

Capsule Summary
SM-95
Cellar Hill
Trent Hall vicinity
Private

circa 1942

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SM-95, Cellar Hill
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern period, 1930 - present.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-95

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cellar Hill

2. Location

street & number New Market Turner Road (Route 6) not for publication

city, town Trent Hall vicinity of 5 congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ronald W. Pickett

street & number P.O. Box 167 telephone no.: office: 410-354-3000 home: 301-884-2976

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md. 20659

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liberMRB 506

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 436

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM - 95

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Cellar Hill is located on the east side of Route 6 (New Market - Turner Road) between Trent Hall Road and Parlett-Morgan Road near Trent Hall. The house stands alone on a ridge in the landscape. Cellar Hill faces east towards the Patuxent River with its principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Neoclassical in style, Cellar Hill consists of two building periods. In 1940, owner Lawrence Lithicum Parlett designed and built the center two-and-a-half story section. In 1948, wings were added onto both the north and south ends of the house.

The east elevation of Cellar Hill consists of a two-and-a-half story central section with three gable roof dormers and a full-height entry porch. To the north of this section extends a one-story and then a two-story wing. To the south of this section stands a two-story wing.

(A complete verbal description of the property cannot be given because the owner denied the surveyor access to the property in 1994.)

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1940 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM- 95

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached plat. (Parcel D) The acreage of the nominated property would include only two acres of the 32+ acre tract, being the 2 acres which immediately surround the house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ date January 1993

street & number _____ telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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
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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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 DHCP/DHCD
 100 COMMUNITY PLACE
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
 514-7600

SM-95, Cellar Hill
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Ronald W. Pickett and Cynthia P. Pickett
FROM: Lawrence L. Parlett Jr. and Louise F. P. Gardiner, surviving heirs at law and Devises under will of Lawrence L. Parlett and as Beneficiaries under will of Louise L. Parlett; and John Knight Parlett and Eugenia Love Parlett Smitha, individually as the remaining and surviving heirs at law and Devises or Beneficiaries under the aforesaid wills of Lawrence L. Parlett and Louise L. Parlett; and Le Roy Langley and Eugene D. Mattison the remaining Personal Representatives under the aforesaid Estate of Louise L. Parlett.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record Liber MRB 506, folio 436.
DATE: November 15, 1989.
NOTES: Transfer of 32.728 acre parcel being Parcel D in plat MRB 17/92 "Boundary Survey, Land of Louise L. Parlett and Estate of Lawrence L. Parlett."

TO: Heirs
FROM: Louise L. Parlett
RECORD: St. Mary's County Orphans Court Case #5264.
DATE: Probated on March 28, 1988.
NOTES: Transfer of all real and personal property.

TO: Louise L. Parlett
FROM: Lawrence L. Parlett
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber RGC 1, folio 43.
DATE: December 9, 1948.
NOTES: Transfer of all real and personal property.

TO: Lawrence L. Parlett and Louise L. Parlett
FROM: Philip H. Davis and Mary D. Davis
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 12, folio 229.
DATE: July 26, 1940.
NOTES: Transfer of part of a larger tract known as "Satisfaction," "Town Neck," or "Trent Neck." Parcel being 7 6/10 acres.

TO: Lawrence L. and Louise L. Parlett
FROM: Macon M. Coleman and Marie M. Coleman
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 12, folio 1.
DATE: November 10, 1939.
NOTES: Transfer of all that piece or parcel of land being part of a tract known as "Satisfaction" and "Town Neck." Parcel being 14.5 acres.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Cellar Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Newmarket Turner Road (MD 6)

CITY OR TOWN: Trent Hall, Mechanicsville Vicinity

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Louise L. Parlett

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtwn STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncited		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two story brick, possibly no more than 25 years old.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(Faint, illegible text and checkboxes)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **MECHANICSVILLE QUAD**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

(Large empty space for justification)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Bonne

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 8-70

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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Mechanicsville Quad



MECHANICVILLE, MD.
NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3822.5—W 7637.5/7.5
1953
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5660 I NW—SERIES V833