

Morgan House  
SM-689  
121 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1940  
Private

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-689

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Morgan House

## 2. Location

street & number 121 Three Notch Road (MD 235)      not for publication

city, town California      X vicinity

county St. Mary's

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wilhelmina L. Morgan

street & number 121 Three Notch Road telephone

city, town California state and zip code MD 20684

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-74

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio 027/198

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
 Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 121 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 50 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. A heavily wooded area surrounds the house, which is currently vacant and in a dilapidated condition. Two dilapidated frame sheds (one modern and one contemporaneous with the house) are situated east of the dwelling. A circular gravel driveway is located on the north side of the property.

The 1-story ell-shaped frame building clad in asbestos shingles is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle and tar gable roof with an internal brick chimney in the south end of the building. A one-story gable-roof ell extends from the north side of the dwelling and a shed-roof addition (with a small shed-roof ell in the elbow) is appended to the south side. A partial-width enclosed porch with a flat roof is located on the west elevation of the dwelling. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-one double-hung sash; many of the windows have been covered with plywood.

The west, or main, elevation consists of a central door flanked on either side by a six-over-one double-hung sash window under the enclosed porch. A louvered vent is located in the gable end. The south elevation contains two single six-over-one double-hung sash. The east elevation of the main block includes a single six-over-one window and a louvered vent in the gable. A plywood covered bay is located in east elevation of the shed-roof addition. The north elevation contains two six-over-one windows in the east end, a single six-over-one window in the west end, and a screen-enclosed gable-roof entry porch in the center bay.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

**Specific dates** Circa 1940      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. The dilapidated condition of the residence has somewhat compromised the dwelling's integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____	
_____	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 9/28/99
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 11/6/98

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.95 acres  
Acreage surveyed 1.95 acres  
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 174, Map 34, Grid 23

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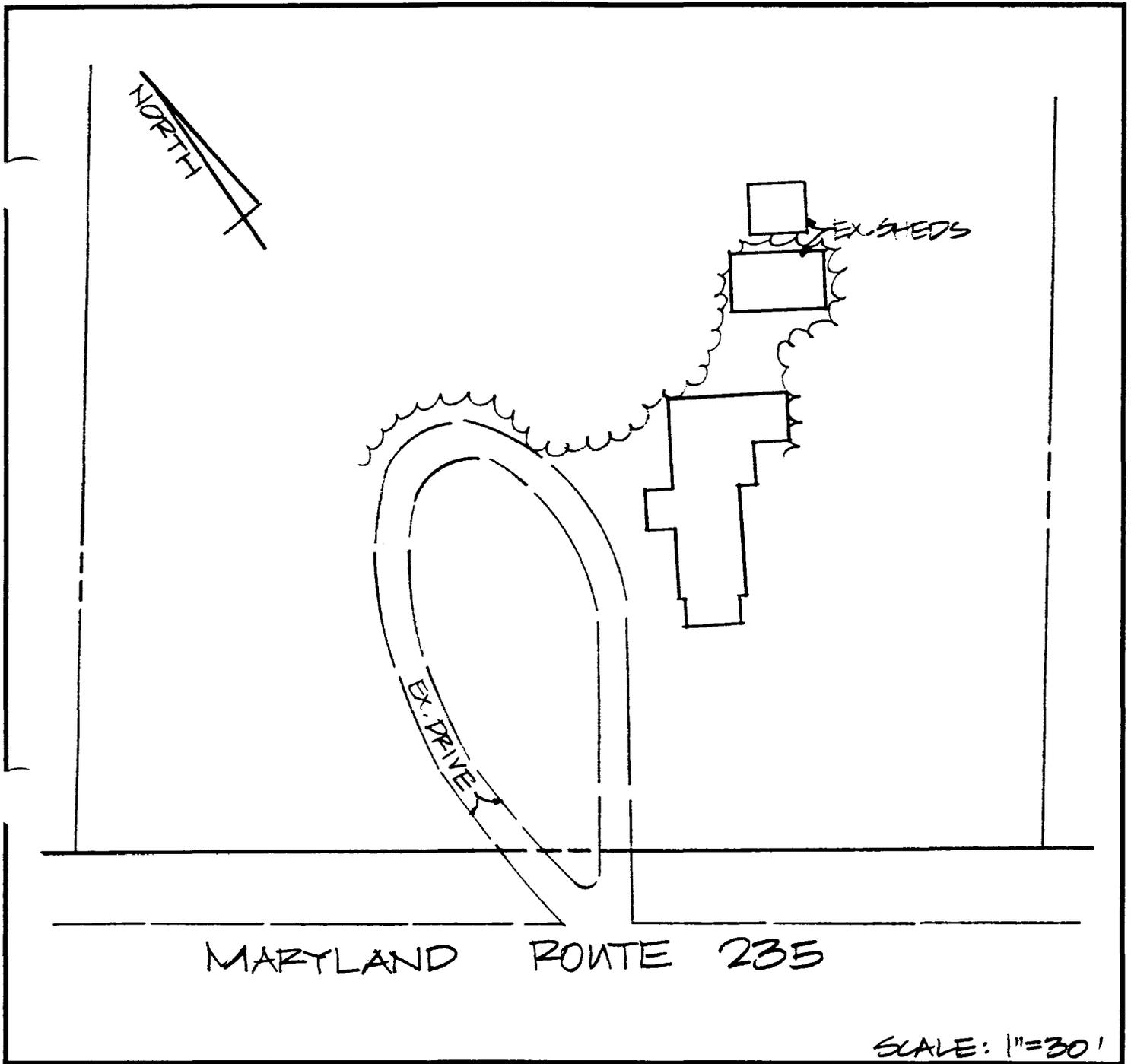
## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7646



**SM- 689**  
 Morgan House, E. Side Three Notch Road  
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
 Resource Sketch Map

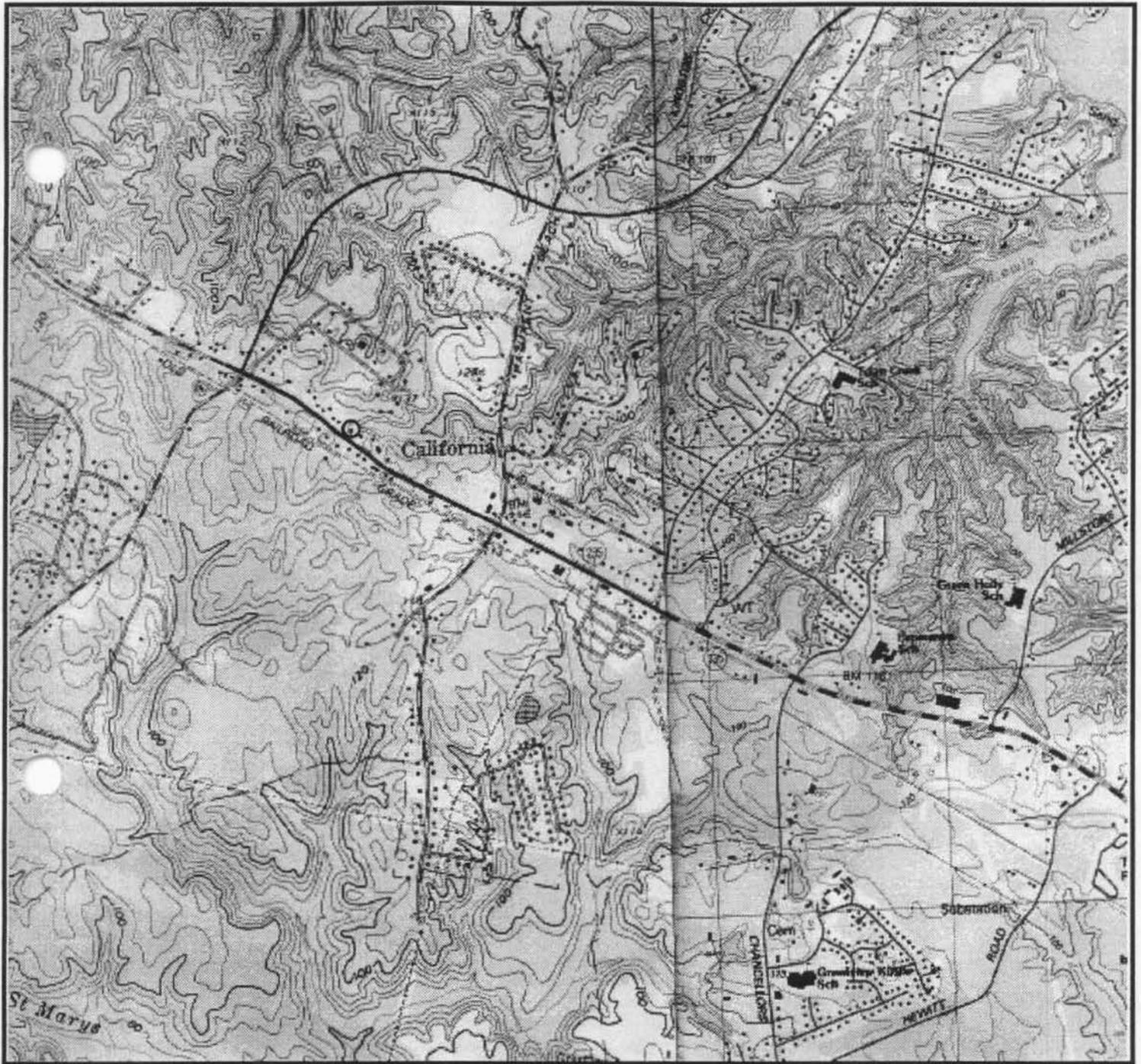


MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY  
 ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE  
 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030  
 410-316-7800

**MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246**  
**St. Mary's County, MD**

**BCS 95-17A**



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Morgan House, E. Side Three Notch Road  
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad  
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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MD SHPO

N + W elev. looking SE

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MO SHPO

S elev. locking N

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MD SHPO

E + N elev. looking SW

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MS S1P0

N elev. of sheds looking S

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