

Capsule Summary
SM-886
Oraville Store
Oraville
Private

circa 1900

Erected circa 1900, the Oraville Store is a dilapidated two-and-a-half story, gable front building. Deliberately placed at the southeast corner of Maryland Route 235 and Morganza Turner Road, the store readily illustrates the necessity for commercial enterprises to locate near a crossroads in the early twentieth century. Due to the dilapidated nature of the building, a more intensive architectural investigation should be undertaken to completely understand the function of the interior of the building. Documentary research and oral history should also be collected.

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.

The Orville Store is situated on the southeast side of Maryland Route 235, Morganza Turner Road, and Maryland Route 6. The corner parcel is currently overgrown with brambles, shrubs, and trees. Consisting of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre, the parcel is slightly sloping to the south. The property is bounded to the south by residence, to the east by an open field, and to the north and west by Route 235 and Morganza Turner Road respectively.

The Orville Store is a two-and-a-half story, gable front building with a gable roof and a two story side wing. Constructed circa 1900, the store building is clad with horizontal wood weatherboard while the roof is covered with raised-seam metal. The roof of the main block is pierced by an interior brick chimney with a corbelled top and the wing's roof also features an interior brick chimney flue.

The primary or north elevation is largely obscured by overgrowth. Windows visible on the second floor suggest however, that the main block is pierced by a door and window on the first floor that were once shaded by a now collapsed porch. The second floor fenestration consists of two windows that have lost their sash. The attic story is also illuminated by a window. The gable front of the store is accentuated by cornice returns. No openings on the wing are visible due to foliage.

The west elevation of the main block is pierced on the first and second floors by three two-over-two, double-hung sash windows.

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
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	<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 .75 acre
Acreage of historical setting .75 acre
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the south by residence, to the east by an open field, and to the north and west by Route 235 and Morganza Turner Road respectively. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 588, Folio 499.

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.

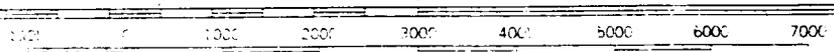
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 LEONARDTOWN 7.3 MI. 5660 / SW

SCALE 1:24 000



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 Oraville
 St. Mary's County
 Mechanicsville Quad

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

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Draville Store

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Orville Store

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