

Capsule Summary  
SM-538  
Charles R. and Agnes G. Tuinman House  
Leonardtown  
Private

c. 1923

The Charles R. and Agnes G. Tuinman house, constructed c. 1923, is a two-story, four bay, frame dwelling with a cross-gable roof. The building was one of several modest residences erected along the west side of Washington Street in the early-twentieth century. While the house has been significantly altered by several additions and covered with vinyl siding, the building remains architecturally significant for its potential to yield information about how dwellings change over time and also as evidence of Leonardtown's growth and economic development during the early-twentieth century.

The house also symbolizes the tight knit familial ties of Leonardtown's wharf area residents. The Clements' of SM-537, the Johnson's and McNey's of SM-536, and the Latham's and Burris' of SM-522, as well as the Tuinman's all came to this area at relatively the same time. As a result, many of these families intermarried. Even up until the last fifteen or twenty years, all of these dwellings were still owned by relatives or siblings from these families. Today, the Tuinman house is owned by Rosemary E. and Philip I. Tuinman.

SM-538, The Charles and Agnes Tuinman House  
St. Mary's County  
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**

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic The Charles and Agnes Tuinman House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number W side of Washington St., 0.1 mile N of Leonardtown wharf  not for publication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 Rosemary E. and Philip I. Tuinman

street & number PO Box 164 telephone no.: 301-475-8457

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Maryland 20650

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 463

street & number folio 4

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Tuinman house is located on the west side of Washington Street only 0.1 mile from the south terminus of the street at Leonardtown wharf. Situated on a south sloping, 1/8 acre lot, the dwelling is oriented on a east/west axis and was constructed only a few feet from Washington Street. Bounded by the road on the east, the Russell/Latham house (SM-522) to the south, the Clements house to the north (SM-537), and a wooded tract to the west, the dwelling is one of several modest homes on small lots that line Washington Street near the wharf.

Dating from the late 1910s, the Tuinman house is a two story, four bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof pierced by three end chimneys. Situated on a brick pier foundation, the building is clad with vinyl siding while the roof is sheathed with pressed-metal shingles. The first floor fenestration of the primary, or east elevation is obscured by an enclosed porch although a centrally located entry is evident. Also centrally located is a cross-gable on the roof that features a single, tilted-square shaped window. The irregular fenestration, the presence of at least two rear additions, and the building's footprint on the 1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map all suggest that the building has been extensively altered since its original construction date. The vinyl siding, however, obscures any evidence of building changes.

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

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-538

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 Charles R. and Agnes G. Tuinman house, erected c. 1923, represents one of several modest frame dwellings constructed along the west side of lower Washington Street near Leonardtown Wharf in the early-twentieth century. Like the Clements' of SM-537, the Johnson's and McNey's of SM-536, and the Latham's and Burris' of SM-522, the Tuinman's house symbolizes the close inter-relationships shared among residents of Leonardtown's wharf area. Up until the last fifteen or twenty years, all of these dwellings were still owned by relatives or siblings from these families. Today, the Tuinman house is owned by Rosemary E. and Philip I. Tuinman.

While the house has been significantly altered through several additions and covered with vinyl siding, the building remains architecturally significant for its potential to yield information about how dwellings change over time and also as evidence of Leonardtown's growth and economic development during the early-twentieth century.



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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

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

Reference: Liber MRB 463, Folio 4

Grantee: Rosemary E. and Philip I. Tuinman

Grantor: Rosemary E. Tuinman

Date: March 13, 1989

Note: The parcel is listed as containing 1/8 acre (measuring roughly 100 x 55 feet).

Reference: Liber MRB 237, Folio 61

Grantee: Rosemary E. Tuinman

Grantor: Estate of Agnes G. Tuinman (Rosemary E. Tuinman is the personal representative)

Date: October 19, 1985

Note: Agnes G. Tuinman died testate on December 20, 1984 and devised the 1/8 acre parcel to Rosemary. Agnes G. Tuinman's estate reference is #4399 in the Orphans Court, Registrar of Wills Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse.

Reference: Liber JMM 2, Folio 73

Grantee: Charles R. and Agnes G. Tuinman

Grantor: Thomas and Viola Dixon

Date: November 2, 1923

Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 301

Grantee: Thomas and Viola Dixon

Grantor: Enoch B. and Katie M. Abell

Date: October 27, 1920

Reference: Liber EBA 18, Folio 369

Grantee: Enoch B. and Katie M. Abell

Grantor: Robert F. and Catherine M. Ogden

Date: October 14, 1919

Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 152

Grantee: Robert F. and Catherine M. Ogden

Grantor: Mattie Maddox Key

Date: May 27, 1918

Note: This corrective deed notes that Mattie Key should have been included in the previous deed (EBA 13, Folio 277) when Joseph H. Key sold the lot to R. Emmett Vanpelt.

Reference: Liber EBA 14, Folio 199

Grantee: Robert F. and Catherine M. Ogden

Grantor: R. Emmett and Etta Van Pelt

Date: September 6, 1915

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8.2 Significance

Chain-of-Title (continued)

Reference: Liber EBA 13, Folio 277

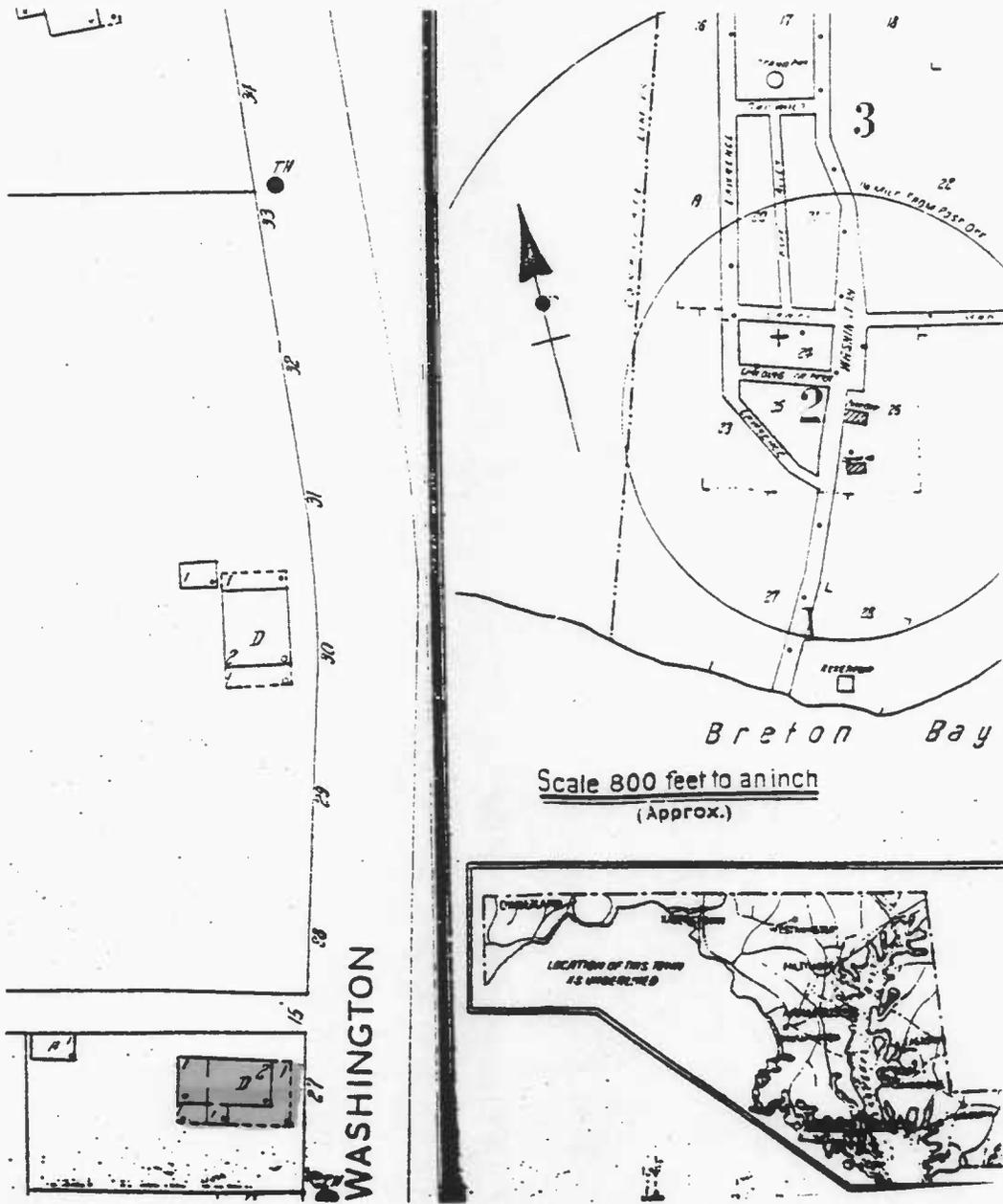
Grantee: R. Emmett and Etta Van Pelt

Grantor: Joseph H. Key

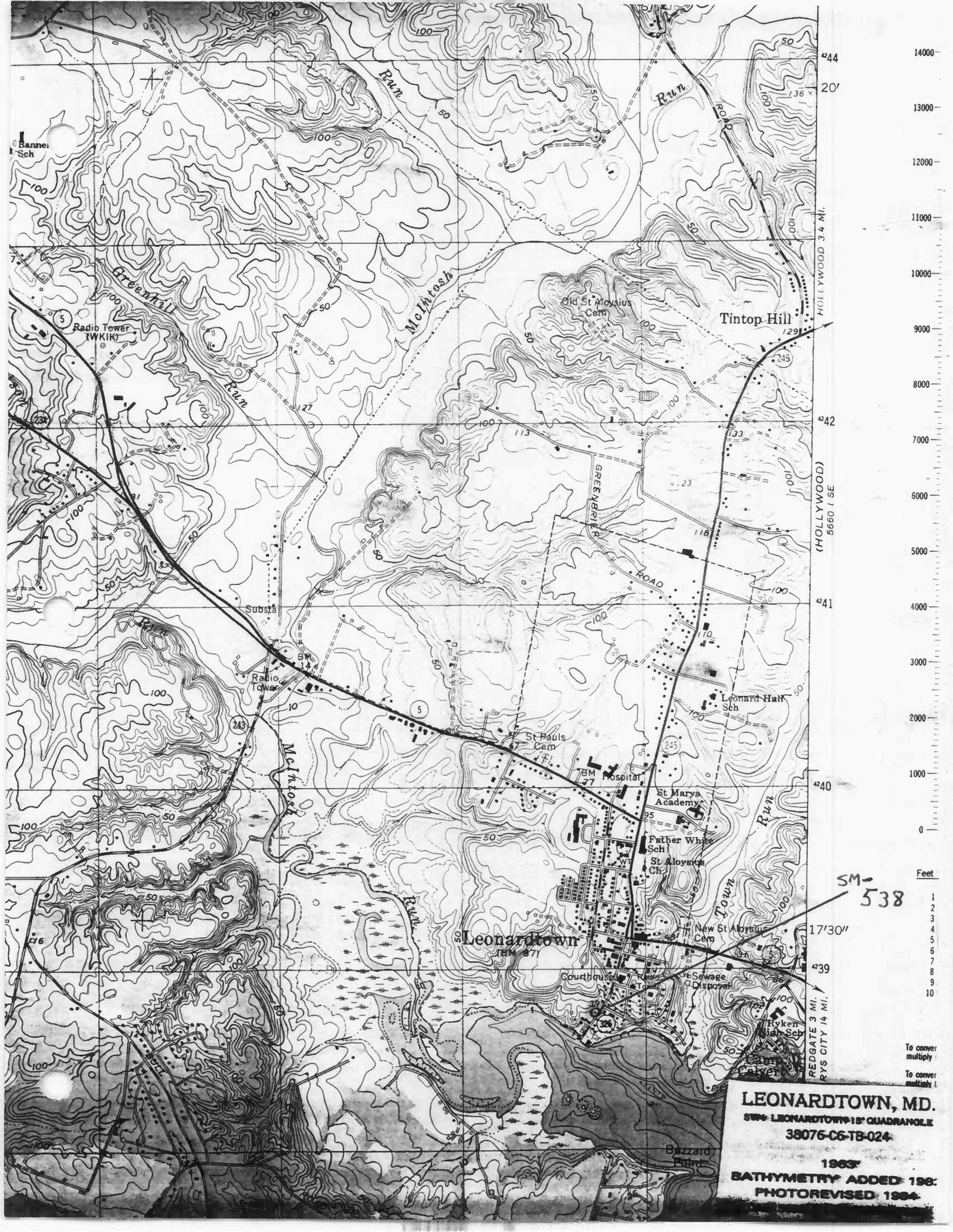
Date: January 26, 1915

Note: The property consists of a 1/8 acre tract that measures 55 x100 feet.

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Significance 8.2



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Charles and Agnes Tuinman House. Compare the size and shape of the building's footprint with the modern building.



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4244  
20'  
4242  
4241  
4240  
4239

HOLLYWOOD 3.4 MI.  
(HOLLYWOOD) 5660 1 SE

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17'30"

REDGATE 3 MI.  
RYS CITY 14 MI.

To convert multiply  
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**LEONARDTOWN, MD.**  
SW- LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
38076-C6-TB-024  
1963  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 198  
PHOTOREVISED 1984



