

— Capsule Summary
SM-567
Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1910s-1920s

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SM-567, Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building
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
Commerce

Resource Type

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Town
Historic Function and Use: Manufacturing facility, dwelling
Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-567

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building

and/or common

2. Location

W side of Lawrence Avenue near intersection of Fenwick Street and Lawrence Avenue
street & number not for publication

city, town Leonardtown vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM 133, P 226

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Miedzinski Investments, Inc.

street & number Box 348 telephone no.: (301)-475-5808

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 144

street & number folio 478

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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			

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 Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building is located on the west side of Lawrence Avenue just north of the intersection of Park and Lawrence Avenues in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The building, oriented on a east-west axis, is situated on a flat, 1/4 acre lot.

The Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building/Miedinski House is a two story, five bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. The foundation is obscured by the artificial siding that covers the building's walls. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and pierced by an end and interior chimney flue.

The first floor of the primary or east elevation is pierced by two wood doors and three, large, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. All of these bays are sheltered by a porch with a shed roof supported by four turned posts with scroll-sawn brackets. The second floor consists of five symmetrically placed six-over-six windows. Curiously, these five bays do not directly align with the bays located on the first floor. These windows are also smaller than those located on the first floor.

The south elevation is pierced by a door flanked on either side by a six-over-six window. The second floor features three, six-over-six windows. The attic story is ventilated by a pair of louvered vents.

The other elevations and interior were not investigated.

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/
<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 checked="" 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
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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.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

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

Deed Reference: Liber MRB 144, Folio 478

Grantee: Miedzinski Investments, Inc.

Grantor: Robert Miedzinski

Date: May 23, 1983

Notes: This deed refers to three parcels. The Bottling Company Building property are described as "Parcel #1."

Deed Reference: Libert CBG 22, Folio 288

Grantee: Robert and Mary Lillian Miedzinski

Grantor: Mary R. Fowler

Date: December 13, 1948

Deed Reference: Liber CBG 22, Folio 287

Grantee: Mary R. Fowler

Grantor: Robert and Mary Lillian Miedzinski

Date: December 13, 1948

— Deed Reference: Liber JMM 7, Folio 401

Grantee: Robert and Mary Lillian Miedzinski

Grantor: Carl Insley

Date: September 11, 1931

Notes: This notes that the purchase of the property includes "all the equipment, machinery, and fixtures in said building run under the name of the Southern Maryland Bottling Company."

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 6, Folio 29

Grantee: Carl D. and Agnes Cecelia Insley

Grantor: Thomas A. and Marthaline McKay

Date: December 31, 1927

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 373

Grantee: Thomas A. and Marthaline McKay

Grantor: J. Allan Coad

Date: October 21, 1925

Notes: Here the property contains 10,648.

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 113

Grantee: J. Allan Coad

Grantor: Daisey L. and J. Harry Peacock

Date: May 7, 1925

— Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 238

Grantee: Daisey L. Peacock

Grantor: Lewis R. and Lena E. Springer

Date: August 10, 1918

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8.2 Significance

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 144

Grantee: Lewis R. and Lena E. Springer

Grantor: L. Allison Wilmer and Joseph H. Ching

Date: May 22, 1918

Notes: As the result of circuit court case No. 1275 involving the Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company vs Frank Lawrence, several properties of Asa A. Lawrence were sold at public auction. The Springers purchase the property.

Deed Reference: Liber JFF 7, Folio 187

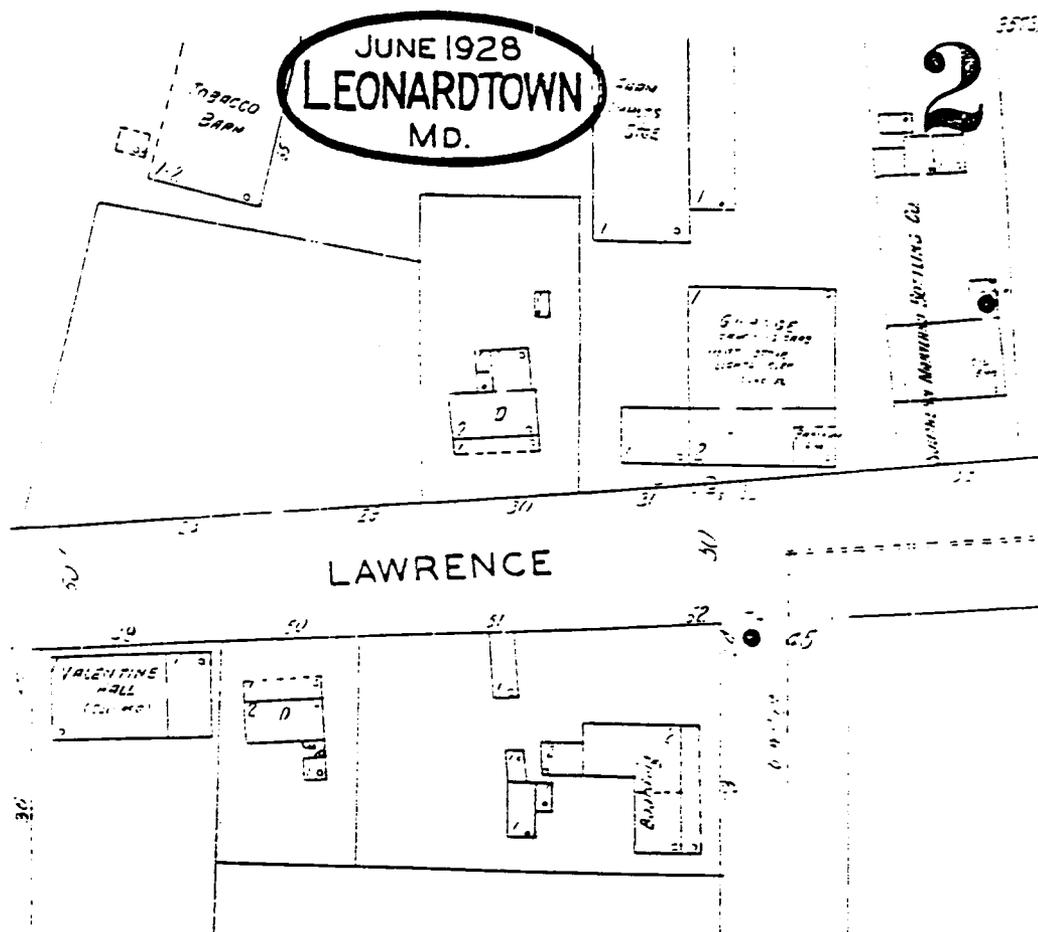
Grantee: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence

Grantor: Joseph H. Key and wife

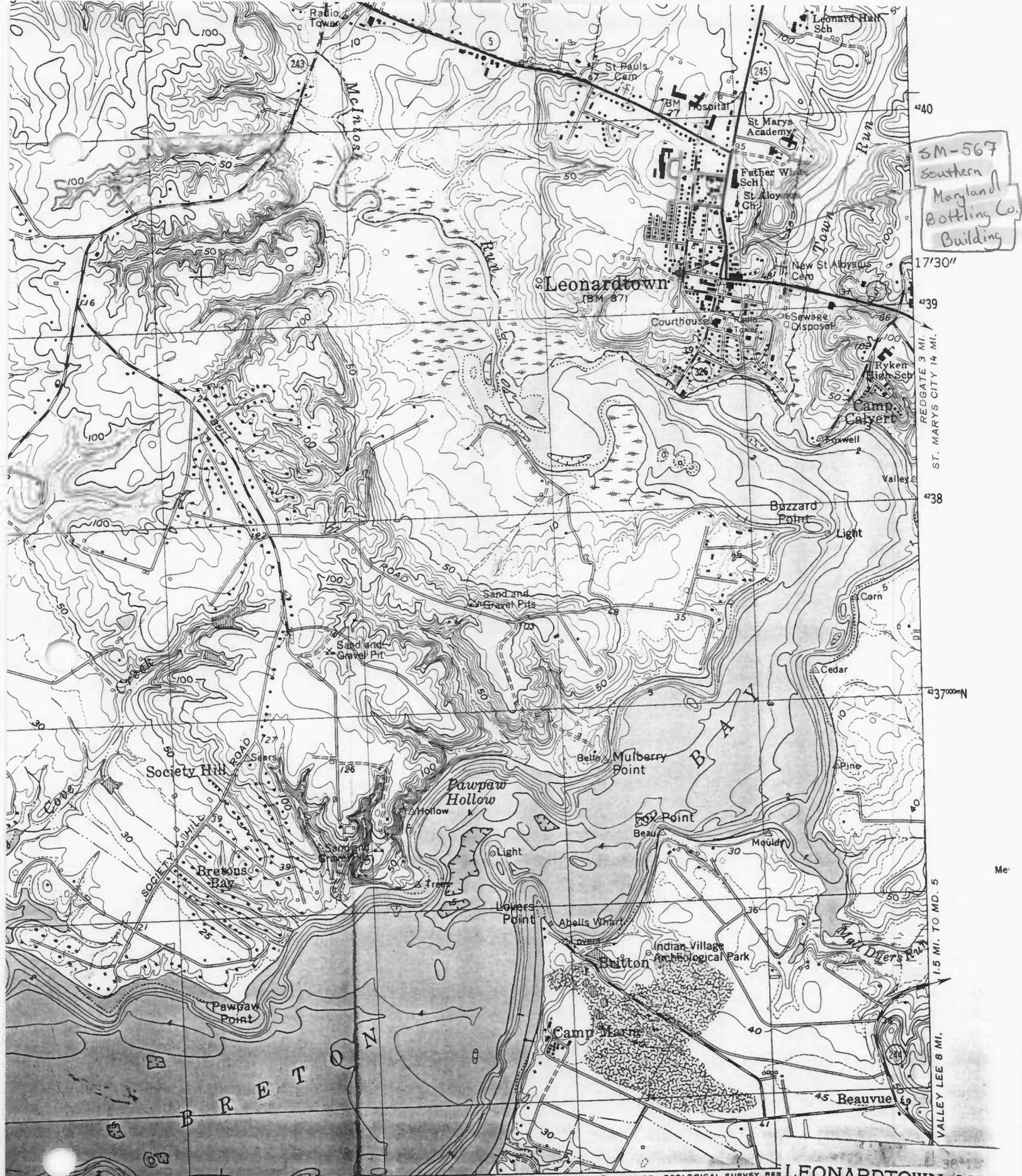
Date: March 18, 1884

Notes: The Keys sell the Lawrences 1/2 acre on the west side of Lawrence Avenue.

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8.3 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Southern Maryland Bottling Company building.



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Southern
Maryland
Bottling Co.
Building

LEONARDTOWN, MD.
SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
38076-C6-TB-024



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty ———
 Medium-duty ———
 Bathymetry added 1963
 U Photorevised 1984
 DMA 5660 I SW-SERIES V833
 State route

REDGATE 3 MI.
ST. MARYS CITY 14 MI.

1.5 MI. TO MD. 5

VALLEY LEE 8 MI.



