

Capsule Summary  
SM-849  
Kennett Farm  
Avenue  
Private

circa 1923

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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 Kennett Farm is located at 21755 Blue Stone Lane in the rural community of Avenue, Maryland. Approached via a dirt drive that extends to the west of Colton's Point Road, the house is oriented on an east/west axis. While part of an immense 226 acre farm, only about an acre immediately around the house was surveyed. Much of the property consists of rolling cultivated fields punctuated by tobacco barns or other agriculturally related outbuildings. The property is bounded to the north, south, and west by other farms, while Colton's Point Road forms the eastern boundary.

The main farmhouse at Kennett Farm is a circa 1923, two story, nine bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. The exterior appears to be sheathed with artificial siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof of the main block is pierced by a single brick chimney flue.

The primary or east elevation is dominated by a front porch that obscures the first floor. Three prominent, two story, three sided projections however, are clearly visible above the porch. Symmetrically balanced, these three vertical divisions are each fenestrated by three modern, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows on each floor. Each features a partially conical roof. The middle bay, however, is further accentuated by a cross gable projection which suggestion that the bays are later additions.

No other elevations were observed.

# 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/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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	<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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre  
Acreage of historical setting 226 acres  
Quadrangle name Rock Point                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north, south, and west by other farms, while Colton's Point Road forms the eastern boundary. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber CBG 112 & MRB 234, Folios 308 and 237.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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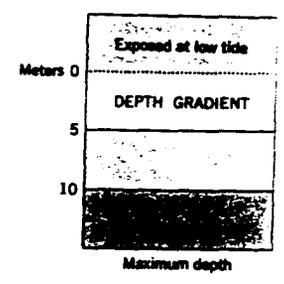
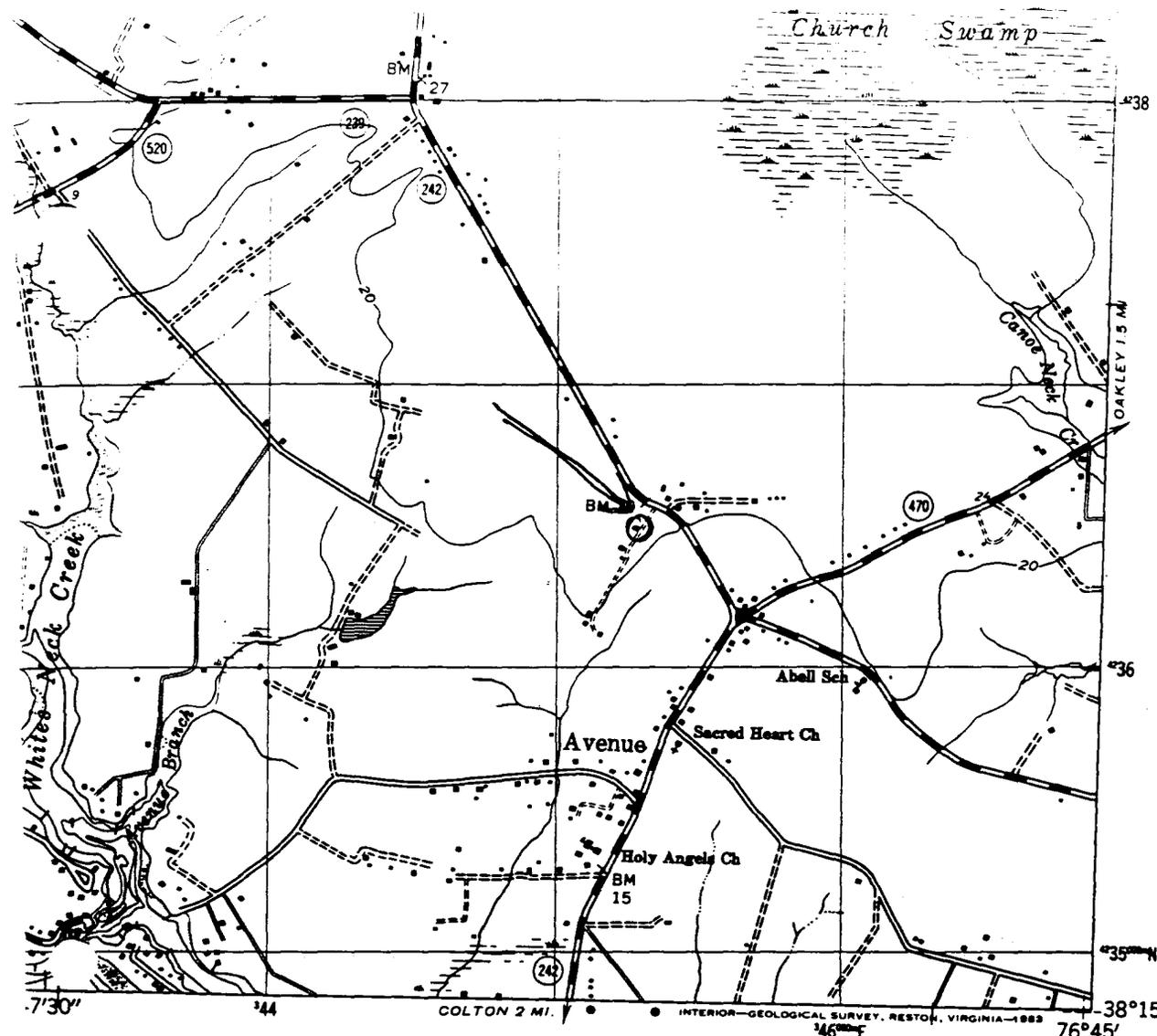
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   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600

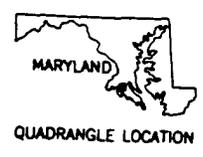


**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

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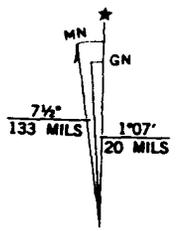
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○ State Route



**ROCK POINT, MD.**  
38076-C7-TB-024

1943  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV SE—SERIES V833



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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Avenue  
St. Mary's County  
Rock Point Quad



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21755  
AVENUE, MD.

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