

Capsule Summary
SM-754
Commercial Building on Denton Road
Valley Lee vicinity
Private

1940-1950

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-754

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Commercial building on Denton Road

2. Location

street and number Just north of the intersection of Denton and Piney Point Road __ not for publication

city, town Valley Lee x_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name George and Cheryl Russell

street and number 18631 Denton Road telephone N/a

city, town Valley Lee state Md zip code 20692

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-61, P-343

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1380 folio 25

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0	

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.

Oriented on a southeast/northwest axis is the commercial building located near the intersection of Denton and Piney Point Roads. The building is bounded to the northeast and southwest by residential lots, to the northwest by an cultivated field, and to the southeast by Denton Road. The building, approached via a short driveway that extends to the northwest of Denton Road, is part of a 21,780 square foot, topographically flat lot that also contains a non-contributing dwelling.

The building itself, constructed circa 1940-1950, is a one story, four bay, masonry block commercial structure. The gable roof, obscured by a stepped parapet, is clad with raised seam metal. The front or southeast elevation is pierced by a door and three windows. Two of the windows have been covered over, while the third consists of four large panes. The building appears to be otherwise devoid of architectural embellishment.

No other elevations were investigated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" 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	<u>21,780 square feet</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>21,780 square feet</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Piney Point</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The building is bounded to the northeast and southwest by residential lots, to the northwest by an cultivated field, and to the southeast by Denton Road. A more specific description of the property boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1380, Folio 25.

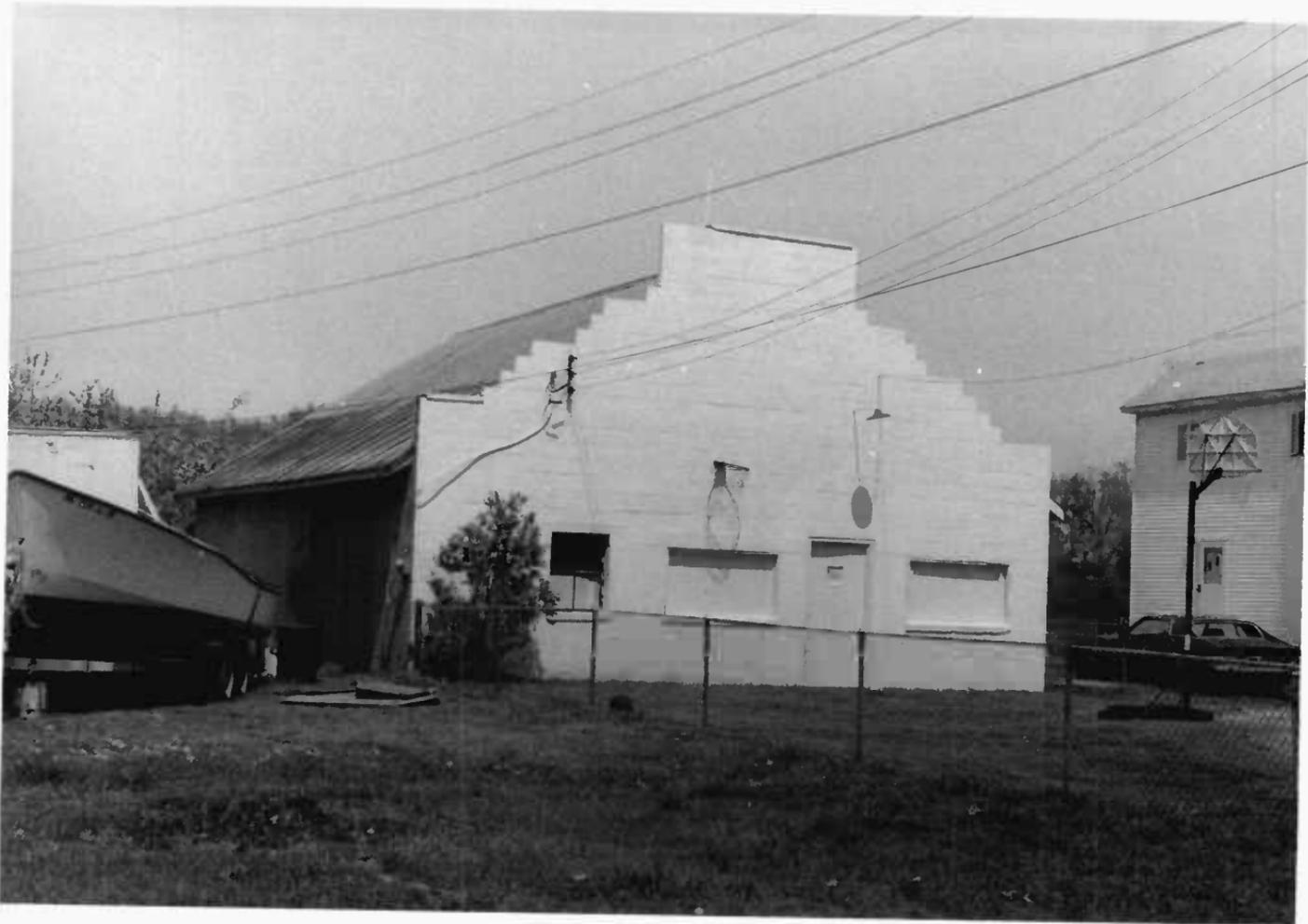
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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