

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Addendum

MIHP Number: SM-407

Property Name: Lawrence M. Davis House
Property Address: 37605 New Market Road
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Commonly referred to as New Market, St. Mary's County

Property Description:

Legal description: 2.00 acres South side New Market Road
St. Mary's County Deed reference: EWA 1835 Liber, Folio 448

Property Significance:

See attached description
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**UPDATE OF MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR THE
Lawrence M. Davis House, New Market, St. Mary's County, Maryland**

The first stage of construction of the Lawrence M. Davis House - C.1900 - appears to have been a three bay upper and lower, four room, very plain dwelling place that perhaps originally had a shed-like kitchen attached to the south side where large, later additions were added and which remain. The original building is plainly and sturdily constructed on an east-west axis by a competent craftsman. It was built with a genuine plaster over sawn wood lath interior. A single brick stack, centrally placed chimney designed for a then-popular coal or wood burning space heater served the principal downstairs east living room. A decorative mantel shelf has been removed. A look into the attic space revealed substantial rafter and plate carpentry with heavy sawn rafters of about 2 ½ X 6". The large north facade dormer is of original construction. Roof boards appear to be on the average 1 X 8-10"-wide rough cut lumber. A stairway in the first floor center hall appears to have been taken from an earlier, more sophisticated house, about mid-19th century vintage. The space in which the stairway and hall are located seems to have been planned before the stairway was installed and are of the wrong proportion. The stairway is too sophisticated for the rest of the house and is most likely a mid-19th century origin, made with professionally turned newel post and balusters. A substantial, later addition on the south side at least doubled the original floor area in the original structure. The interior of the addition rooms are sealed with sheet rock. Recent owners have added the popular laminated wood "panel" sheathing to walls in all the rooms. Nearly all the interior window and door trim has been removed without being replaced, making it more difficult to determine the exact age of the entire house. Most of the interior doors and their hardware (cast iron rim locks and porcelain coated steel knobs) appear to have come from another more sophisticated dwelling place. Exterior doors on the south side of the original structure led into space, perhaps porches, on the south side of the house. They remain in place, - large glass single panes and all. Making a more detailed and precise appraisal of the structure's condition is difficult because the entire exterior is now sheathed in contemporary vinyl siding.

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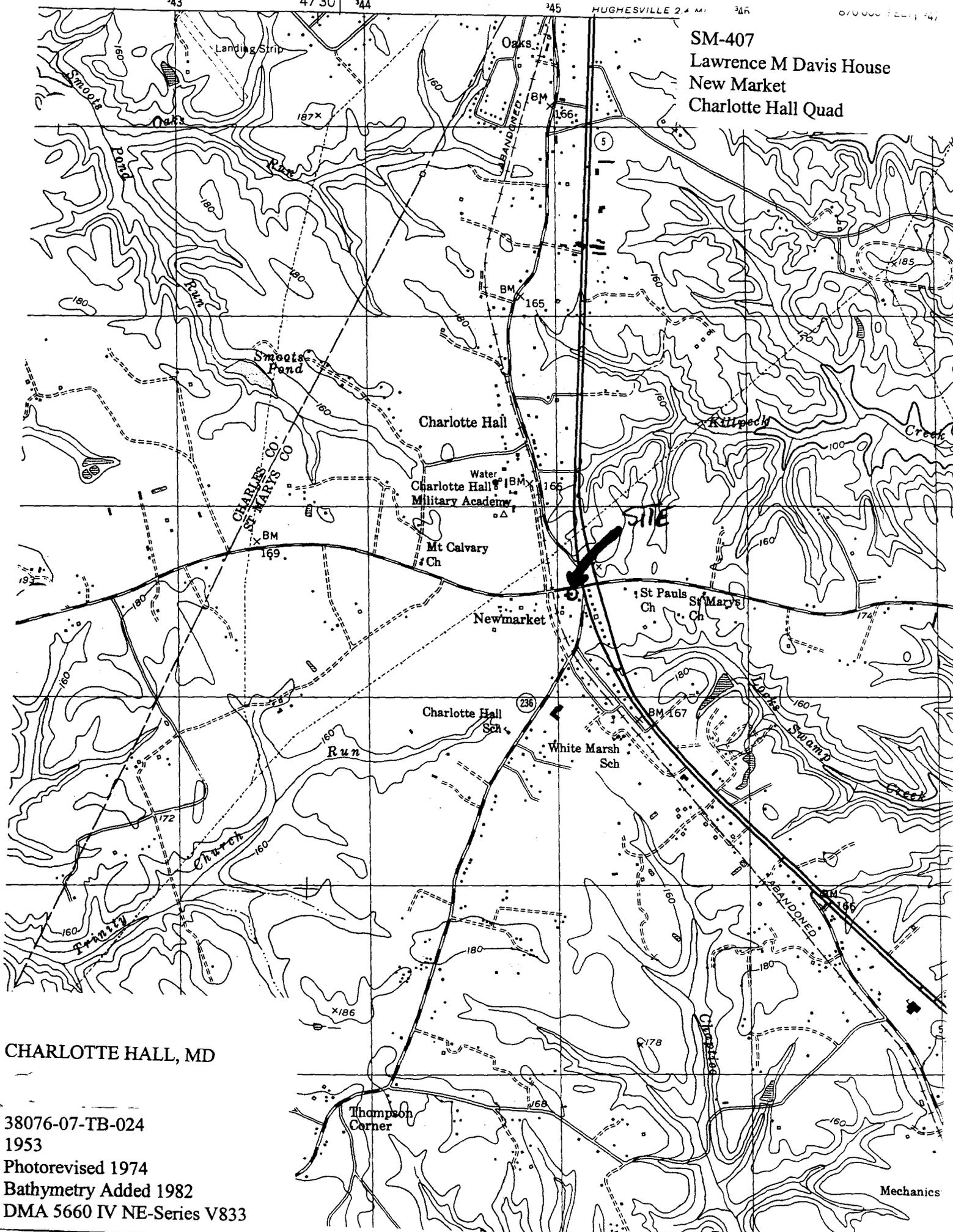
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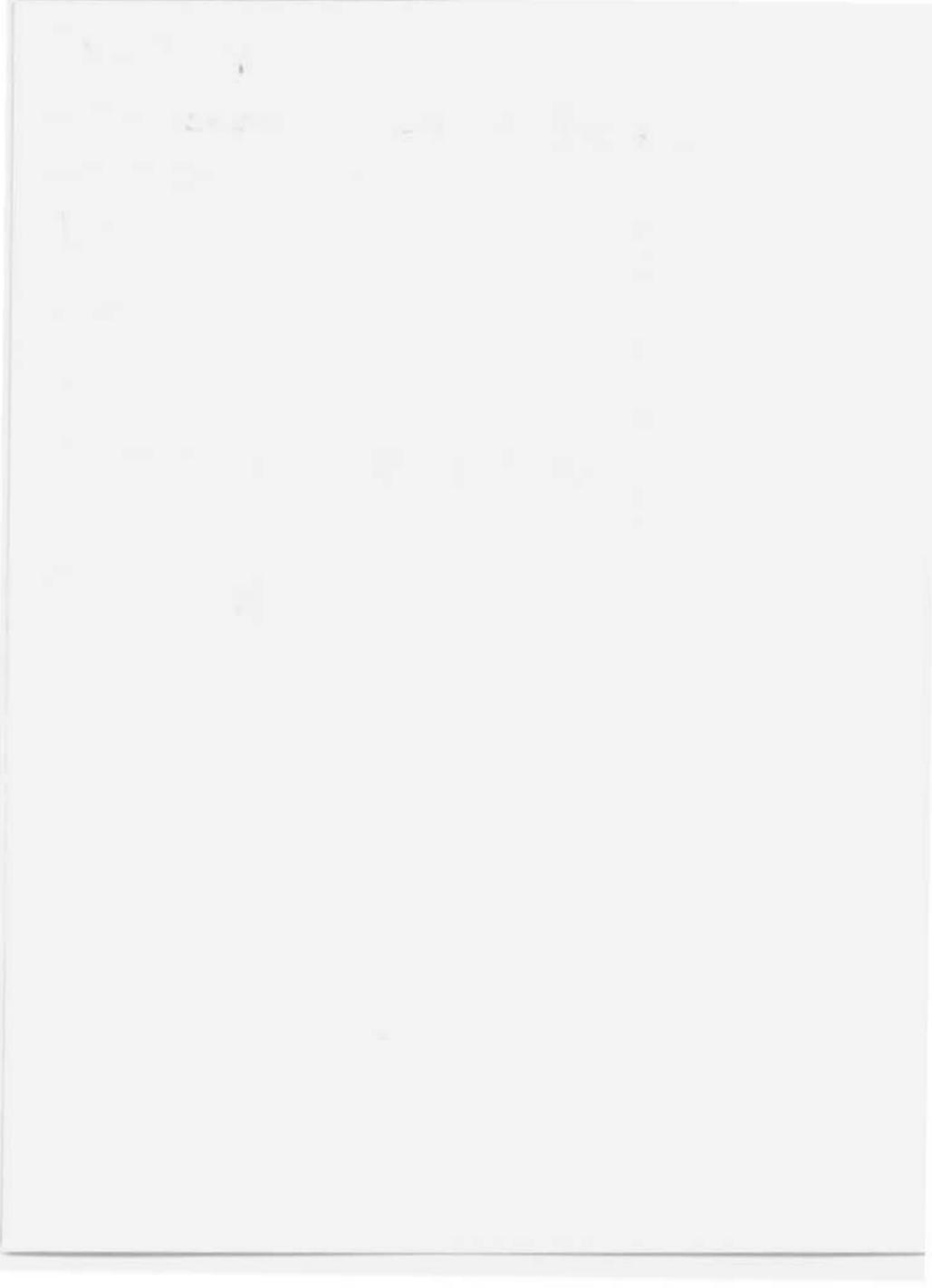


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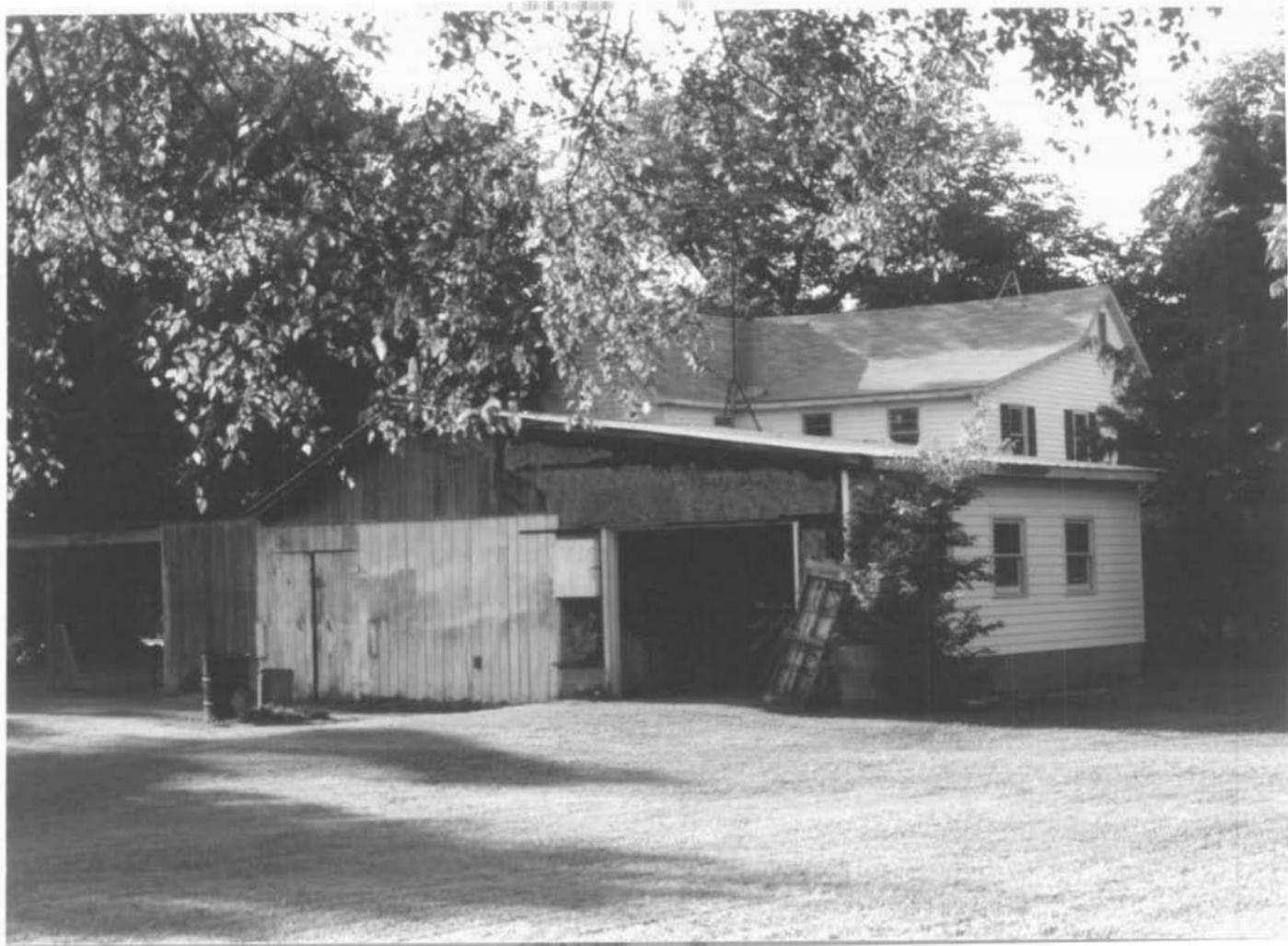
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Capsule Summary
SM-407
Lawrence M. Davis house
New Market
Private

Circa 1898

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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: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-407

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lawrence M. Davis House

2. Location

street & number Route 6 (La Plata New Market Rd.) ___ not for publication

city, town New Market ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

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

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

name Leonard E. and Barbara B. Ballard

street & number Rt. 1 Box 475 telephone no.: 301-884-4318

city, town Charlotte Hall state and zip code Md. 20622

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liberDBK 160

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 195

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-407}

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 Lawrence M. Davis house is located on the south side of Route 6 (La Plata - New Market Road) in the village of New Market. This house is the oldest of a row of three closely spaced frame houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries on the south side of Route 6 near its intersection with Route 5. The Davis house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east-west axis.

Built around 1898, this two-story, ell-shaped, frame structure was originally sheathed with German siding. It is now covered with vinyl siding. The foundation consists of masonry piers covered with a layer of sheet metal pressed in the form of rough-cut stone. There is a partial basement under the house. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and the roofline is finished with a boxed cornice.

The north (main) elevation is obscured by a two-story porch which was added around 1969. The porch is supported by square posts and has a square post baluster on the second floor. The first floor of the house has a modern entrance door flanked by three-light sidelights as its central bay. This door is flanked on either side by one one-over-one sash window with louvered shutters. The second floor has a four-light-over-two panel door as its central bay. This door is flanked on either side by one six-over-six sash window with shutters. Above this second floor rises a central cross gable lit by a six-pane, semi-circular window.

The west elevation is lit by one one-over-one sash window and two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters on the first floor. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows and one six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters. A louvered vent pierces the eave of this northern gable end.

The western most bay of the ell-shaped south elevation consists of a two-story, blind gable end. Originally, a two-story porch infill stood to the east of this bay. That porch was dismantled around 1969 and replaced by a one-story enclosure. This enclosed area is pierced by a modern entrance door and two two-over-two sash windows. An interior cinderblock chimney stands at the junction of the western gable end and this one-story enclosure. The second floor of the main block's two eastern bays is lit by two two-over-two sash windows.

The east elevation is lit on the first floor by two pairs of two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows and one two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters. The one-story shed roof addition which extends to the south is lit by a pair of two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM -407

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates unknown **Builder/Architect** unknown

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 Level of Significance: national state local

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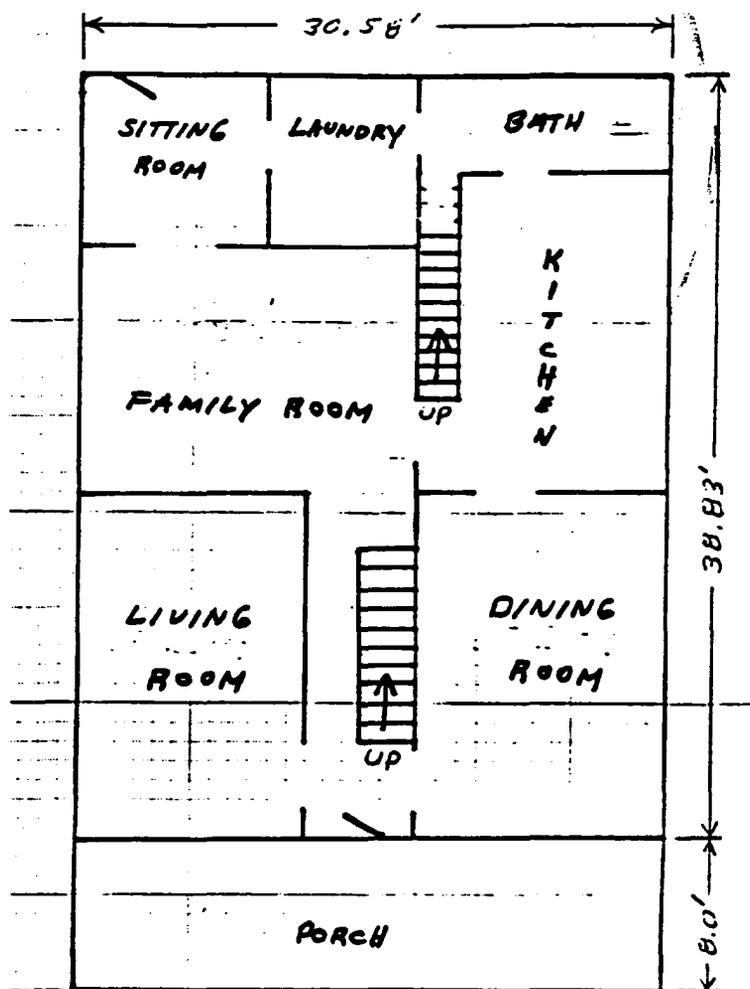
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Lawrence M. Davis purchased this property at a tax sale for \$117.50 in 1898. At that time the tract was known as "Johnsons." Davis operated a grocery store in New Market until he moved to Virginia in 1914. Prior to his move, Lawrence Davis sold the property, known as "Brotherhood" or "Land Bought of Martha Washington" by then, to his brother John M. Davis. John M. Davis also operated a grocery store in New Market and lived here until his death in 1967.

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St. Mary's County
7.2 Description

First floor plan

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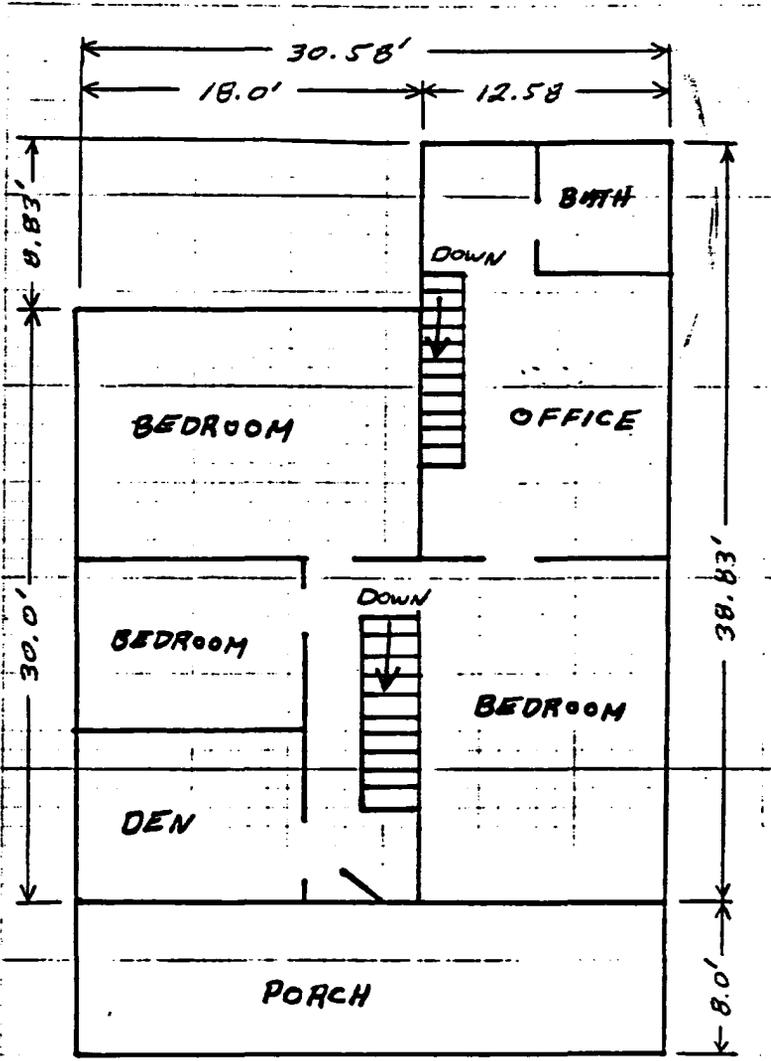
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7.3 Description

Second floor plan

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7.4 Description

The interior has been largely reworked, although an original mantle survives in the eastern parlor. This late nineteenth century mantle consists of Corinthian columns supporting a narrow mantle shelf. The center hall closed stringer stair has also been retained. This stair has a boldly turned newell post and turned balusters. The house also has a back stair which provides access between the kitchen and the second floor. Pressed tin once sheathed the kitchen walls.

There are two outbuildings on the property. A gable roof garage and workshop sheathed with board and batten siding and tar paper stands close to the house's south elevation. A gable roof tobacco barn sheathed with vertical planks stands southwest of the house. The barn is now used for storage.

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8.1 Significance

TO: Lenard E. and Barbara B. Ballard
FROM: Margaret Davis Lumm, Guy V. Lumm, Lillian Davis Brown, James R. Brown, John M. Davis, and Joanne H. Davis.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 160, folio 195.
DATE: April 30, 1970

NOTES: The grantors are the heirs of John M. Davis and Nettie M. Davis, both of whom died intestate. John M. Davis died prior to Nettie M. Davis who died on April 6, 1967. At her death Nettie M. Davis owned this two acre parcel in New Market which was occupied by a private residence, two-car garage, and a small barn (Inventory of Realty MRB 2/146). Settlement of the estate is described in Equity Case No. A-3574. This deed is for a transfer of 1.973 acres being part of EBA 13/56.

TO: John M. Davis and Nettie M. Davis
FROM: Lawrence M. Davis and Rosenia Davis
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 13, folio 56.
DATE: October 5, 1914

NOTES: Parcel known as "Brotherhood" or "Land Bought of Martha Washington" sold for uncollected taxes. Price: \$1500

TO: Lawrence M. Davis
FROM: John H. Parsons, Tax Collector
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JJG 5, folio 208.
DATE: April 26, 1898

NOTES: Four and a half acre tract known as "Brotherhood" or "Land Bought of Martha Washington" assessed to George P. Lee sold for failure to pay taxes in 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895. Price: \$117.50

TO: George P. Lee
FROM: Theophilus Harrison and Mary E. Harrison
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 5, folio 84.
DATE: June 20, 1881

NOTES: Transfer of a portion of "Johnson Property" sold at a Trustees sale by Combs and Downs and of which M. M. Washington became purchaser and sold to Theophilus Harrison.

TO: Theophilus Harrison
FROM: M. M. Washington
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 1, folio 254.
DATE: October 14, 1874.

NOTES: Transfer of four acre tract, being a portion of the "Johnson Property" which was sold at a Trustees sale by Combs and Downs. Price: \$50

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8.2 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: George P. Lee

FROM: M. M. Washington

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 1, folio 182.

DATE: June 2, 1873

NOTES: Transfer of four and a half acre tract called "Johnsons" lying "... on the main road from the Gate to the corner from the railroad with interest from date near Charlotte Hall." Lee has agreed to pay Washington for this property in a series of installments. Apparently, Lee is unable to pay the total \$50 purchase price within the allotted time period, and Washington sells the property the following year to Theophilus Harrison.

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10.1 Geographic Description

Verbal boundary description and justification

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 160, folio 196.

BEGINNING for the same at an iron pipe fixed in the ground in the south right-of-way line of Maryland Route 6 leading from New Market to Dentsville, said pipe marking the northeast corner of the land of Konneth Dyson as described in deed 75 folio 37 and the northwest corner of the parcel now described; running thence with said Route 6 N 89 deg. 25 min. E - 215.90 feet to a pipe; thence leaving said Route 6 and running with the John Roache and the Paul Colonna lots S 11 deg. 53 min. 02 sec. W - 263.98 feet to a pipe; thence S 77 deg. 51 min. 09 sec. E - 88.06 feet to a pipe fixed in the west right-of-way line of Route 236 - 20 feet from the center line thereof; thence with Route 236 S 14 deg. 55 min. 30 sec. W - 203.25 feet to a pipe; thence leaving said Route 236 and running with the land of Ben Burroughs, Jr. N 74 deg. 34 min. 30 sec. W - 179.60 feet to a pipe; thence with the Konneth Dyson lot N 02 deg. 59 min. 40 sec. W - 423.85 feet to the point of beginning, containing (1.973) Acres, more or less.

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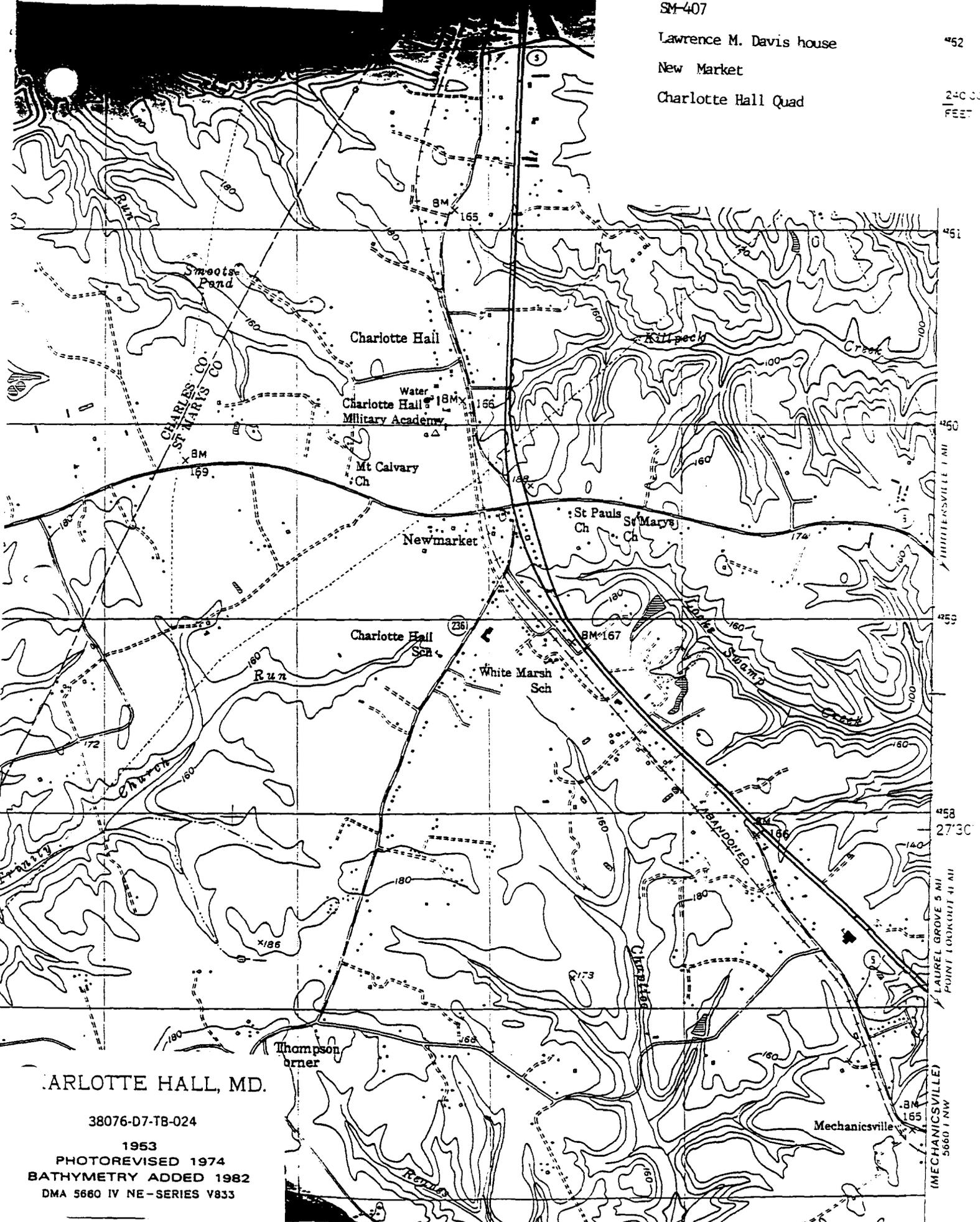
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New Market

Charlotte Hall Quad

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