

Capsule Summary  
SM-431  
Hazlehurst  
Chaptico vicinity  
Private

Circa 1850; 1895 - 1905

Hazlehurst is significant as a substantial historic structure which requires further study. According to local tradition, the main block of Hazlehurst was built in the mid-nineteenth century by George Hayden. It was later remodeled in the decorative Queen Anne style around the turn of the century. Although the house is in poor condition, it has not been greatly altered over the years.

George Hayden purchased this property from Benjamin Harris sometime prior to 1852. Hayden, who was born in the Chaptico district and educated at Charlotte Hall, was well known in St. Mary's County as the second owner-editor of the first county newspaper, the St. Mary's Beacon. According to a member of the Hayden family, the property was known as "Hazlehurst" because of the many hazlenut trees which stood there.

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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.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 -1930.

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-431

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hazlehurst

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Baptist Church Road  not for publication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 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 Bernardine Johnson

street & number 2100 Baptist Church Rd telephone no.: (301)884-2987

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB187

street & number St. Mary's County Court folio 257

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-431

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<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 and outbuildings.

Hazlehurst is a two-story frame structure located at the end of an unpaved road on the west side of Baptist Church Road in the Chaptico District of St. Mary's County. The house is surrounded by cultivated fields. Outbuildings stand on the east and west sides of the structure. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Supposedly constructed in the mid-nineteenth century and remodeled around the turn of the twentieth century, Hazlehurst is a large two-story frame structure sheathed with artificial siding and roofed with metal. An old photograph (see 8.3) shows the decorative shingle and sawn bracket work, assymetrical elevation, and two-story towers typical of the Queen Anne architectural style. Unfortunately, this house is not currently accessible.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-431

Hammett, Regina Combs, History of St. Mary's County, Md. 1634-1990.  
(N. P.:n.p.,1991) :226

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage surrounding the house

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

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization St. Mary's County DPZ date April 1994

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city or town Leonardtown state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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8.1 Significance

### Chain of Title

TO: Bernardine E. Boyd  
FROM: Francis Wilmer Johnson and Bernardine M. Johnson  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 187, folio 257.  
DATE: July 1, 1984.  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres subject to a deed of trust to the MD Bank and Trust Company in MRB 114/155.

TO: Francis Wilmer Johnson and Bernardine M. Johnson  
FROM: Bernardine E. Boyd and George F. Boyd  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 18, folio 133.  
DATE: July 31, 1978.  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres beng part of DBK 262/249.

TO: Bernardine E. Boyd and George F. Boyd  
FROM: Walter B. Dorsey and Paul J. Bailey, Trustees  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 262, folio 249.  
DATE: November 23, 1976.  
NOTES: At a public sale on September 18, 1976, Bernardine E. Boyd received 2/3 interest, George F. Boyd received 1/6 interest, Francis Wilmer Johnson and Bernardine M. Johnson received 1/6 interest in the Jonithan Hayden farm or "Hazlehurst." Sale of the property was the result of a judgement in the case William D. Boyd vs. Bernardine Boyd in Equity A-5692.

TO: Bernardine Elizabeth Boyd  
FROM: George Frederick Boyd  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, MRB 6, folio 70.  
DATE: October 7, 1968.  
NOTES:

TO: Heirs  
FROM: Mary E. Davis  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber MLC 1, folio 59.  
DATE: June 26, 1928.  
NOTES: Davis devised all her property, both real and personal, to Frederick C. Davis as a life estate, to Mary Pearl Boyd as a life estate, and to George Frederick Boyd and William Dunbar Boyd.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Mary Evalina Davis  
FROM: Mary E. Hayden  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record JJG 3, folio 269.  
DATE: November 27, 1895.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Jonathan Hayden farm" or more particularly "Hazlehurst" being 277 acres. Price: \$2700.

TO: Mary E. Hayden  
FROM: Jonathan Hayden Sr.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 334.  
DATE: July 25, 1867.  
NOTES: Transfer of Lot No. 2 or "Peter's Mill" being part of the division of real estate of Phil Key. Being 200 acres. Price: \$2000

TO: Jonathan Hayden  
FROM: Benjamin G. Harris, Martha E. Harris, M. M. Hayden, G. Fred Maddox, Trustee for George Hayden.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 10.  
DATE: May 16, 1862.  
NOTES: Benjamin G. Harris sold a tract containing 277 acres being Lot No. 2 of the division of Phil Key's land to George Hayden who died without fully paying the sale price. George Hayden left a widow, M. M. Hayden, and several minor children. This sale is the result of Circuit Court case 502, Benjamin G. Harris vs. M. M. Hayden, on July 20, 1860.

There is no will for George Hayden and no deed reference for the transfer of this property to Benjamin G. Harris. St. Mary's County Land Commission Record JH 2/154 describes Lot No. 2 of the division of Phil Key's land as comprehending "...the tract called Peter's Well, part of the plains, St. Johns, and St. Teresa."

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8.3 Significance

Source: Joseph E. Norris, Jr. Chaptico: A History of St. Mary's County's 4th District.  
(Leonardtown, MD: Printing Press, 1984): 32.



HAZEL HURST

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8.4 Significance

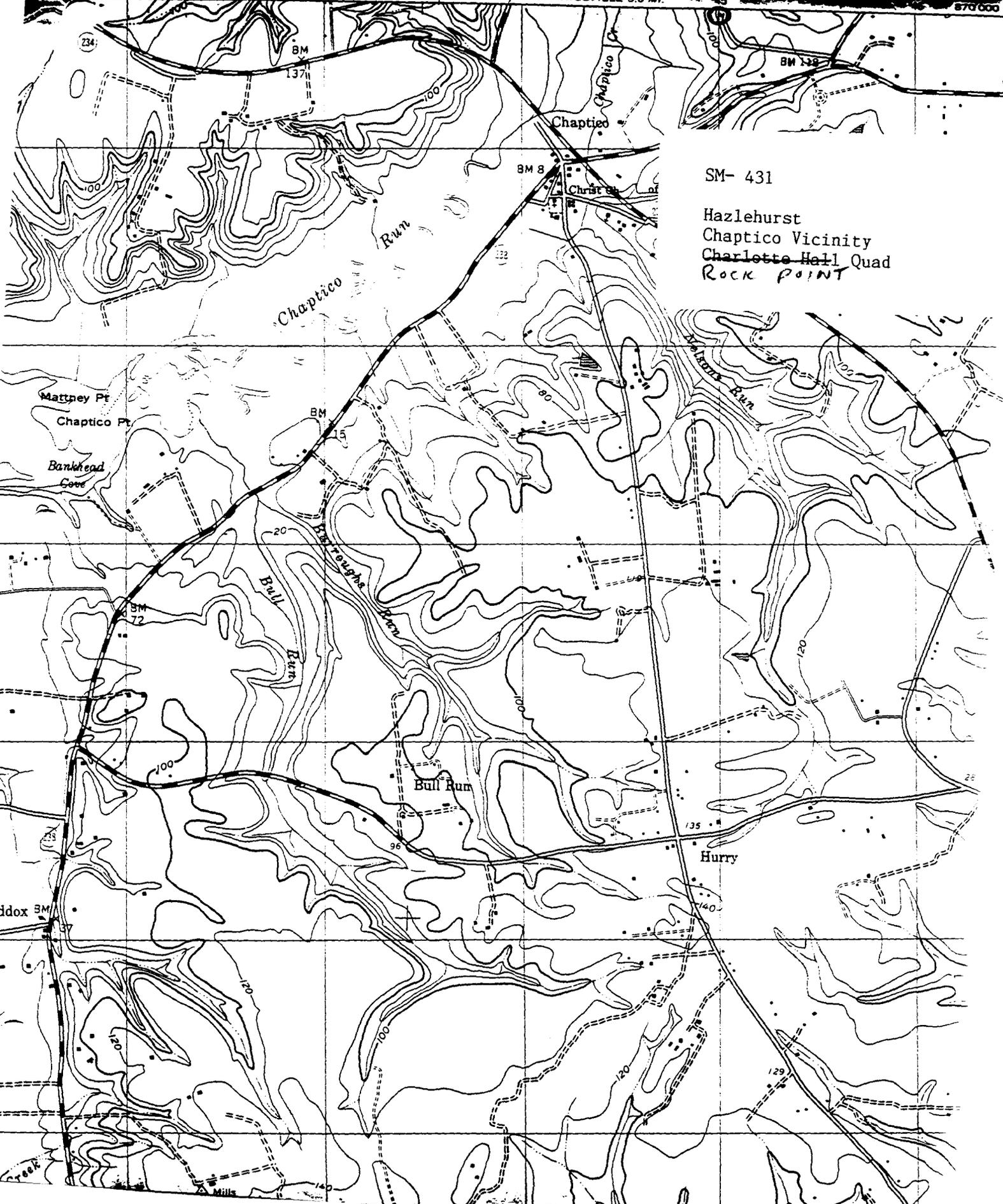
Source: St. Mary's Beacon, July 26, 1860.

"...Saturday, the 25th of August next, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm all that tract or parcel of land called and known by the name of "HAZLEHURST," containing 287 1/2 acres more or less of which George Hayden, late of St. Mary's County, died seized and possessed.

The land is beautifully located on the high land about 3/4 of a mile above the village of Chaptico in St. Mary's County. The soil is of a beautiful character, equal to any in the State, and is similar to the celebrated land in the Forest of Prince George's, is well adapted to the staple crops of the county - has on it a large YOUNG ORCHARD of the most delicious fruit -- also a FINE SPRING equal to any in the county, of cool, pure water, and convenient in the buildings.

The farm is under good chesnut fencing and has on it an elegant supply of timber and wood. The houses are indifferent, with the exception of a fine large BARN and an elegant substantial CORN HOUSE, and GRANARY. The farm is in very fine condition.

The term of sale as prescribed by the decree is as follows..."



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Hazlehurst  
Choptico Vicinity  
Charlotte Hall Quad  
ROCK POINT