

SM-388
Reintzell house
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1870-1880

The Reintzell house is a substantial two-story, five bay, frame structure which stands next to the old railroad right of way in Mechanicsville. Currently, it is in great disrepair and the east wing is unoccupied. Although the structure is generally plain, its south elevation has an interesting two story pavilion lit by lancet windows on the second story.

The Reintzell house is visible from the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road, but stands alone and appears unrelated to other village homes. It may be that a long drive once connected its east facade to the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road. Now that this property between the house and the road has been transferred away, the old house appears stranded and strangely oriented.

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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

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

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic
and/or common Reintzell House

2. Location

street & number South side of Old Route 5 ___ not for publication
city, town Mechanicsville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5
state Maryland county St. Mary's County

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

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

name Thomas Eugene Copsey
street & number P.O. Box 33 telephone no.: 301-884-3239
city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code MD 20659

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Clerk of Court liber DBK 195
street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 41
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

Survey No. SM-388

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 Resource Count: 1

The Reintzell house is located on the north side of the old railroad right of way and on the west side of the Mechanicsville-Chaptico road in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. Two interior chimneys pierce the gable roof. The house is in poor condition.

The Reintzell house is a substantial two-story frame structure sheathed in asphalt shingles and weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with tin. The foundation material was not visible. The east wing is unoccupied.

The east (main) elevation is pierced on the first floor by one four-panel door with sidelights. To the north of this door is a second four-panel door with a transom window and one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. To the south of the entrance door is a pair of six-over-six-sash windows with narrow surrounds. A screened porch with a hipped roof projects from the first floor, sheltering the two entrance doors. The second floor is lit by five six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds.

The north elevation is sheathed in weatherboard siding and the first floor is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and a four panel door. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The window which once lit the attic story is now covered in plywood.

The west elevation is pierced by two four-panel entrance doors, one of which has a two-light transom. These entrance doors are sheltered by a hipped roof portico supported by square posts. On either side of the doors are a pair of six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by five six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds.

The south elevation has a four panel entrance door as its central bay on the first floor and one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds on the second floor. To the west is one six-over-six sash window on both the first and second floors. East of the center bay is a two-story, three-sided bay with a hipped roof. The south panel of this bay is pierced by one four-panel door with a two-light transom and a six-over-six sash window on the first floor, and two lancet windows on the second floor. The east side of this bay is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds on the first and second floor. The west side of the bay is pierced on the first floor by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and on the second floor by a four-panel door. The attic story was once lit by a window which is now covered with plywood.

The interior was not seen. There are no outbuildings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-388

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property one half acre, more or less

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification DBK 195/41: "...bounded on the north by the property of the late James D. Hayden, on the east by the property of the late Joseph Robrecht, on the south by the W.P. & C Railroad; on hte west by the property of the late George H. Long..."

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes-Historical Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date 11/30/93

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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8.1 Chain of Title

TO: Thomas Eugene Copsey and Carrie C. Copsey, his wife.
FROM: Willard B. Graves
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 195, folio 41.
DATE: July 26, 1973.
NOTES: Parcel containing one half acre.

TO: Willard B. Graves
FROM: Ida L. Reintzell, J. Leonard Pilkerton, and Mary J. Pilkerton, his wife.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 11, folio 99.
DATE: April 22, 1938.
NOTES: Parcel contains one half acre. Price: \$800

TO: Ida L. Reintzell and J. Leonard Pilkerton
FROM: M.E.Kirk
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 2, folio 319.
DATE: March 6, 1924.
NOTES: Parcel contains one half acre. Price: \$1200

TO: M.E.Kirk
FROM: E. Luther Burroughs, Trustee.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 12, folio 292.
DATE: March 10, 1914.
NOTES: Parcel consists of one half acre. Price: \$1000

TO: E. Luther Burroughs, Trustee.
FROM: Mrs. Mary E. Burroughs, widow, E. Luther Burroughs and Alice B. Burroughs, his wife, James S. Burroughs and Mary E. Burroughs, his wife, Mandes Higgs and W. Preston Higgs, her husband, and William W. Burroughs, all of St. Mary's County, Annie M. Freeman of Prince George's County, C. Gwynn Burroughs and Mary C. Burroughs, his wife, Albert Burroughs and Leda R. Burroughs, his wife of Philadelphia, PA, Maggie M. Ryce and Robert M. Ryce, her husband of Washington D.C., all heirs of the late William T. Burroughs.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 12, folio 279.
DATE: February 5, 1914.
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels: 1.) Part of Trent Neck, also known as Turner Mill Farm, consisting of 100 acres. 2.) House and lot in Mechanicsville, consisting of one half acre, being bounded on the north by the property of D. Hayden, on the east by the property of Dr. Z.R.Morgan, on the south by the W.C.&P. Railroad, and on the west by the property of George H. Long.

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8.2 Chain of Title

TO: Heirs of William T. Burroughs
FROM: William T. Burroughs
RECORD:
DATE:
NOTE: William T. Burroughs appears to have died intestate.

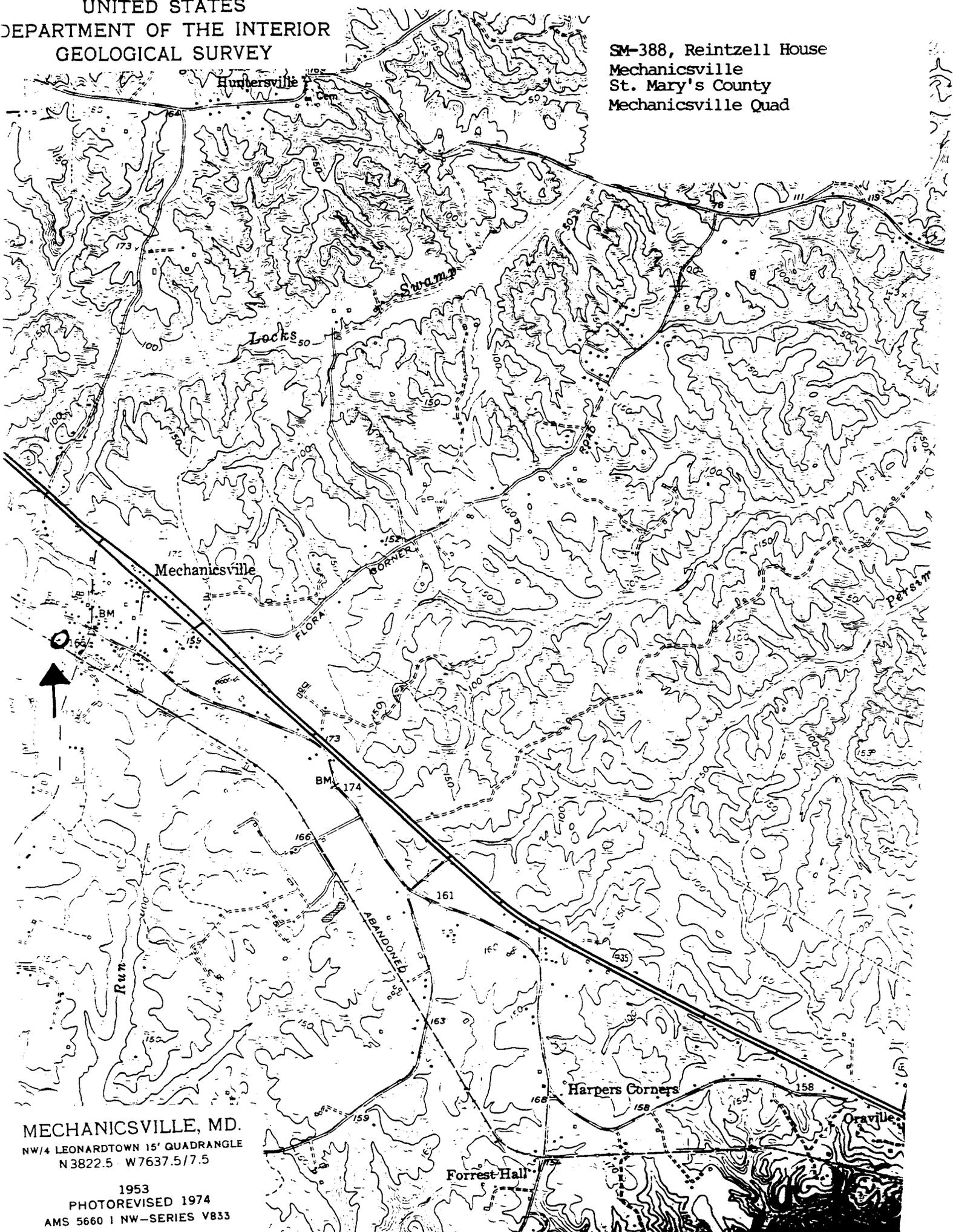
TO: William T. Burroughs
FROM: John B. Ballenger and Genevieve Ballenger, his wife.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 2, folio 11.
DATE: December 29, 1900.
NOTES: This parcel contains one acre, more or less. Price: \$700

TO: John B. Ballenger
FROM: John T. Ballenger
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JJG 5, folio 99.
DATE: February 4, 1898.
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels: 1.) "the following described new store house and lot: beginning at the northeast corner of the Lot owned by John T. Ballenger, now occupied by A.E. Bowling and Company as a store house and Lot, running thence north to the intersection of S. Adams Lot and with said lot to the public road thence up and with the public road to the line of the property as aforesaid occupied by Bowling and Company and with said line to the beginning containing about one acre more or less." 2.) "Also a house and lot now occupied by Tom A. Reeder and described as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Dr. Morgan's Lot and running with said Dr. Morgan's Lot to the division line of lot owned by John T. Ballenger, dividing this lot and the lot that A.E. Bowling occupies, thence with the said division line to G.H. Long's lot, thence with said lot to the intersection of the Railroad; thence with said Railroad to the beginning, containing one acre more or less."

TO: John T. Ballenger
FROM: Francis D. Adams and Amanda Adams of Washington, D.C.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 12, folio 292.
DATE: November 11, 1890
NOTES: Transfer of "the House and lot on which the said Francis D. Adams and Amanda Adams, his wife, formerly resided, bounded on the east by the Three Notched road, on the north by the land of George H. Long, on the west by the Southern Maryland Railroad, and on the south by the land of Z.R. Morgan containing one acre and a half more or less."

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Mechanicsville Quad



MECHANICSVILLE, MD.
NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3822.5 W7637.5/7.5

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