

QA-637
105 Riverview Road
Stevensville Vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca.1930
Private

Summary Description

The property at 105 Riverview Road consists of an original side-gabled house with a series of four additions on the south, east, and north elevations. A modern garage is located to the south of the dwelling.

Summary Statement of Significance

The house at 105 Riverview Road started its life as an inexpensive vernacular summer home, and has multiple additions that reflect the changing needs of subsequent owners. One-story gable houses were the least expensive option for people with limited incomes, but as time went on, changing needs necessitated more space and additions were built.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 105 Riverview Road

2. Location

street and number 105 Riverview Road __ not for publication

city, town Stevensville X vicinity

county Queen Anne's

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

name W. Tilghman Hemsley IV and Laura Susan Hemsley

street and number 105 Riverview Road telephone 410-643-3791

city, town Stevensville state MD zip code 21666

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 654 folio 546

city, town Centreville tax map 41 tax parcel 6 tax ID number 04-093100

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	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____	_____ Total
		<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.

The property at 105 Riverview Road consists of an original side-gable house with a series of four additions on the south, east and north. A non-contributing garage structure is located to the south of the house.

The original part of the house is a very simple side-gable single-story wood frame house, three bays wide and two bays deep, measuring 16'5" x 21'5". The west gable end of the original house faces Riverview Road. The house and subsequent additions are built on concrete block foundations. All of the building is covered with asbestos shingles, except the most recent addition on the rear, which is sheathed with vinyl lap siding. The windows are 1/1 wood sash, centered in each of the bays, with simple flat casing. Storm windows have been applied over all of the windows except in the most recent addition (2003). The eaves are closed, and the all of the roofs are covered with 3-tab asphalt shingles. Not long after the house was built, a cross-gable single-story wood frame garage addition was constructed on the southwest end of the house, with a roof line matching the house. This garage addition was converted to living space in the 1950s, when another addition was built onto the south end of the garage, flush to the west wall of the garage and extending east so that the house became a Z-shape. A small front-gabled entry vestibule was inserted at the intersection of the garage and 1950 addition, with the roof pitch mirroring the gable ends of the original house and 1950s addition. A 9 foot porch on the rear of the addition takes advantage of the breezes off the Chester River, and it extends 9 feet past the north wall of the addition. The roof over this side porch is a shed roof that ties into the gable of the addition's main block. In 2003, a split-level master bedroom/observation tower addition was added to the back of the original house, which had the effect of creating a small courtyard between the south face of the new addition and the 1950s addition. The north face of the new addition is flush to the north face of the original house. The fenestration in the newest addition consists of horizontal vinyl awning windows and picture windows on the east to take advantage of the view of the river. A partial porch is located on the first floor, under the overhang of the second floor. The three-story observation tower has a pyramidal roof, while the two-story bedroom section has a north-facing gable with a pitch mirroring the rest of the house.

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 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 checked="" 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 1930-1945 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1930

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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Love Point was a prime destination for summer vacationers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, particularly from Baltimore, who sought respite from hot, overcrowded city life. Regular steamboat ferries transported vacationers from Light Street in Baltimore to the eastern tip of Love Point, where a large pier had been built by the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad. From the pier, passengers could disembark to visit for the day or they could stay overnight at a handful of hotels, including the largest, the Love Point Hotel. The railroad connected Love Point to Lewes, Delaware, making it an integral method of transporting goods to and from Baltimore before the advent of the interstate highway system and the construction of the Bay Bridge. The construction of the Love Point Hotel ca. 1900 created an opportunity for two large developers, who subdivided what had been farmland into hundreds of small building lots intended for vacation homes. However, a combination of fluctuating market conditions, substantial land erosion due to storms, and the discontinuation of ferry and train service prior to World War II led to stagnant sales. During the economic downturn of the 1930s and '40s, many owners were forced into foreclosure for unpaid property taxes. As highways leading to Atlantic beaches improved, travelers opted to drive themselves rather than the combination of ferry and train via Love Point. The last passenger ferry, known as "Smokey Joe," stopped operation in 1947. Love Point was all but forgotten in the latter half of the 20th century, but property prices in the area have risen sharply in the last decade due to the demand in waterfront property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Tilghman, Mary K. "The Love Point Hotel," in The Last Hotel: Eastern Shore Summers and a Vanished Way of Life. Wye Mills, Md.: Chesapeake College Press, 1985.
Speed, Bettye. "Famed Hotel Remembered." Chesapeake Courier, 21 October 1987.
Queen Anne Record Observer, 20 June 1990. Page 4B.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .69 acres
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Love Point Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property consists of the original metes and bounds as laid out by the Love Point Land and Improvement Co. in 1911.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kees de Mooy and Amanda Apple, Historic Preservation Planner		
organization	QA Co. Dept. of Land Use, Growth Management & Environment	date	8/1/2008
street & number	160 Coursevall Drive	telephone	410-758-1255
city or town	Centreville	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.

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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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Jan. 4, 1998	SM 654/546 Transfer to W. Tilghman Hemsley, IV and Laura Susan Hemsley, his wife From William T. Hemsley, III and Rose Marie Hemsley, his wife Ref: survey by C. H. Miller & Assoc. Aug. 15, 1984 MWM 237/459 Designated as Parcel B, Parcel C and Parcel D Includes bed of Riverview Avenue
May 15, 1995	SM 495/294 Transfer to W. Tilghman Hemsley, IV and Laura Susan Hemsley, his wife, and William T. Hemsley, III and Rose Marie Hemsley, his wife From James E. Thompson, Jr., personal representative of the estate of Mary E. Clifford and Patricia Clifford Soritiou and Jerry Clifford, trustees under will of Mary E. Clifford
Aug. 30, 1985	MWM 237/457 Transfer to W. Tilghman Hemsley, IV and Laura Susan Hemsley, his wife, and William T. Hemsley, III and Rose Marie Hemsley, his wife From Albert W. Miller \$100,000 Ref: Aug. 15, 1984 plat
Feb. 5, 1981	MWM 172/457 Transfer to Albert W. Miller From Harry E. Silverwood, personal representative Sale of estate of Kenneth MacLea, deceased Will MEW 2/37 \$68,000 for several parcels Ref: Plat of Love Point Land & Improvement Co. SS7/590-591 Parcel A: Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 1 Parcel B: Lots 13, 14, 15, Block 1 Parcel C: Lot 3, Block 19 Parcel D: Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 19 *Parcels C & D constitute the present-day property
June 14, 1946	ASG 14/181 Transfer to Kenneth MacLea and Adah MacLea, his wife From May T. Willman, widow Lots including 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 19
July 16, 1928	BHT 8/259 Transfer to Frank K. Willman and May T. Willman, his wife From William H. W. Lowe \$3000 for lots including 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 19
June 8, 1927	BHT 6/553 Transfer to William H. W. Lowe From H. Warren Shank and Katherine E. Shank, his wife

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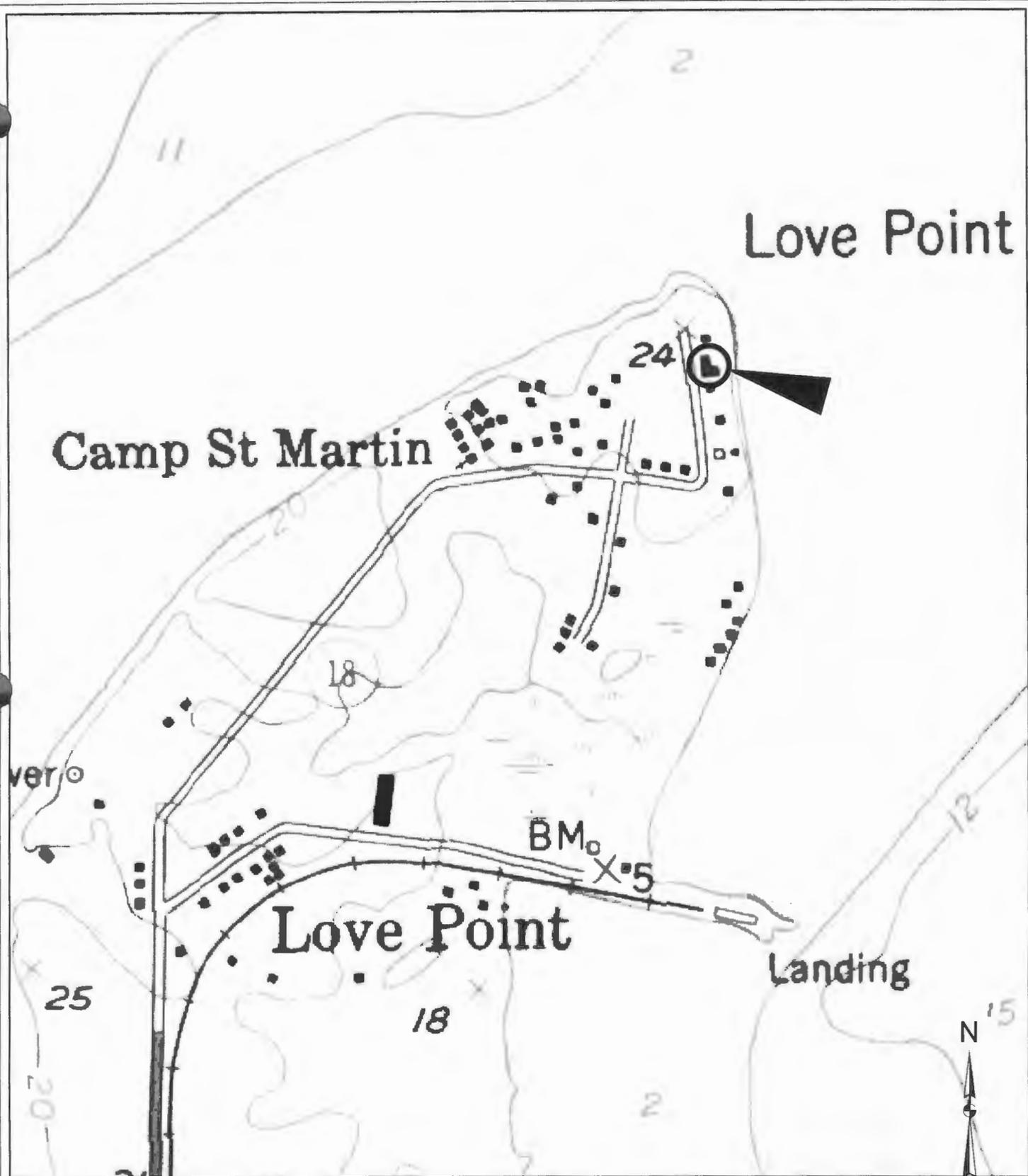
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Oct. 26, 1914

WFW 6/276
Transfer to H. Warren Shank
From Love Point Land & Improvement Co.
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 19



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Love Point, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



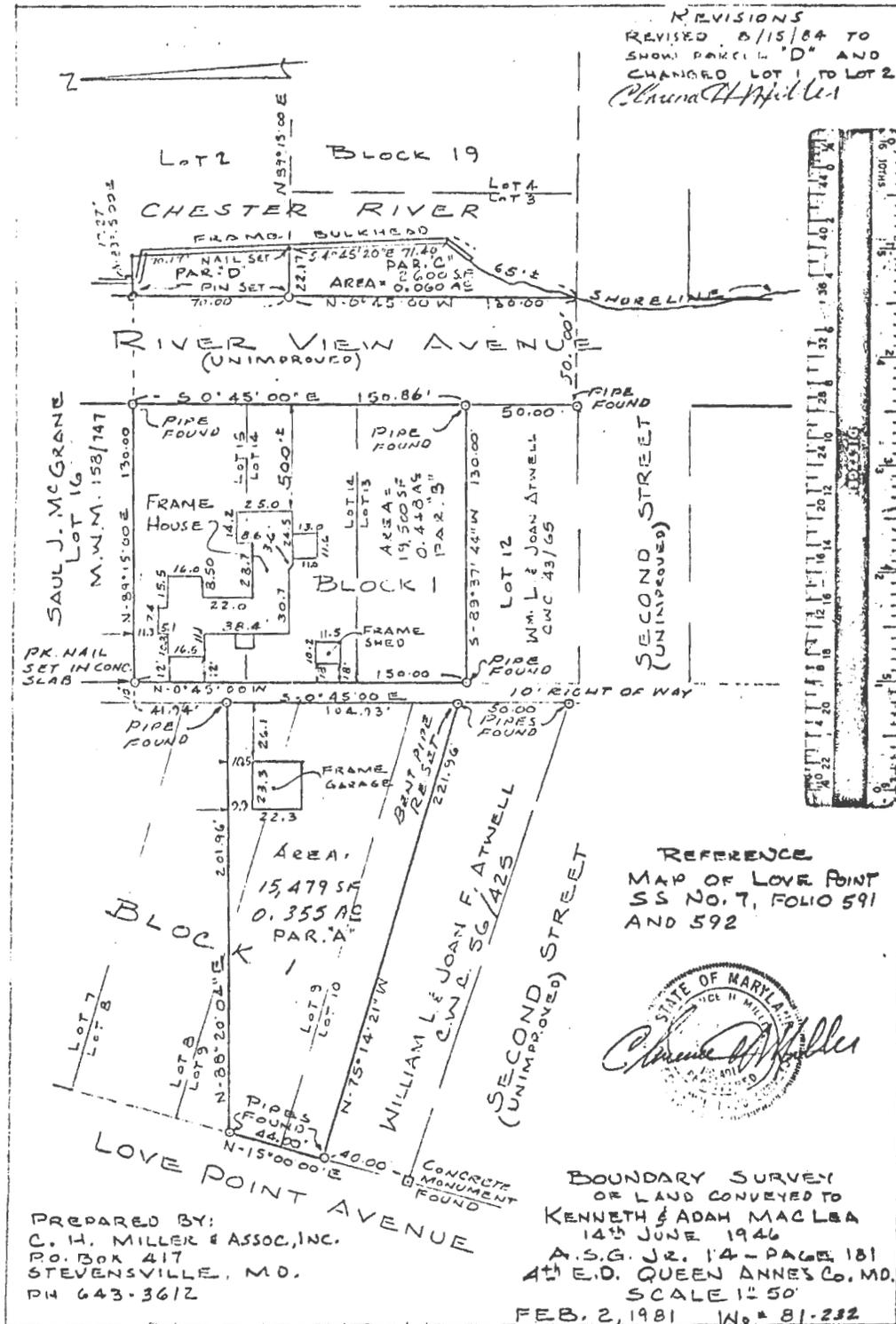
CHESTER

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MAP
Love Point was developed by
Love Point 200 ft. thick
of Chesapeake

boundary: not numbered
boundary of May, with granitic
that was brought to the surface & thrust

REVISIONS
 REVISED 8/15/84 TO
 SHOW PARCEL "D" AND
 CHANGED LOT 1 TO LOT 2
Charmaine Miller



REFERENCE
 MAP OF LOVE POINT
 SS NO. 7, FOLIO 591
 AND 592



BOUNDARY SURVEY
 OF LAND CONVEYED TO
 KENNETH & ADAM MACLEA
 14th JUNE 1946
 A.S.G. JR. 14 - PAGE 181
 4th E.D. QUEEN ANNES CO., MD.
 SCALE 1" = 50'
 FEB. 2, 1981 No. 81-232

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Photo Log

QA-637 – 105 Riverview Road
Photos Taken July 22, 2008
By Amanda Apple, Historic Preservation Planner
Queen Anne's County

Photos Printed on Epson Premium Glossy Paper with Epson UltraChrome pigmented inks.

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QA-637_2008-07-22_01 QA-637_2008-07-22_01.TIF	View of west elevation
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VIEW OF WEST ELEVATION

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