

Capsule Summary  
SM-419  
George T. Nelson House  
Chaptico  
Private

Circa 1890-1900

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State 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 REMAINS

Survey No. SM-419

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Nelson Home

and/or common George T. Nelson House

## 2. Location

street & number Hurry-Chaptico Road  not for publication

city, town Chaptico  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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Eugene & Shelby P. Guazzo

street & number Box 2 telephone no.: 301769-2272

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md. 20621

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber DBK 204

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 110

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: 2

The George T. Nelson House is located on a knoll in the landscape above a stream once known as "Mill Run" on the southern border of the village of Chaptico. The house faces north towards the village center with its gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The Nelson House is surrounded by cedar and deciduous trees and boxwood. A cement walkway provides access to the front entrance door. Three outbuildings stand on the south side of the house. To the west of the two-story, frame structure stands the one-story Chaptico Infirmary, constructed in the 1970s.

Built around the turn of the century, the exterior of the Nelson House is now sheathed with asbestos shingle siding. The roof is covered with metal and finished with a simple boxed cornice. The foundation, now protected with a layer of sheet metal, consists of stone piers.

The first floor of the north (main) elevation is mostly obscured by a screened porch across the first floor. The porch roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and supported by square post supports. Behind the porch, the facade is pierced by a central four-light over two-panel entrance door flanked on either side by a six-over-six sash window with plain, narrow surrounds. To the east of the main block stands a one-story, hipped roof wing constructed in 1980. This addition has a cinderblock foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. It is lit by one six-over-six sash window. The second floor of the main block is lit by two six-over-six sash windows like those on the first floor.

The west elevation is a flush gable end lit on the first floor by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow, plain surrounds. The second floor is blind. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridgeline of the roof at this west end of the house. A one-story, shed roof addition extends to the south, lit by a four-pane window.

The south elevation consists of a modern one-story shed roof addition across the entire first floor. This addition is lit by four single-pane windows and one three-light over three-panel door. To the east of the main block extends a one-story addition lit by one six-over-six sash window. The second floor of the main block is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with plain, narrow surrounds.

The east elevation of the Nelson House main block is a flush gable end. The first floor of this elevation is obscured by a one-story, hipped roof addition. The addition's eastern elevation is blind. The shed roof addition which extends to the south of the main block is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The second floor of the main block is lit by two six-over-six sash windows. An interior brick chimney

# 8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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
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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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pierces the roof's ridgeline at this east end of the house.

The interior was not seen.

Three outbuildings stand on the south side of the house. One of these is a shed roof outhouse sheathed with corrugated metal and vertical board siding. The second building is a storage shed sheathed with vertical boards and corrugated metal. Both outbuildings are in bad condition. The third outbuilding is a gable roof structure sheathed with vertical boards on all sides but the western end which is sheathed with board and batten siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has exposed rafter feet. A shed roof addition extends to the south of the structure. Formerly a meathouse, this building is in good condition and is currently used for storage.

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The George T. Nelson House  
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Chain of Title

TO: Eugene and Shelby P. Guazzo  
FROM: Obiediah Nelson  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 204, folio 110  
DATE: January 2, 1974  
NOTES: Transfer of 7.642 acres.

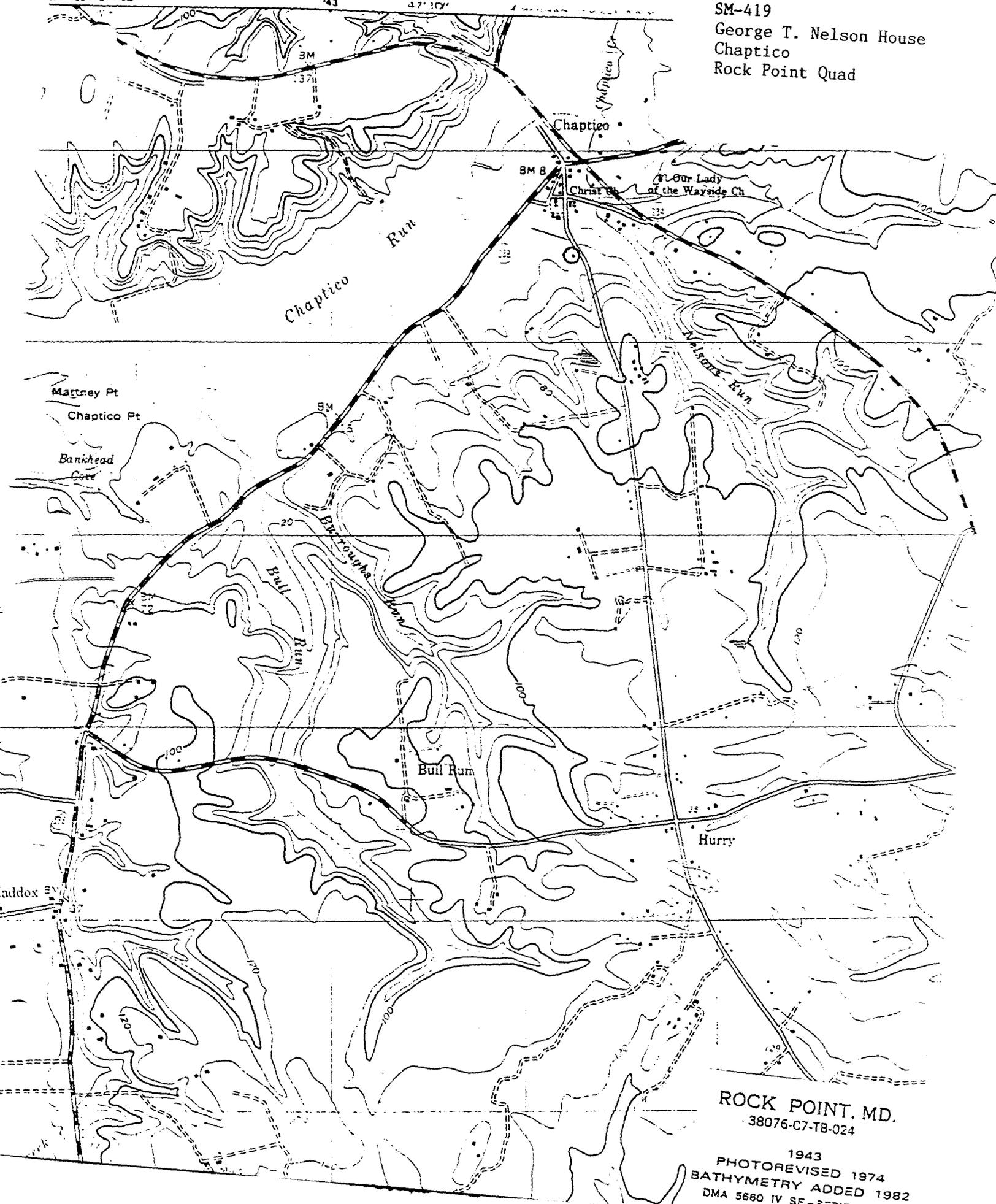
TO: Obiediah Nelson  
FROM: James R. Nelson, Daisey C. Nelson, James W. Knott, Mary E. Knott, Marion I. Nelson, Mamie E. Russell, Jetson Russell, Thomas B. Nelson, and Mary I. Nelson.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 19, folio 239.  
DATE: July 1, 1920.  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres being the same lot known as "The Nelson Home." The above grantors are the heirs of George and Catherine Nelson. There is no record of the death of George or Catherine Nelson in the St. Mary's County Orphans Court Records.

TO: George T. Nelson and Catherine A. Nelson  
FROM: John C. Reeves and Samuel S. Reeves  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 1, folio 156.  
DATE: July 13, 1899.  
NOTES: Transfer of part of the "Red House Farm" of which the late Nannie Hayden died possessed. Price: \$125

TO: John C. Reeves  
FROM: Heirs of Nannie Hayden, being J.R.Thomas Reeves, Elizabeth E. Reeves, Oscar G. Hayden, Kate Hayden, Samuel Hayden, Charlotte Hayden, Webster Hayden, Mary Hayden, Wilfred Gough, Rebecca Gough, John B. Lyon, Elizabeth Lyon, Perry Hayden, William McKinny Burroughs, Sarah Burroughs.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 218.  
DATE: July 8, 1893.  
NOTES: Transfer of 400 acres of "Red House Farm" being a portion of real estate of the late Garner Hayden. Price: \$2000

5660 IV NE  
CHARLOTTE HALL

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Rock Point Quad



ROCK POINT, MD.  
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1943  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV SE - SERIES V877









