

Capsule Summary
SM-831
Chestnut Hill Farm
Bushwood
Private

circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-831

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Chestnut Hill

2. Location

street and number 23100 Chestnut Hill Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Avenue x_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Harvey and Mary Rose Bailey, Revoc. Trust

street and number 23100 Chestnut Hill Lane telephone N/a

city, town Avenue state Md zip code 20609

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-30, P-9

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1160 folio 491

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	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
x_ building(s)	x_ private	_____ landscape	9+	_____ buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ commerce/trade	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		_____ defense	_____	_____ structures
_____ object		x_ domestic	_____	_____ objects
		_____ education	9+	_____ Total
		_____ funerary		
		_____ government		
		_____ health care		
		_____ industry		
		_____ other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Perched on a hillside overlooking Colton's Point Road is Chestnut Hill located near the rural community of Avenue, Maryland. Oriented on a south/north axis, the main farm house is approached via a dirt farm lane that climbs a small ridge passing a contributing two story tenant house that lies to west. Only about 100 acres of the 199 acre farm is directly visible from the road. Aside from the main house and tenant dwelling, the farm also includes at least five early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barns and two other agricultural outbuildings. Most of the fields are cultivated in soybean or grain. The property is bounded to the south by Colton's Point Road, to the west by Tomakokin Creek, and to the north and east by other farms.

The main house, although obscured by foliage is a circa 1900 (?) two-story, frame house with a front (south) porch and a rear addition.

The circa 1900 (?) tenant house consists of two, two story components apparently erected at different periods. The front (south) elevation is dominated by an enclosed porch on the first floor.

Due to the distance of the farm from the road, a more thorough analysis was not possible.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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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: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>100 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>199 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Rock Point</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the south by Colton's Point Road, to the west by Tomakokin Creek, and to the north and east by other farms. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1160, Folio 491.

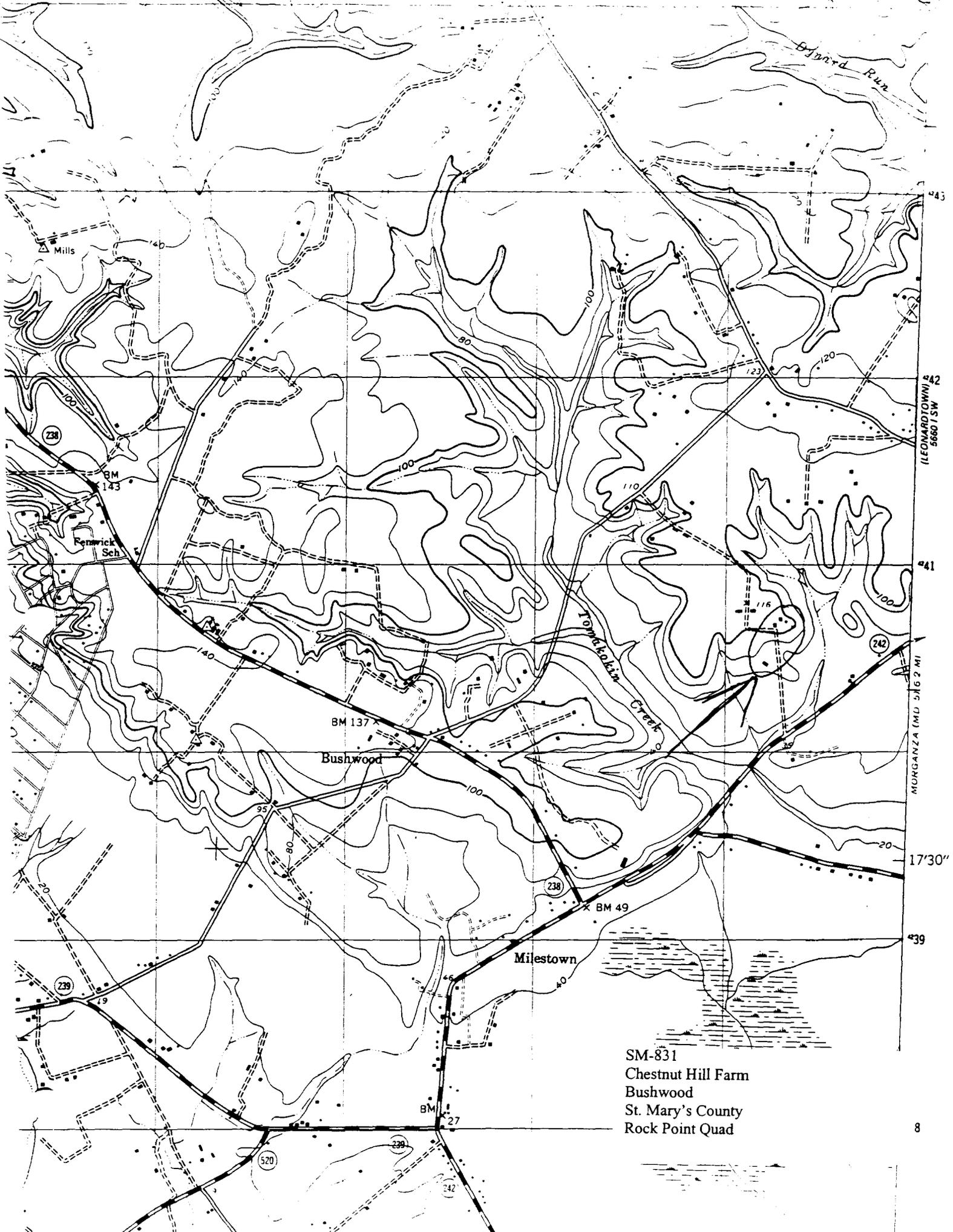
11. Form Prepared by

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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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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