

Capsule Summary
SM-218
The James H. Burroughs House/The Glebe
Mechanicsville Vicinity
Private

c. 1910s

The James H. Burroughs House/The Glebe is a two-story, five bay, single-pile, frame dwelling with a gable roof located in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Situated on a knoll overlooking the road and rolling agricultural fields, the house exhibits several alterations and additions to its three-bay, single-pile core. The house's setting, however, retains the integrity of an early-twentieth century farm complex. Only a few yards in the rear of the house is a rear courtyard that contains three tobacco barns, two corn houses, a stripping shed, and three work or storage sheds. The entire farm complex not illustrates the organization of agricultural work and storage buildings, but also reveals how farmers kept these structures in close proximity to their residences in the early twentieth century.

"The Glebe" was originally a one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling that was owned by the All Faith Parish of Saint Mary's County from 1860-1885. The property changed hands several times after 1885 before it was finally purchased by James S. and E. Luther Burroughs in 1896. Sometime in the late-nineteenth or early twentieth century, however, the old frame building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The current house replaced that earlier dwelling in the 1910s. Today, the tract remains in the Burroughs' family ownership and the dwelling is scheduled to be added to.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Agriculture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Glebe

and/or common James H. Burroughs House

2. Location

street & number North of Flora Corner Road near Route 235/5, Mechanicsville not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville vicinity of congressional district 7

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 checked="" 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 Nellie W. Burroughs

street & number 2995 Flora Corner Road telephone no.: (301) 884-3685

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Maryland 20659

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 67

street & number folio 481

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-218

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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: 10

The Old Glebe is a farm complex situated 50 yards north of Flora Corner Road and 1.0 mile from the intersection of Route 5 and Flora Corner Road near New Market, Saint Mary's County, Maryland. The house, barns, and outbuildings are located on a knoll overlooking the road and the surrounding rolling agricultural fields.

The main house is a two-story, frame dwelling sheathed with aluminum beveled siding and covered with a modified gable roof. Oriented on a roughly north-south axis, the house exhibits several subsequent additions blurring its original interior plan.

The south or primary elevation consists of five symmetrically placed bays--a centrally located door flanked on either side by two, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. Five windows with similar sash are located directly above on the second floor (Note: All windows in the house are modern one-over-one sash unless otherwise indicated.). The roof contains a centrally located cross-gable with a semicircular pane. The roof is also pierced by an interior brick chimney flue. The roofline over the southeast two bays does not extend all the way to the gable end, but instead changes to a hipped roof--suggesting that this section was added later. The entire roof surface is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

On the east elevation a one story, one room addition extends from the side of the hipped addition. It features only one window. This elevation also consists of two, two-story, rear additions with an enclosed, one-story, shed roofed porch in front of them, and finally an open car port. The two rear additions are located perpendicular to the main block. The enclosed porch exhibits five, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows and two modern doors. The second floor of each addition exhibits one centrally located window. The roof of the northernmost addition is pierced at its ridge by an interior end brick chimney.

The north elevation is composed of the rear section of the hipped addition and the open carport. The hipped addition exhibits a bulkhead entry to the basement and a single window on each of the two floors.

The west elevation consists of the gable-end of the main block and the two rear additions. Each section exhibits a centrally located window on each of their two floors--four windows in all.

While the interior of the house has been modified and reorganized from its original plan, it still retains a pair of Colonial Revival corner cabinets in the rear ell.

Located 20 yards northwest of the main house is a complex of early-twentieth century farm out buildings. The farm complex consists of two, early-twentieth century, tobacco barns with gable roofs, one mid-twentieth century tobacco barn with a gambrel roof, two corn houses, a tobacco stripping shed, and a three storage or work sheds.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The James H. Burroughs House/The Glebe is a significant early twentieth century farm complex. The farm's site and setting retains its integrity as the surrounding fields maintain an agricultural use. While the two-story, five bay main dwelling has been added to several times, the courtyard immediately behind the house still retains a diversity of agricultural outbuildings including three tobacco barns, two corn houses, and a stripping shed. This assemblage of buildings points to the two primary agricultural enterprises in Saint Mary's County during the early twentieth century. The complex also reveals how farmers constructed farm buildings in close proximity to their residences in the early twentieth century.

"The Glebe" was originally a one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling owned by the All Faith Parish of Saint Mary's County from 1860-1885. The property changed hands several times after 1885 before it was finally purchased by James S. and E. Luther Burroughs in 1896. According to the Nellie Burroughs, current owner, the old one-and-a-half story, frame building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in the early twentieth century. The current house and outbuildings replaced that earlier dwelling. Today, the Burroughs family still resides on the tract.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-218

Burroughs, Nellie W. Personal interview, August 1996.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 74.18

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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.

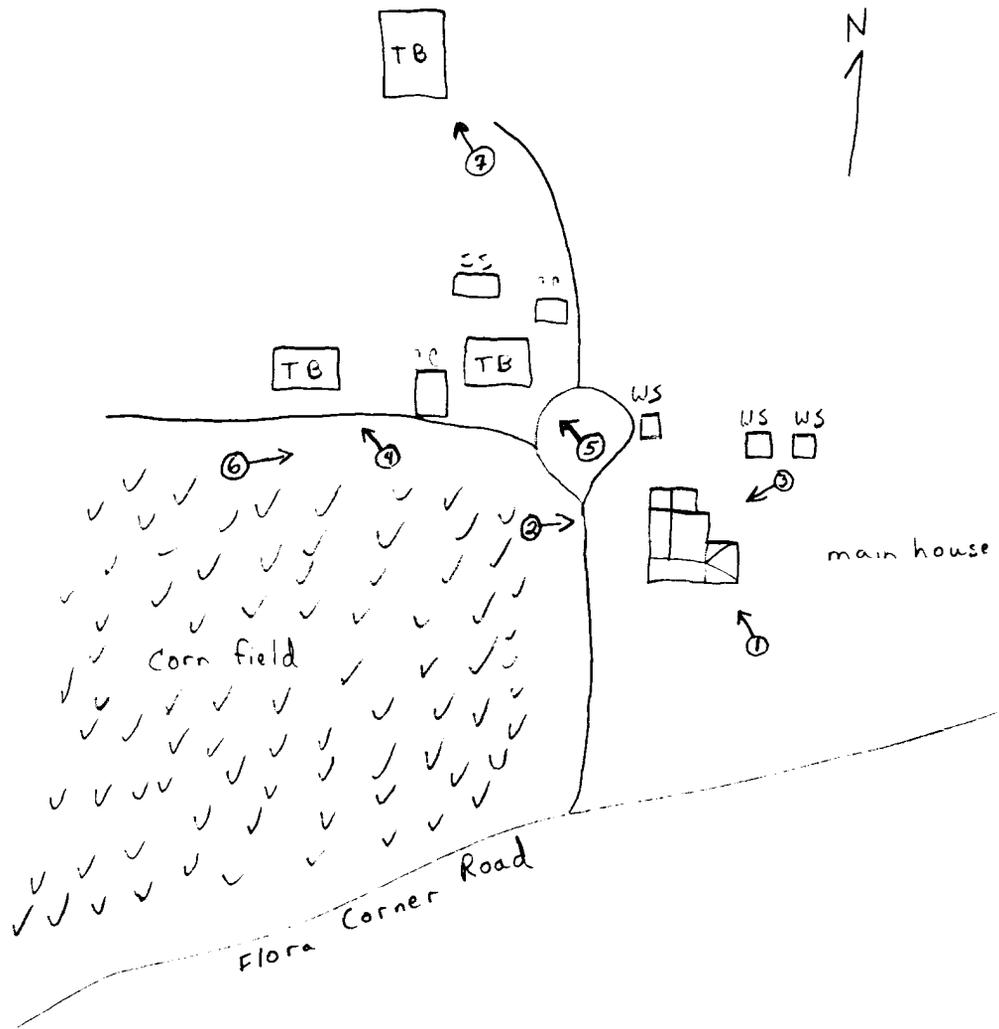
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SM-218
 SITE PLAN
 The Glebe / James H. Burroughs House
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* Drawing not to scale
 TB = Tobacco Barn
 CC = Corn Crib
 WS = work or storage sheds
 SS = stripping sheds
 ↻ = camera views



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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: MRB Liber 67, Folio 481

Grantee: Nellie W. and James H. Burroughs

Grantor: Oliver R. And Betty M. Guyther

Date: February 20, 1957

Note: The property is named "The Glebe" and notes that the tract was willed to J. H. Burroughs from E. Luther Burroughs and probated RGG Liber 2, 331. The lot contains about 100 acres.

Reference: JJG Liber 3, Folio 376

Grantee: James S. Burroughs and E. Luther Burroughs

Grantor: William and Maria G. Paret

Date: February 20, 1896

Reference: JJG Liber 1, Folio 381

Grantee: William and Maria G. Paret

Grantor: Richard T. and Rosetta Hayden

Date: November 23, 1893

Reference: JFF Liber 12, Folio 347

Grantee: Richard T. and Rosetta Hayden

Grantor: William and Maria G. Paret

Date: August 29, 1890

Reference: JFF Liber 8, Folio 355

Grantee: William and Maria G. Paret of Baltimore City

Grantor: All Faith Parish of St. Mary's County (Vestry: John W. Tippett, Isaiah Canter, Horatio Canter, Spencer Harrison, John T. Ballinger, R. W. Silvester and H. C. Adams)

Date: October 28, 1885

Note: The property, containing 90 acres, was sold for \$1,000. The adjoining landowners included Joseph P. Barker (late owned by Thomas H. Burroughs), "Good Luck," H. C. Adams, and the public road from Mechanicsville to Trent Hall.

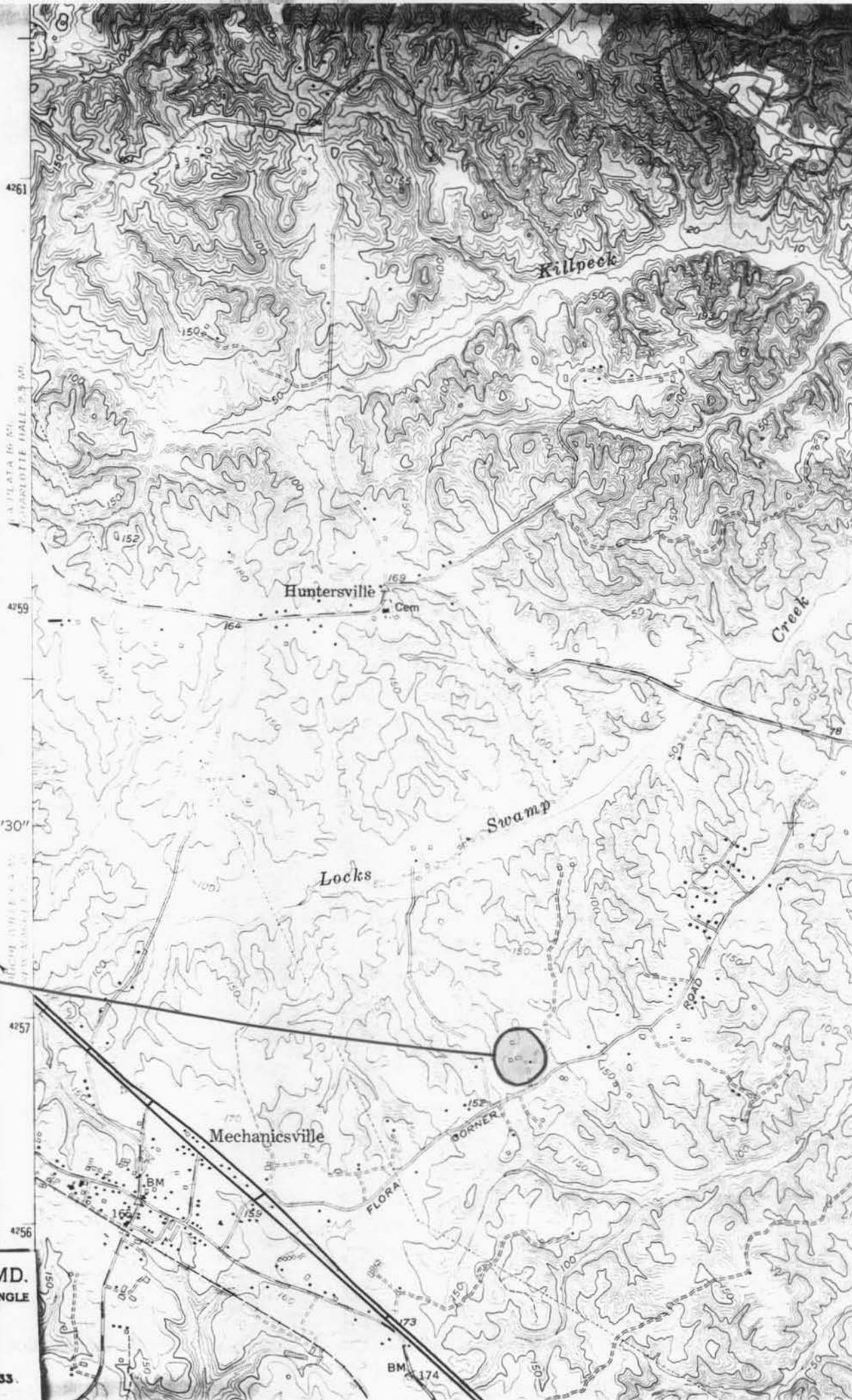
Reference: JTB Liber 3, Folio 487-488

Grantee: Vestry of All Faith Parish

Grantor: Alexander W. Turner

Date: November 19, 1860

Note: The Rector for the church was the Reverend James W. Hoskins, while the vestry included Thomas E. Harrison, Theophilus Harris, John H. Sothoron, Benjamin Adams, Joseph F. Shaw, James H. Alvey, L. Hezekiah Canter, William L. Thomas. The property contains 100 acres.



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