

Capsule Summary

SM-196

Neal's Hill

Maddox vicinity

Private

Circa 1790 and later.

Neal's Hill is highly significant as one of the few eighteenth century dwelling houses located in the Chaptico district of St. Mary's County. Although both the interior and exterior of this modest house's main block have been sheathed with modern fabric, the period character of the structure remains intact. Owned by Philip Key prior to 1821, this tract was identified as Lot No. 6 in the Land Commission Record which divided Phil Key's land among his heirs. It was not until 1905 that the property was referred to as "Neals Hill."

The earliest section of the house is the western most wing. A full basement below this wing reveals its pit-sawn floor joists. The exterior brick chimney and chimney pent on the western elevation of the wing is especially interesting. Henry Chandlee Forman published a photo of this chimney in his 1934 edition of Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland. The one-story kitchen wing on the east end of the house is remarkable for its interior which is little changed. This wing retains its original dirt floor and large cooking hearth.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680 - 1815.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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-196

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Neal's Hill

2. Location

street & number East side of Route 238 not for publication

city, town Maddox vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" 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 Charles A. and Catherine Hill

street & number P.O. Box 281 telephone no. (301) 769-2733

city, town Maddox state and zip code Md

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 145

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 64

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 Resource Count: 1

Neal's Hill is located at the end of a dirt road on a rise in the landscape on the east side of Route 238 just north of its intersection with Manor School Road near Maddox in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The Wicomico River is visible from the house site. A small man-made pond is located at the base of the site next to Route 238. The house is surrounded by old tobacco fields now planted with soybeans. Four outbuildings stand on the site. Neal's Hill faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Neal's Hill is a one-and-a-half story frame structure consisting of three building periods. The earliest of these is the western most two-bay section of the house which has a continuous brick foundation and a fully excavated basement. The two-bay wing to the east constitutes the second building period which is supported by brick piers. The one-story addition on the east end of the house constitutes the third and most recent building period. Neal's Hill is sheathed with artificial siding and roofed with both corrugated and seamed metal.

The north (main) elevation of the first and second building periods' first floor is obscured by a full width enclosed porch supported by a cinderblock foundation. The porch is lit by eight one-over-one sash windows and a modern entrance door. The upper half story of each of these sections is pierced by a large gable roof dormer lit by one one-over-one sash window. These dormers were added in the 1980s. The one-story wing to the east of the house is lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide, plain surrounds.

The east elevation of the one-story wing is lit by one six-over-six sash window. Between this addition and the building's second building period stands a common bond brick chimney. The gable end of the second building period is blind.

The south elevation of the one-story addition is pierced by a five-panel door. An enclosed porch stretches across the first floor of the second building period which is pierced by a modern door and two picture windows. A shed roof porch supported by square posts extends across the first floor of the house's western most section. This earliest section of the house is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door.

The west elevation of the house is a flush gable end lit by two one-over-one sash windows on both the first floor and upper half story. A substantial 3/1 bond exterior brick chimney with a pent on its southern side stands against this elevation. The pent is pierced by a window opening. A frame shed located to the north of the chimney provides access to the basement.

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7.1 Description

The walls of the excavated basement under the earliest section of the house are comprised of both mortared brick and stone. The floor joists visible here are both hewn and pit sawn. Below the chimney is a brick arch fitted with a wooden shelf. There is no evidence of a flue here, suggesting that this arch was simply a structural device. The foundation underneath the second building period consists of continuous brick. The floor joists visible here also appear to be pit sawn. Brick nogging is visible between the walls of the house.

The interior of the house has been significantly reworked. The interior of the earliest section of the house consists of one room. A closet on the south side of the hearth provides access to the pent. A winder stair to the upper half story of the house is located at the south end of the room. A four-panel door provides access to a closet located underneath the stair. The second building period also consists of one large room. A hearth, now fitted with a wood stove, is located on the east wall of this room. A six-panel door opens to a closet on the north side of the hearth, while a modern door on the south side of the hearth provides access to the one-story kitchen wing. This wing is located two steps down from the main block of the house. The wing has a dirt floor and the interior walls consists of random width planks, some of which are 1.5' in width. A firebox measuring 6'3" in width by 4'2" in height is located on the west wall of the kitchen. A large wood beam acts as the fireplace lintel. Two metal fixtures project from the interior corners of the hearth which probably originally served as supports for a cooking armature.

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8.1 Significance: Chain of Title

The St. Mary's County Assessment Records reference the Hill property as MRB 145/64. This deed refers to a parcel which is only 2 roods, 15 perches, and 4 7/12 acres in size, but is described as "Neal's Hill" or "Lot No. 6." The chain for a much larger portion of "Neal's Hill" or "Lot No. 6," also owned by the Hills, is also included here.

Chain 1: Former Montrose School site

TO: Charles A. and Catherine C. Hill

FROM: Franz Walzel and Aleine M. Walzel

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 145, folio 64.

DATE: May 25, 1983.

NOTES: Transfer of "Neal's Hill" or "Lot No. 6" on the east side of the State Road leading from Milestown to Chaptico, being 2 roods, 15 perches, and 4 7/12 square yards...provided that if the School House that was then about to be erected on the aforesaid tract of land, shall be removed from the said tract of land, all right and title to said land, shall revert to the said O.G.Hayden or his heirs...also known as the "former Montrose School site."

TO: Board of School Commissioners

FROM: Oscar G. Hayden and Kate Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 4, folio 223.

DATE: November 8, 1879.

NOTES: Transfer of parcel "beginning at the public road about 200 yards west from Bashford Manor run or the manor gate and running thence due north 8 perches to the ditch which is the line between the farms of O. G. Hayden and wife and Mrs. E. C. Hayden's land whereon Mr. Davis now resides, thence with the said ditch north 64 degrees East 10 perches and 3.5 yards, thence due south 12 perches, thence south 86 degrees 90 minutes west nine perches, 3.5 yards to the beginning." It's unclear how Oscar Hayden became possessed of this property. Either this property is actually part of Bashford, which he received in JFF 2/478, or Hayden received a portion of Neal's Hill, including this lot, following the death of his mother Elizabeth C. Hayden.

Chain 2: Neal's Hill 103 acre tract.

TO: Charles A. and Catherine C. Hill

FROM: Franz Walzel and Aleine M. Walzel

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 145, folio 61.

DATE: May 25, 1983.

NOTES: Transfer of Parcel 1, consisting of 103 acres, being the residue of the tract Neal's Hill or Lot No. 6 as per CBG 124/80 except for the 1 acre tract in DBK 211/78. Transfer of Parcel 2, consisting of 1 acre included in the metes and bounds of Parcel 1 being triangular in shape and the same as DBK 149/142.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Franz and Aleine M. Walzel

FROM: Mary Eleanor Lacey, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 124, folio 80.

DATES: December 23, 1965.

NOTES: Transfer of part of tract of "Neals Hill" or "Lot No. 6" and being also all that portion of the home farm of Joseph F. Lacey located on the East side of the State Road leading from Milestown to Chaptico and also the cleared land in the "first field" or "Road Field"...

TO: Claude A. Lacey and Mary Eleanor Lacey

FROM: Mary R. Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 372.

DATE: September 15, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of portion of the farm on which Joseph F. Lacey resided also cleared land in "First Field" or "Road Field"...

TO: Mary R. Fowler

FROM: Claude A. Lacey and Mary Eleanor Lacey

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 372.

DATE: September 15, 1945.

NOTES: Same as above.

TO: Claude A. Lacey

FROM: Joseph F. Lacey

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JWG 1, folio 206.

DATE: November 14, 1944.

NOTES: Transfer of "all that portion of said farm located on the Easterly side of the state road leading from Milestown to Chaptico and also all the cleared land in the "first Field" or "Road Field"...

TO: Joseph F. Lacey

FROM: William M. Loker, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 1, folio 356.

DATE: February 20, 1923.

NOTES: Transfer of "Neal's Hill" or "Lot No. 6" as result of judgement in Circuit Court No. 1412 N.E. on January 2, 1923 in the case of Charles H. Edson and Dorothy L. Swann, plaintiffs and Howard D. Edson and Gertrude Edson, defendants (see Decree Record JMM 1/131). This is a transfer of 287.5 acres being a portion of the real estate of which Hez. G. Hayden died possessed and a portion of the dower interest of Elizabeth G. Hayden in same. Price: \$8000

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8.3 Significance

TO: Charles Henry Edson
FROM: Dorothy Linclon Edson
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 16, folio 35.
DATE: January 15, 1917.
NOTES: Transfer of "Neals Hill" or "Lot No. 6" being 287.5 acres.

TO: Dorothy Lincoln Edson of Philadelphia
FROM: John W. Bowles and Mary Elizabeth Bowles
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 14, folio 464.
DATE: February 18, 1916.
NOTES: Transfer of "Neals Hill" or "Lot No. 6." Price: \$ 4000

TO: John W. Bowles
FROM: Samuel Hayden and Charlotte Hayden
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 32.
DATE: May 18, 1905.
NOTES: Transfer of "Neals Hill" or "Lot No. 6" being 287.5 acres, a portion of H. G. Hayden's land.

TO: Heirs
FROM: Elizabeth C. Hayden
RECORD:
DATE:
NOTES: There is no will or estate on record for Elizabeth C. Hayden. Her property would have passed to her heirs, of which Samuel Hayden was one.

TO: Elizabeth C. Hayden, widow.
FROM: H. G. Hayden
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 2, folio 478.
DATE: November 19, 1877.
NOTES: H. G. Hayden died intestate in 1859. This document is a "Distribution of Real Estate of H. G. Hayden, deceased." Here Elizabeth C. Hayden receives as item one, the farm Savona or Bond's Rest and the farm Neale's Hill or Lot No. 6, and the house and lot in Chaptico, to be held as her dower interest.

TO: Hezekiah G. Hayden
FROM: John H. Key, John Blakistone and John F. Dent, Commissioners
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 263.
DATE: February 26, 1856.
NOTES: Judgement on petition submitted to the commissioners alleging that Perry Hayden died in 184_ seized of Part Gleaning; Grendall's Lot; Briscoe's Lot; Part Bashford Manor; Tennison's and Benjamin's Lot; Part St. Leonard's Lot; Lot No. 6; and

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8.4 Significance

Reed's Choice leaving as heirs: H. G. Hayden, Cecelia J. Hayden, Catherine Burch, Ann Maria Harrison, Bernard L. Hayden, Elizabeth C. Hayden, Eliza C. Hayden (sic), Mary A. Hayden, Eleanor J. Hayden, and Cecelia A. Hayden, his widow. On August 8, 1851 the commissioners met at the dwelling of the deceased and divided his estate, granting to H.G.Hayden "Lot No. 2, or part of Lot No. 6 in the division of real estate of Phil Key" being 287 acres as well as 65 acres of Needs Change.

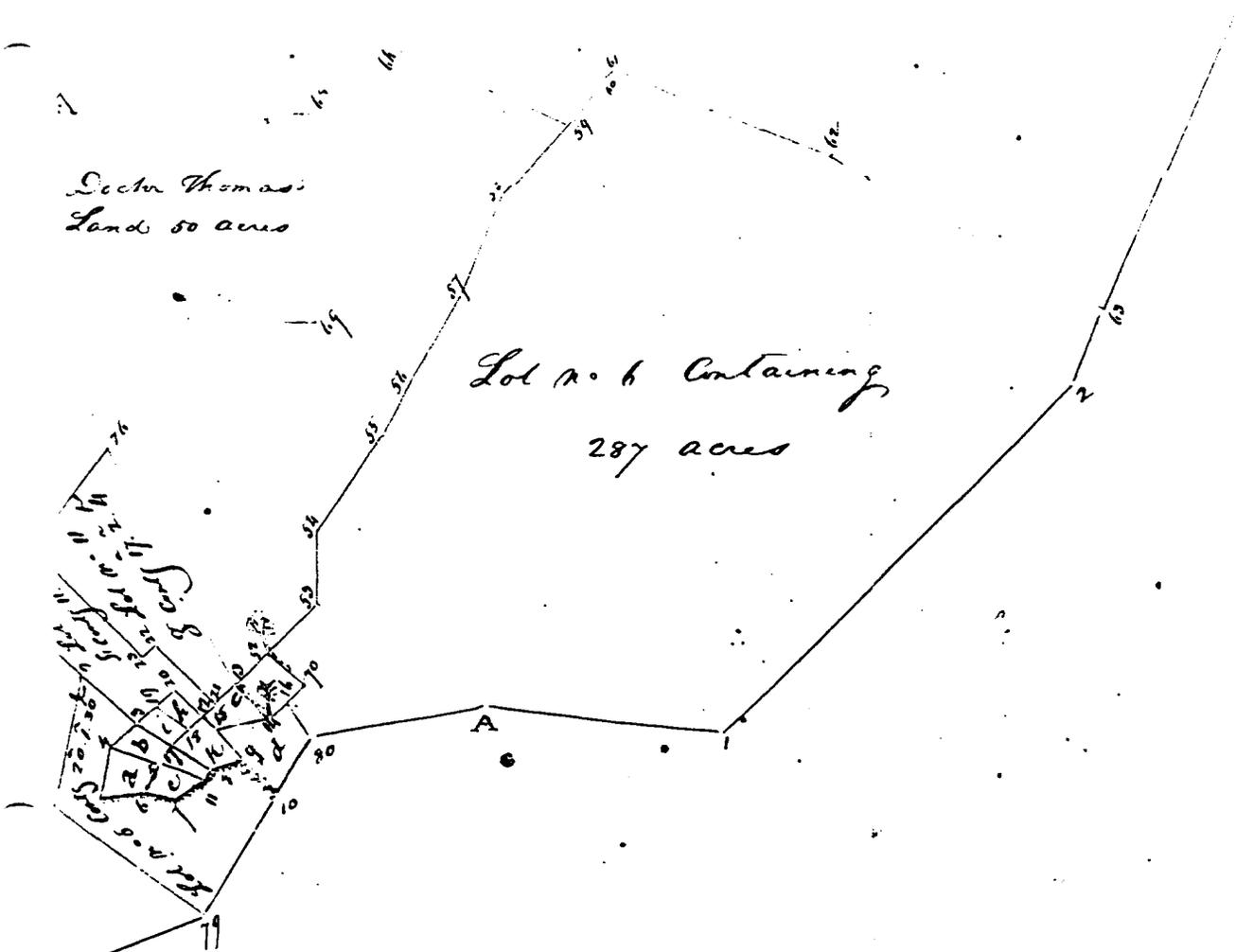
TO: Perry Hayden

FROM: Philip Key Jr.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JH 8, folio 407.

DATE: November 21, 1829.

NOTES: Transfer of Lot No. 6 of the division of real estate of Phil Key including the tract of land Gardiner's Landing, part of Boston, Melton's Hope, and Notley's Addition, being 287 acres of land, also Lot k in Chaptico, assigned to Philip Key Jr. in Land Commission Record JH 2/151-166. See excerpt from Land Commission plat below.



S.M. 196
NEALE'S HILL
Maddox
Private

early 19th century

Built and enlarged in the first quarter of the 19th century, Neale's Hill began as a 1 1/2-story, one-room dwelling with attached kitchen (now gone). The addition is a three-bay, 1 1/2-story block with a large room across the front and a small stair hall and unheated room behind it. The new parlor was trimmed with elaborate woodwork and the older rooms were redecorated in a simpler version of the same style. The west end chimney has a single pent to one side. At the east end of the building is the base of a large H-shaped chimney, now enclosed in a new kitchen addition.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME

COMMON: Neal's Hill, Neale's Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Maddox Road (MD 238)

CITY OR TOWN: Maddox

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

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: Leonardtwn 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
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Neal's Hill is a 1 1/2-story frame house with two large chimneys, one on each gable. The gable facing the road has one pent beside the chimney.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry C. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Md., 1934

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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Bourne

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE *8-70*

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

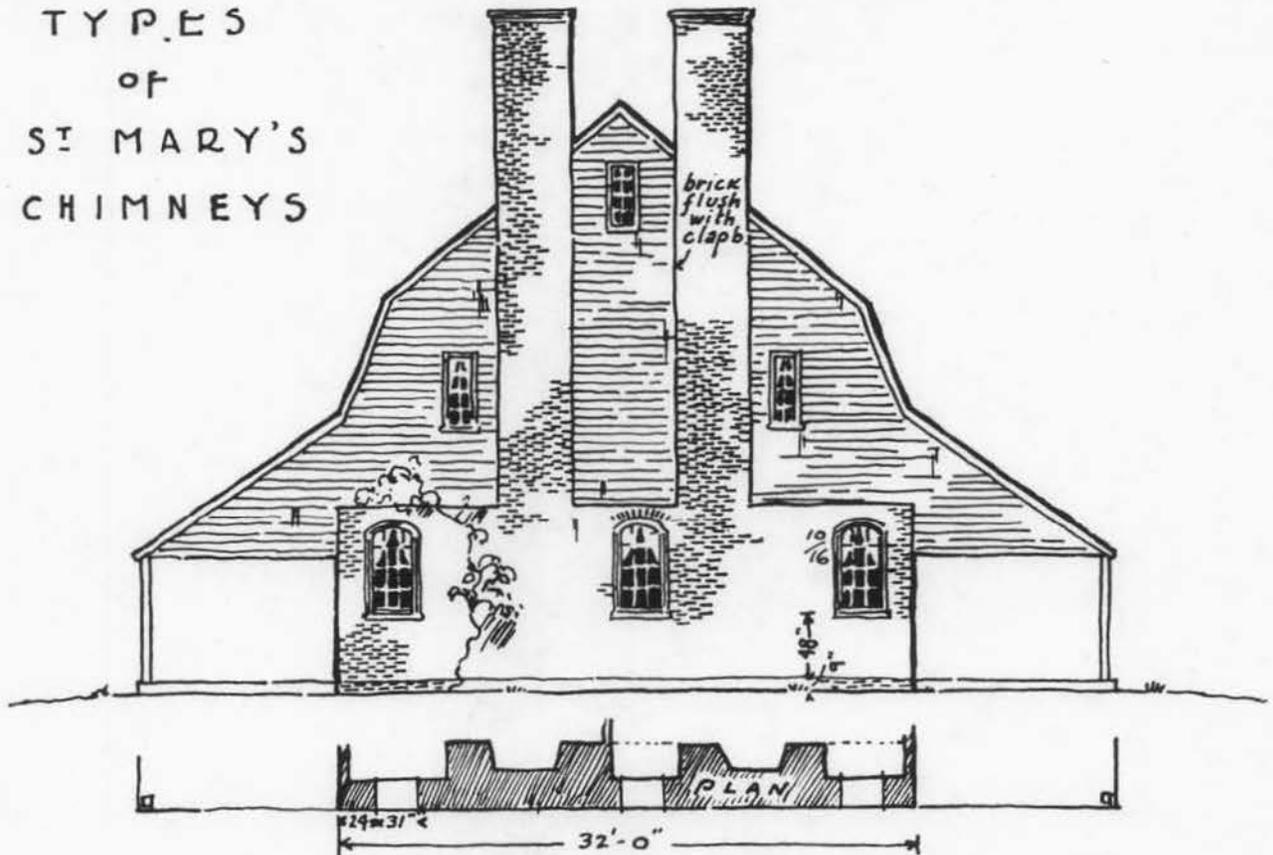
CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE _____

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

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

TYPES
OF
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CHIMNEYS



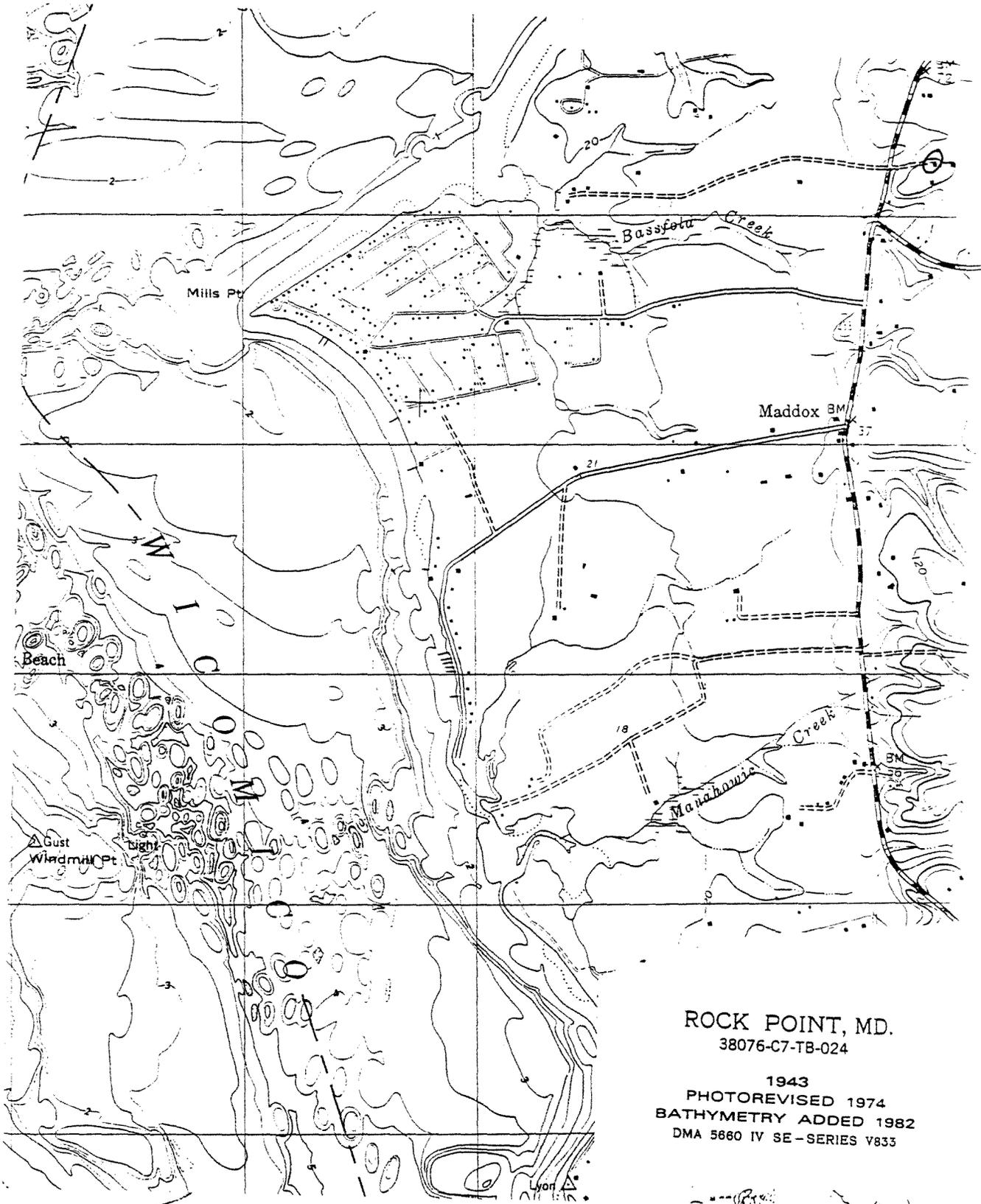
• SOUTHAMPTON •
built by Richard Booth in the 17th Century



This view is of NEALE'S HILL with pent to one side of the chimney. James Neale, Lord of Wolleston Manor, was the founder of the Neale family in Maryland in 1642. He was Head of his Lordship's Treasury, and a Deputy-Governor.

Another dwelling with pent to one side of the chimney is "Windsor Forest", old home of Col. Heard in St. Mary's County.

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Neal's Hill
Maddox Vicinity
Rock Point Quad



ROCK POINT, MD.
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PHOTOREVISED 1974
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
DMA 5660 IV SE-SERIES V835



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MD SHPO

SE Elevation

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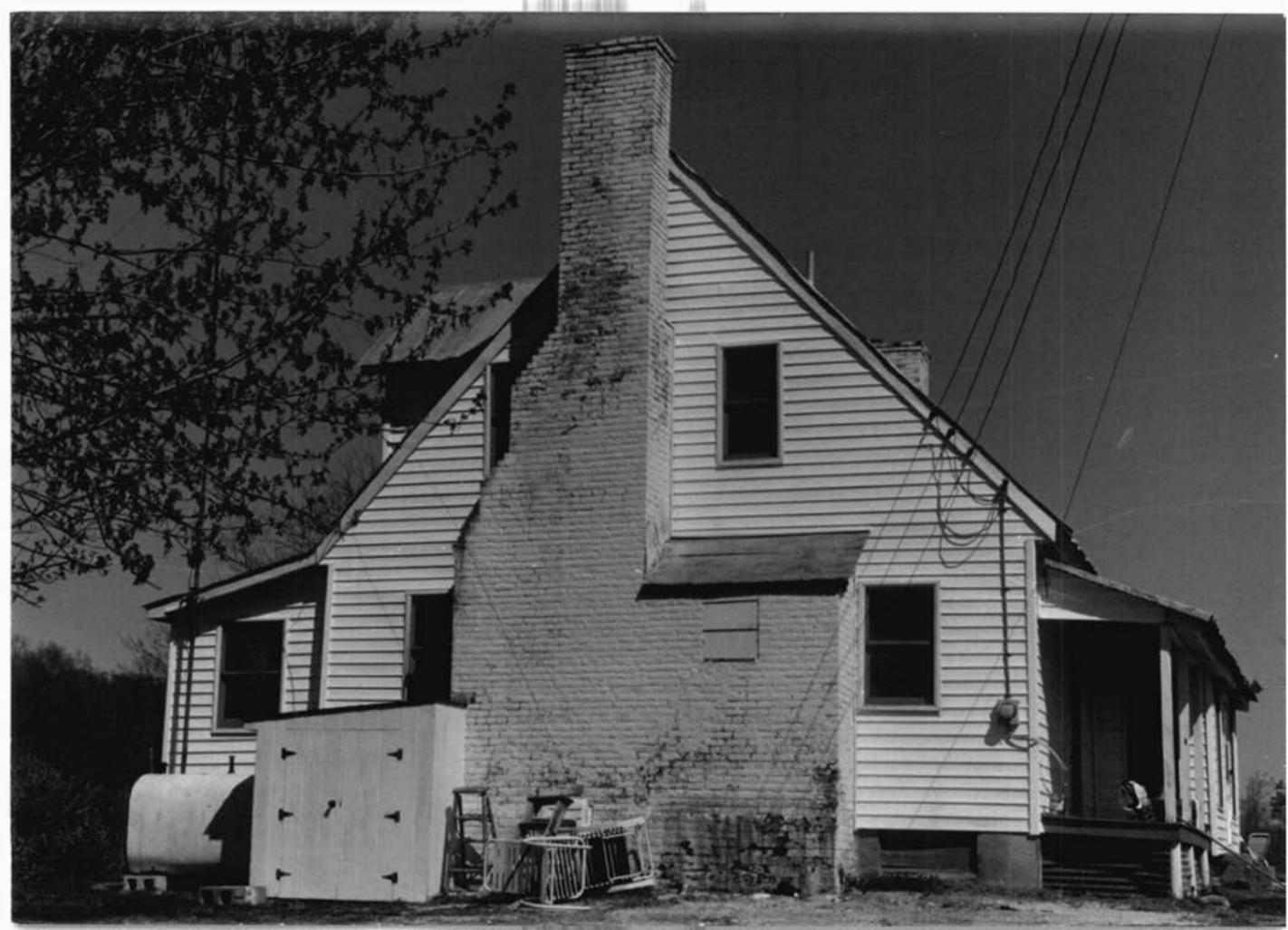
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NW Elevation

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W Elevation

3/3