Ambiance Hair Design Building
SM-701
East side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Pegg Road
Lexington Park vicinity
Circa 1930
Private

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Ambiance Hair Design Building

2. Location

street & number East side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) ___ not for publication

city, town Lexington Park X vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Lorrie Garner

street & number P.O. Box 1471 telephone

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code MD

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 43/201

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
___ Other:

6. Classification

Category
___ district
X building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
X private
___ both

Current Function
___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
___ domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/ culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
X vacant/not in use
___ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
___ good	___ ruins
_X_ fair	_X_ altered

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

The residence (converted for use as a hair salon and currently vacant) on the east side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Pegg Road is located directly adjacent to the east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. A paved parking area is located on the south side of the property.

The 1-story rectangular frame building clad in wood clapboards is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has a narrow asphalt shingle gable roof with wide shed-roof slopes on the east and west sides of the building. An interior brick chimney rises through the north end of the center ridge. One-story shed-roof porches on the east and west sides of the building have been enclosed. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-six and two-over-two double-hung sash.

The west, or main, elevation contains a central entry flanked on either side by a tripartite picture window with fixed center sash and one-over-one double-hung sash. A ramp with a wood railing leads from the parking area to the front entry. The south elevation includes a set of paired two-over-two windows in the west end, two six-over-six windows in the main block, and a door in the east end. The east elevation contains a two-over-two window and a six-over-six window. The north elevation includes a set of paired two-over-two windows in the west end, two six-over-six windows in the main block, and a two-over-two window in the east end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/ medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

X National Register ____ Maryland Register ____ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. The conversion of the dwelling to commercial use has compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ___ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: __A __B X C __D **Considerations:** __A __B __C __D __E __F __G __None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date** 9/28/98

Reviewer, NR program **Date** 11/6/98

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Southern Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Suburban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.312 acres
Acreage surveyed 0.312 acres
Quadrangle name Solomon's Island, MD
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 201 , Map 43 , Grid 9

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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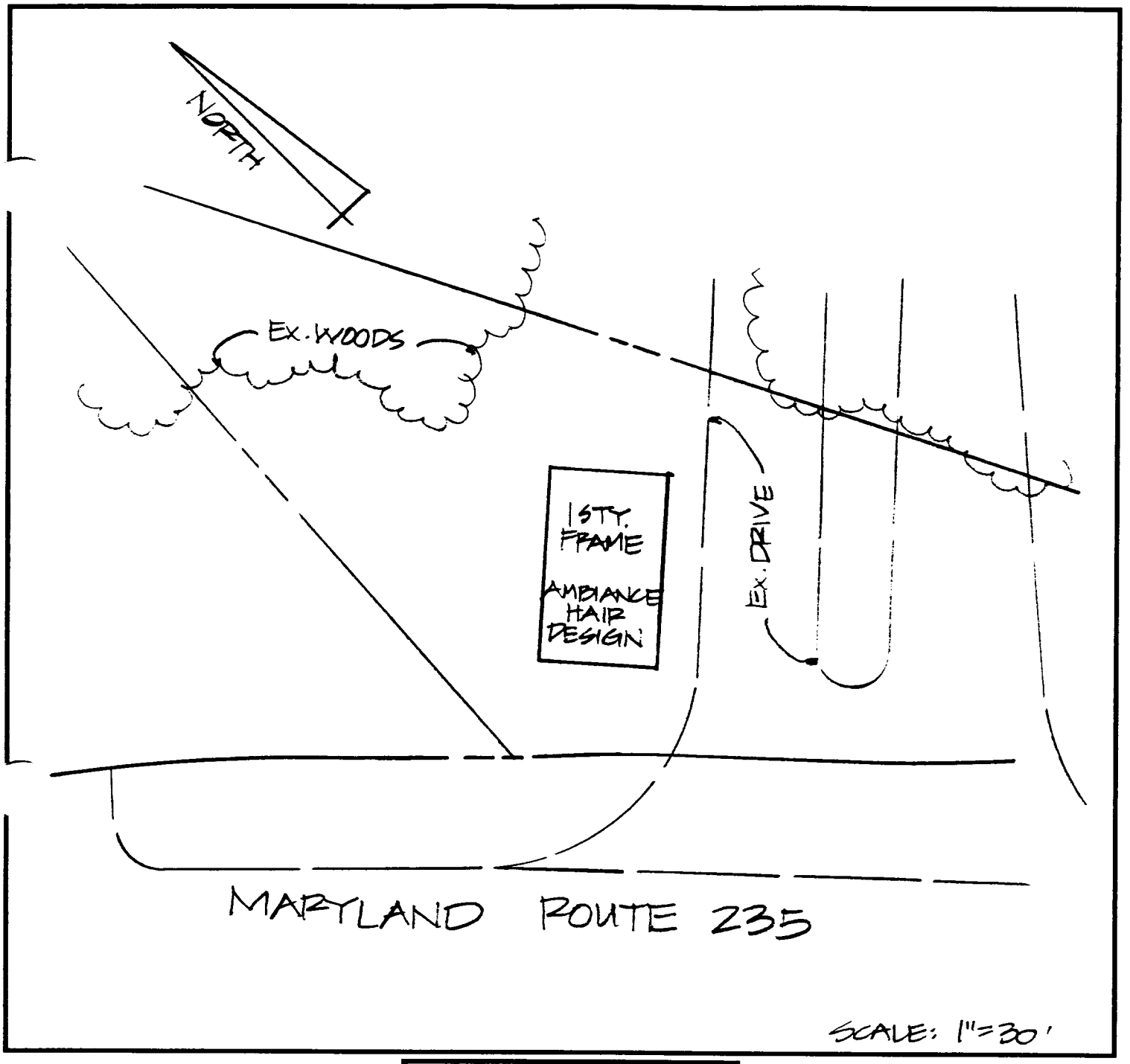

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Ambiance Building, E. Side Three Notch Road
Lexington Park, St. Mary's Co.
Resource Sketch Map

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE
HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
410-316-7800

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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
St. Mary's County, MD

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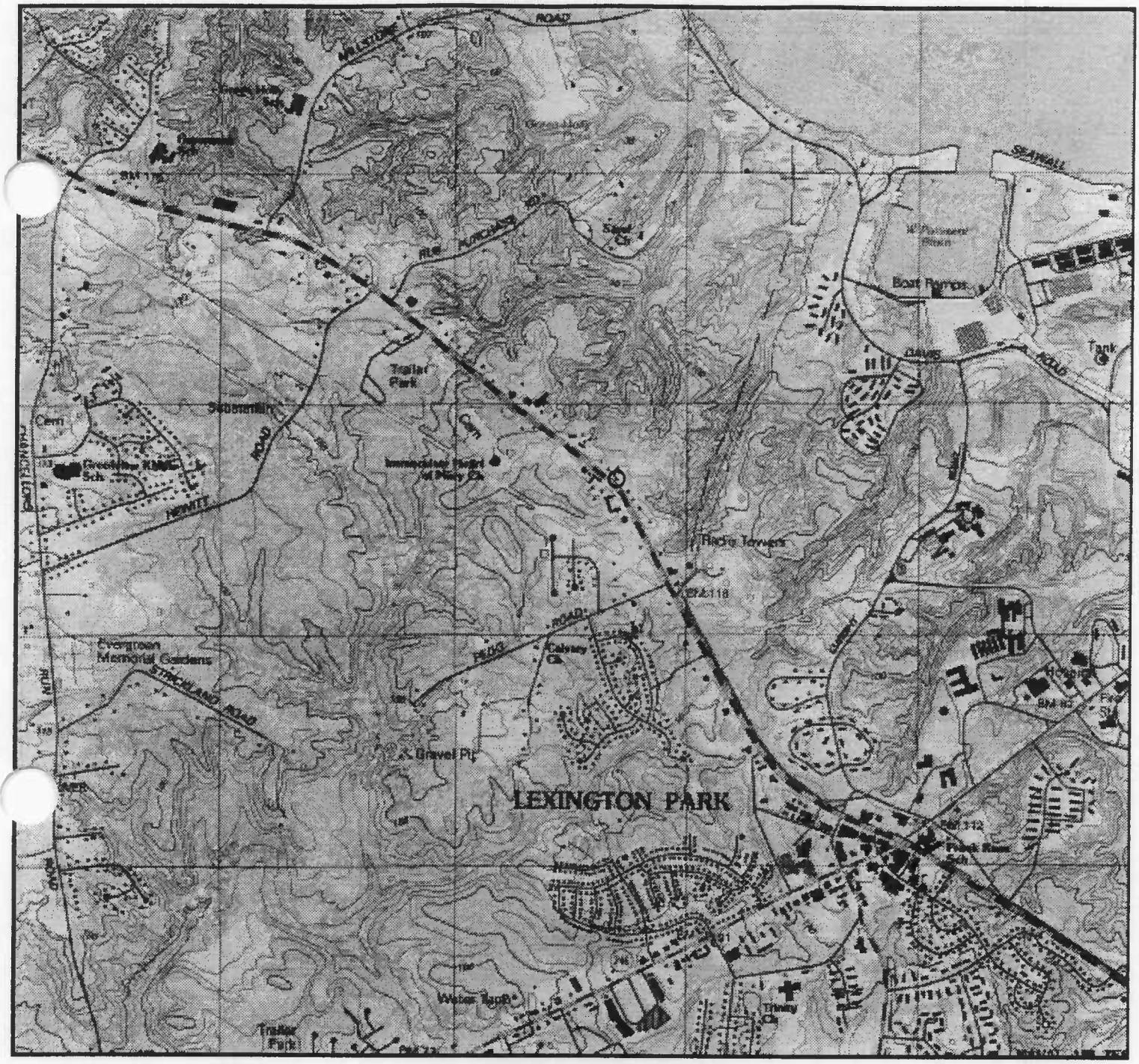

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Lexington Park, St. Mary's Co.
Solomon's Island, MD USGS Quad
1987

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Scale: 1"=2,000'

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St Mary's Co.

Margaret Parker

7/24/92

MD SHPO

W + S elev.

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St Marys Co
Margaret Parker
7/23/90
MD SHPO
S + E elev. looking NW
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