

Capsule Summary
SM-723
Trossbach Tenant House
Dameron Vicinity
Private

c. 1910

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-723

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Trossbach Tenant House

2. Location

street and number Approx. ¼ mile N of the int. of St. Jerome's Neck and Trossbach Rd. not for publication

city, town Dameron x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Wilma Jane and Caroline Ann Trossbach

street and number 18224 Trossbach Rd. telephone N/a

city, town Dameron state Md zip code 20628

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-64, P-26

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 260 folio 421

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	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> x </u> agriculture	<u> </u> landscape	Contributing
<u> x </u> building(s)	<u> x </u> private	<u> </u> commerce/trade	<u> </u> recreation/culture	<u> 1 </u>
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> defense	<u> </u> religion	<u> </u>
<u> </u> site		<u> x </u> domestic	<u> </u> social	<u> </u>
<u> </u> object		<u> </u> education	<u> </u> transportation	<u> </u>
		<u> </u> funerary	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>
		<u> </u> government	<u> </u> unknown	<u> </u>
		<u> </u> health care	<u> x </u> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources
		<u> </u> industry	<u> </u> other:	previously listed in the Inventory
				<u> 0 </u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Just as Trossbach Road terminates at the drive to the main family farm, the Trossbach Tenant House appears. Oriented on an east/west axis, the vacant and deteriorating building is surrounded by flat cultivated fields and a number of tobacco and dairy/cattle/hay barns, silos, and other agricultural buildings not enumerated in this form. The fields are ringed by woodlands that roughly mark the location of a brackish marsh. The dwelling is within in immediate eyesight of the main house. The road runs immediately to the west of the house.

The house itself, reflects the architectural realities of agricultural tenancy. Constructed circa 1910, this two-story, two bay, single-pile, weatherboard covered dwelling has a one story wing that is currently fallen in. The building rests on at least a partial concrete foundation. The weatherboard is fastened with wire nails and the rapidly deteriorating roof is partially covered with raised seam and asphalt shingles. The cornice does not appear to be boxed, but is instead left open. A single concrete or cinder block exterior end stove flue is shared by the addition and main house.

The front elevation is pierced on the first floor by a door and window while the second floor is pierced by two windows. Unfortunately, all the openings have been boarded over. The door was apparently glazed and paneled. The wing had at least two openings that are only partially visible.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre
Quadrangle name Point No Point Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Trossbach Tenant House is surrounded on three sides by cultivated fields while Trossbach Road forms the west boundary. The house is part of a larger tract that is more specifically described in St. Mary's County Land Records MRB 260, Folio 421.

11. Form Prepared by

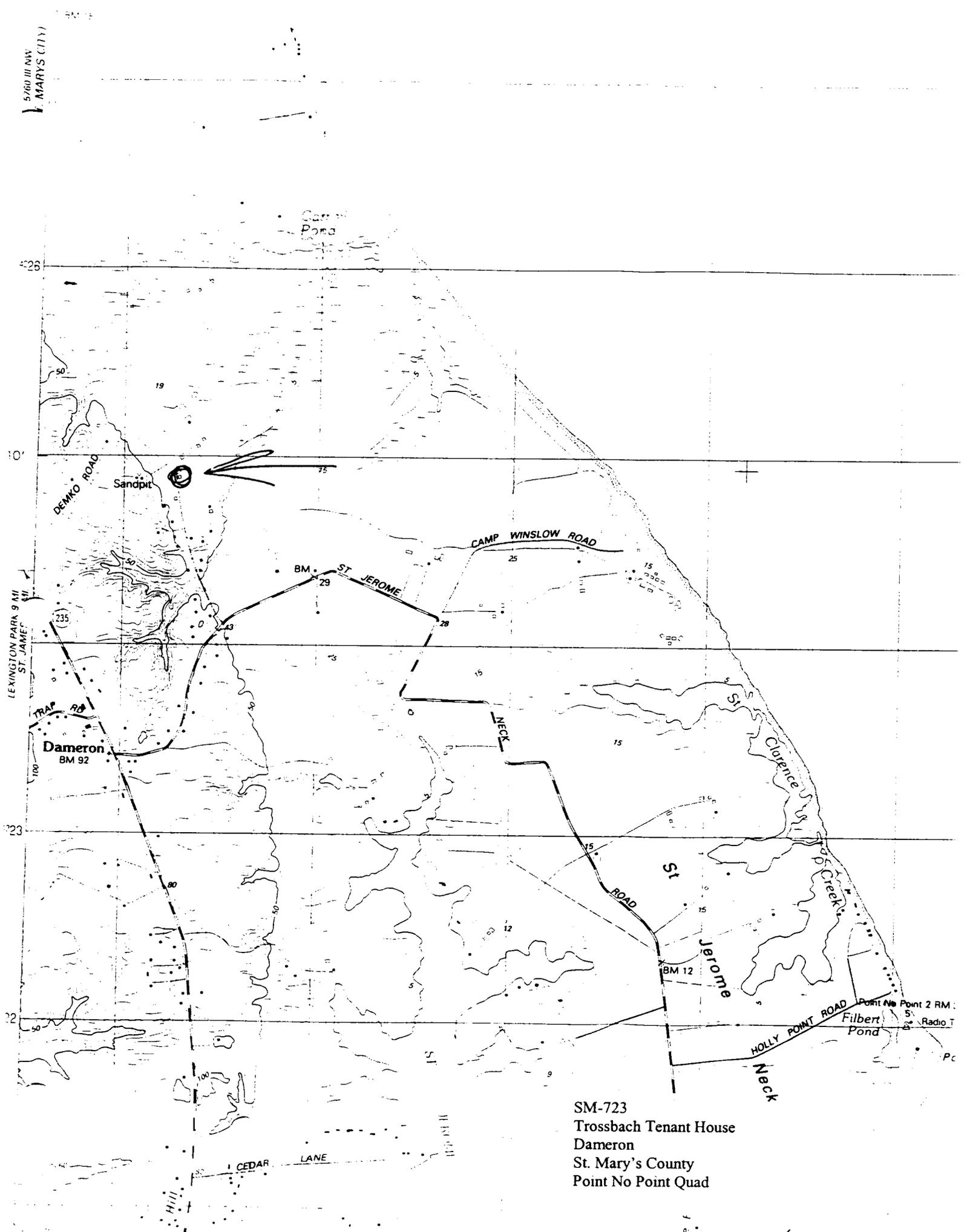
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtwn	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Dameron
St. Mary's County
Point No Point Quad

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Trossbach Tenant House

at the corner of

x E. Riverside

Highway

1st St. S.W.

Looking E

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