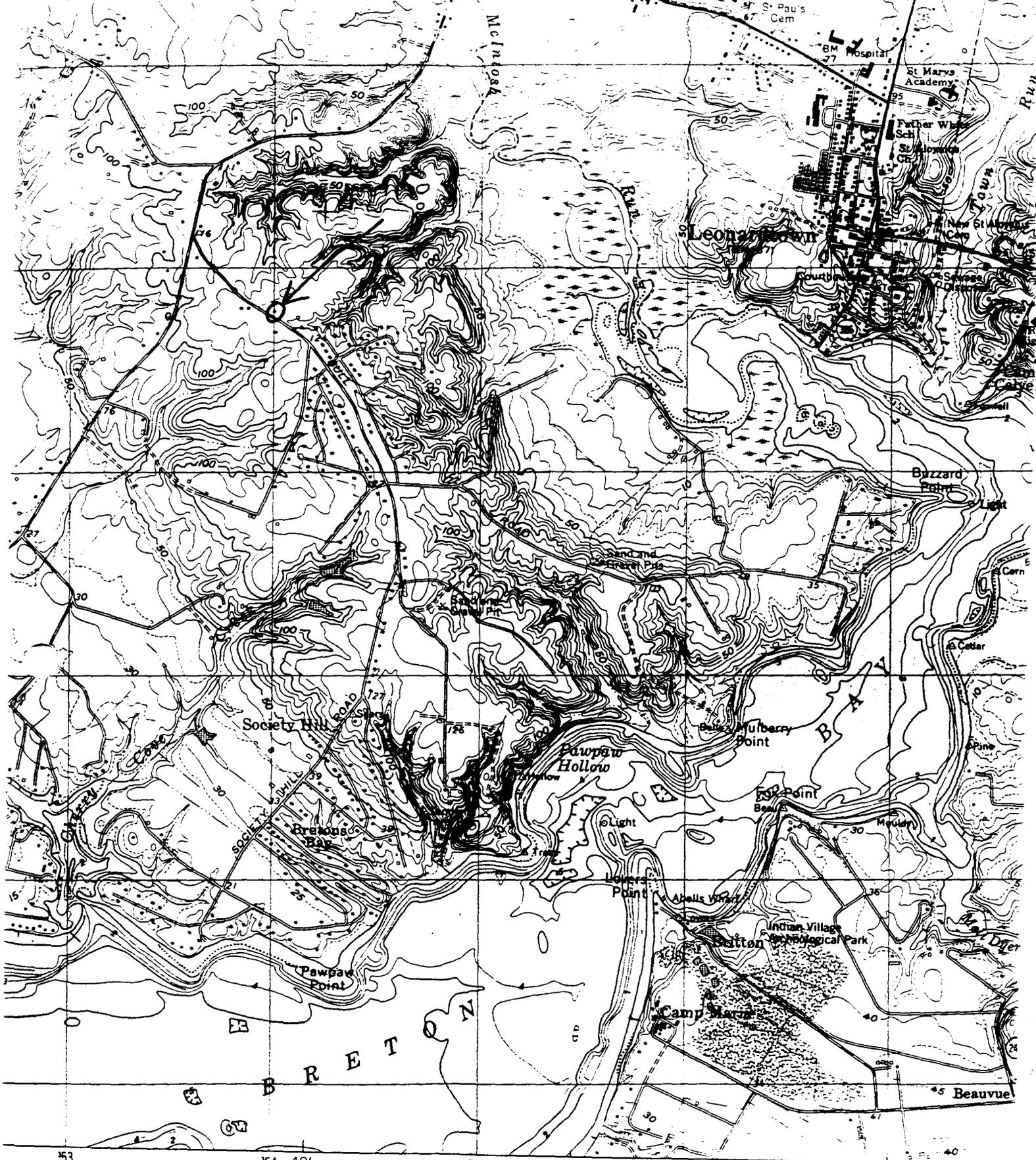
11. Form Prepared by

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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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