

Capsule Summary
SM-630
William A. Lyon House
Maddox Vicinity
Private

c. 1902

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation 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:	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-630

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Part of Notley Hall

and/or common William A. Lyon House (pref.)

2. Location

street & number 36175 Notley Hall Road not for publication

city, town Chaptico vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md county St. Mary's TM-29, G-18, P-40

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Emma Frances Howerton Wolfe

street & number 36175 Notley Hall Rd. telephone no.: 301-769-3376

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md 20621

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 356

street & number folio 193

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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

Located near Maddox, Maryland, the William Lyon House is situated off of Notley Hall Road approximately 0.4 miles south of the intersection of Notley Hall Road and Maddox Road (Md. Rt. 238). Oriented on a north/south axis, the dwelling is situated at the terminus of a 0.1 mile long dirt drive that extends south from Notley Hall Road. The dwelling, surrounded by cultivated fields, features an expansive view of Brambley Creek and the Potomac River. A group of outbuildings, including two tobacco barns and several other agricultural sheds and storage buildings, lie just to the east of the main house.

The William Lyon House is a symmetrical, two story, three bay, frame dwelling with a one story, gable end wing and a large rear addition. Constructed c. 1902, the Lyon House features a brick pier foundation and an exterior sheathed with aluminum siding. The cornice is enclosed and the roof is sheathed with decorative, pressed-metal shingles. The main block's roof is pierced by two interior end brick chimney flues with corbelled tops. The rear addition and the wing were both added in the 1940s or 1950s. Both of these sections feature different fenestration patterns, a lower pitch roof, and different building materials. Only, the rear addition features an interior brick chimney flue.

Facing Brambley Creek, the primary or south elevation is pierced by a centrally located four-pane-over-three-panel door flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. A porch supported by a series of undecorated posts shades all of the first floor bays. The second floor exhibits three, six-over-six windows. The wing features a single door entry, but no window openings.

The east elevation consists of the main block and wing's gable ends and the side of the rear addition. The wing and main block does not feature any openings, but the first floor of the rear addition is pierced by a modern door and a six-over-six window. The second floor features two six-over-six windows.

The rear additions gable end and the side of the wing compose the north elevation. The wing exhibits a set of paired one-over-one windows. A pair of non-functional, aluminum louvered shutters border the windows. The rear addition exhibits a centrally located four-pane-over-three-panel door flanked on either side by a six-over-six window outlined by a pair of louvered shutters. The door is protected by an aluminum awning. The second floor is pierced by two, six-over-six windows -- each opening with a pair of louvered shutters.

The interior plan of the house has been drastically altered since the house was initially constructed. The main block originally consisted of two rooms, but in the 1940s the stair to the second floor and the partition wall between the two spaces was removed opening up the space. A one room wing was added to the east side and a large two story rear addition was added to the north elevation effectively doubling the size of the residence. The second floor of the rear addition was not visited.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres around house

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

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 Dept. of Planning & Zoning date 6-18-98

street & number 22740 Washington Street telephone 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown state Maryland

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 356, Folio 193
Grantee: Emma Frances Howerton Wolfe
Grantor: Luther Howerton Wolfe
Date: June 4, 1982

Notes: In September 12, 1986, John Michael Wolfe (Estate No. 4846) died leaving his estate to Luther Howerton Wolfe. The deed notes that William A. Lyon, along with his brother Staughton Lyon, received the property in 1902. The two then presumably constructed houses on the 143 acre property. Today, both houses remain on the 53.738 acre farm.

Reference: Will Record Liber RGC 3, Folio 962
Grantee: John Michael Wolfe
Grantor: William A. Lyon
Date: March 22, 1962

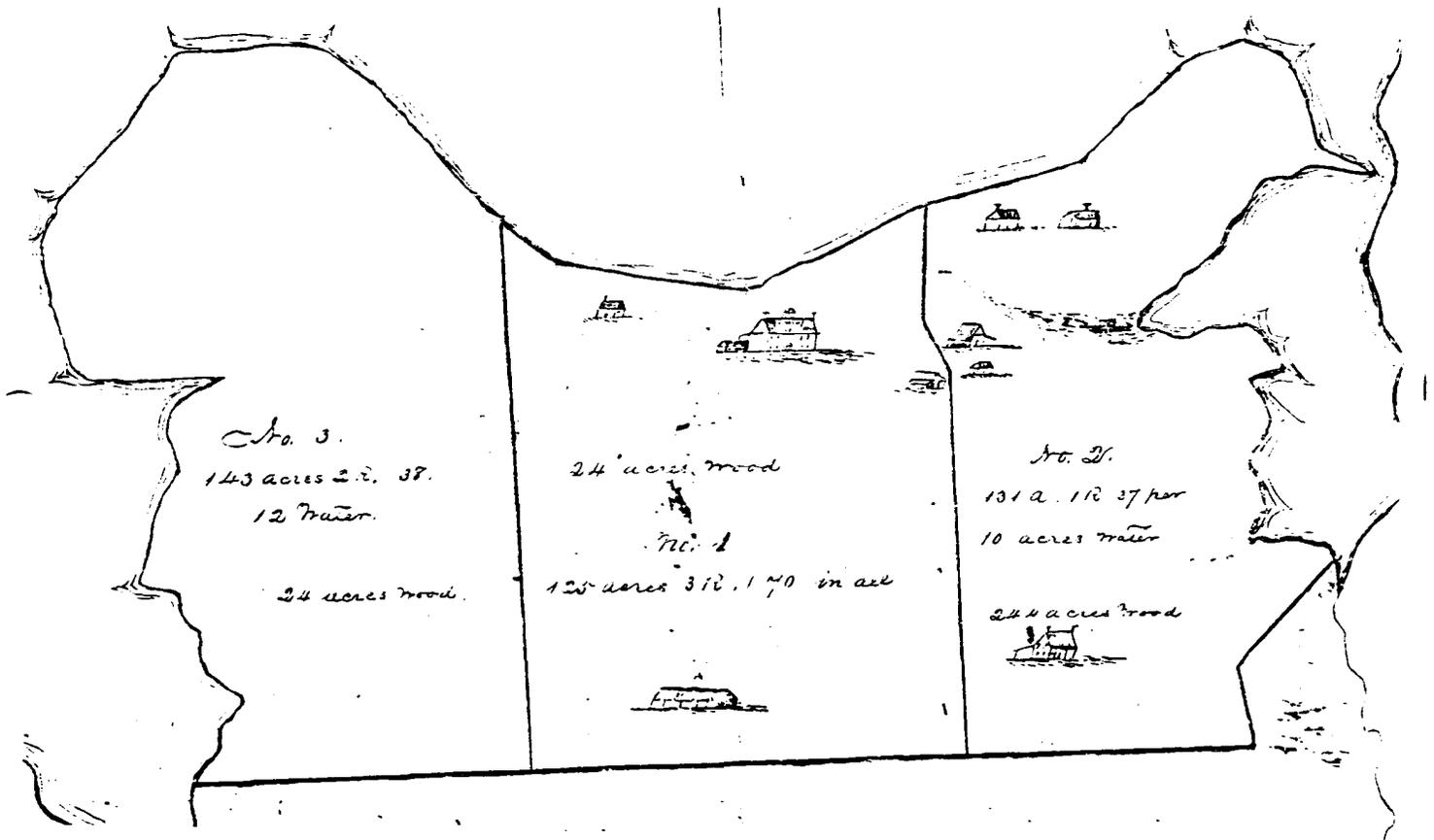
Notes: The will notes that the property called "Part Notley Hall" was passed on to John Michael Wolfe. It also notes that William had obtained his brother Staughton's interest to the property after Staughton's death in the 1920s (see Land Records Liber JMM 1, Folio 118).

Reference: Liber JMM 1, Folio 118
Grantee: William A. Lyon
Grantor: Alice R. Lyon, Dora & Douglas Goode, Joseph A. Lyon, Grace R. & John H. Branan
Date: August 12, 1922
Notes: After Staughton Lyon dies in 1911, his heirs including his wife Alice R. Lyon sell their remaining interest in the property to Staughton's brother William.

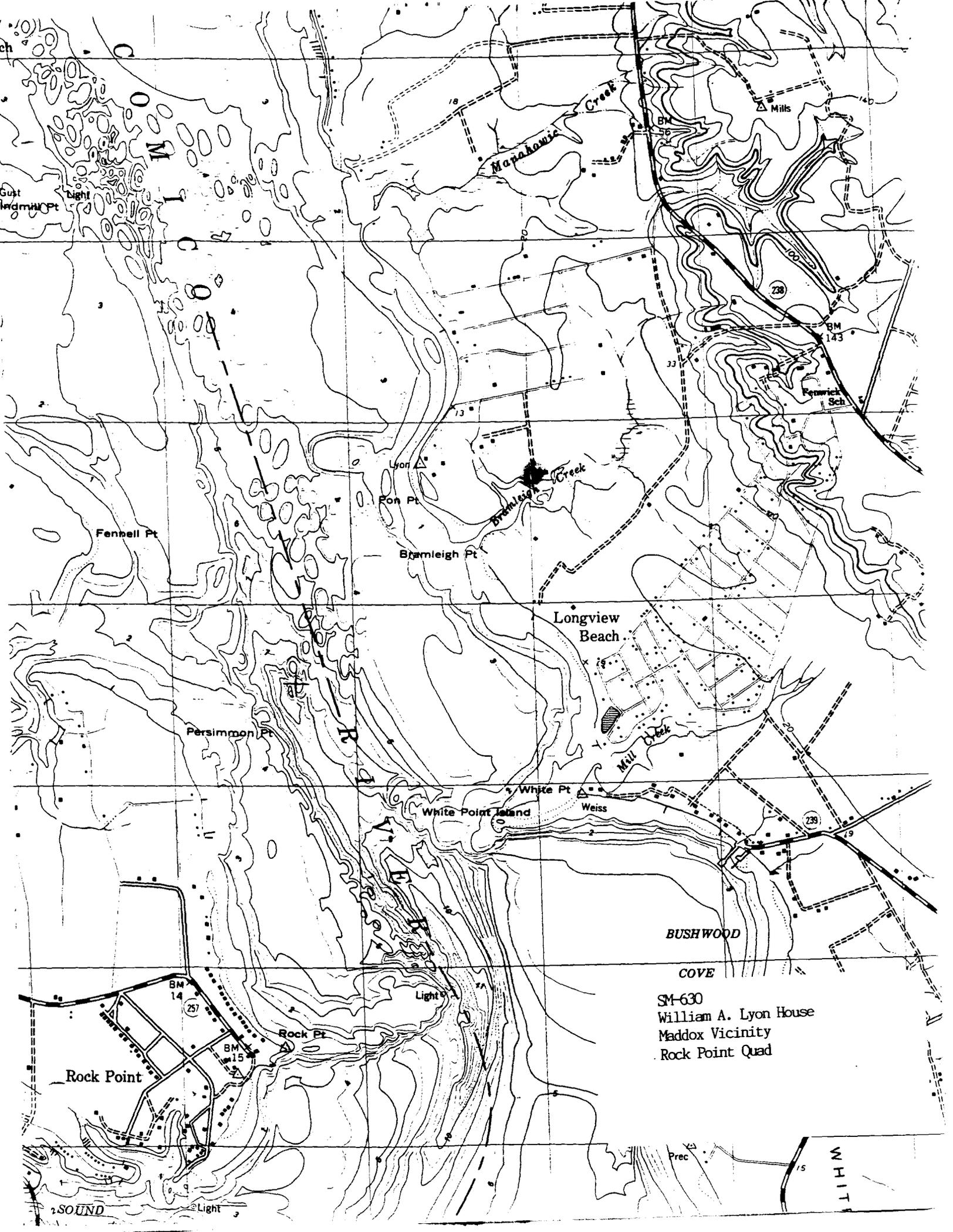
Reference: Liber EBA 3, Folio 88
Grantee: William A. and Staughton Lyon
Grantor: Alexander Lyon, et al
Date: September 15, 1902
Notes: During the division of William A. Lyon's estate, the property is passed on to his two sons who receive Lot No. 3 of the division of the farm called Notley Hall containing 143 acres.

Reference: Liber JFF 3, Folio 349
Grantee: William A. Lyon
Grantor: J. Frank Smith, Sheriff
Date: March 21, 1879
Notes: As a result of a circuit court case between Neale, Harris & Co. v. William A. Lyon, et al, the property is sold at public auction. William A. Lyon, however, retains ownership as he purchases the property. Unfortunately, a bean clause was not contained in the deed so the chain-of-title could not be traced further. The property that the Lyon House is on once belonged to members of the Thomas family see St. Mary's County Decree Records, Liber JAC 2, Folio 510.

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8.2 Significance



Map of the divided Notley Hall Estate. Lot #3 is where the Staughton Lyon (SM-631) and William A. Lyon House (SM-630) are located. St. Mary's County Decree Records, Liber JAC 2, Folio 510, St. Mary's County Land Records, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland.



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Maddox Vicinity
Rock Point Quad

Rock Point

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S+W elevations

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