

Capsule Summary  
SM-535  
The Shaw House  
Leonardtown  
Private

c. 1910s

The Shaw House, a frame, two story, two bay dwelling, was one of several residences constructed in the 1910s by Enoch Booth Abell. A significant developer and financier, Abell was a founding member of the First National Bank of St. Mary's in Leonardtown and also helped to begin the Leonardtown Joint Stock and Transportation Company. The latter promoted the economic development of Leonardtown's Wharf during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. While rented out by Abell to several tenants, this house reflects the wharf's rebuilding and development during this timeperiod. The heirs Enoch Abell sold the house in 1943 to Leroy and Gladys McNey. The McNey's sold the dwelling to the current owners E. L. and Laura Shaw in 1968.

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

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

Resource Type

Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Town  
Historic Function and Use: Residence  
Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic The Leroy and Gladys McNey House

and/or common The Shaw House (Pref.)

**2. Location**

street & number .05 miles N of the <sup>Southern</sup> ~~Northern~~ terminus of Washington St.  not for publication

city, town Leonardtown  vicinity of  congressional district 3

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 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"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name E. L. and Laura Shaw

street & number PO Box 17  telephone no.:

city, town Leonardtown  state and zip code Md 20650

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse  liber 142

street & number  folio 220

city, town Leonardtown  state Md

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town  state

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-535

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Situated on the east side of Washington Street, the Shaw House is located only .05 miles north of Leonardtown wharf. The dwelling sits close to the road and is oriented on a north/south axis with its primary (south) elevation facing Breton Bay and Leonardtown's wharf.

This frame, two story, two bay house was constructed in the 1910s. It features a covered porch, clapboard siding, a one story gable end addition, and a shallow pitch gable roof pierced by a single brick chimney flue. The roof is sheathed with pressed-metal shingles. Most of the dwelling's windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash.

This dwelling only received mid-level documentation due to the high number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

# 8. Significance

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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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

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.

The frame, two story, two bay Shaw house was one of several houses constructed in the 1910s by Enoch Booth Abell. A significant developer and financier, Abell was a founding member of the First National Bank of St. Mary's in Leonardtown and also helped to begin the Leonardtown Joint Stock and Transportation Company. The latter promoted the economic development of Leonardtown's Wharf during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. While Abell rented out this house to several different families, the house remains significant for it typifies the residential development around the wharf.

Enoch Abell's heirs sold the house in 1943 to Leroy and Gladys McNey. The McNey's sold the dwelling to the current owners E. L. and Laura Shaw in 1968.



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Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRF 142, Folio 220

Grantee: E. L. and Laura Show

Grantor: J. Leroy and Gladys J. McNey

Date: June 19, 1968

Note: The property is listed as part of America Felix Secundus or Tudor Hall.

Reference: Liber CBG 14, Folio 501

Grantee: J. Leroy and Gladys J. McNey

Grantor: E. Marguerite Duke et vir, et ux.

Date: August 19, 1943

Note: The property is listed as containing 81/100 of an acre.

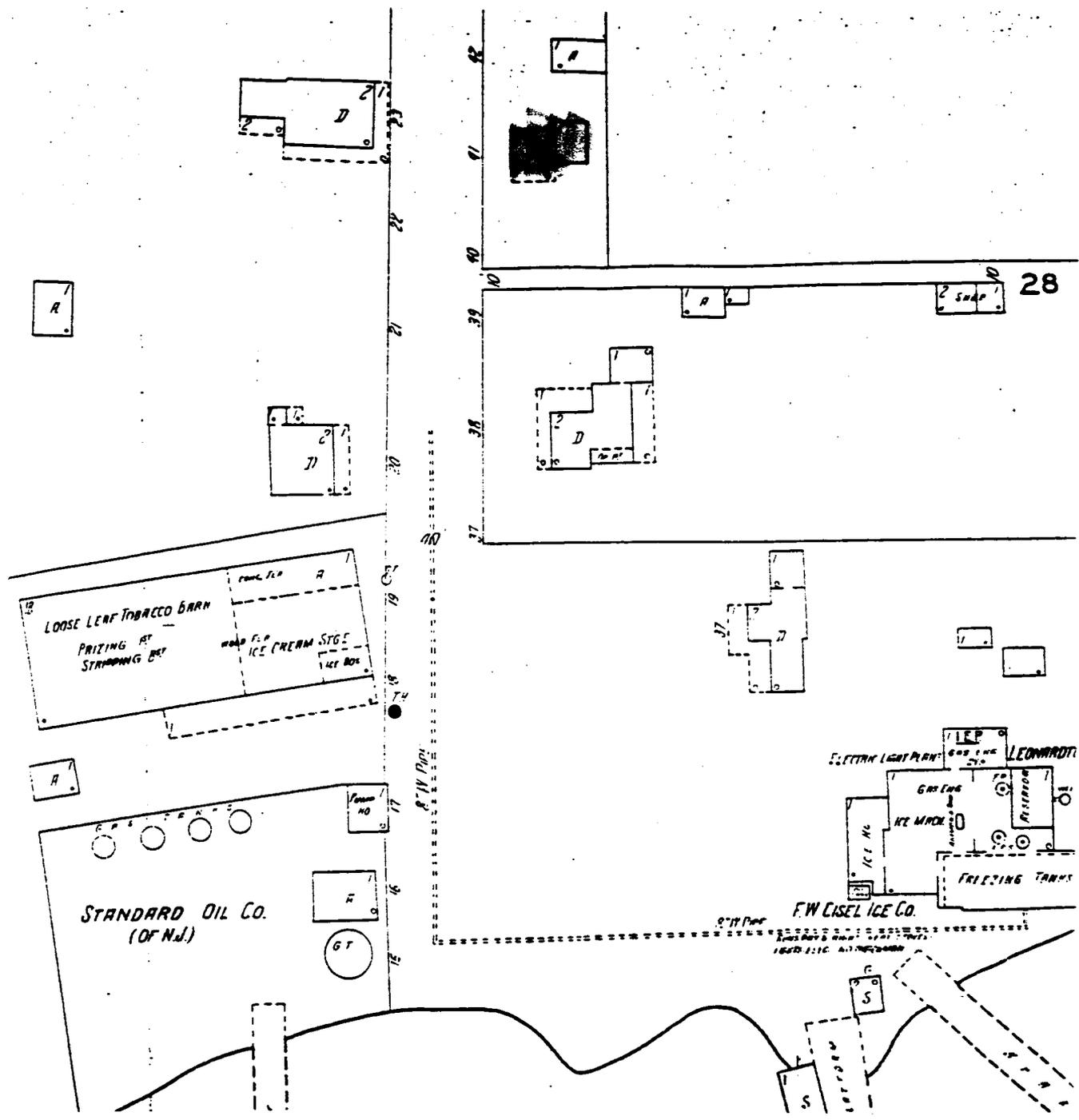
Reference: Liber EBA 9, Folio 312

Grantee: Enoch B. Abell

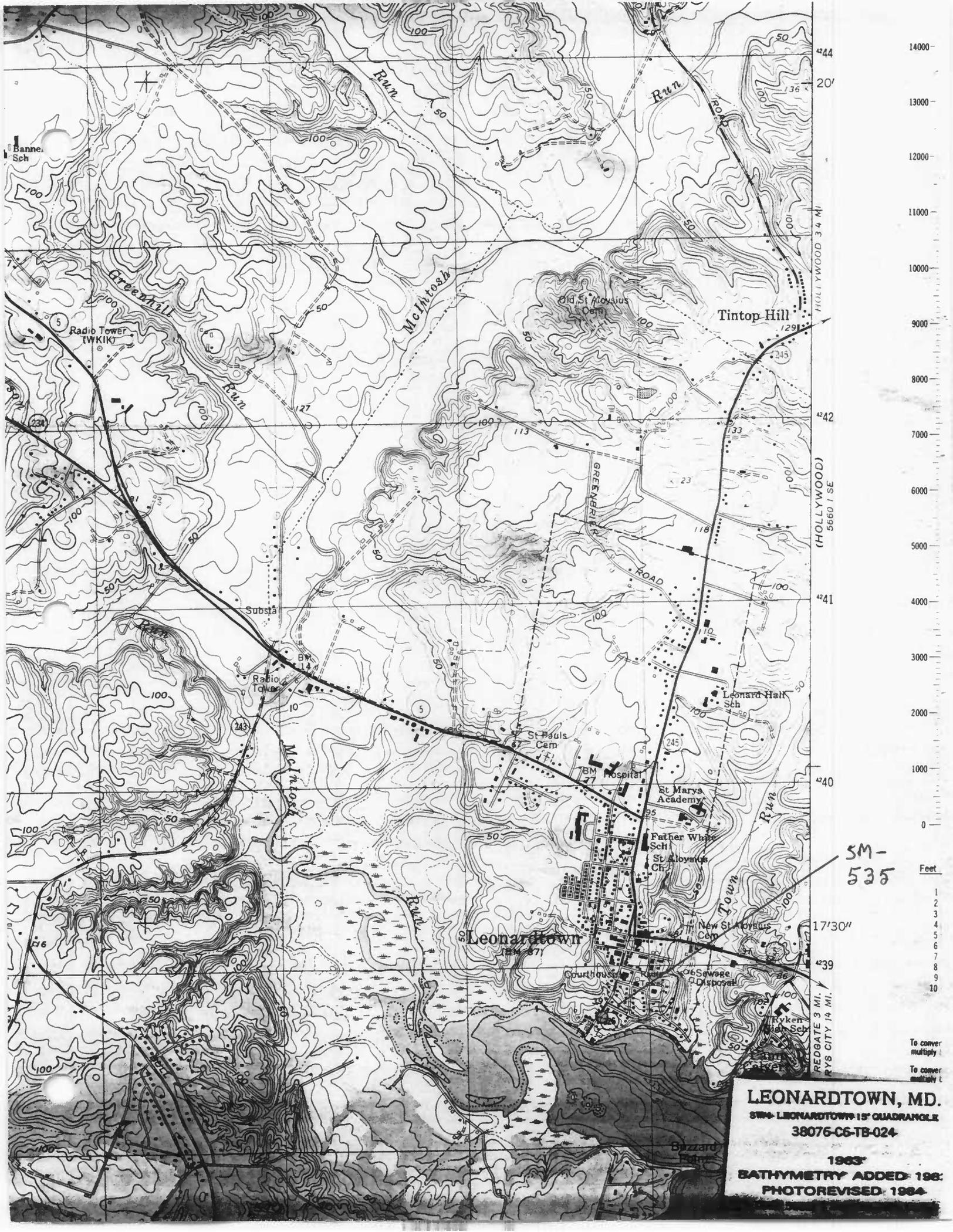
Grantor: Joseph H. Key and wife

Date: May 18, 1911

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 Significance 8.2



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Shaw House. The dwelling was owned by Enoch B. Abell at the time of this map



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HOLLYWOOD 3.4 MI  
5660 / SE

17'30"

REGATE 3 MI.  
RYS CITY 14 MI.

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**LEONARDTOWN, MD.**  
 SW- LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
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 BATHYMETRY ADDED 198  
 PHOTOREVISED 1984

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