

Capsule Summary
SM-890
Buck Briscoe House
Compton vicinity
Private

circa 1920

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-890

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Buck Briscoe House

2. Location

street and number 39480 Buck Briscoe Road not for publication

city, town Compton x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Daniel S. Fitzgerald

street and number 1409 Crockett Lane telephone N/a

city, town Silver Spring state Md zip code 20904-5479

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-39, P-58

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1060 folio 239

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 checked="" 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> 1 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" 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 Buck Briscoe House is located near the western terminus of Buck Briscoe Road near the rural community of Compton, Maryland. Oriented on a south/north axis, the building lies on a small 1.64 acre parcel but is situated in the middle of an expansive farm consisting of cultivated fields of corn and soybean. Unfortunately, the house is not oriented so as to fully take advantage of the expansive views of St. Clements Bay. Much of the property is topographically flat. The property is bounded to the north, east, and south by a large farm and to the west by St. Clements Bay.

The Buck Briscoe House is a circa 1920, two story, seven bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof and two wings located on opposite sides. The exterior is sheathed with artificial siding and the roof is clad with asphalt shingles. Two exterior end brick chimneys are present as is an exterior end flue which is located on the rear or north side of the building. The odd massing of the overall building in addition to oral tradition suggests that the building formerly served as a carriage barn for an earlier house that has since been demolished.

The first floor fenestration of the primary or south elevation consists of recessed entry largely hidden behind a screened-in porch. The porch is supported by four square columns interspersed by a balustrade. Protrusions on either side of the porch are each pierced by a two-over-two, double-hung sash window. On either side of the main block's gable ends are small one story wings. The west wing is pierced by a door, while the east wing is pierced by a window. The second floor of the recessed portion of the main block is pierced by a set of two two-over-two windows. Each of the protrusions, meanwhile, are pierced by a two-over-two window.

The west gable end of the wing features a set of paired two-over-two windows. The gable end of the main block's fenestration consists of a two-over-two window on the first floor, two two-over-two windows on the second floor, and a two-over-two window on the attic story.

The rear or north part of the house was only partially visible at the time of the site visit, but a rear shed addition is clearly visible.

No other elevations of the house were investigated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 1.64 acres
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name Leonardtown Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north, east, and south by a large farm and to the west by St. Clements Bay. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 1060, Folio 239.

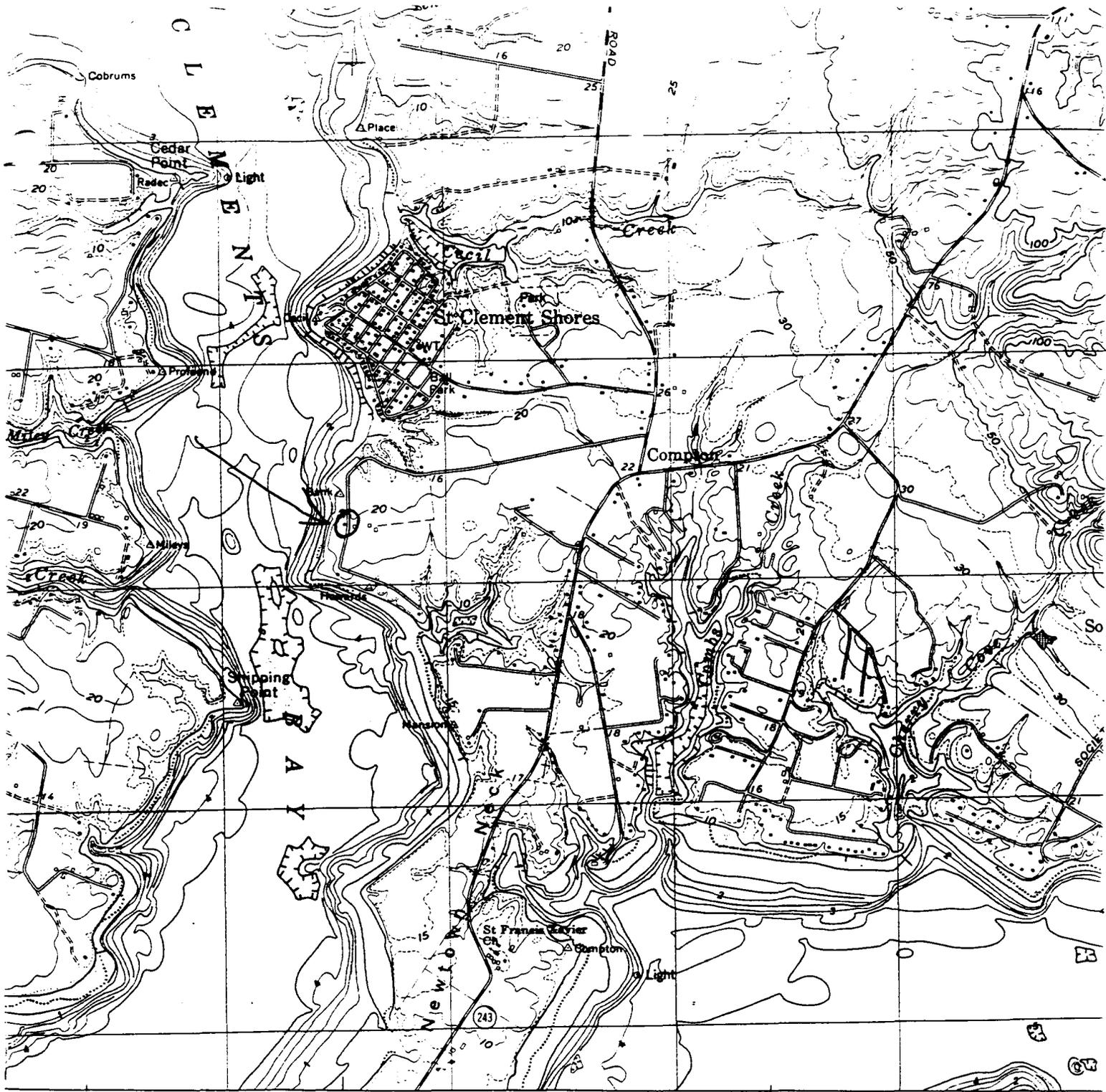
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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.

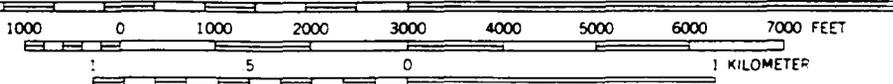
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 DHCD/DHCP
 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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19 1880 000 FEET 20 42'30" ROAD ENDS 1 MI. (ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND) 23

NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
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DASHED LINES REF Buck Briscoe House
NATIONAL GEODETIC Compton
BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR INTE St. Mary's County
0.5 METER CONTOURS THE RELATIONSHIP BETW THE MEAN RANGE OF TH Leonardtown Quad



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Looking N

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