

SM-390
George H. Long house
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1870

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
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 George H. Long house

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side Old Route 5 ___ not for publication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 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 Paul Colonna Jr. and Catherine A. Colonna

street & number P.O. Box 64 telephone no.: 301-884-4966

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 MRB 307

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 446

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-390

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 George H. Long house is located on the south side of Old Route 5 in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The Long house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1870, the Long house is a two-story, frame structure sheathed in asbestos shingle siding. The gable roof is covered with pressed tin shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof on the north side. The foundation has been covered with cement.

The north (main) facade is pierced on the first floor by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and a replacement entrance door. Next to this door is a second and identical door which leads to a second floor apartment. These entrance doors are sheltered by a gable roof portico. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows. On the east end of the house is a two-story screened porch supported by square posts.

The west elevation is lit on the first and second floors by two six-over-six sash windows. The attic story is lit by one four-over-four sash window and the eave is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The south elevation of the main block is lit by one small six-over-six sash window on the first floor. The remainder of this elevation consists of a one-story, gable roof addition and a one-story shed roof addition. The shed roof addition is lit by one small one-over-one sash window while the gable roof addition is lit by one small six-over-six sash window. The second floor of the south elevation is lit by three six-over-six sash windows. There is a patch in the roof of this elevation which may have been the former site of an interior brick chimney.

The east elevation of the main block is largely obscured by a two-story screened porch. The northern most bays of the first and second floors are pierced by replacement doors which provide access to the porch. To the south of the porch, the house is lit by one six-over-six sash window on both the first and second floors. A one-story addition projects to the rear of the house. This addition is lit on the west side by one six-over-six sash window. Its gable roof is pierced by a cement stove stack.

The interior was not seen.

One outbuilding stands on the property consisting of a board and batten, gable roof garage.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-390

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 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	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.

According to local tradition, the Long house may be the oldest house standing in Mechanicsville. The Long house was certainly standing by 1873 when George Burroughs devised it to Elizabeth Copsey Long, wife of farmer George H. Long. Although it has been divided into two apartments and sheathed in asbestos shingles, the basic form of the house is little changed.

In 1915 George H. Long died and the property passed to his three children. In the 1930s, a small building stood in front of the Long house next to Old Route 5 where Mr. Long's son, also named George, operated a blacksmith shop. This George Long is listed in the 1910 census as a shoemaker with his own shop as well. By the 1950s two families were living in the house, and in 1955 Paul Colonna purchased the property. Today, it is divided into apartments.

The George H. Long house is a modest structure. Unlike other village residences which line Old Route 5, it is stepped back from the road on a lot devoid of landscaping and shade trees. The Long house's simple architectural style represents the earliest period of building in Mechanicsville.

SM-390, George H. Long house
St. Mary's County
8.1, Chain of Title

TO: Paul Colonna and Catherine A. Colonna, his wife.
FROM: Paul Colonna and Catherine A. Colonna, his wife.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 307, folio 446.
DATE: June 28, 1986.
NOTES: Transfer of six tracts: 1.) Same as MRB 86/182. 2.) Same as MRB 86/187.
3.) Same as MRB 86/190 4.) Same as MRB 86/192 5.) Same as MRB 86/195
6.) Same as MRB 86/197.

TO: Paul Colonna and Catherine A. Colonna, his wife.
FROM: Paul A. Colonna and Catherine A. Colonna, his wife.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 86, folio 182.
DATE: December 4, 1980.
NOTES: Transfer of a 2 1/2 acre property.

TO: Paul Colonna and Catherine A. Colonna, his wife.
FROM: Georgiana Long, widow, Raphael Long and Dorothy Long, his wife, and
Elizabeth Drury, devisees of George H. Long, dec'd.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 55, folio 186.
DATE: March 8, 1955.
NOTES: Transfer of a 2 1/2 acre property.

TO: Georgiana Long, Raphael Long, and Elizabeth Long.
FROM: George Henry Long
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber PHD 1, folio 463.
DATE: July 19, 1915.
NOTES: George H. Long devises to his wife the house and lot on which he now lives
in Mechanicsville. All the rest of his estate is divided between his children, Raphael
and Elizabeth Long.

TO: George Henry Long
FROM: George E. Long of Cleveland, OH, heir of Elizabeth Copsey Long.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 5, folio 9.
DATE: December 24, 1897.
NOTES: Transfer of his 1/3 interest in two acre property in Mechanicsville. Price: \$50

TO: George Henry Long
FROM: Myrtle Virginia Long
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 4, folio 384.
DATE: July 12, 1897.
NOTES: Transfer of her 1/3 interest in two acre property in Mechanicsville. Price: \$50

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St. Mary's County
8.2, Chain of Title

TO: George Henry Long

FROM: William T. Long

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 506.

DATE: February 27, 1894.

NOTES: Transfer of his 1/3 interest in "all that House and Lot or parcel of ground on the west side of Mechanicsville bounded on the north by the Public Road leading from said village to Charlotte Hall, on the west by the Catholic Church property, on the south by W&PRR on the east by the J.T.Ballenger property, containing 2 acres more or less." Price: \$200

TO: Heirs of Elizabeth Copsey Long

FROM: Elizabeth Copsey Long

RECORD:

DATE:

NOTES: Apparently, Elizabeth Copsey Long died intestate.

TO: Elizabeth Copsey Long, wife of George Long.

FROM: George T. Burroughs

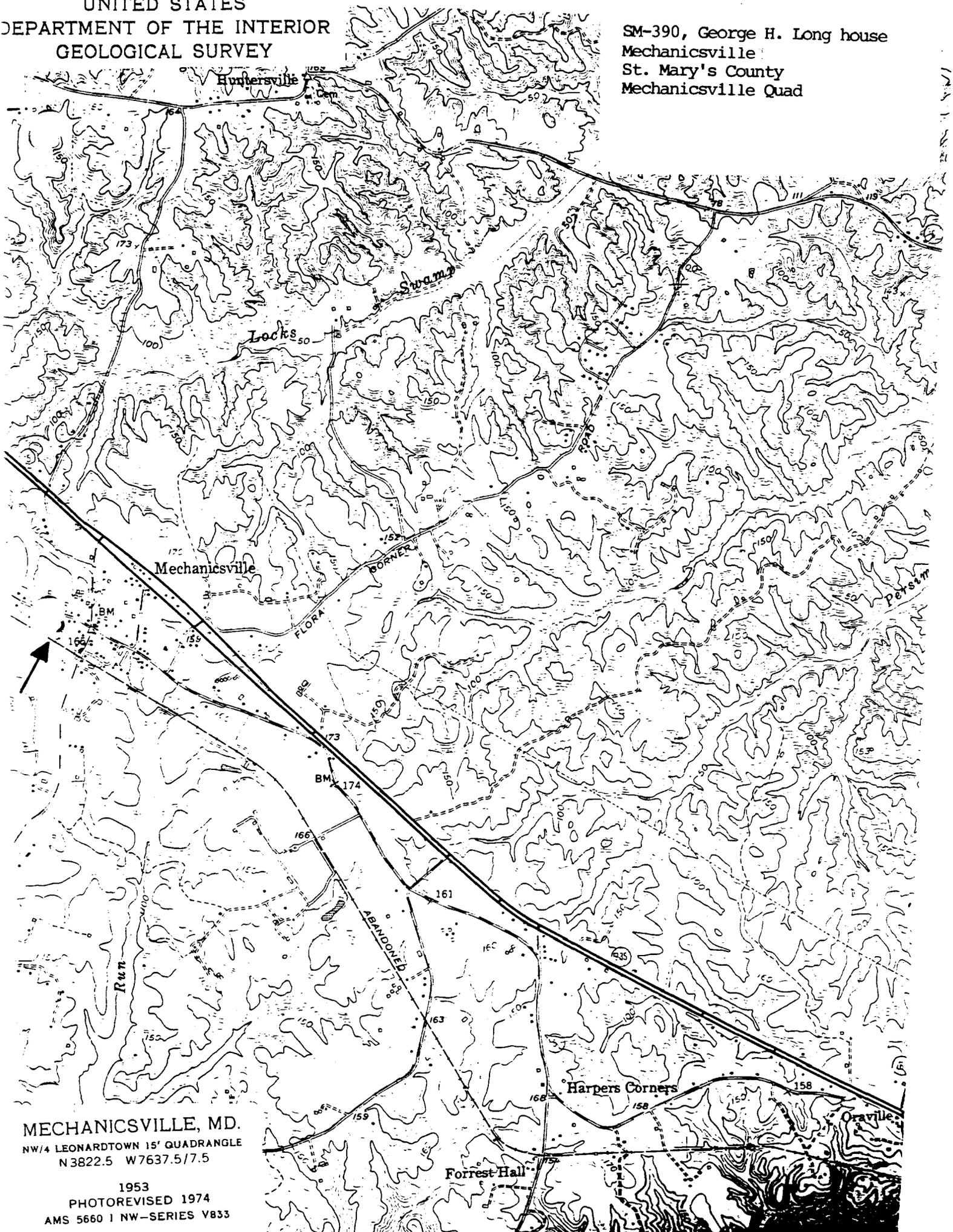
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JTMR 1, folio 337.

DATE: June 11, 1873.

NOTES: Item 3: "I give and bequeath to Mary Elizabeth Long, wife of George Long...the house and lot where they now live, to her and her heirs forever."

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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St. Mary's County
Mechanicsville Quad



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

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