

Capsule Summary  
SM-656  
Long's Boat Shop/Victory Bar  
Avenue  
Private

c. 1920s

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930 Modern Period, 1930-present
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Economic
<u>Resource Type</u> Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural Crossroads
Historic Function and Use:	Boatbuilding Shop, Bar
Known Design Source:	None



# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-656

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input 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

Situated at the northwest corner of Paul Ellis Road and Maryland Route 242 is the Long Boat Shop/Victory Bar. Located in Avenue, Maryland, the Long Boat Shop/Victory Bar is oriented on an east/west axis with its primary elevation facing east towards Route 242. Lying close to the road, the commercial building bounded on two sides by roads and on the other two sides by residential lots. It is also across the street from the Bailey/Ellis/Millison Store (SM-657). A small gravel parking lot lies on the east side of the building.

The Long Boat Shop/Victory Bar is a long, one story, gable front, frame building with a gable roof. While the foundation is obscured, the exterior clapboard is fastened with wire nails. The cornice is exposed revealing the rafter ends. The roof is sheathed with corrugated metal.

The primary or east elevation consists of a gable front pierced by a centrally located door flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The doorway is sheltered by a modest gabled awning with a roof covered with asphalt shingles. A small one story addition is also visible on this elevation. It has a paired set of six-over-six windows and an interior brick chimney flue that extends through the roof.

The south elevation consists of the main block's long side. It exhibits two, six-over-six windows and two more window openings that are boarded over.

The west elevation is composed of the rear gable end of the main block and addition. The main block is pierced by two boarded windows and the ell has a paired set of boarded windows.

The north elevation of the main block is pierced by two six-over-six windows and a covered opening. Adjacent to this covered opening is an exterior end brick chimney flue. The addition features a single door entry shaded by a gabled awning supported by two plain posts.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the visit.

# 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### 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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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Significance 8.0.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 40,510 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Rock Point Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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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
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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state Md

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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St. Mary's County  
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 127, Folio 420

Grantee: Frances Dianne Anderson and Joseph Daniel Ellis, Jr. (personal representatives of Frances Melba Ellis)

Grantor: Joseph Daniel Ellis and Frances Dianne Anderson

Date: September 30, 1982

Notes: After the death of Frances and Joseph's mother Frances Melba Ellis (See Estate No. 3588), the property is transferred into their name. The deed also notes a survey by George W. Joy completed on July 24, 1950.

Reference: Liber CBG 26, Folio 27

Grantee: Joseph Daniel Ellis and Frances Melba Ellis

Grantor: John and Florence Rae Long

Date: August 8, 1950

Notes: Here the property description for the tract mentions that it borders John Long's residence.

Reference: Liber CBG 26, Folio 24

Grantee: John and Florence Rae Long

Grantor: Joseph Daniel Ellis and Frances Melba Ellis

Date: August 8, 1950

Notes: The road that lies to the south of the 1/2 acre parcel is described as the "state road leading from Avenue Post Office to River Springs.

Reference: Liber CBG 18, Folio 347

Grantee: Joseph Daniel Ellis and Frances Melba Ellis

Grantor: John and Florence Rae Long

Date: May 29, 1946

Reference: Liber JMM 8, Folio 75

Grantee: John Long

Grantor: John E. and Renie E. Ellis

Date: July 16, 1932

Reference: Liber JMM 5, Folio 487

Grantee: Renie E. Ellis

Grantor: John E. Ellis

Date: November 7, 1927

Notes: This deed notes that John E. Ellis received the property via two conveyances from Andrew J. and Grace C. Morris.

Conveyance #1

Reference: Liber EBA 9, Folio 377

Grantee: John E. Ellis

Grantor: Andrew J. and Grace C. Morris

Date: July 5, 1911

Notes: The deed notes that the tract consists of 3 2/3 acres which was part of "Watt's Lodge."

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Conveyance #2

Reference: Liber EBA 12, Folio 127

Grantee: John E. Ellis

Grantor: Andrew J. and Grace C. Morris

Date: November 6, 1913

Notes: An 8 acre and 2 acre tract are transferred during this transaction.

Reference: Liber EBA 9, Folio 58

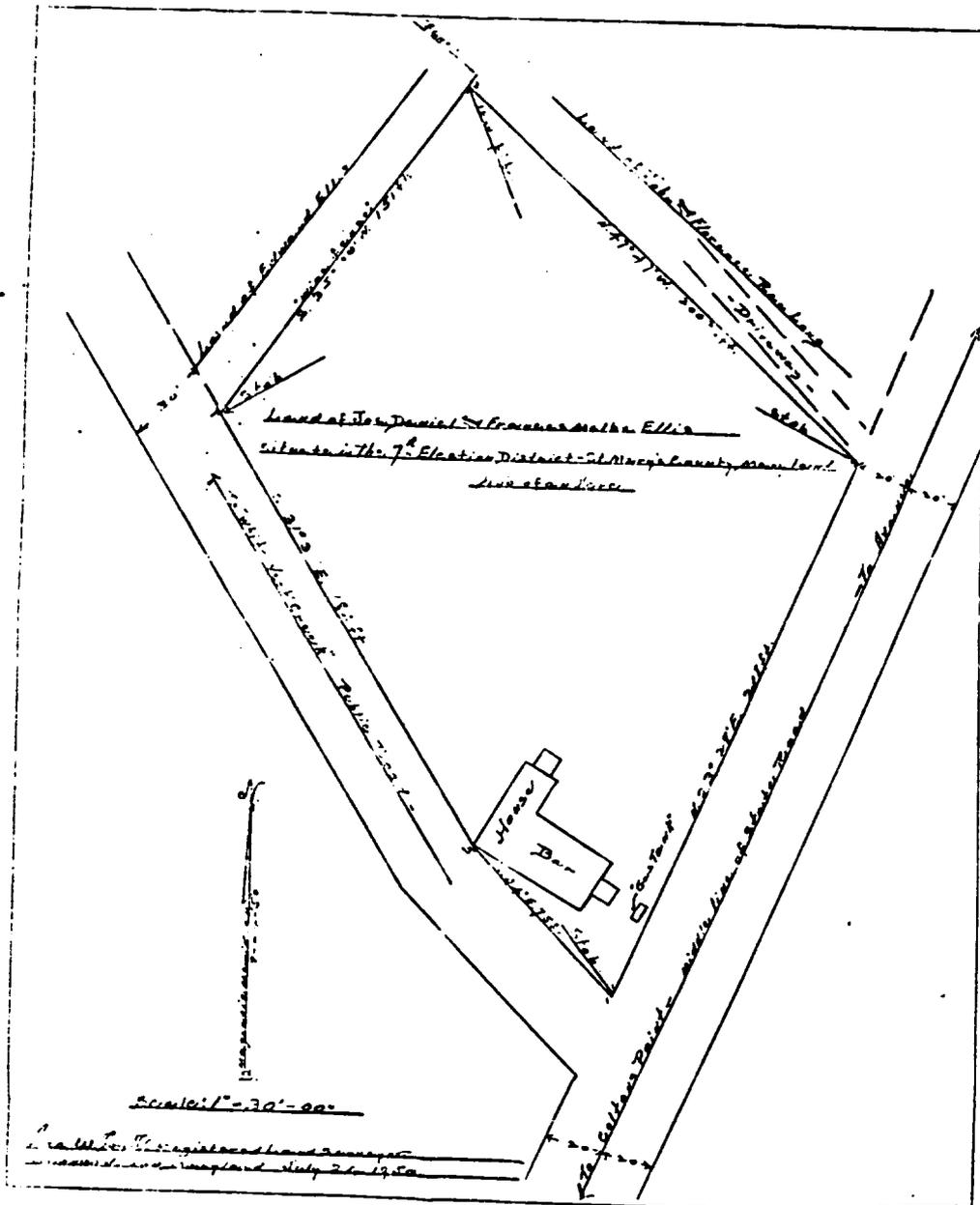
Grantee: Andrew J. Morris

Grantor: J. Bernard Love, Sheriff

Date: October 8, 1910

Notes: The eight and two acre tracts are purchased by Mr. Morris at an auction which was precipitated by the circuit court case First National Bank of St. Mary's vs. John H. and Mary F. Long.

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8.3 Significance

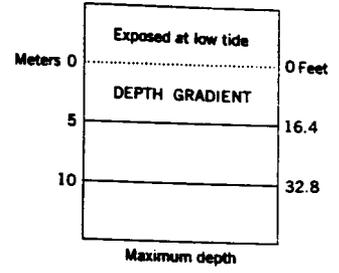
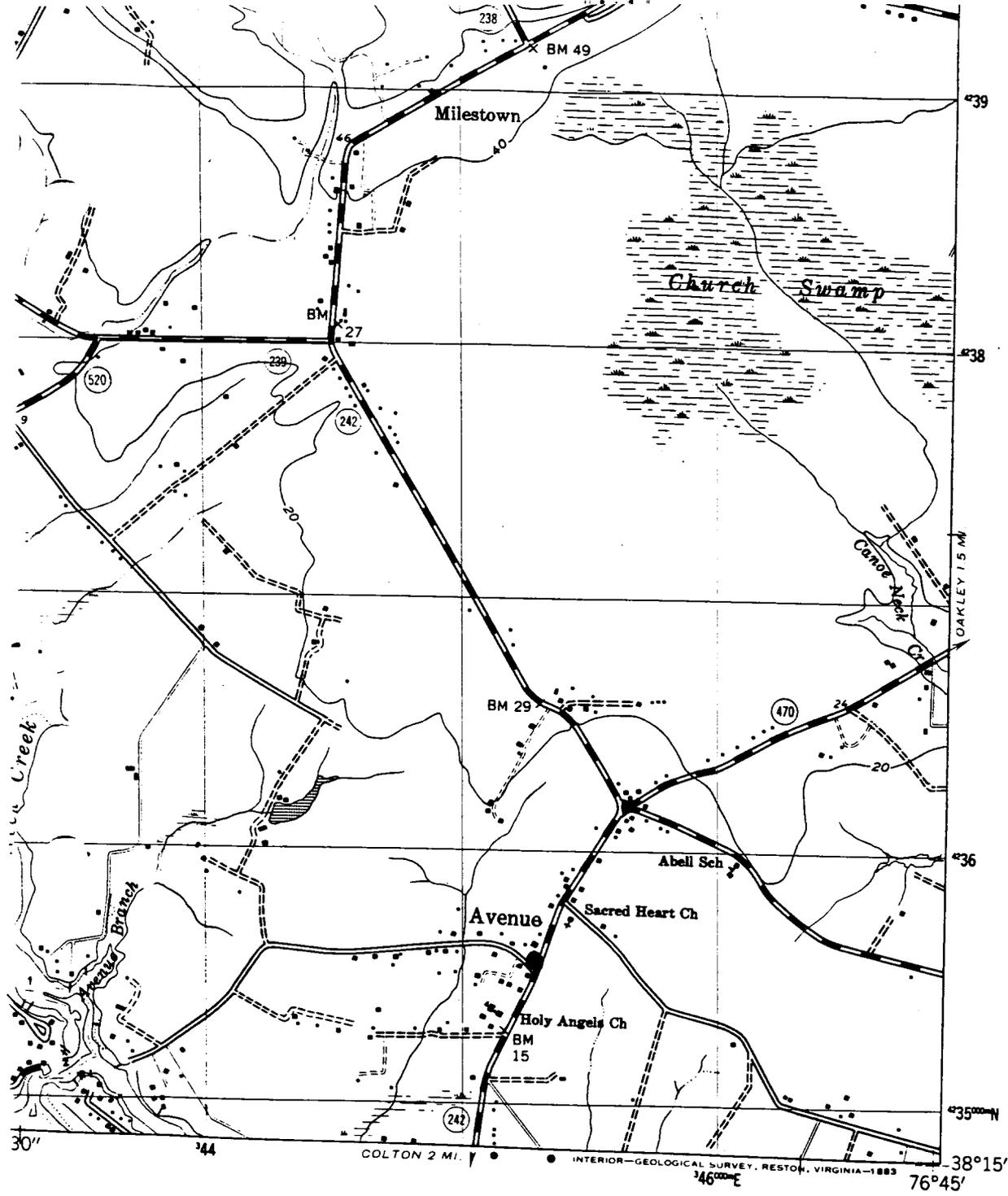


1950 plat showing Long's Boat Shop/Victory Bar. St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 127, Folio 421.

5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters  
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet  
multiply by 3.2808



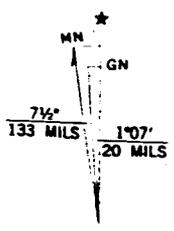
**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———

Unimproved dirt - - - - -

○ State Route

ST CLEMENT'S ISLAND  
5660 II NW



**ROCK POIN**  
38076-C7-TB-

1943  
PHOTOREVISE  
BATHYMETRY AT  
DMA 5660 IV SE-SI

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Rock Point Quad

COLTON 2 MI. INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1883

38°15' 76°45'





