Capsule Summary
SM-803
24085 Whispering Hickory Lane
Hollywood
Private circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-803

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	
other	House near 24085 Whispering Hickory Lane

2. Location

street and number	near 24805 Whispering Hickory Lane	__	not for publication
city, town	Hollywood	x	vicinity
county	St. Mary's		

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

name	James E. Wathen, Jr.				
street and number	PO Box 636			telephone	N/a
city, town	Hollywood	state	Md	zip code	20636-0636

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-26, P-364	
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	EWA 1204	folio 293

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
__x__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__	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
__1__	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
__0__

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
x__ fair ___ altered

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

Flanked by modern residential dwellings in a small rural subdivision is the house near 24085 Whispering Hickory Lane in the rural community of Hollywood, Maryland. Situated in on a one acre lot, the house is oriented on an east/west axis and lies only a few feet from the lane. A number of junked cars, a boat, and a camper litter the yard immediately to the east and south of the house. The house is largely divorced from its original agricultural surroundings by the current environment that surrounds it. The property is bounded by residential lots to the north, west, and south while the lane passes to the east.

The house, erected circa 1900, is a three bay, two-story, center passage, single-pile, frame dwelling with a gable roof and rear two story ell. The exterior walls is covered with wood weatherboard while the roof is sheathed with decorative pressed metal shingles. The eaves and cornice are both enclosed.

The first floor fenestration of the house's primary or east elevation, consists of an elaborate doorway flanked by sidelights. A paired set of six-over-six, double-hung sash windows lies on either side of the main door. The second floor is pierced by a central pair of six-over-six windows flanked on either side by six-over-six windows. The attic is lit by a two-over-two window distinguished by a triangular shaped crown. This bay is framed within a cross gable that extends from the roof. The cross gable is further accentuated by cornice returns. A broad unpainted scar extends the full length of the elevation indicating that the first floor was once shaded by porch. The porch, however, has been removed.

The south elevation is only partially visible but it includes the gable end of the main block and side-gable of the rear ell. The main block is pierced on the first and second floor by a six-over-six window. A six-over six window is visible on the first and second floor. The second floor also contains a smaller more modern window.

No other elevations were observed.

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 **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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	Hollywood	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by residential lots to the north, west, and south while the lane passes to the east. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1204, Folio 293.

11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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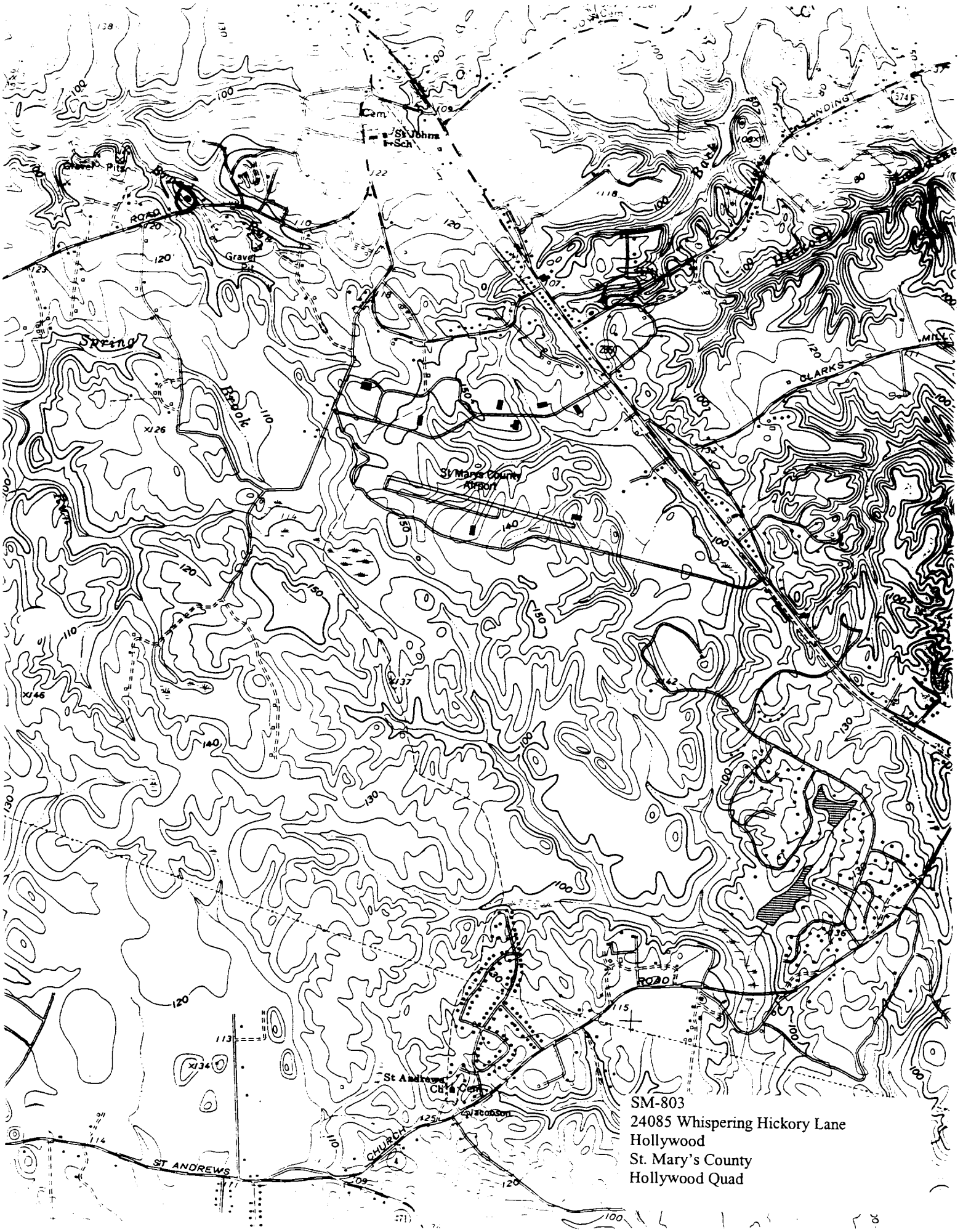

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Looking NW