Capsule Summary
SM-488
Part of Stratton
Lexington Park vicinity
Private Circa 1915

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Structure
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	House
Known Design Source:	none

Survey No. SM-488

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Part of Stratton

2. Location

street & number Route 235 (near Hermanville Road) ___ not for publication

city, town Lexington Park ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	X other: vacant

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

name William G. Fenwick, Jr., et al

street & number Rt. 1 Box 57 telephone no.: 301-475-2644 717-763-9494

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 205

street & number folio 311

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-488

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	X deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ 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

Part of Stratton is located at the end of an unpaved road on the east side of Route 235 near Hermanville Road in the vicinity of Lexington Park in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is in a deteriorated condition and is surrounded by cultivated fields. A series of agricultural outbuildings are located on the east side of the house. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1915, the main block of the house is a two-story, frame structure supported by a brick pier foundation. Originally sheathed with weatherboards, the exterior is now covered with asphalt siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A two-story, one-bay addition, stepped slightly back from the main block, adjoins the south elevation of the house. A one-story, shed roof addition is attached to the south side of this wing.

The west (main) elevation consists of two central entrance doors and two one-over-one sash windows. These openings have interior beaded surrounds. A screened porch extends across the full width of the first floor elevation. The porch is supported by wood piers. The shed roof is covered with seamed metal. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two window openings. The first floor of the two-story southern wing is pierced by a six-over-six sash window. The second floor is pierced by a window opening. A one-story, shed-roof, kitchen addition extends to the south of the wing and is pierced by a window opening.

The south elevation of the two-story wing is blind. An exterior brick chimney stands against this gable end. The one-story kitchen addition is roofed with corrugated metal. A door, now boarded over, two six-over-six sash windows and a one-over-one sash window are located on this south side of the addition.

The east elevation of the shed roof wing is pierced by a window opening. The north side of the kitchen addition, which projects slightly east of the main block, is pierced by an entrance door. The east side of the house is pierced by three window openings on both the first and second floors.

The north elevation of the main block gable end is blind. An exterior brick chimney stands against this elevation.

The interior of the main block consists of two front parlors separated by a partition wall. An interior doorway provides access between the two rooms. An enclosed winder stair is located in the northeast corner of the south parlor. The

8. Significance

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

Specific dates None **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X local

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dyson, Earl, Personal Interview, May 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5

Quadrangle name St. Mary's City **Quadrangle scale** 1: 24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage surrounding dwelling and including outbuildings.

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** February 1995

street & number **telephone** 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown **state** MD

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second floor did not appear to be stable and was not seen. The first floor of the two-story, single bay addition serves as an extension of the south parlor.

Six twentieth-century outbuildings are located on the property including two barns, a granary, a chicken coop, and two shed roof storage structures. The barn located closest to the house is supported by wood piers and sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn consists of an open work or storage space below and a hay loft above. The granary, also located close to the house, is supported by a wood pier foundation and roofed with metal over the original wood shingles. It is sheathed with vertical board siding. A tobacco barn is located furthest from the house. It is sheathed with vertical boards and roofed with corrugated metal over wood shingles. The shed roof chicken coops and small storage sheds are located south of the house.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: William G. Fenwick, Jr., Joseph Frank Fenwick, Mary Lillian Himmelheber, Ann R. F. Allum Poon.
FROM: Violet M. Fenwick
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 205, folio 311.
DATE: December 18, 1984.
NOTES: Transfer of 2/9 undivided interest in the farm at Hermanville being part of 238/203.

TO: Heirs.
FROM: Joseph Frances Fenwick and William G. Fenwick, pers. rep. of estate of Wm. G. Fenwick Sr., deceased.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 238, folio 203.
DATE: July 5, 1975.
NOTES: Transfer of 1/3 undivided interest to Violet M. Fenwick, widow of William G. Fenwick, and of remaining 2/3 interest to children: William G. Fenwick, Jr., Joseph Frank Fenwick, Mary Lillian Himmelheber, Ann R. F. Allum Poon. Six parcels transfered here. Parcel 1 is the remainder of farm at Hermanville.

TO: William G. Fenwick
FROM: Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 13, folio 163.
DATE: October 17, 1941.
NOTES: Transfer of 173.64 acres with exceptions.

TO: Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation
FROM: John H. T. Briscoe, Assignee
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 11, folio 519.
DATE: July 31, 1939.
NOTES: Transfer of 181.84 acres of "Part of Stratton." Sold because of default on mortgage (JMM 4/501), see equity case 1880.

TO: Benjamin Tippett
FROM: J. Harry Bedford and Catharine M. Bedford
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 14, folio 283.
DATE: October 18, 1915.
NOTES: Transfer of "Stratton," this land adjoins Hermansville and contains 182 acres.
Price: $3000

TO: J. Harry Bedford
FROM: Marie Schonhoff and Joseph Schonhoff

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8.2 Significance

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 9, folio 490.
DATE: September 20, 1911
NOTES: Transfer of three parcels: 1.) located on east side of Three Notch Road, being "Part of Stratton." and 3.) being part of "Stratton," 212 acres.

TO: Marie Schonhoff and Joseph Schonhoff of Baltimore City
FROM: J. Harry Bedford and Kate Mary Bedford
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 219.
DATE: October 10, 1905.
NOTES: Transfer of three parcels: 1.) Seven acres of "Part of Stratton," being EBA 3/446. 3.) part of "Stratton" 212 acres, being EBA 1/142. Price: $1900

TO: J. Harry Bedford
FROM: William D. Bedford and Julia E. Bedford of Baltimore City.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 1, folio 142.
DATE: July 3, 1899.
NOTES: Transfer of 212 acres of part of "Stratton." Price: $700.

TO: William D. Bedford and Julia E. Bedford
FROM: Jeannetta E. T. Clocker, widow, Susie Clocker, Jane A. Clocker, Mary A. L. Clocker, Mary A. L. Croswell, Charlotte E. Buchta, George P. Buchta.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 162.
DATE: June 6, 1893.
NOTES: William Clocker died intestate around early 1893. Transfer of 212 acres being part of "Stratton." Price: $1260.

TO: William Clocker
FROM: John A. Clarke and Eliza Clarke
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 13, folio 236.
DATE: September 14, 1841.
NOTES: Transfer of all that part of the several tracts which the said John A. Clarke purchased of the heirs of Edmund King and Thomas Willinder situated southeast of the road leading from Three Notch Road at Thomas Bean's store to Cedar Point being part of the land called "Stratton" agreeably to a bond of conveyance from Clarke to Clocker, dated August 3, 1835. Price: $450.

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Account Identifier: **District -** 08 **Account Number -** 018278

Owner Information

Owner Name:	FENWICK, WILLIAM G JR ET AL C/O VIOLET M FENWICK	**Use:**	AGRICULTURAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	21340 CEDAR HILL LN LEONARDTOWN MD 20650-4208	**Deed Reference:**	1) MRB/ 205/ 311 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
21078 THREE NOTCH RD	RPD	169 AC RT 471 HERMANVILLE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
52	8	9						82	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas **Town** **Ad Valorem** **Tax Class** FIRE DISTRICT 8

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1900	1,408 SF	169.00 AC	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	65,100	67,100		
Improvements:	7,950	8,980		
Total:	73,050	76,080	74,060	75,070
Preferential Land:	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100

PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE

Transfer Information

Seller:	FENWICK, VIOLET M	**Date:**	01/14/1985	**Price:**	$0
Type:	MULT ACCTS ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	MRB/ 205/ 311	**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**		**Price:**	
Type:		**Deed1:**		**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**		**Price:**	
Type:		**Deed1:**		**Deed2:**	

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
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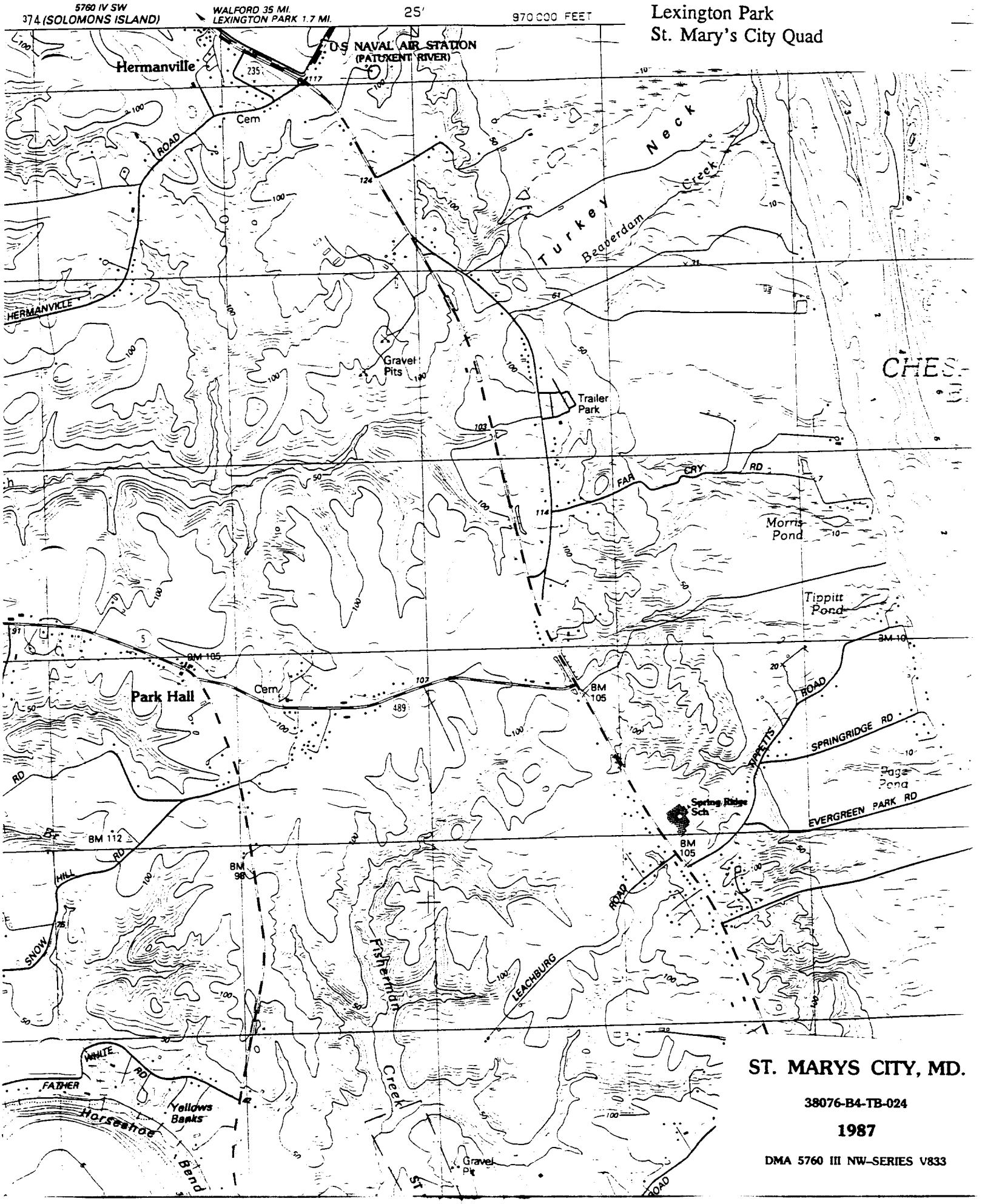

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Outbuildings