

Capsule Summary  
SM-386  
All Faith Parish Rectory  
Mechanicsville  
Private

1886

Built as the rectory for All Faith Parish Church in 1886, this two-story, frame structure stands at the corner of Old Route 5 and the Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road. The rectory is now sheathed with aluminum siding and its front porch is a replacement. Except for the addition of a carport on its east side, the form of this double pile, side hall/parlor plan house is little changed. Much of its late nineteenth century woodwork remains intact on the interior. A vacant lot to the north of the rectory, where the All Faith Parish Chapel of Ease once stood, provides the structure with a grassy, sloping lawn.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme: Architecture  
Religion

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: Unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SM-386

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic All Faith Parish Rectory

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4840 Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road  not for publicationcity, town Mechanicsville  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 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 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 Larry and Susan Chappellear

street &amp; number 4840 Mechanicsville-Chaptico road telephone no.: 301-884-8588

city, town Mechaincsville state and zip code MD 20659

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Clerk of Court liber MRB10

street &amp; number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 281

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

<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 resource count: 1

The All Faith Parish Rectory is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Old Route 5 and the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The Rectory stands on a rise in the landscape overlooking the village. To the north of the Rectory is a sloping, grassy yard where a chapel of ease for All Faith Episcopal Church once stood. The Rectory faces north and its principal gable is oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1886, the Rectory is a two-story frame structure sheathed in artificial siding. It is supported by a brick foundation and roofed with pressed tin shingles.

The north (main) facade of the building has three bays. The eastern most bay consists of a modern door which retains its original transom window, sidelights, and decorative carved crown. Two two-over-two sash windows with green louvered shutters light the first floor. A one-story porch supported by aluminum doric columns and roofed with tin shingles wraps around the front of the north facade to the eastern elevation of the house. The original wooden floor of the porch has been replaced by a cement pad. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The attic story of the house is lit by a four-pane arched window with louvered shutters. To the east of the main block of the Rectory is a two-story wing which is lit by one two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters on the second floor. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this wing where it joins the main block of the house.

The east elevation consists of a two-story, one bay projection as its central bay and a one-story carport supported by aluminum doric columns which extends to the south of the building. The carport has a flat roof and a roof-line balustrade. The northern bay is lit on both the first and second floors by a two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters. The central bay's first floor consists of a projecting three-sided bay lit by one standard size two-over-two sash window and two narrow one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lit by one two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters. Behind the carport is a one-and-a-half story wing with a standing seam tin roof. This wing is lit on the first floor by small two-over-two sash windows and on the second floor by one six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney projects from the southern end of this wing.

The south elevation is blind.

The west elevation is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters on the first and second floors. The one-and-a-half story wing which extends to the south is lit on the second floor by one six-over-six sash window with louvered

# 8. Significance

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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
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 All Faith Parish Rectory represents a period of significant growth and activity in Mechanicsville village history. The rectory is all that remains of an Episcopal chapel of ease which was established in Mechanicsville by All Faith Church in the 1870s. The chapel, a gothic revival, board and batten structure, was situated on a plot of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Old Route 5 and the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road directly in front of the rectory. Although the chapel was later demolished, the Mechanicsville community continues to refer to this surviving structure as "the old Rectory."

In 1886, the Vestry of All Faith Parish Church was considering building a rectory in Charlotte Hall until John T. Ballenger offered them "the option of the lot together with the buildings thereupon in the rear of the chapel at Mechanicsville for the purpose of a rectory or the sum of \$250 towards the erection of the building in Charlotte Hall." The Vestry accepted his offer, and on June 3rd, 1886, Ballenger and his wife deeded one and a quarter acres to the Vestry of All Faith Parish Church. By September 9th, the St. Mary's Beacon reported that the rectory had been completed, and the rector, Rev. Dr. Dashiell, was in the process of moving in. Vestry minutes note that in addition to the rector's residence, a stable, hay loft, corb crib, and buggy shed were also built on the property. John Ballenger oversaw construction of the complex and the April 11th, 1887 minutes of All Faith Parish include his detailed, four page, itemized bill. The rectory remained under the ownership of All Faith Parish Church until 1950 when it was sold to James L. Carrico.

All Faith Parish Rectory is located on a rise overlooking an important intersection in the village of Mechanicsville. The vacant lot where the chapel of ease once stood now provides the rectory with a grassy, sloping lawn bordered by cedars and deciduous trees. The main block of the rectory has not changed significantly over the years except for its replacement front porch and artificial siding. Much of the late nineteenth century woodwork is intact on the first floor interior. Both because of its prominent location and its degree of preservation, the All Faith Parish Rectory is a contributing resource to the historic character of Mechanicsville.



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shutters.

Much of the original late nineteenth century woodwork remains intact on the first floor of the interior. One of the side halls, used as a dining room today, retains its built-in cornercupboard and decorative black and brown stone fireplace mantel. The eastern elevation sitting room is finished with dentil detailing along the cornice line and built in shelving trimmed with a leaf border molding. The center hall is marked by an open stringer stair with ornamental brackets and turned balusters. Four panel doors with overhead transoms are in place throughout the first floor of the house.

There are two modern outbuildings on the property. The chimney of one of these, now used as a studio, was constructed using old bricks salvaged from a house in Charles County.

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8.1, Chain of Title

TO: Larry M. Chappelear and Susan Knight Chappelear, his wife.

FROM: Larry M. Chappelear and Susan K. Flaherty.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, MRB 10, folio 281.

DATE: April 19, 1978.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. 1.) Being a part of the land acquired by Marvin C. Wood and Hilda C. Wood on January 24, 1966, as described in CBG 124, folio 320. Consisting of .450 acres of land. 2.) Being a part of the property acquired by J. LeRoy Wood and Elizabeth S. Wood on September 3, 1960 as described in CBG 90, folio 279. Consisting of .813 acres of land.

TO: Susan K. Flaherty and Larry M. Chappelear.

FROM: Marvin C. Wood, Hilda C. Wood, J. LeRoy Wood.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber 2, folio 111.

DATE: January 13, 1978.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. 1.) .450 acres as described in CBG 124, folio 320. 2.) .813 acres as described in CBG 90, folio 279.

TO: J. LeRoy Wood and Elizabeth S. Wood, his wife.

FROM: Drusilla Bean

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 90, folio 279.

DATE: September 3, 1960.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. 1.) 1/12 of an acre conveyed to the Vestry of All Faith Parish by John T. Ballenger and wife as described in JFF 6 folio 241. 2.) 1 1/4 acres being the same land known as All Faith Parish Rectory Property as described in CBG 75, 471.

TO: Drusilla Bean

FROM: James L. Carrico

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 75, folio 471.

DATE: July 17, 1958

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. 1.) 1/12 of an acre 2.) All Faith Parish Rectory Property.

TO: James L. Carrico

FROM: Rev. John W. Hildenbrand, Rector; Samuel B. Davis, Senior Warden; C. Woodburn Colonna, Junior Warden; of All Faith Parish.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 24, folio 174.

DATE: January 10, 1950.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. 1.) 1/12 of an acre 2.) 1 1/4 acres of that property known as All Faith Parish Rectory.

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8.2, Chain of Title

TO: Vestry of All Faith Parish, being William L. Thomas, H.L. Burroughs, Isaiah Canter, Horatio Canter, Richard T. Turner, Spencer Harrison, John T. Ballenger, and H. C. Adams.

FROM: John T. Ballenger and Margaret S. Ballenger, his wife.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 9, folio 114.

DATE: June 3, 1886.

NOTES: Property consists of 1 1/4 acre.

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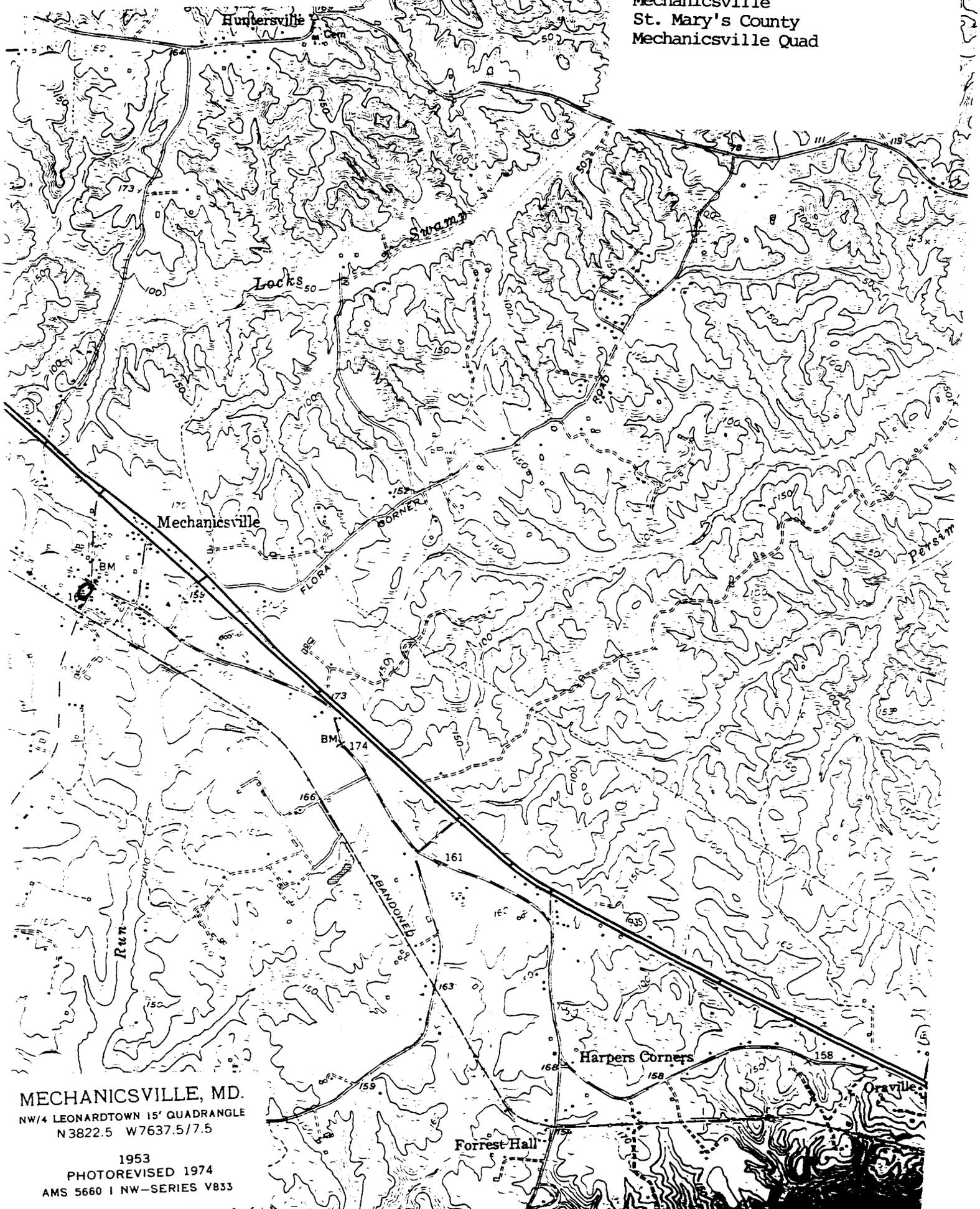
Verbal boundary description and justification:

"Parcel 2: Beginning for the same being at a concrete monument found on the Western right of way line of Mechanicsville/Chaptico Road, being a 40 foot wide road. Said point also marking the corner common to the property being described and that of Marvin C. Wood. Thence with the line of Wood, North 55 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds West 162.97 feet to a point, passing through a 24 inch of the property now standing in the name of William A. Guy; thence with the line of Guy, North 42 degrees, 22 minutes 17 seconds East 270.39 feet to a concrete monument found. Said monument lying on the Southern right of way line of Old Route #5, a 40 foot wide road; thence with the line of Old Route #5, South 51 degrees 19 minutes 12 seconds East 104.85 feet to a railroad spike set in the pavement; thence with the foresaid line of Mechanicsville/Chaptico Road, South 29 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West 202.36 feet to a point; thence, South 30 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West 58.33 feet to the point and place of beginning and containing 0.813 acres of land, more or less..."

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 10, folio 281.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Mechanicsville Quad



MECHANICSVILLE, MD.  
NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3822.5 W 7637.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 5660 I NW-SERIES V833



SM-336, ALL FAITH PARISH RECORDS

St. MARY'S COUNTRY, MISS

ELIZABETH HUGHES

NUMBER 1000

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY ROAD

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SW ELEVATION

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SM-386, All items found recently

St. Mary's County, MD

Elizabeth Hughes

November 1913

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1. Elevation: 1000 ft. from St. Mary's  
County, MD. 1000 ft. from St. Mary's  
Now demolished. Formerly used in  
front yard of SM-386.

See also the other number, Mr. Jones, 1000 ft. MD.