

Capsule Summary  
SM-852  
Stauffer Mennonite Church  
Loveville  
Private

circa 1950s

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-852

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Stauffer Mennonite Church

other

### 2. Location

street and number 24931 Pincushion Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Loveville x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Stauffer Mennonite Church Trustees

street and number 24931 Pincushion Road telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-25, P-101

city, town Leonardtown liber 129 folio 170

### 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	5	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	5	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Stauffer Mennonite Church is located on the west side of Pincushion Road near the rural community of Loveville, Maryland. The 12, 632 square foot lot is relatively flat and interspersed by tall pine trees. Four stables and sheds lie to both the north, west, and south of the church building. The church building itself is oriented on an east/west axis. The property is bounded to the north and west by a farm, to the south by a residential lot, and to the east by the road.

The Stauffer Mennonite Church is circa one story, four bay, frame building with a gable roof and a gable front entry. The exterior is sheathed with wide weatherboards and the roof is sheathed with raised-seam metal. The roof is pierced by a single brick interior chimney.

The primary or east elevation is pierced by three, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows and a single five-panel door. Each window pair features a functional set of paneled shutters. The gallery of the church appears to be lit by two six-over-six windows.

The south elevation is pierced by six, six-over-six windows with shutters and two five-panel doors.

No other elevations were observed.

# 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 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:

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Specific dates	Architect/Builder
<b>Construction dates</b>	

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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 12,632 sq ft.  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Leonardtown                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north and west by a farm, to the south by a residential lot, and to the east by the road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 129, Folio 170.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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.

return to:                      Maryland Historical Trust  
   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600



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Kirk Puzetta

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