

D-694

c. 1904

Louis L. Smith House
East New Market
private

The Louis L. Smith house is one of a half-dozen early twentieth-century pyramidal roofed houses that face Railroad Avenue east of "Buckland." Lida M. Smith purchased this corner from Sarah C. Fletcher in September of 1903, and it is thought Lida, and her husband Louis L. Smith financed construction of the two-and-a-half story dwelling soon afterwards.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. D-694

Magi No. 1006942704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic LOUIS L. SMITH HOUSE

and/or common "Wayside"

2. Location

street & number 102 Railroad Avenue not for publicationcity, town East New Market vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

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 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 Philip and Barbara Torbert
~~Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gray~~street & number 5317 Crittenden Street
~~Railroad Avenue~~ telephone no.:city, town Hyattsville
~~East New Market~~ state and zip code MD 20781
~~MD 21631~~

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of County Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1985 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

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.

The Louis L. Smith house stands on the north side of Railroad Avenue directly east of the mid eighteenth-century dwelling, "Buckland." The two-and-a-half story frame dwelling faces south.

Built around 1904, the two-and-a-half story frame house is supported by a common bond brick foundation and is sheathed with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with an east bay entrance and a flanking two-over-one sash window. The front door is topped by a single-pane transom. Immediately east of the entrance is a diamond-shaped colored glass window. The first floor is completely sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch. A small gable marks the entrance bay, and a handrail stretches between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced two-over-one sash windows. Louvered aluminum shutters flank the windows. Centered on the south slope of the roof is a large gabled dormer with a three-part Palladian-style window. Rising through the center of the house is a narrow brick chimney.

The east elevation is distinguished by a projecting two-story gabled bay pavilion with two-over-one sash windows on the first and second floor along with an arched single-pane sash attic light.

The west elevation is marked by a projecting two-story, three-sided gabled pavilion with two-over-one sash on each floor and an arched single-pane attic sash window. The front porch wraps around to the west side and provides access to the side entrance. A glazed side door is topped by a single-pane transom.

The north (rear) elevation is an asymmetrical facade as well with a projecting two-story gabled bay and flanking single story shed roofed enclosed porches.

The interior was unseen.

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/ 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: <input 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.

The Louis L. Smith house is a large two-and-a-half story early twentieth-century frame house that stands on the north side of Railroad Avenue in a line of contemporary dwellings. The pyramidal roofed structure is similar to several other nearby houses with a wraparound Tuscan column porch, colored glass stair windows, and large gabled dormers.

Louis L. Smith is credited with erecting this house around 1904 after the lot of ground facing Railroad Avenue was purchased in September of 1903 by Lida M. Smith.

ANNAPOLIS HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

PROJECT NUMBER: D-694

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U. S. G. S. QUAD MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: RESIDENTIAL

ORIGINAL USE: RESIDENTIAL

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
LOUIS L. SMITH

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good
Fair () Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE: CHARACTERISTIC COLONIAL

DATE BUILT: 1904 RENOVAL

COUNTY: Dorchester

TOWN: East New Market

LOCATION: Railroad Avenue
Route 14
East New Market

COMMON NAME: LEON GRAY HOUSE

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: dwelling/residential

OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gray

ADDRESS: same as above

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
bonding Pattern: _____ Other: _____
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: 3RD BAY

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration Other:

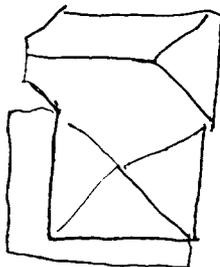
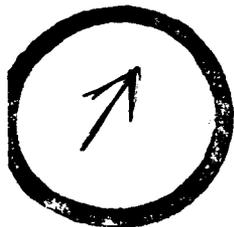
LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up(x) Densely Built Up()
- Residential() Commercial()
- Agricultural() Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

PROPERTY OF MR. & MRS. LEON GRAY

2½ story, square frame structure covered with aluminum siding. Hip roof covered with asphalt tile. One center inside chimney which appears to have had a Widow's Walk. Rear and side has a 2-story projection. Left side has a 2-story bay.

Front facade is 3 bay; entrance in 3rd. Door has a large single light over horizontal wood panels. There is a transom. There is a diamond-shaped (colored), decorative glass to the right of the entrance. There is a wrap around veranda; a portion is screened. It is supported by Doric columns. A hand rail with extremely narrow pickets (75 pickets in one section) Replaced shutters.

Unusually wide 2 over 1 window in 1st story; there are three 2 over 1 in 2nd story.

Front dormer has a palladian window.

American bond brick foundation.

OUTBUILDINGS

1. Very small corrugated tin garage.
2. An open wood/coal or storage shed.
3. A meat/smoke house.

RESEARCH

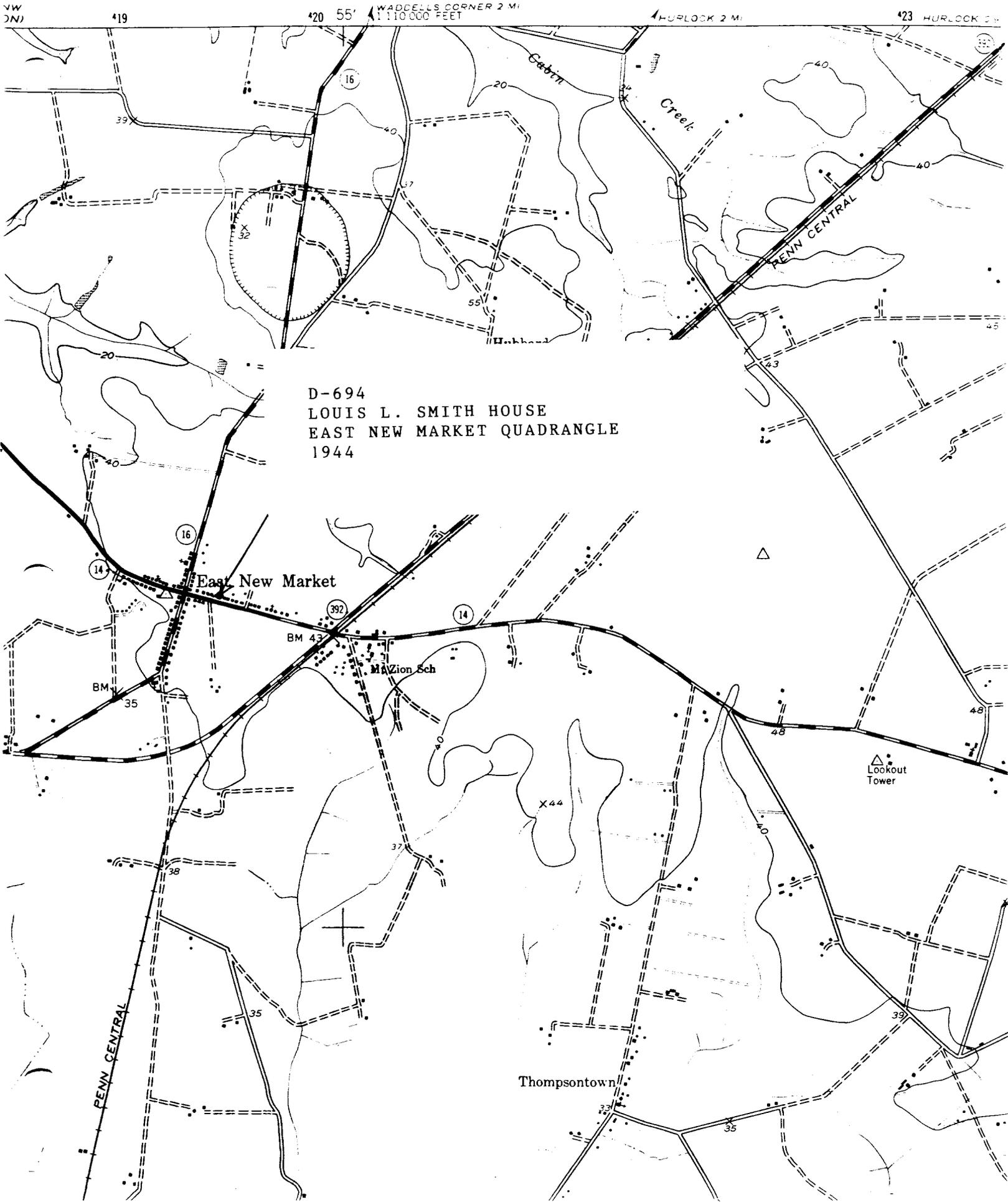
Double lot of land, Lots #1 and #58 purchased by Lida M. Smith from Sarah C. Fletcher and husband, Sept. 23, 1903 - DLR CL 20/226.

House built by Louis L. Smith between above date and May 18, 1904, when it was assessed. (From the tax records).

CL 20/226 - April 1, 1896. Previous history of the land merges with that of "Buckland" known for a long time as "The Fletcher House."

Trustees for the Major Fletcher estate were his sons, William M. Fletcher and John W. Fletcher. In this deed they conveyed land to the widow, Sarah C. Fletcher, to be sold as building lots. By the time she sold these lots in 1903, she apparently had remarried.

EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)





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LOUIS L. SMITH HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

South elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

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