

Capsule Summary  
SM-427  
George F. Maddox House  
Maddox vicinity  
Private

Circa 1860

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815 -1870.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

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=427

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George F. Maddox House

and/or common

## 2. Location

East side of Route 238

street & number East side of Route 238

not for publication

city, town Maddox

vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Marland

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 George William West and David Lewis West

street & number P.O. Box 487

telephone no. :301-769-2075

city, town Chaptico

state and zip code Md 20621

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 8

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 201

city, town Leonardtwn 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 George F. Maddox House is located on the east side of Route 238 near Maddox in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is located on a hill in the landscape and is surrounded by trees to the north and south. A concrete block retaining wall is located about 25 feet west of the structure's west elevation. To the east of the house, the grassy backyard slopes towards a wooded gully. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. Two outbuildings and the ruins of a tobacco barn stand to the south of the house.

Constructed in the 1860s, the main block of the Maddox house is a two-and-a-half story frame structure with a side hall, double pile plan. A one-story frame addition built in the 1950s extends to the south of the house. The Maddox house main block was originally supported by brick piers which have been infilled with concrete blocks and covered with concrete. The foundation of the addition is concrete block. The exterior of both the main block and addition is sheathed with asbestos shingle siding. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) elevation of the main block is lit by a bank of three one-over-one sash windows as the southern bay and by a partially glazed entrance door to the north. An enclosed screened porch addition including the entrance door bay extends to the north of the main block. This addition has a shed roof and a cinderblock foundation. The second floor of the house is lit by a bank of three one-over-one sash windows and one single one-over-one sash window. All of these windows are sheltered by metal awnings. The upper half story of the house is pierced by two gable roofed dormers lit by six-over-six sash windows. The one-story addition to the south is lit by one one-over-one sash window and a bank of two one-over-one sash windows.

The north elevation is lit by one one-over-one sash window on both the first and second floors. This gable end roofline has a medium roof overhang.

The east elevation of the main block is lit on the first floor by two one-over-one sash windows and by a partially glazed entrance door as the northern most bay. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows. Both the door and window surrounds on this elevation are narrow, beaded surrounds. The one-story addition to the south of the main block is sheathed with aluminum siding. This addition, originally a porch on the south side of the one-story wing, was enclosed in the 1970s. It is lit by a band of two-over-two sash windows.

The south side of the main block is blind. Two exterior brick chimneys stand against this gable end of the house. While the base of these chimneys stands flush

# 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/
<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**                    none                    **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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John Maddox devised this property, originally a portion of Bashford Manor, to his three sons, George F., John, and William A., in 1832. By 1836, George F. Maddox possessed the sole interest in the 145 acre property. In 1866 Maddox divided the lot between himself and Jane C. Burch.

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against the house, the smokestack is freestanding. The one-story addition on this south end is pierced by a bank of two two-over-two sash windows, one single one-over-one sash window, and one three-light-over-three-panel door. Two exterior common bond chimneys stand against this south elevation of the addition.

The interior of the house consists of a side hall with doors at both the west and east ends. A paneled open stringer stair with scroll decoration is located in the hall. The boldly turned newell post stands on a square block. The stair has a molded handrail and balusters which taper towards a turned base. A two-panel door opens to a closet located under the stair. Here, the wood which comprises the stair is marked with up-and-down saw marks and held together with mature machine cut nails. Originally plastered, the two parlors to the south of the hall have been reworked on the interior. The ceiling in the east parlor has been removed to reveal the partially hewn ceiling joists. Here, the arched brick work of the fireplace has been exposed. A pair of French doors separate these two parlors. The second floor consists of two bedrooms above the two first floor parlors. A bathroom is located in a small room above the first floor entrance door. The attic is not finished and was not accessible.

Underneath the house, hewn ground sills and milled floor joists which are half-lapped onto the sills are visible. The base of the chimneys consists of field stones.

Two frame outbuildings stand south of the house. One of these is a gable roof structure which faces north with its gable roof on a north/south axis. The exterior of the outbuilding is covered with asphalt shingle siding and the east and west sides are pierced with six-over-six sash windows. An entrance door is located on its north side. The use of this building is unclear. It may have served as a meathouse at one time or as a shed for a Delco battery. A frame granary stands nearby. The granary roof is oriented on an east/west axis. At one time a pig was kept in the east end of the granary while the west end was used for grain storage. Both structures are currently used for storage. The ruins of a tobacco barn are located south of these two outbuildings.

Another tobacco barn, located across from the house on the west side of Route 238, originally stood on the Maddox property as well. This barn is in poor condition and covered with poison ivy. Sheathed with vertical wood siding and roofed with corrugated metal, the structural system of the barn consists of vertical posts set onto the ground.

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#### Chain of Title

TO: George William West and David Lewis West  
FROM: Richard C. McHugh  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 8, folio 201.  
DATE: April 4, 1978.  
NOTES: Transfer of 10 acres being part of DBK 168/328.

TO: Richard C. McHugh, unmarried.  
FROM: Julia Maddox Stahl, unmarried.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 168, folio 328.  
DATE: June 18, 1971.  
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels, 1.) part of Bashford Manor being 33 acres and the Slye property being 83 acres. The Slye property being improved by a dwelling house, grainary, and a barn. 2.) 102 acres

TO: Julia M. Stahl  
FROM: William Aleck Loker, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 22, folio 491.  
DATE: March 11, 1949  
NOTES: Transfer of part of Bashford Manor more recently known as Slye View being 233 acres. Sale result of a Circuit Court decree in case 2305 of Lucy Maddox et al vs. Julia M. Stahl.

TO: Heirs  
FROM: George W. Maddox  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, JWG 1, folio 405.  
DATE: September 7, 1947.  
NOTES: I devise all my real estate to my wife Lucy V. Maddox and after her death to my five children with the exception of 1/5 of said real estate which I devise to my son and after his death to his two children William J. Maddox Jr. and Charlotte V. Maddox.

TO: George W. Maddox  
FROM: William J. Maddox and Isabel Maddox  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 10, folio 216.  
DATE: May 3, 1937.  
NOTES: Transfer of part of Bashford Manor being 233 acres.

TO: William J. Maddox of New York City.  
FROM: George M. Slye, Emma Slye, Mary Gwynn Clagett, Margaret Bowling,  
Chapman Slye, Elizabeth Slye, Frank Slye, Jennie L. Slye, Harry L. Slye, Nellie Slye,

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Elizabeth Lynch, Luke Philemon Slye, Robert Slye, Lillie M. Slye.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 416.  
DATE: August 23, 1929.  
NOTES: Transfer of part of Bashford Manor being 233 acres.

TO: Heirs  
FROM: George Francis Maddox  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JBA 1, folio 27.  
DATE: February 8, 1881.  
NOTES: I give and bequeath to my son Francis James Maddox the land which I purchased from the late G. Frederick Maddox, Trustee of A. O. Burch whereon George R. Slye and my daughter Georgeanna Slye now reside, in trust for my said daughter...during her life and after her death in trust for her children until they become of legal age at which point the trust will terminate and the real estate will be bequeathed to the said children.

TO: George Francis Maddox  
FROM: B. Harris Camalier, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JAC 2, folio 54.  
DATE: May 15, 1866.  
NOTES: This agreement intends to separate the interests of joint tenants George F. Maddox and Jane C. Burch in Bashford Manor, being known as the former residence of the late Jeremiah Alvey. On February 6, 1866 Oscar G. Hayden divided the land, with George F. Maddox receiving the land located on the north side of the dividing line.

TO: George F. Maddox  
FROM: William A. Maddox  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 544  
DATE: November 8, 1836.  
NOTES: Transfer of that part of Bashford Manor which William A. Maddox inherited from his father John Maddox.

TO: George F. Maddox  
FROM: John Maddox  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 9, folio 247.  
DATE: May 22, 1832.  
NOTES: Transfer of all his interest in the land his father John Maddox died possessed being 145 3/4 acres of Bashford Manor. John Maddox died intestate in 1833 as per estate #498.

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George F. Maddox House  
Maddox Vicinity  
Rock Point Quad



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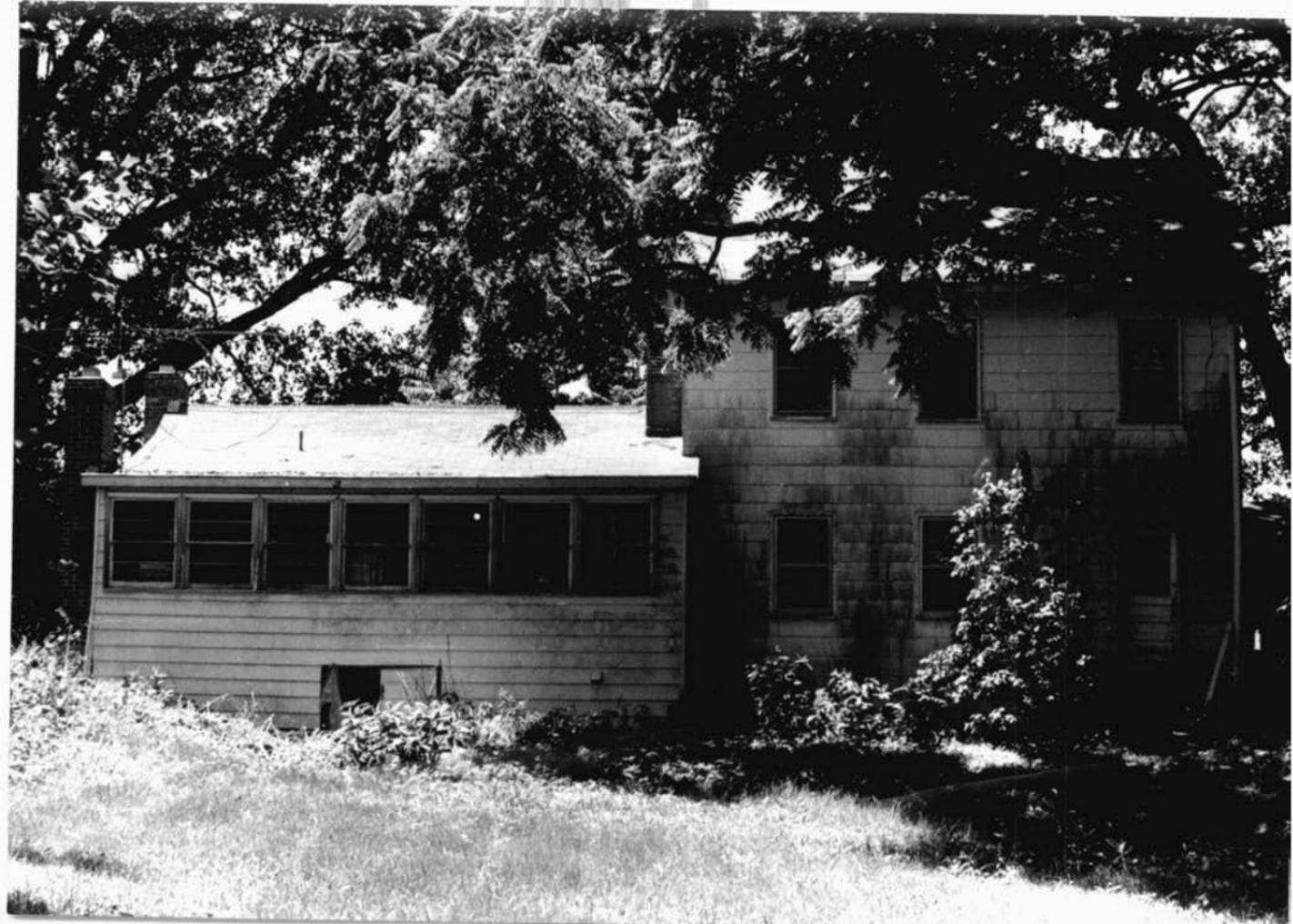
Elizabeth H. Maddox

May 1899

MD SHED

SW Elevation

1/2



SM-427 George F. Haddock H.V.C

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Elizabeth Hughes

May 1914

MS HED

E. Hughes

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