

Capsule Summary
SM-548
Mattingly/Abell House
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1946

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern Period, 1930-present
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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-548

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mattingly/Abell House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 239/241 Washington Street

not for publication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 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 B. Kennedy and Elizabeth Ann Abell

street & number PO Box 563

telephone no.:

city, town Leonardtown

state and zip code Maryland 20650

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning

liber 126

street & number

folio 189

city, town Leonardtown

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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 Abell house is located on the west side of Washington Street approximately 0.2 miles south from the intersection of Washington Street and Route 5 (Jefferson Street) in Leonardtown, Maryland. Bordered by the Norris House (SM-342) to the south, Washington Street to the east, a vacant lot to the north, and Pope Street to the west, the dwelling is situated approximately 35 feet from the road on a level town lot. The east side of the lot contains a semicircular drive and is emphasized by a number of bushes, shrubs and small trees. The southern boundary is marked by a carefully trimmed hedge.

The house, itself, is a frame, two story, symmetrical, three bay, Colonial Revival-style dwelling with a one story wing on each gable end constructed c. 1946. The building rests on a stucco covered masonry foundation and is entirely sheathed with aluminum siding. The gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and exhibits two, exterior end, chimney flues. The primary (east) elevation's first floor exhibits a centrally placed door flanked on either side by paired, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows that exhibit only one pair of non-functional louvered shutters. The doorway is emphasized by an open bed, semicircular pedimented portico supported by a pair of Tuscan columns and pilasters. The eight panel door is flanked on either side four sidelights and topped by a semicircular fanlight. The second floor is characterized by a centrally placed six-over six window flanked by paired six-over six windows.

The one story wings on the south gable end exhibits paired six-over-six windows and a flat roof with a balustrade. A second floor door on the south gable end permits entry onto the roof of the wing. A similar one story wing is also located on the north gable end. It serves as screened in porch. It also has a balustrade and a door that permits entry to the top of the roof.

The interior generally follows a center-passage, double-pile plan. It also features built-in furniture and decorative trim, such as panelled corner cupboards and a chair-rail, that are based upon American-colonial examples.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| 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 | Builder/Architect |
|--|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or | |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local | |

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

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Chain-of-Title

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

Reference: Liber 126, Folio 189

Grantee: B. Kennedy Abell Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Abell

Grantor: Adelaide M. Abell

Date: April 20, 1966

Notes: The property is listed as containing 25,602.5 sq. ft.

Reference: Liber CBG 49, Folio 40

Grantee: Adelaide M. Abell

Grantor: Charles J. and Agnes M. Mattingly

Date: February 15, 1954

Reference: Liber CBG 18, Folio 136

Grantee: Charles J. and Agnes M. Mattingly

Grantor: William Aleck Loker, et al

Date: March 6, 1946

Reference: Liber JMM 9, Folio 421

Grantee: William Aleck and Margaret W. Loker

Grantor: John H. T. Briscoe

Date: March 31, 1936

Notes: As the result of a foreclosure upon James J. and Leila C. Norris, the property is sold to the Lokers. It also lists the tract is part of two parcels. They are listed below.

Tract #1

Reference: Liber JMM 7, Folio 142

Grantee: James J. and Leila C. Norris

Grantor: J. Richard and Elizabeth C. Norris

Date: October 30, 1930

Notes: This deed lists the tract as containing 36/100 of an acre.

Tract #2

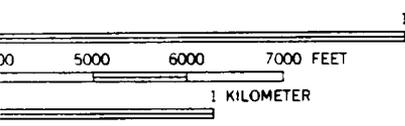
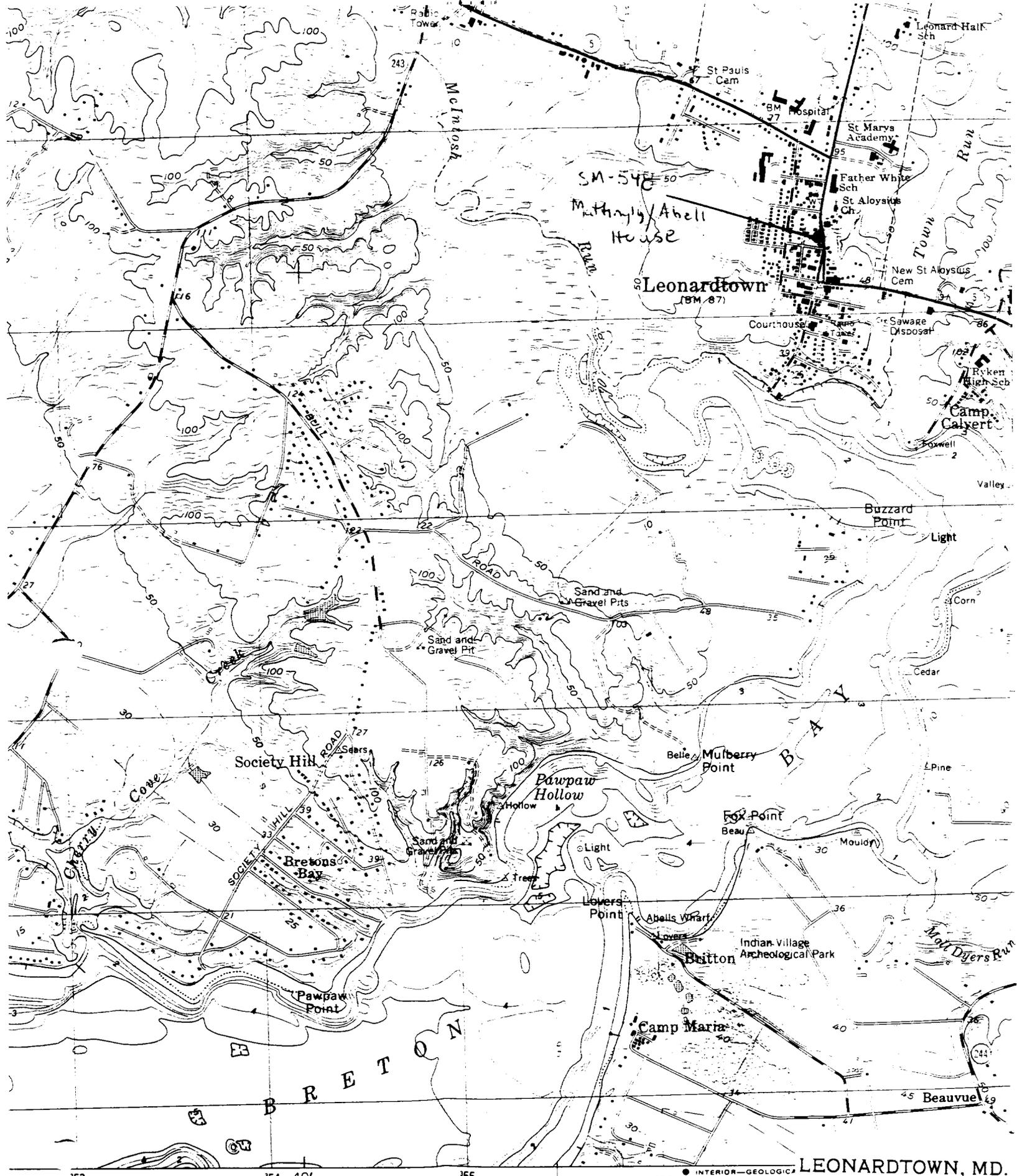
Reference: Liber JMM 6, Folio 87

Grantee: James J. Norris

Grantor: S. Gladys Hayden

Date: March 23, 1928

Notes: This deed notes that Gladys Hayden was once the wife of Joseph A. Dillow. Dillow died in 1900, however, and she remarried to A. Jackson Hayden.



1963
 1982
 1984
 1983
 1984
 1983

ROAC
 Heavy-duty
 Medium-duty

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL
 BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
 PHOTOREVISED 1984
 DMA 5660 1 SW-SERIES V833



