

Capsule Summary  
SM-423  
S.Sprigg Reeves House  
Chaptico vicinity  
Private

1905

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SM- 423 , S. Sprigg Reeves House  
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  
Agriculture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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-423

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common S. Sprigg Reeves House

**2. Location**

street & number East side Chaptico-Hurry Road  not for publication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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 George B. Reeves

street & number Box 4 Hurry Road telephone no.: 301 884-3431

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber CBG-20

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 232

city, town Leonardtown state

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository 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: 1

The S. Sprigg Reeves House is located at the end of an unpaved, tree-lined lane on the east side of the Chaptico-Hurry Road near the village of Chaptico in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is part of a large farmstead which extends to the south of the residence. The house faces west.

Built in 1905 for S. Sprigg Reeves, this two-and-a-half story, five-bay structure was remodeled in the late 1960s. Originally sheathed with German siding, the original siding remains in place underneath a layer of asbestos shingle siding. The roof, originally covered with wood shingles, is now covered with metal shingles. The house is supported by a continuous brick foundation.

The west (main) elevation is pierced by a central entrance door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights. Flanking the entrance door are two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters on either side. A full-width porch extends across the first floor of the west elevation. The porch is supported by turned posts with decorative brackets. A square post baluster was added by the current owners. The second floor of the house is lit by five two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The upper half story consists of a cross gable sheathed with saw-tooth shingles and lit by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. This cross gable is finished with a plain eave board and a heavy cyma curve molding.

The north elevation is lit on the first and second floors by two two-over-two sash windows with plain, flat surrounds. The upper half story of this elevation is lit by one two-over-two sash window with plain surrounds and is finished with cornice returns. A common bond exterior brick chimney is centered against this north wall of the house.

The first floor of the east elevation is mostly obscured by an enclosed shed roof porch. Originally two separate back porches, these adjoining porches have been enclosed and joined on the interior. The southern section of the porch is lit by a bank of three six-over-six sash windows with wide, plain surrounds. A partially glazed entrance door opens onto the northern section of the porch. The north side of this enclosure is lit by one three-light window. To the north of the porch addition, the main block of the house is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The center bay of this elevation projects to the east, and constitutes an addition built around the 1940s for use as a bathroom. This bay is sheathed with weatherboard and is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The cross gable at the upper half story is lit by one two-over-two sash window.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-423

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1905 **Builder/Architect** unknown

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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Reeves family occupation in the Chaptico area dates back to the early 1800s. Samuel Sprigg Reeves, son of Dr. John R. T. Reeves, was primarily a farmer. He comprised the tract of land on which this house stands by combining a portion of "Red House Farm" with a portion of "Southampton." At one time the site was known as "Grampion Hills." In addition to his farming operation, Reeves maintained an interest in a number of properties in the village of Chaptico, including the James H. Drury House (SM-147 ), the George R. Garner Storehouse (SM-418 ), and Locust Grove (SM-148).

Reeves son, George B. Reeves, currently occupies the S. Sprigg Reeves House and farms the surrounding acreage. Farm buildings extend to the south of the house, which are used by the current owners as part of their pig and tobacco farming business.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-423

Mr. & Mrs George B. Reeves. Personal Interview, April 1994

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 Acres

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tow Acres Surrounding the house

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Leonardtwn state Md

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7.1 Description

The south elevation of the main block is lit by two two-over-two sash windows on both the first and second floors. One small one-over-one sash window also lights an interior bathroom on the second floor. The eave is lit by one two-over-two sash window and finished with cornice returns. The enclosed shed roof porch addition which extends to the east of the house is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door and one six-over-six sash window on this south side. An exterior cinderblock chimney stands against the wall of this porch enclosure.

The interior of the house has a center hall plan with a wainscoted open stringer stair. The stair is finished with scroll decoration and has a turned newell post and turned balusters. At the end of the entrance hall is a small room accessible behind a pair of French doors which originally served as a pantry area. From this room, a door originally opened onto an exterior porch. To the north of the entrance hall is one large room which was originally divided into two parlors. The large fireplace mantel in this room originally stood in the house "White Plains" which was destroyed by fire. The mantel consists of fluted pilasters surmounted by frieze blocks decorated with a flower motif. The frieze itself is decorated with a gougework pattern. A bed molding of alternating vertical and then horizontal bands extends across the base of the mantle shelf. This fireplace was opened up during the remodeling of the house. The house itself was not built with fireplaces, but equipped with flues for the eight stoves which heated the house. To the south of the entrance hall is a room currently used as the dining room. To the east of the dining room is the kitchen.

The second floor of the house consists of a central hall flanked by two bedrooms on the north and south sides. A small room at the east end of the hall was added for use as a bathroom around the 1940s. An enclosed winder stair to the attic is located in the northeast corner of the hall. The large attic space has been finished by the current owners.

The Reeves' farm is involved in both tobacco and pig farming. Most of the farm outbuildings on the property were constructed after the 1940s. One frame tobacco barn dates to the 1920s.

Across the Chaptico-Hurry Road from the Reeves House is a two-story tenant house which stands on the Reeves' property. Originally a tenant house for the nearby Red House Farm, the oldest section of this house was destroyed by fire.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: George B. Reeves

FROM: Mary G. Reeves, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 20, folio 232.

DATE: July 3, 1947.

NOTES: Transfer of 80 acres of South Hampton.

TO: George B. Reeves

FROM: S. Sprigg Reeves, Virginia S. Reeves, Virginia R. James, widow, Mary G. Reeves, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 20, folio 232.

DATE: July 3, 1947.

NOTES: Transfer of home farm of Samuel S. Reeves comprised of several parcels being EBA 3/404, EBA 5/45, JMM 3/513, JMM 3/49. The land being conveyed is the same as that Samuel S. Reeves devised to his widow and children in MLC 1/338.

TO: Heirs of Samuel S. Reeves

FROM: Samuel S. Reeves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber MLC 1, folio 338.

DATE: 1933

NOTES: All of his estate, both real and personal.

TO: Samuel S. Reeves

FROM: Elizabeth T. Waring

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 3, folio 513.

DATE: February 27, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of 19 acres of "The Boggs." Price: \$200

TO: Samuel S. Reeves

FROM: James R. Nelson and Daisey C. Nelson

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 3, folio 49.

DATE: March 13, 1925.

NOTES: Transfer of one acre of "The Boggs." Price: \$600

TO: Samuel S. Reeves

FROM: John C. Reeves and Mary C. Reeves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 45.

DATE: May 27, 1905.

NOTES: Transfer of the eastern portion of Red House Farm.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Samuel S. Reeves

FROM: Nannie M. Hayden and Samuel B. Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 3, folio 404.

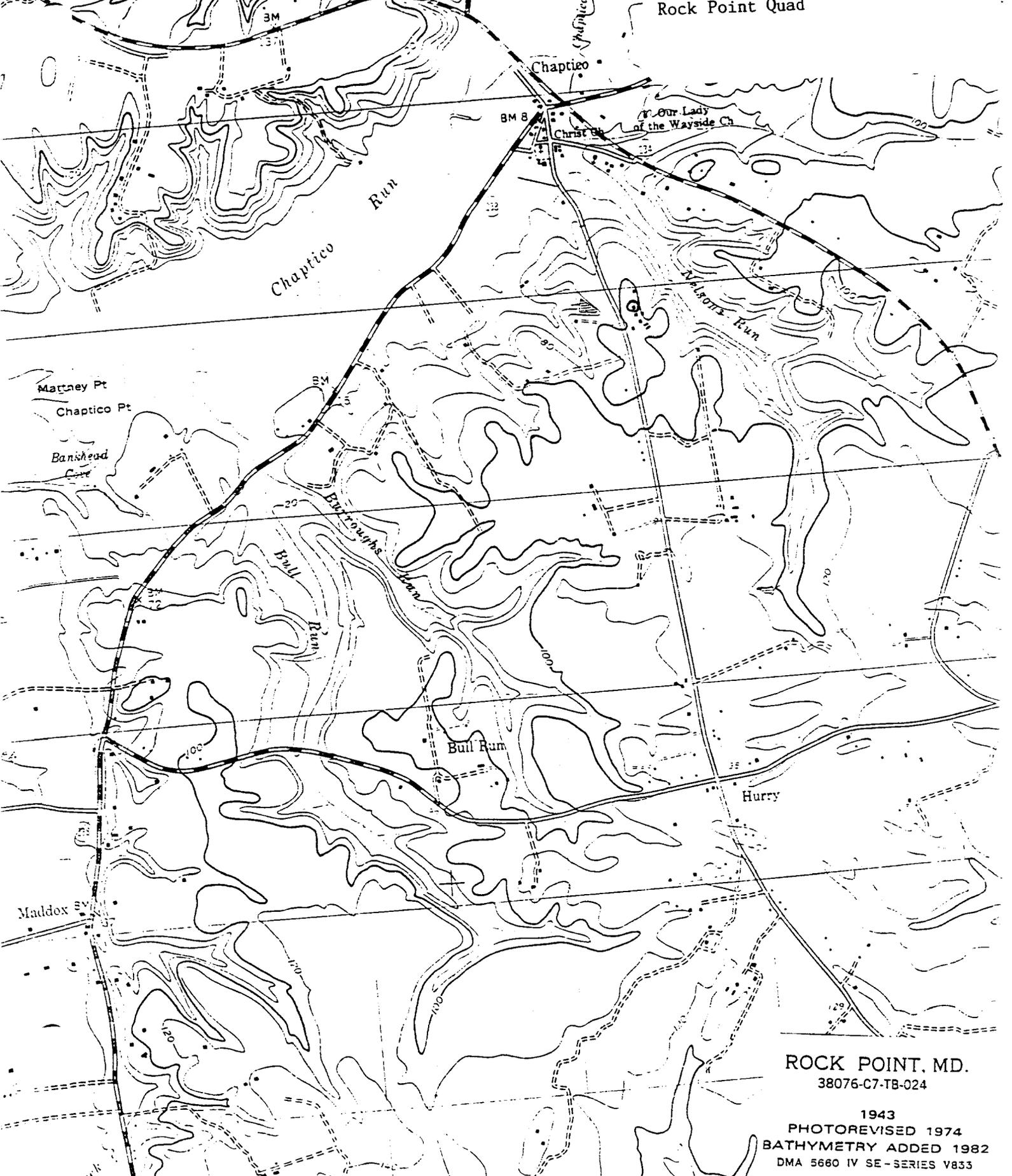
DATE: November 10, 1903.

NOTES: Transfer of 80 acres, being part of Southampton. Price: \$750.

5660 IV NE  
CHARLOTTE HALL

143 47 30'

SM-423  
S. Spriggs Reeves House  
Chaptico Vicinity  
Rock Point Quad



ROCK POINT, MD.  
38076-C7-TB-024

1943  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV SE-SERIES V833



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NW Elevation

1/4



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SE Elevation

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SH-423, S. Sprigg Reeves House

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Interior mantel.

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CM-423, S. Sprigg Reeves House

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Outbuildings

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