

Capsule Summary  
SM-149  
James H. Drury House  
Chaptico  
Private

Circa 1843 - 1858

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture  
Commerce  
Social

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-149

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James H. Drury House

and/or common Chaptico House

## 2. Location

street & number Hurry-Chaptico Road  not for publication

city, town Chaptico  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Albert Lewis Barthelme & JoAnn S. Barthelme

street & number P.O. Box 21 telephone no.:

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md 20621

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber DBK 261

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 87

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Contributing Resources Count: 1

The James H. Drury House is located on the east side of the Chaptico Hurry Road in the village of Chaptico. The house has a slight setback from the road and is bounded on the north by the Chaptico Store property and on the east and south by the Locust Grove (SM-148) property. One modern outbuilding stands on the east side of the house which is planted with a formal garden. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on an north/south axis.

Constructed sometime between 1843 and 1858, a one-story addition was added to the rear of the house in 1978. The exterior of the two-story, three-bay structure was sheathed with common bond brick veneer in the 1970s. The wood siding remains extant underneath the layer of brick. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers and the house has a full basement.

The west (main) elevation is marked by a central entrance door consisting of a partially glazed door with single light sidelights and a Colonial Revival style surround. Flanking the door are a pair of six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by four six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The roofline is finished with a plain fascia and the cornice is boxed.

The south elevation is lit at the basement level by two single pane windows. The first and second floors are lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The eastern most of the second floor windows is set into the wall at a lower level than those to the west. Between the eastern and central bays, the house roofline breaks into a more shallow pitch, suggesting that the eastern bay may have been added at a later date. The eave is lit by two single pane windows. An exterior brick chimney with a corbeled base extending to the second floor is centered against this elevation. Like the chimney on the George R. Garner Storehouse, the base of this chimney stands flush with the house, while the smokestack is freestanding. The bond of the chimney is 11/1. A one-story, gable roof addition, constructed in 1978, extends to the east of the house. An wide and squat exterior brick chimney stands against the south elevation of this addition.

The first floor of the east elevation is completely obscured by a one-story, gable roof addition. A cement pad extends to the east of this addition, creating an outdoor patio. The addition is pierced by a central entrance door flanked on either side by a three-sided bay. Each bay is lit by a central single-pane window and two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor of the house main block is blind and sheathed with aluminum siding.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates unknown Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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In the St. Mary's County Land Commission Records JH2/151-166, a plat of Chaptico in 1821 shows this lot as lot "h." Lot "h" is described as "containing 3 roods and 5 perches of land, on which stands the houses lately occupied by James Scott." While the house currently standing on this lot does not date to the 1820s, it is interesting to note the lot's history of occupation.

According to the current owner, the house was built in 1843. The chain of title for the lot shows that a house certainly stood here by 1858. Within the course of its history, the structure has served as a residence, a general store and as a bar. The bar was actually a one-story addition to the structure located to the south of the main block as illustrated in an old photograph. According to George Morgan Knight, Jr., who writes about and illustrates the building in his book Intimate Glimpses of Old St. Mary's, the general store was in operation during the Civil War.

In the early twentieth century, this structure was occupied by the Burroughs and Gough grocery store. Following S. Sprigg Reeves purchase of the site in 1953, the house was divided into five apartments and rented to men working on the Patuxent Naval Air Base.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.209

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Elizabeth Hughes , Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County DPZ	date	February 1994
street & number		telephone	(301) 475- 4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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The foundation of the north elevation is pierced by an access door to the basement which was added in the 1980s. This elevation is pierced by a modern door as the eastern most bay and by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows like those on the first floor. Like the southern elevation, the roofline changes above the eastern most window which is set into the wall at a lower level than those to the west. The attic is lit by two single light windows. An exterior brick chimney, like that on the south side of the house, is centered against this gable end elevation.

The interior of the house consists of a center hall plan with an open stringer stair finished with square balusters and a turned newell post. A door under the stair provides access to the basement where hewn floor joists and mature machine cut nails are visible. Flanking either side of the central stair hall are parlors accessible behind four-panel doors. According to the current owner, the northern parlor once served as a store. Except for a mantle in the south parlor, most of the house's original interior finishes have been replaced.

One outbuilding stands on the property. Constructed in 1978 and located at the eastern edge of the property, this gable roof shed is sheathed with aluminum siding.

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Chain of Title

TO: Albert Lewis Barthelme and Jo Ann S. Barthelme  
FROM: Edward S. Burroughs and Robert E. Wigginton, personal representatives of estate of S. Sprigg Reeves.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 261, folio 87.  
DATE: October 26, 1976.  
NOTES: Reeves died testate and his will was probated on May 1, 1973 (see Testamentary Record MRB 8/72). Transfer of 1.2097 acres.

TO: S. Sprigg Reeves  
FROM: Mrs. Lillian B. Hancock, widow, Edith G. Gough, William E. Gough, Henry F. Burroughs, Sr., divorced, being heirs at law of Mary F. Burroughs, deceased and Aquilla Burroughs, deceased.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 42, folio 66.  
DATE: January 17, 1953.  
NOTES: Transfer of 1.2097 acres. Mary F. Burroughs died intestate (Estate #651). The estate was opened in 1926, but was not closed until 1942.

TO: Mary Francis Burroughs  
FROM: Aquilla Burroughs  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Liber JBA 1, folio 270.  
DATE: March 23, 1893.  
NOTES: Burroughs leaves all his real and personal estate to his wife, Mary Francis.

TO: Aquilla Burroughs  
FROM: Benjamin G. Harris, Eleanor A. Harris, John A. Neale, survivors of Francis Neale, deceased, late trading as Neale, Harris and Company in the city of Baltimore.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 8, folio 395.  
DATE: November 7, 1885.  
NOTES: Transfer of all that land now occupied by Aquilla Burroughs, being the same as JAC 1/441, and JAC 4/338. Price: \$1400

TO: Francis Neale, Benjamin G. Harris, and John Henry Neale trading as Neale, Harris, and Company of Baltimore City, Maryland.  
FROM: Thomas L. Davis, former sheriff of St. Mary's County.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JAC 4, folio 338.  
DATE: June 16, 1870.  
NOTES: Sale of real estate by virtue of an execution filed in a Circuit Court case of John T. Clarke vs. Henry Jones (vs. Thomas H. Fowler, surviving partner of William T. Long). Transfer of one house and lot in Chaptico, being a half acre of land, "lying

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between the store house and lot of Thomas H. Fowler and the land of Mrs. Catherine Garner" being the same purchased by Thomas H. Fowler from William B. Goddard.

TO: Thomas H. Fowler and Henry Briscoe  
FROM: William B. Goddard, Francis L. Mattingly, and Mary E. Mattingly.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 402.  
DATE: February 16, 1860.  
NOTES: Transfer of one house and lot in Chaptico.

TO: Francis L. Mattingly  
FROM: William A. Drury  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 609.  
DATE: May 11, 1858.  
NOTES: Transfer of two houses and lots in Chaptico being the property purchased of Joseph Shemwell by the late James H. Drury and now occupied by Thomas H. Fowler and William B. Goddard. Price: \$805.

TO: William A. Drury  
FROM: James H. Drury  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Estate #375.  
DATE: May 29, 1855  
NOTES: James Drury died intestate. William A. Drury was the recipient of his property as an heir at law. There is no record for the transfer of property between Shemwell and James H. Drury. The transfer may have taken place before 1831 in which case the records would have been burned in the St. Mary's County courthouse fire.

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Source: George Morgan Knight, Jr., Intimate Glimpses of Old St. Mary's. (Baltimore: Meyer and Thalheimer, 1938): no page number.



The Cross-roads Store at Chaptico where two exciting Civil War incidents occurred.

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BEGINNING for the same at an iron pipe at the intersection of State Route No. 237 and No. 234, in Chaptico, Maryland, said pipe being a point of curvature (P.C.), thence along a curve having a radius of 27.82 feet and an arc distance of 40.74 feet to an iron pipe which is the point of tangency on State Route No. 234, thence along said route North 88° 30' East 89.10 feet to an iron pipe. The property at this point adjoins the land of Zach Fowler (Liber 28, folio 315). Thence, leaving State Route No. 234 and running along Fowler's line South 1° 48' East 138.38 feet to an iron pipe, thence running along Fowler's line North 89° 30' East 123.12 feet to an iron pipe (said pipe being a common corner of this property and Zach Fowler), thence South 4° 55' West 152.81 feet to an iron pipe, thence North 86° 25' West 250.71 feet to an iron pipe on the West side of State Route No. 237 (30 feet wide), thence along said Route North 4° 36' East 246.09 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.2097 acres of land, more or less.

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CHAPTICO HOUSE

early 19th century

*Chaptico*

*Private*

This two-story frame structure has a four-bay facade and a single exterior chimney at each end. *The front and sides have recently been encased with brick.*

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: House, Chaptico  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Chaptico Hurry Road  
CITY OR TOWN: Chaptico  
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process		
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  
 Agricultural  Government  Park  Transportation  Comments  
 Commercial  Industrial  Private Residence  Other (Specify)  
 Educational  Military  Religious  
 Entertainment  Museum  Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive  
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 40px;">House is five bays long by one bay deep, with a two-story lean-to wing. There is one large outside chimney on each gable.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ROCK POINT QUAD

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
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NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
*Bourne*

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

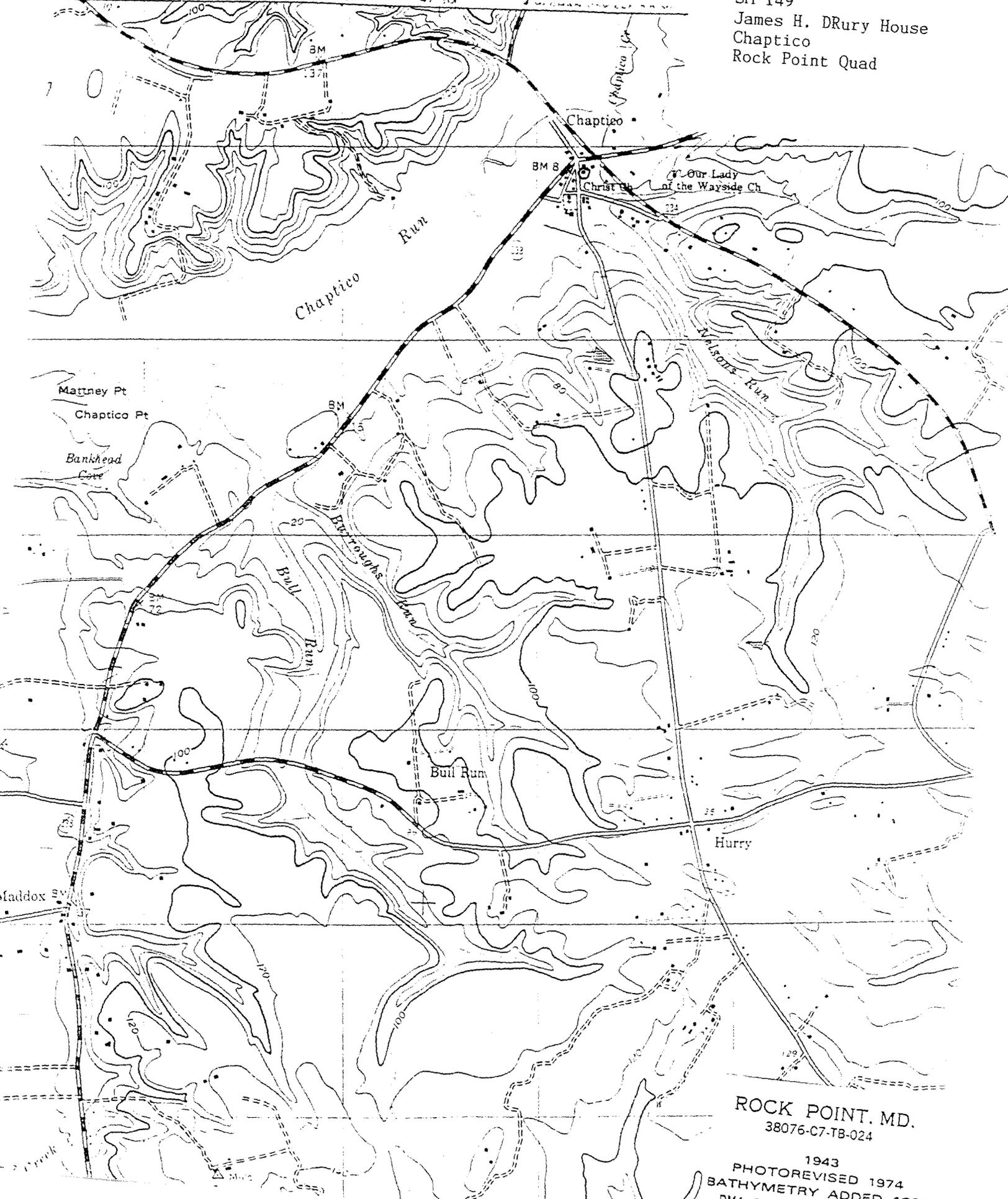
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

5660 IV NE  
CHARLOTTE HALL

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47' 10"

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James H. Drury House  
Chaptico  
Rock Point Quad



ROCK POINT, MD.  
38076-C7-TB-024

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PHOTOREVISED 1974  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV SE-SERIES V833















