

Capsule Summary
SM-631
Staughton Lyon House
Maddox Vicinity
Private

c. 1902

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SM-631, Staughton Lyon House
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-631

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Part of Notley Hall

and/or common Staughton Lyon House (pref.)

2. Location

S side of Notley Hall Rd., approx. 1 mile SW of int. of Notley Hall Rd. and Maddox Road
street & number not for publication

city, town Chaptico vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 Road 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

The Staughton Lyon House is located just south of Notley Manor Road near Maddox, Maryland. Situated at the head of a stream overlooking Bramble Creek, the dwelling is oriented on a north/south axis and is surrounded by cultivated fields. Two storage outbuildings lie just south of the house and a twentieth century tobacco is situated to the northeast. The building is currently vacant and slowly deteriorating.

Built c. 1902, the Stoughton Lyon House is a two story, three bay frame house with a one story wing. The main block rests on a brick pier foundation, while the wing is supported by a number of cedar stubs. The exterior walls are covered with clapboard fastened to the circular sawn frame with wire nails. The cornice is enclosed and the roof is covered with decorative pressed metal shingles. The roof is pierced by an interior end, brick chimney flue that features a corbelled top. A second, presumably identical chimney, was once situated on the west side of the house, but it has deteriorated to the roofline.

The symmetrical fenestration on the primary or south elevation is composed of a centrally located entry flanked on either side by a two-over-two, double-hung sash window. A porch shades all of these openings, supported by a number of cedar posts, features a roof of decorative pressed-metal shingles. The second floor is pierced by three windows. The central opening consists of a six-over-six window, while the flanking windows feature two-over-two sash. The wing features a single door. The east elevation consists of the main block's gable end, but it does not feature any openings or decoration. The extant interior end chimney flue lies behind this elevation's clapboard.

The rear or north elevation of the main block's first floor is exhibits two, two-over-two windows. The second floor is pierced by three, two-over-two windows. The wing features a six-over-six window. The west gable end consists of the main block and wing's gable ends. Only the wing is pierced by a six-over-six window.

The unembellished exterior is mirrored by the interior. While all of the rooms were originally plastered, the trim around the windows and doors is not decoratively finished. Interestingly, the east room features an angled entry situated immediately beside the main south entry. This space was heated by a stove flue located on the east wall. The west room features a stair to the second floor. The second floor features two bedrooms. The wing only features one room.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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	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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In 1911 Staughton Lyon died leaving the property to a number of heirs including his wife Alice R. Lyon. In 1922 Staughton's heirs sold their interests in the property to his brother William A. Lyon. Having never received any additions, the dwelling strikes a sharp contrast to the William A. Lyon house (SM-630), which received two additions -- nearly doubling its size. While the William A. Lyon house is currently occupied, the Staughton Lyon house is currently vacant and deteriorating.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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

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	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

Same as per deed description.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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state Md

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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.

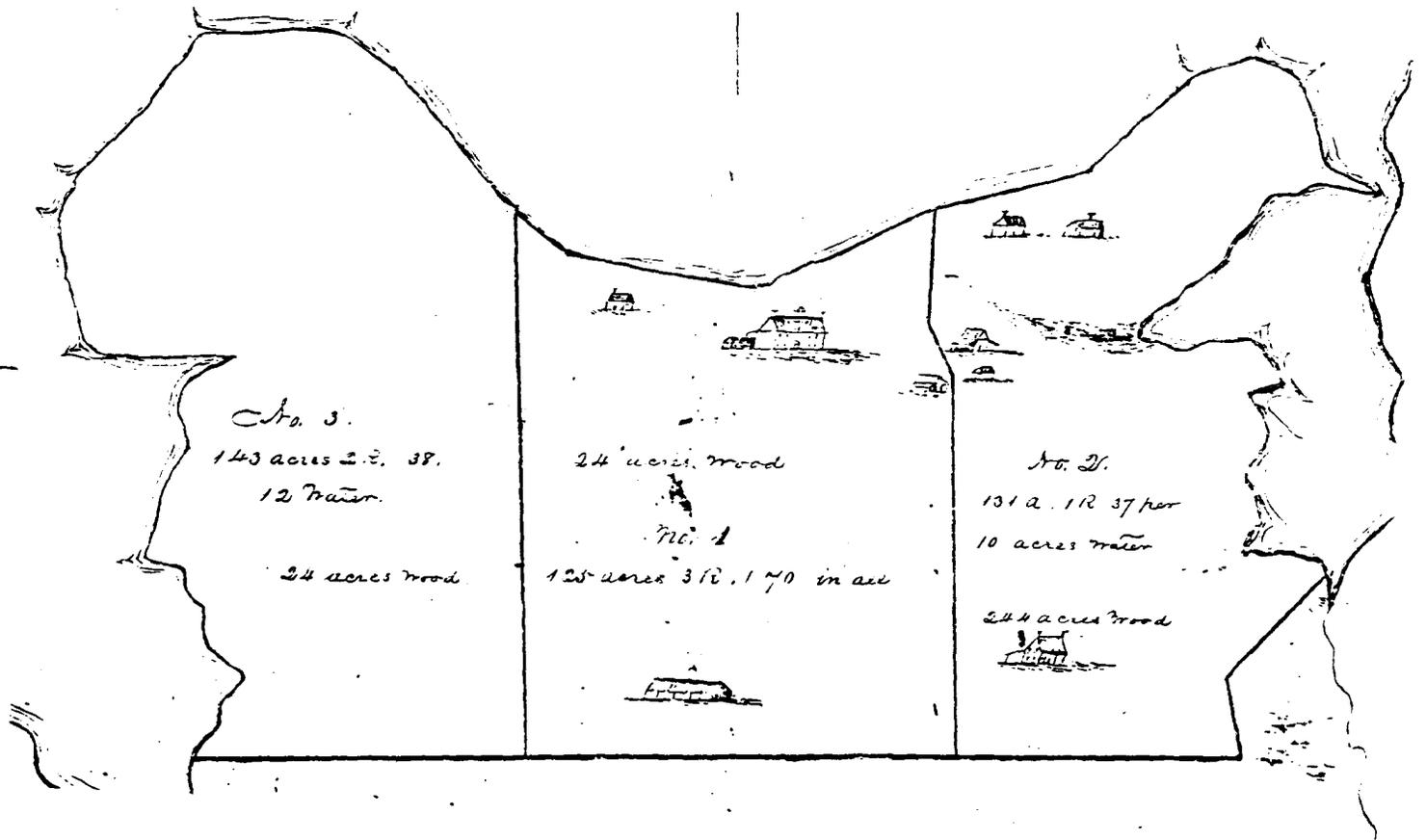
Reference: Liber EBA 3, Folio 88
Grantee: William A. and Staughton Lyon
Grantor: Alexander Lyon, et al
Date: September 15, 1902

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.

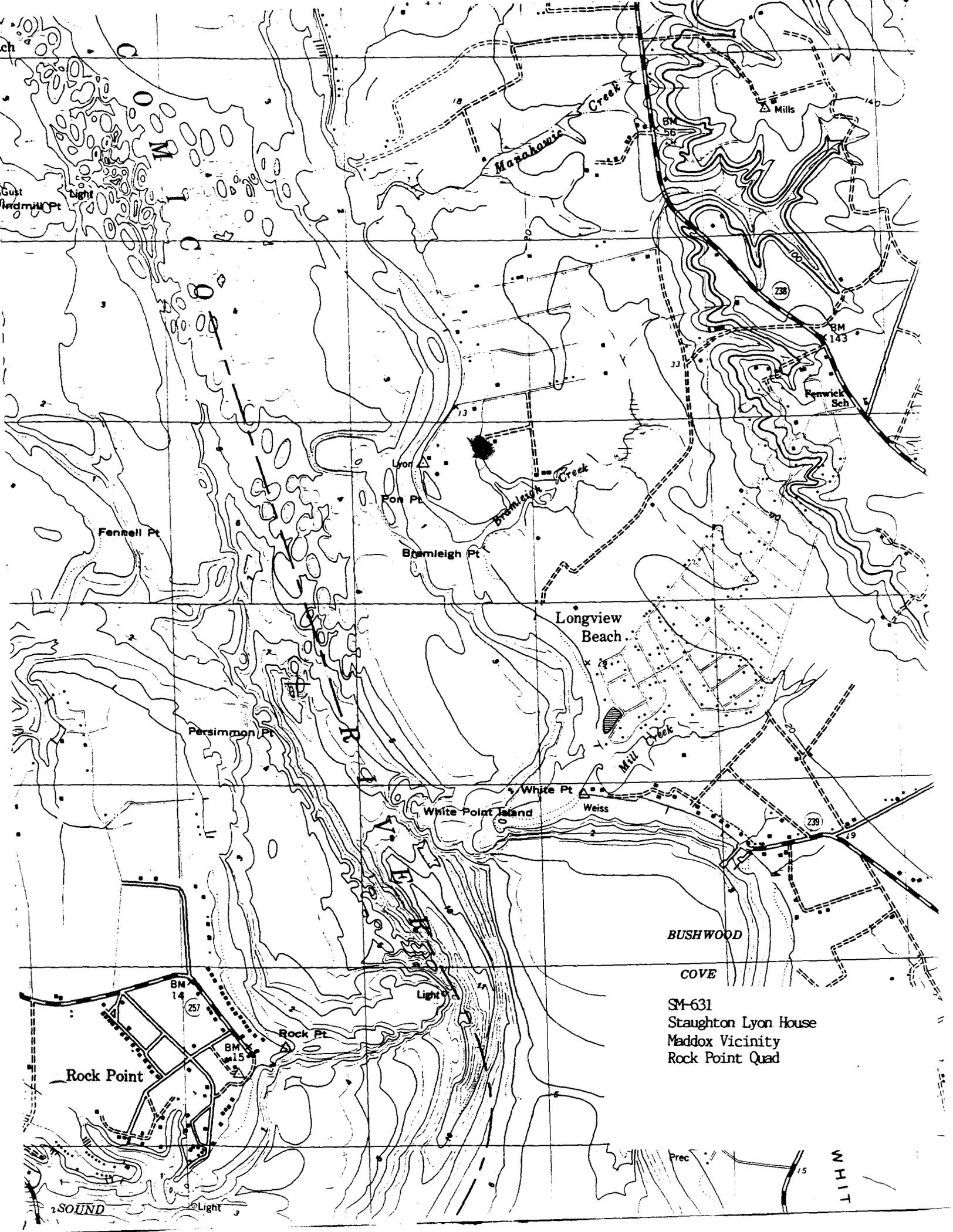
Reference: Liber JFF 3, Folio 349
Grantee: William A. Lyon
Grantor: J. Frank Smith, Sheriff
Date: March 21, 1879

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.



BUSHWOOD

COVE

SM-631
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Rock Point Quad

Rock Point

SOUND

Light

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S+E elevations

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