

Capsule Summary
SM-628
Henry Pilkerton Garage
Abell Vicinity
Private

Late-1940s

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern Period, 1930-present
Historic Period Theme: Economic (Commercial)

Resource Type

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function and Use: Automobile Repair Shop
Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-628

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Henry Pilkerton Garage (pref.)

2. Location

street & number N side of Abell Rd, approx 1 mile E of int. of Rt 242 ___ not for publication

city, town Abell vicinity of congressional district 7

state Md county St. Mary's TM-46, G-6, P-8

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Louis Bertrand Mattingly

street & number PO Box 252 telephone no.: 301-769-3417

city, town Abell state and zip code Md 20606-0252

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 19

street & number folio 6

city, town Leonardtown state Md

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Henry Pilkerton Garage is situated on the north side of Abell Road approximately 1 mile from the intersection of Routes 470, 242, and Abell Road near Abell, Maryland. Surrounded by level, cultivated fields, the building is oriented on a north/south axis and remains only 15 feet from the roadway. The garage is currently used for storage.

The garage, built in the late-1940s, is a one story, two bay, frame building with a low pitched, gable roof. Constructed on a continuous, poured concrete foundation the braced, circular sawn frame is sheathed with clapboard that is fastened with wire nails. The cornice has been left open and the roof is covered with raised-seam metal.

The primary or south elevation is pierced by two pairs of swinging garage doors. Each of the doors are constructed of vertical boards held together with horizontal battens. The west elevation is pierced by a door and two, now boarded over, windows. The north elevation is pierced by a door and two windows. Each of the windows consist of two fixed panes fitted horizontally next to each other. An interior brick chimney flue extends up from the north or rear wall. The east elevation's fenestration features three, two fixed-pane, windows and a slender doorway. Some of the clapboard on this elevation is covered over

Following the utilitarian nature of the building, the interior is entirely unfinished as much of the roof and wall framing has been left exposed.

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"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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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 EWA 867, Folio 382

Grantee: Louis Bertrand Mattingly

Grantor: Irene Elizabeth Mattingly

Date: February 24, 1994

Notes: The property, listed as parcel #2, is described as containing 1.25 acres and improved by a one story frame garage on a tract called "Collingwood."

Reference: Liber CBG 91, Folio 306

Grantee: Louis Bertrand Mattingly and Irene Elizabeth Mattingly

Grantor: Lawyer's Title Company of St. Mary's County, Inc.

Date: October 22, 1960

Reference: Liber CBG 91, Folio 304

Grantee: Lawyer's Title Company of St. Mary's County, Inc.

Grantor: Louis Bertrand Mattingly and Irene Elizabeth Mattingly

Date: October 22, 1960

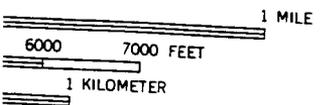
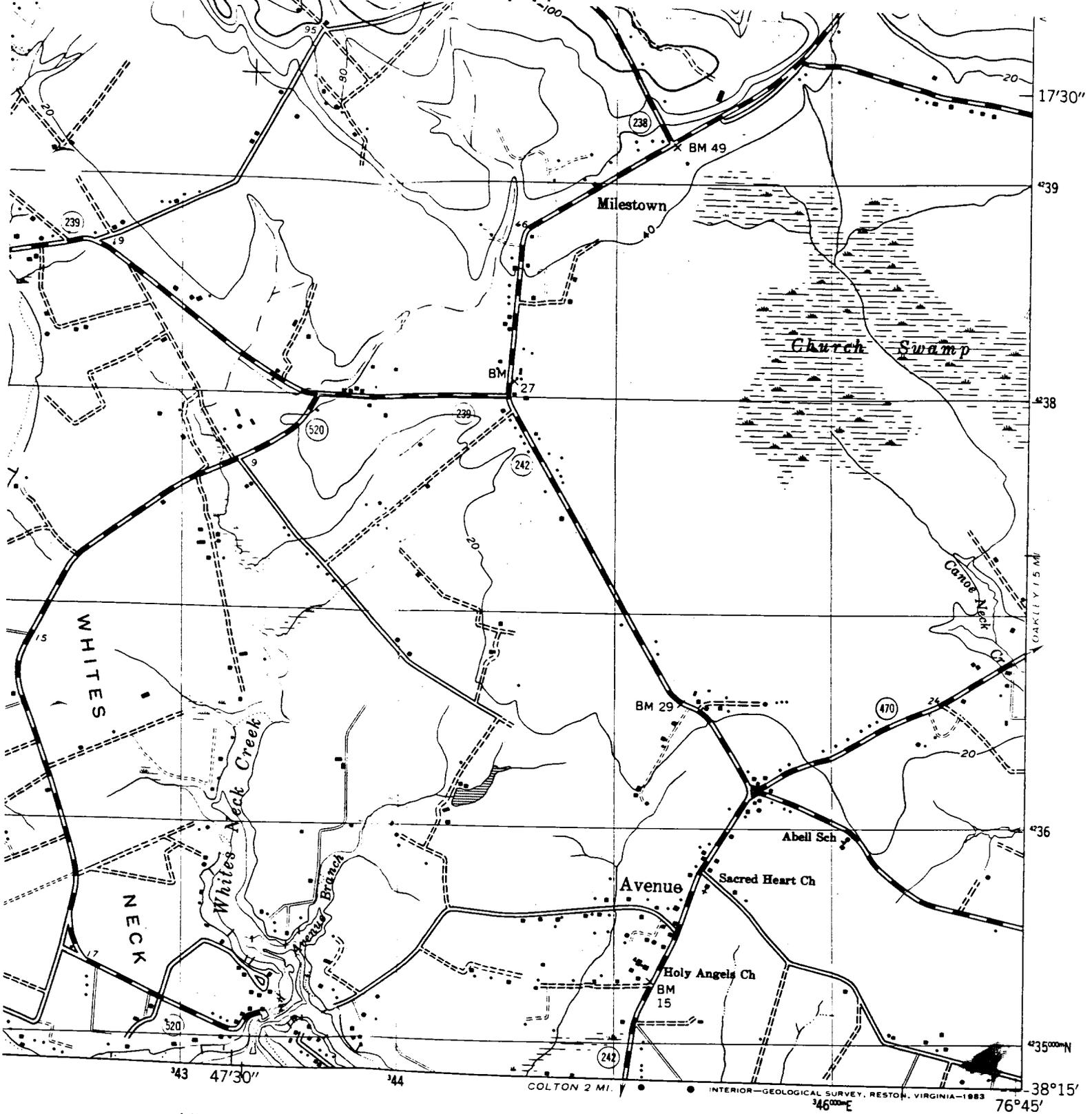
Reference: Liber CBG 30, Folio 78

Grantee: Louis Bertrand Mattingly

Grantor: William H. Mattingly

Date: April 2, 1951

Notes: The deed notes that the parcel is improved by a one story garage. No previous deed is listed.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Medium-duty Light-duty
 Unimproved dirt



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 Rock Point Quad



BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982

1ST CLASS

NTARY



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Ferry Pilkerton Garage

St. Mary's County

Kirk Ronzetta

May/93

Md S&PO

E+W Elevations

1 of 2



SM-622

Henry Filkerton Garage

St. Mary's County

Kirk Brunzetta

May/1978

Md SHPO

N + E elevations

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