

SM-389
Hayden Hotel
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1890; 1909

This two-story, five bay structure is one of three former boarding houses still standing in Mechanicsville. Although the original siding has been covered over by asbestos shingles, much of the Hotel's exterior fabric remains in place, including its full front porch, period doors, and windows. Unusual are the oversize brackets which end in decorative pendants at the east and west ends of the front porch.

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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
Commerce

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Boarding house
Store
Private Residence

Known Design Source: Unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hayden Hotel

2. Location

street & number Old Route 5 ___ not for publication

city, 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	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 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 CBG 63

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 46

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-38A

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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 Hayden Hotel is located on the south side of Old Route 5 in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The hotel faces north and its principal gable is oriented on an east/west axis. A private road which runs north/south from Old Route 5 to the old railroad bed acts as the eastern boundary of the property. Behind the house is located the office and parking lot of Eugene Copsy's Plumbing and Heating Service.

The Hayden Hotel is sheathed in asbestos shingles and roofed with tin. It has a boxed cornice and plain eave boards. The foundation material was not visible.

The north (main) elevation is five bays in width. Here, a porch with a brick pier foundation stretches across the entire first floor. The roof of the porch is supported by square posts with decorative brackets. Projecting from the main block of the house at the southwest and southeast corners of the porch are oversize brackets with pendants. The eastern most bay of the first floor is a gothic four-panel door with wide surrounds and a single light transom. To the west of this door are two six-over-six sash windows with crown moldings and louvered shutters. To the west of these windows is a single-light-over-two-panel door with a two-light transom and wide surrounds. To the west of this second door is one six-over-six sash with crown molding and louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by four six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters and one four-light-over-two-panel door, all with crown molding. This door must have opened onto the roof of the first story porch at one time, although the roof does not appear to be accessible now. The attic story is lit by one six-over-six sash window with a peaked crown molding. To the west of the hotel's main block is a two-story, gable roofed addition which is stepped back to the south of the main block. This addition is lit on the first floor by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and louvered shutters and on the second floor by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and louvered shutters.

The west elevation of the main block is lit on the first and second floor by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. The attic is lit by one small four-over-four sash window and finished with cornice returns. The two-story addition is lit by one small two-over-two sash window on the first floor and finished with cornice returns at the attic story.

The south elevation of the main block consists of five bays and forms an ell, with the eastern most bay of this elevation stepped back to the north. This eastern most bay is pierced by a four panel door on the first floor and a six-over-six sash window on the second floor. An interior brick chimney projects from the roof of this bay. The remaining four bays of the main block consist of three six-over-six sash windows with

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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Hayden Hotel is one of three former boarding houses still standing in Mechanicsville. This substantial structure has a wide setback from the road and in the summer the facade of the old Hotel is obscured by trees and barely visible. Although the original siding has been covered over by asbestos shingles, much of the exterior fabric remains in place including the full front porch, period doors, and windows.

Prior to the ownership of the Haydens, this property was owned by John T. Ballenger. It seems that during Ballenger's ownership the lot was improved by a house which Aloysius C. Bowling occupied. This house was standing in 1902, and based on the Hayden's high purchase price for the property in 1909, it was probably still standing seven years later. It is unclear whether the house was incorporated into what is the current Hotel building.

In 1909 James Hayden purchased this property from J. Edward and Hattie B. Burroughs for \$2800. Later, the Haydens operated a boarding house out of their home, offering lodging to traveling salesmen, linesmen for the telephone company, workmen engaged in the restoration of Cremona, and others. Mrs. Hayden provided lodgers with three meals a day, including packed lunches. Sundays were occasions for all-you-could-eat dinners. A livery stable was originally located behind the hotel. The Hotel ceased operation in 1941 during World War II.

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louvered shutters and one four-light-over-three-panel door with a single light transom on the first floor. A porch stretches across this first floor and wraps around to the east elevation. The porch's tin roof is supported by square posts with decorative eave brackets. The second floor is lit by four six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds. The roof line of the south elevation consists of a large central gable lit by one four-over-four sash window with a peaked crown molding. Attached to the first floor of the two-story addition to the west of the main block is a small shed roof structure. This one-story addition is lit by a pair of two-over-two sash windows and one two-panel door. The second floor of the two-story addition is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds.

The east elevation of the main block forms an ell. The northern, gable end of this ell is lit on the first and second floor by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. The attic is lit by one six-over-six sash window and finished with cornice returns. To the south of this bay, stepped back to the west, a one-story porch supported by square posts with decorative eave brackets wraps around from the east to the south elevation. This first floor is pierced by one four panel door at the porch level and one four-light-over-two panel door placed three steps above the porch level. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof.

There are no outbuildings.

The interior was not seen.

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8.1 Chain of Title

TO: Thomas E. Copsey and Carrie Copsey, his wife.
FROM: Bernard Wingate Hayden and Juanita Hayden, his wife, James D. Hayden and Loretta Hayden, his wife, Ralph V. Hayden and Maude C. Hayden, his wife, Roland F. X. Hayden and Christine Hayden, his wife, being all heirs at law of Emma J. Hayden, dec'd.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 63, folio 46.

DATE: April 30, 1956.

NOTES:

TO: Heirs of Emma J. Hayden

FROM: Emma J. Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Estate Docket, Case #7, Folio ACM 1, folio 422.

DATE:

NOTES: Emma J. Hayden died intestate on July 21, 1955.

TO: Emma J. Hayden

FROM: James D. Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber B.C. 1, folio 63.

DATE: July 24, 1917.

NOTES: James Hayden leaves all is estate, real and personal, to his wife.

TO: James D. Hayden

FROM: J. Edward Burroughs and Hattie B. Burroughs, his wife.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EDA 8, folio 77.

DATE: August 28, 1909.

NOTES: Transfer of parcel "on the public road leading from Mechanicsville to Charlotte Hall...and between the property now occupied by Dr. Zach R. Morgan and the property now occupied by George H. Long." Price \$2800

TO: J. Edward Burroughs

FROM: J. Frank Dyson

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 420.

DATE: April 28, 1906

NOTES: Price \$1300

TO: J. Frank Dyson

FROM: John T. Ballenger

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 2, folio 507.

DATE: August 30, 1902.

NOTES: Transfer of "all that house and lot of ground...recently occupied by Aloysius E. Bowling." Being 1 acre more or less. Price: \$1300

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8.2 Chain of Title

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."

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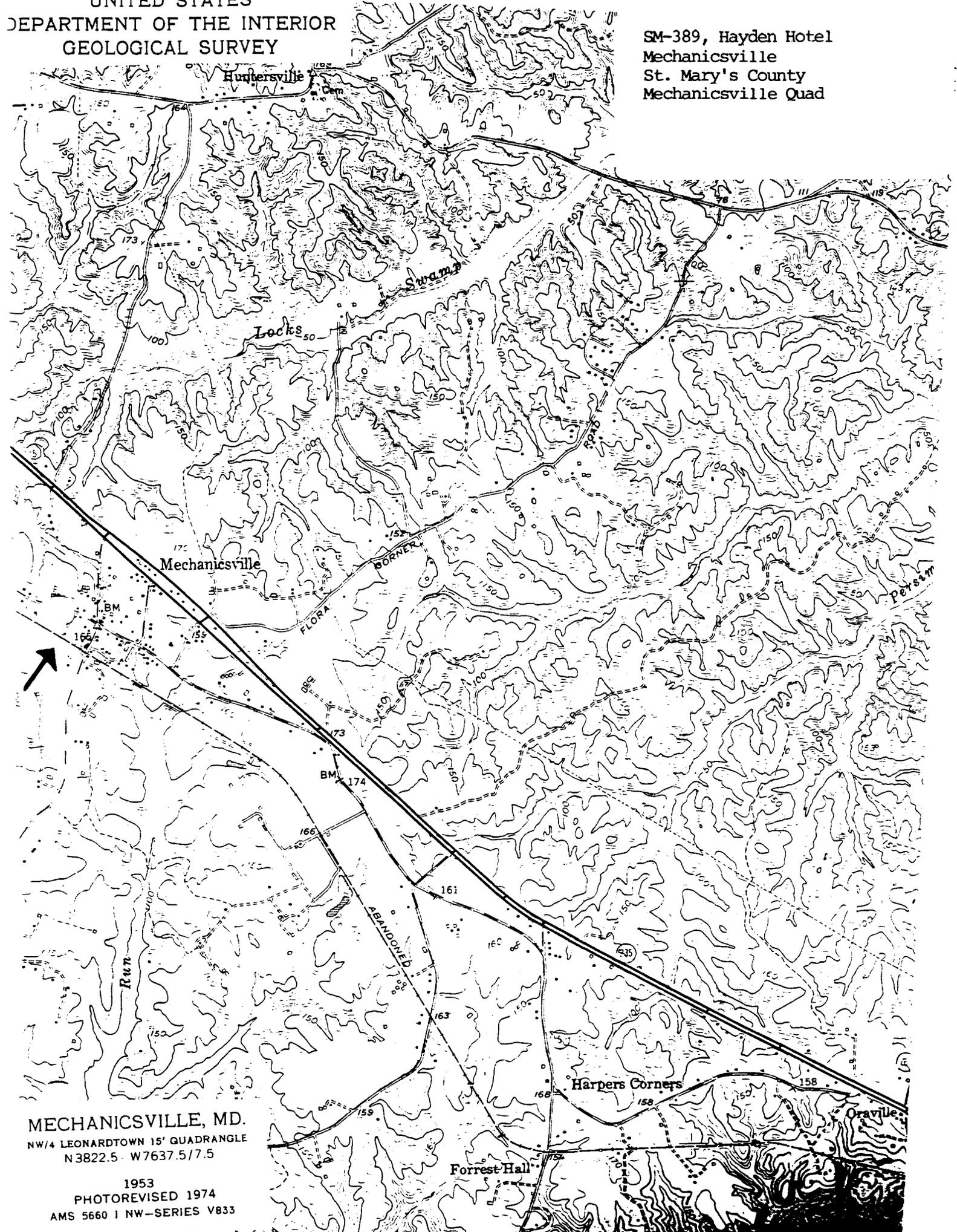
Verbal boundary and description:

"...being in the Village of Mechanicsville in St. Mary's County, Maryland, on the old public road, being Route No. 5 from Mechanicsville to Charlotte Hall in St. Mary's County, and between the property formerly occupied by Zach R. Morgan which is now owned by Kenneth Burroughs, and the property formerly occupied by George H. Long which is now owned by Paul Colona, the property conveyed by these presents being bounded as follows: East, by Maryland Route #5, on the West by Graves property, on the South by Kenneth Burroughs property and on the North by the property of Paul Colona..."

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 63, folio 46.

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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

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AMS 5660 I NW-SERIES V833





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