

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-429 (PACS A45) Construction Date: 1947

Name: Howard Property

Location: 7632 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Howard Property, constructed in 1947, is a 1½-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage on the east side of Leonardtown Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. The building has an enclosed, projecting gable entry, projecting gable bays on the side elevations, and two projecting shed-roof bays on the rear elevation. The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with two dormers on the front elevation, and an interior brick chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with simulated masonry on the front elevation and stucco elsewhere, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood.

Significance:

Constructed in 1947, the Howard Property is an undistinctive example of a common building type. The application of simulated masonry on the front elevation contrasts unfavorably with the use of stucco elsewhere, compromising the architectural integrity of the cottage. The Howard Property is located on a 0.13 hectare (0.3 acre) parcel of land on the east side of Leonardtown Road. The residence was constructed in 1947, according to Charles County tax records, and contains 127 square meters (1371 square feet) of living space.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Howard Property

2. Location:

street & number 7632 Leonardtown Road

___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville

 vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county Charles

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

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

name Joseph and Elsie Mae Howard

street & number 7632 Leonardtown Road

telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville

state and zip code 20637-3013

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 153

street & number Charles Street

folio 652

city,town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

7. Description

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

Resource Count: 2

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

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The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with two dormers on the front elevation, and an interior brick chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with simulated masonry on the front elevation and stucco elsewhere, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise.

The west, or front elevation, has a wood door in the projecting gable entry. There are projecting bays on either side of the main block of the house, resulting in an asymmetrical facade. The fenestration pattern is irregular; there is one 6/6 double-hung window in the first bay, and a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows in the third bay. Each dormer has one 1/1 double-hung aluminum replacement window. The south projecting bay is clad in wood siding and it has a 1/1 double-hung aluminum replacement window.

The south and north elevations are similar. The projecting side bays on both elevations conceal half of the elevation of the main block. The main block has one 6/6 double-hung window on the first story, and a 6/6 double-hung window in each gable end. The bay on the south elevation has two 1/1 double-hung aluminum windows and a wood door, and the north bay has a 6/6 double-hung window.

The east, or rear elevation has a projecting shed-roof first bay that is accessed by a wood door. The second bay is partially concealed by a flat roof projection approximately 1.5 meters (5 feet) high. This section has a wood door. The main block has one 6/6 double-hung window, and projecting the first bay has one pair of 6/6 double-hung windows and one sliding window.

The interior of the cottage has a large living room and kitchen to the rear. A bedroom and bath are located on the first floor and there are two rooms on the upper level.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. The outbuilding is a 2-story playhouse with a wood shed-roof. Constructed in 1980, the playhouse is of wood-frame and plywood construction, and it is located east of the cottage.

The property is located on the east side of Leonardtown Road, with residential property to the north and west and farmland to the east. The property's setting is a rural area, along a highway which is a major regional transportation route.

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8. Significance (Continued)

undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Howard Property is a late example of a vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall (although the Howard Property is a 1½-story example), are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv). The Howard Property is one of four cottages in the neighborhood built by the same person, and it represents one builder's interpretation of this common building type.

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1947, the Howard Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common building type. The application of simulated masonry on the front elevation contrasts unfavorably with the use of stucco elsewhere, which compromises the architectural integrity of the cottage. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u> X </u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u> [Signature] </u>	Date: <u> 5/15/98 </u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u> [Signature] </u>	Date: <u> 5/20/98 </u>

 [Signature]

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-429 (PACS A45)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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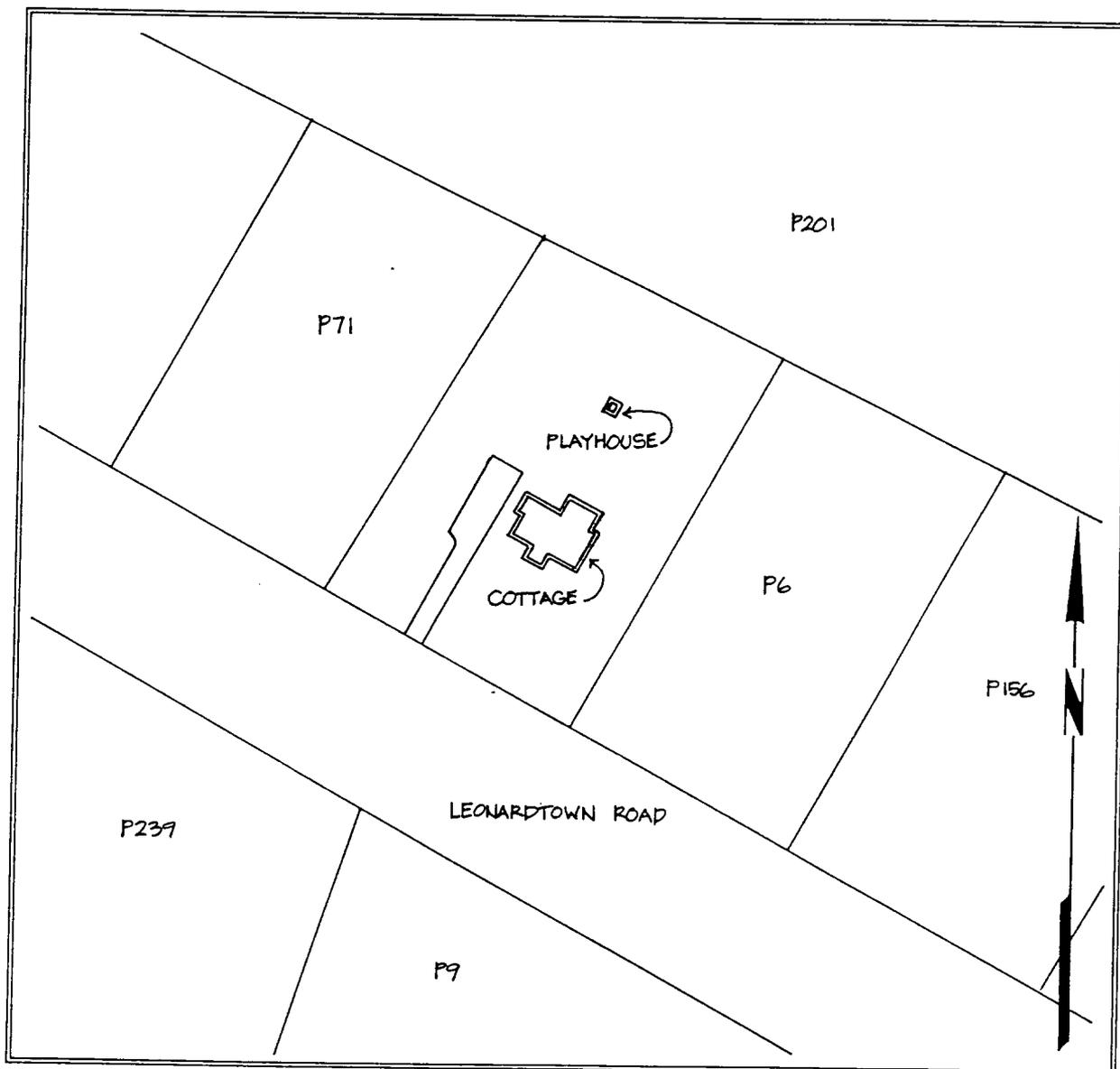
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
January 1997



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7 South elevation, view N

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6 MD SHPG

7 Playhouse, view E

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