

— Capsule Summary
SM-569
St. Mary's Auto Company Garage
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1916-1917

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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:	Garage, Store
Known Design Source:	None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-569

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Auto Company Garage

and/or common

2. Location

W side of the intersection of Park and Lawrence Avenues
street & number

not for publication

city, town Leonardtown

vicinity of

congressional district 3

state Maryland

county St. Mary's

TM 133, P 227

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 Robert Christopher Goldsborough and Francis Allen Tennyson

street & number PO Box 191

telephone no.: (301) 373-8557

city, town Hollywood

state and zip code Md 20636-0191

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber EWA 691

street & number

folio 89

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

Survey No. SM-569

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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

The St. Mary's Auto Company Garage is located on the west side of Lawrence Avenue and perpendicular to the intersection of Lawrence and Park Avenues. Oriented on a north-south axis, the garage is situated on a relatively flat lot and setback only a few feet from Lawrence Avenue. The garage is bounded on the east by Lawrence Avenue, to the north by the Southern Maryland Bottling Company building (SM-567), and to the west and south by the Tudor Hall Farm.

The St. Mary's Auto Company Garage, constructed c. 1916-1917, is a two-and-a-half-story, gable front, stucco covered, commercial building with a gable roof, a one story wing and a long rear garage. The building's foundation is obscured by the stucco, but patches of the stucco have been removed to reveal an original clapboard covered circular sawn frame. The cornice is enclosed and the roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The building is vacant and in a dilapidated state.

The primary or east elevation features several boarded up doors and windows on both the main section and wing. While the windows are not visible, two three-panel and single light doors remain intact. The main section's second floor consists of four, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows, two of which have been bordered up. The half-story features two, two-over-two windows over the middle two bays of the second floor.

The other elevations and interior were not investigated.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-569

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
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<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 checked="" 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: <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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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 EWA 691, Folio 89

Grantee: Robert Christopher Goldsborough and Francis Allen Tennyson

Grantor: Suzanne Henderson, et al

Date: June 24, 1992

Notes: Goldsborough and Tennyson purchased the .45 acre property for \$50,000. The property is noted as being located at the intersection of Fenwick Street and Lawrence Avenue. The deed also notes that Barnard I. Smith died intestate April 27, 1967 leaving the tract to his wife and two daughters.

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 11, Folio 499

Grantee: Barnard I. Smith

Grantor: J. Allan and Clara C. Coad

Date: July 27, 1967

Notes: The property is listed as part of two parcels. Parcel #1=1/4 acre, Parcel #2=1 rod and 2.96 sq. perches. A garage is also mentioned as being located on the property.

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 439

Grantee: J. Allan and Clara C. Coad

Grantor: J. H. T. Briscoe and Benjamin H. Duke, receivers

Date: November 27, 1925

Notes: As a result of the dissolution of the St. Mary's Auto and Implement Company Incorporated (Circuit Court Case No 1457 NE, February 18, 1925) the "Garage Property" is sold at auction.

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 284

Grantee: St. Mary's Auto and Implement Company, Incorporated

Grantor: J. Allan Coad and Thomas A. McKay, St. Mary's Auto and Supply Company

Date: October 14, 1920

Notes: This deed notes that two lots are combined.

Parcel 1

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 525

Grantee: J. Allan Coad and Thomas A. McKay

Grantor: Edward J. and Emily H. Waring and George E. and Emma O. Hamilton

Date: February 5, 1919

Notes: This 1/4 acre tract is listed as containing a garage.

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 524

Grantee: Edward J. and Emily H. Waring and George E. and Emma O. Hamilton

Grantor: J. Allan Coad

Date: September 8, 1917

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Deed Reference: Liber EBA 15, Folio 432
Grantee: J. Allan Coad and Bowes Hodges, St. Mary's Auto Company
Grantor: Cecelia C. Roberts
Date: October 17, 1916
Notes: Bowes Hodges later conveyed his interest in the property to J. Allan Coad.

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 13, Folio 140
Grantee: Cecelia C. Roberts
Grantor: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence
Date: November 12, 1914

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 8, Folio 172
Grantee: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence
Grantor: Daniel C. and Irene F. Hammett
Date: November 6, 1909
Note: Here the property is listed as containing 1/2 acre.

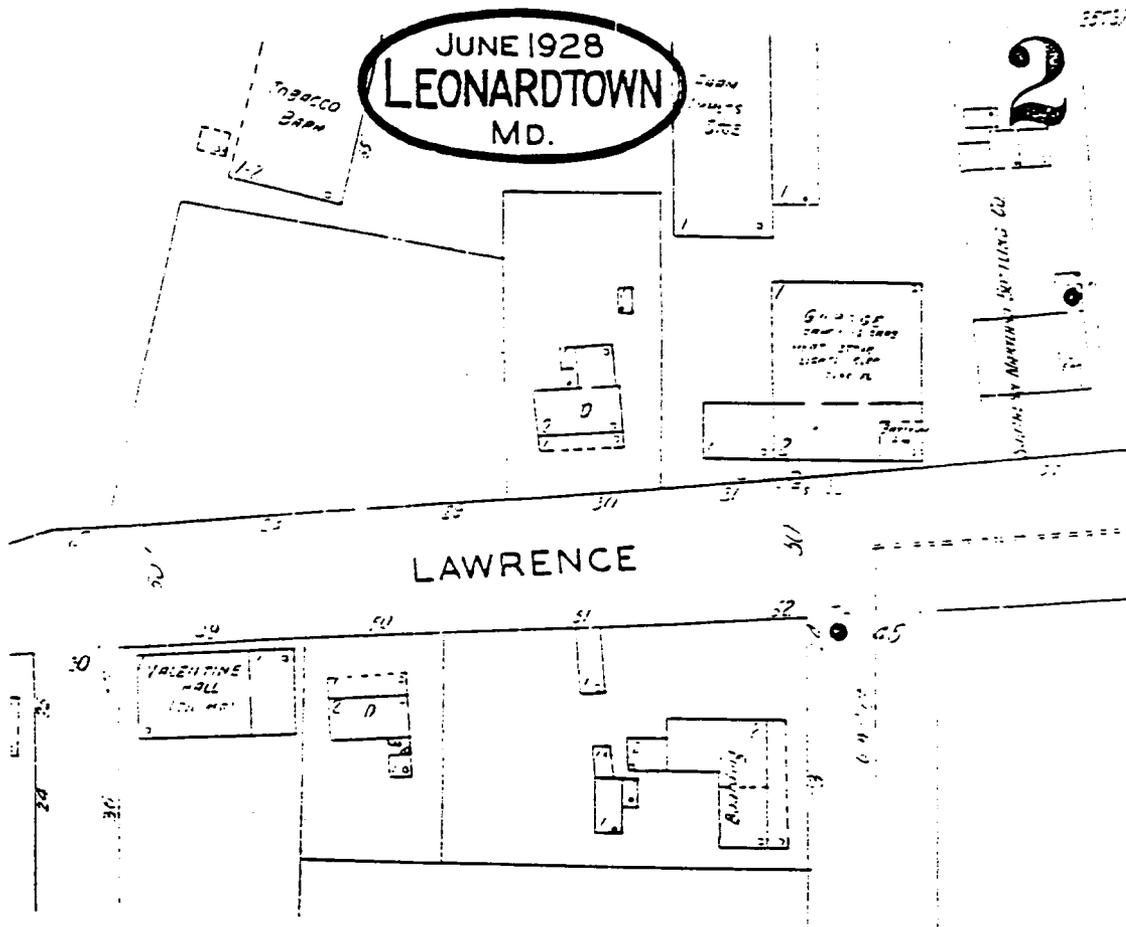
Deed Reference: Liber JFF 9, Folio 71
Grantee: Irene F. Hammett
Grantor: Joseph and Cora B. Key
Date: April 21, 1886
Notes: The 1/2 property is a part of the Tudor Hall Estate.

Parcel 2

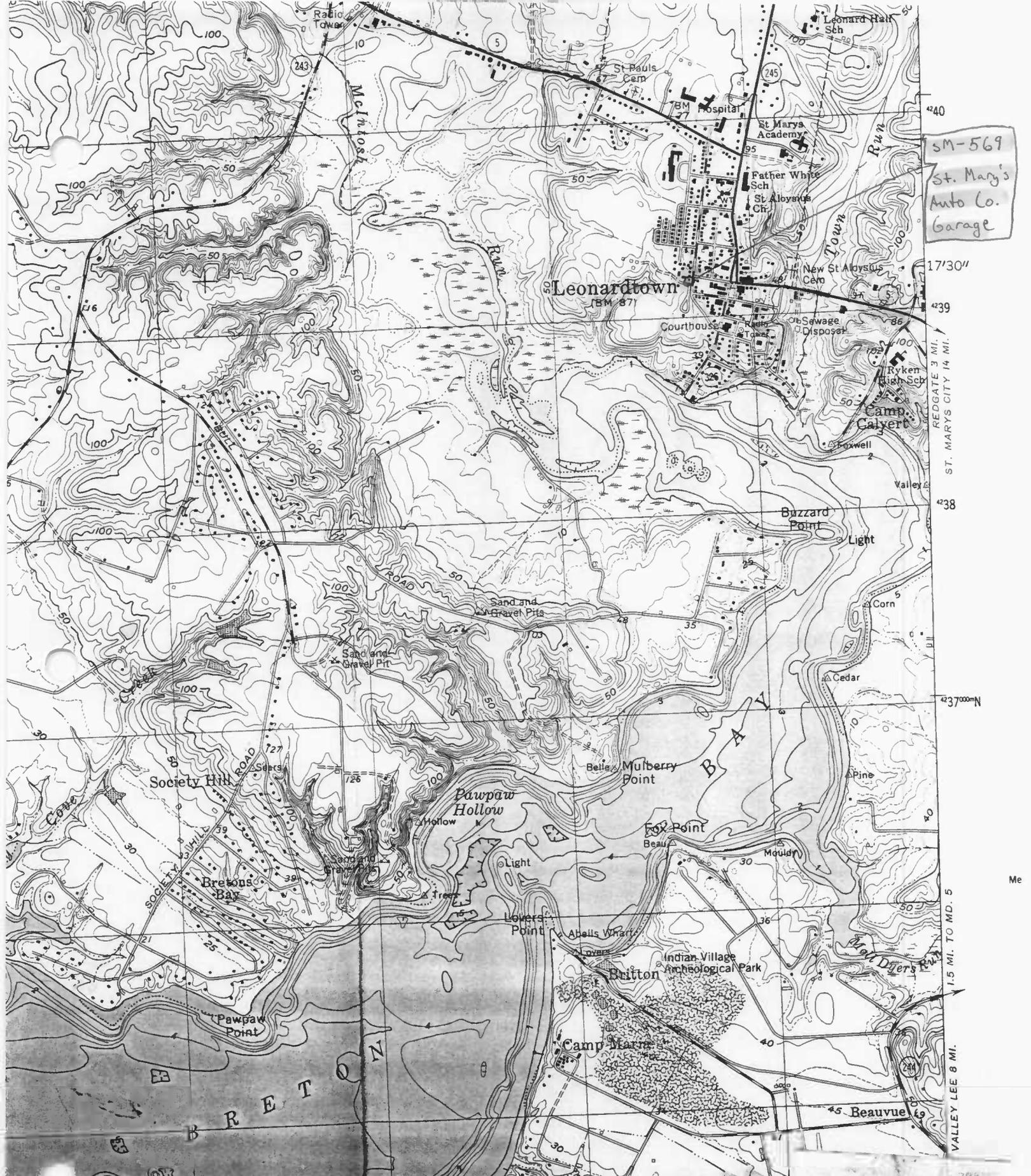
Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 525
Grantee: J. Allan Coad and Thomas A. McKay, St. Mary's Auto and Supply Company
Grantor: Charles W. and Agnes S. Foxwell
Date: February 5, 1919
Notes: This parcel consists of 1 rod, 2.96 sq perches of land.

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 146
Grantee: Charles W. and Agnes S. Foxwell
Grantor: L. Allison Wilmer and Joseph H. Ching, Trustees
Date: May 23, 1918
Notes: As a result of the circuit court case between the Eastern Shore Trust Company and Frank D. Lawrence the property was sold at auction. (Circuit Court Case No. 1275)

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8.3 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showing the St. Mary's Auto Company Garage.



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St. Mary's
Auto Co.
Garage

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

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1963
L₃ LITHOMETRY ADDED 1982
U PHOTOREVISED 1984
DMA 5660 I SW-SERIES V833
State route





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= King's Garage

Rick Panzetta

Nov/96

hd 5480

Elevation

1 of 1