

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SM-376
Magi No. 1903765505
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common LOG BUILDING ON PAGAN POINT

2. Location

street & number East side of Pagan Point, on West St. Mary's Manor Road not for publication

city, town Drayden vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number folio

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

A small one room plan log house is located on the east side of Pagan Point directly across the St. Mary's River from St. Mary's City. The log house stands in the back yard of a large frame house constructed in the 1920s.

The log building is oriented on an east-west axis and measures 14 feet 4 inches deep and 16 feet 4 inches in length. The walls are constructed of hewn logs that average 3 1/2 inches by 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 inches. These are joined at the corners with half-dovetail notching and are chinked with brickbats and mortar.

The south facade appears to be the original principal facade. An original door in the west bay has been converted to a 1/1 window, an original window in the east bay retains pegged 6/6 sash. The log walls show evidence of exterior white wash, but at an early date one-by-six inch vertical nailers were added and plain, circular sawn one-by-six inch horizontal siding was added using mature machine nails. The building rests on low brick piers.

On the east gable end, there is a door to the south on the first floor and a small window opening to left (south) of center in the upper gable. Siding with machine nails extends up the full height of the first story but the upper gable is finished with a rough coat of stucco.

A 20th century frame lean-to extends four feet nine inches out from the north facade of the log house. An original door to west of center is the only opening in the north wall of the log building.

The only openings in the west gable wall are a door to left of center on the first story and a 6/6 window centered in the upper gable. The siding in this facade is 'secured' with wire nails.

The interior consists of a single room with an open loft. The log walls are exposed and whitewashed; seven hewn ceiling joists span the room but show no evidence of flooring nails or a ladder/stair. A square brick stove chimney with a single flue thimble is centered in the east gable wall.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

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.

The log building on Pagan Point is an excellent example of a small domestic structure dating to the third quarter of the 19th century. The single room plan with later rear lean-to is typical for small dwelling houses and for larger domestic out-buildings. The unfloored loft and plastered ceiling suggest this building was more likely used as a detached kitchen than as a dwelling, but could also have served as a simple tenant house. Details of interest include the dovetail corner notching, the evidence of the original whitewashed finish, and the overall form and plan.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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.

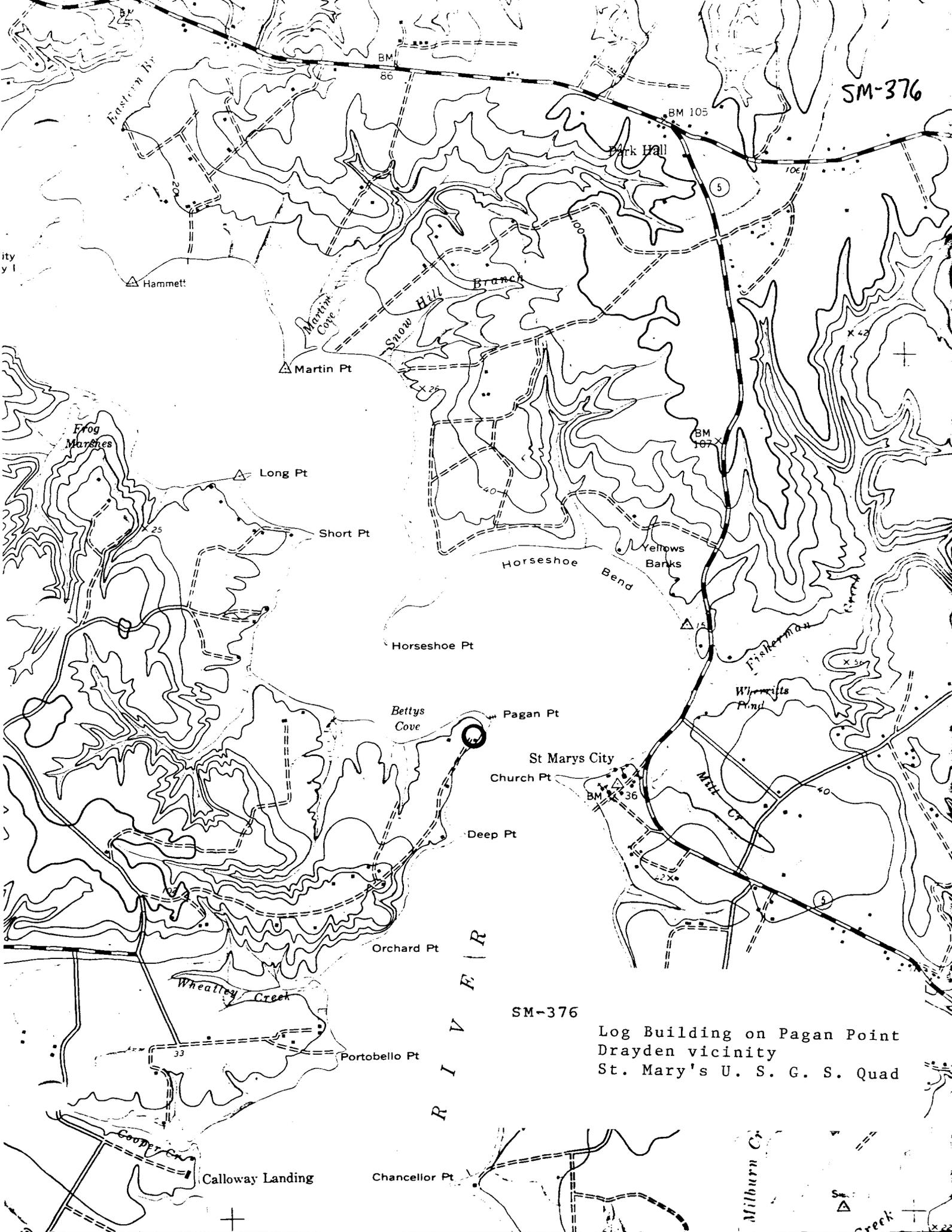
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The east and north doors are constructed of plain vertical boards secured to beveled battens with machine nails; they hang on plain butt hinges. The west door is constructed of narrow beaded wainscoting and appears to be later. The loft ceiling is plastered on machine sawn lath secured with machine nails to roughly worked cedar poles.

The building probably dates to the third quarter of the 19th century and was most likely a summer kitchen for a house that predates the existing house, or it may have served as a very plain tenant house, probably for a single man. The plastered ceiling and unfloored loft argue against a dwelling function.

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Log Building on Pagan Point
 Drayden vicinity
 St. Mary's U. S. G. S. Quad



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Clapboard cover log cabin
on Russell Crenshaw property
Photo taken 5/21/85

Log Cabin on Pagan Point 376
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