

Capsule Summary
SM-662
Morris/Gibson House
Avenue
Private

c. 1901

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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
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Economic

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural crossroads
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIESMaryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Part of Bluestone

and/or common Morris/Gibson House (pref)

2. Location

street & number W side of Colton's Point Rd., across from int. with Hatchet Thicket Rd.

 not for publication

city, town Avenue

 vicinity of

congressional district 7

state Maryland

county St. Mary's TM-46, G-5, P-467

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Henry J. and Susan L. Brooks

street & number 21509 Colton's Point Rd.

telephone no.: 301-259-4039

city, town Avenue

state and zip code Md 20609

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber EWA 934

street & number

folio 301

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

Survey No. SM-662

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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

The Morris/Gibson House is located just northwest of the intersection of Hatchet Thicket and Colton's Point Roads in the rural crossroads community of Avenue, Maryland. Setback approximately 50 feet from Colton's Point Road, the dwelling is oriented on an east/west axis and is situated adjacent to the Morris/Gibson Store (SM-659) and across the street from the Morris/Gibson Movie House (SM-663). A semicircular gravel drive lies in front of the dwelling and a cement walkway leads to the north side door of the Gibson Store. The dwelling was recently rehabilitated and all of the windows and doors have been replaced.

The Morris/Gibson House is a two story, five bay, single-pile, center passage, frame dwelling with a two story rear ell. The building rests on a brick pier foundation that is presently obscured by rusticated pressed metal. Vinyl siding sheaths the exterior walls, while corrugated metal covers the gable roof.

The primary or east elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located door flanked on either side by sidelights. Two, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows lie on either side of the door. Each window features non-functional louvers. All of these bays are shaded by a hipped porch. The second story exhibits five one-over-one windows also with corresponding louvered shutters. Immediately above the center window is a cross gable that is lit by a two-over-two window with a semicircular crown.

The south elevation consists of the main block's gable end and the side of the rear kitchen ell. The main block does not feature any openings, but the kitchen ell can be entered via a sliding glass door with a pediment above it. The second floor is pierced by a sliding window. Louvered shutters decorate each of these bays.

The west elevation consists of the ell's gable end and the main block's rear. The ell is pierced by an attic vent but is otherwise unfenestrated, the main block exhibits a door on the first floor that is decorated by a small pediment decorated with a sunburst. These bays also feature louvered shutters.

The north elevation consists of the main block's gable end and the side of the rear ell. The main block features a one-over-one window on the first and second floor. A three light casement window opening is one the first floor of the ell while a one-over-one window lights the second floor.

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

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-662

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

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 934, Folio 301

Grantee: Henry H. and Susan L. Brooks

Grantor: Jan Barnes for Patricia Bogie and Thomas S. Crully, Jr.

Date: November 1, 1994

Notes: The deed notes that the property contains 1.003 acres as surveyed in 1977 by Richard P. Brown Associates.

Reference: Liber EWA 618, Folio 198

Grantee: Patricia Bogie and Thomas S. Crully, Jr.

Grantor: Patricia Gatton Bogie

Date: August 30, 1991

Reference: Liber MRB 454, Folio 161

Grantee: Patricia Gatton Bogie

Grantor: Richard Wayne and Kimberly B. Baird

Date: January 23, 1989

Reference: Liber MRB 135, Folio 236

Grantee: Richard Wayne and Kimberly B. Baird

Grantor: Gary A. and P. Dianne Rasponi

Date: January 28, 1983

Reference: Liber DBK 286, Folio 22

Grantee: Gary A. and P. Dianne Rasponi

Grantor: James K. Raley, et al

Date: December 9, 1977

Notes: Noted as being "Part of Bluestone," this deed also features a survey of the property that also shows the neighboring Morris/Gibson Store (SM-659)

Reference: Liber DBK 269, Folio 132

Grantee: James K. and Clare Ann Raley, et al

Grantor: Joseph Clement Mattingly

Date: April 1, 1977

Notes: The tract here is listed as being Parcel #1.

Reference: Liber CBG 111, Folio 287

Grantee: Joseph Clement Mattingly

Grantor: James G. and Alice Marie Thompson

Date: January 15, 1964

Reference: Liber CBG 70, Folio 189

Grantee: James G. and Alice Marie Thompson

Grantor: Grace M. and Charles F. Gibson

Date: July 19, 1957

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8.2 Significance

Reference: Liber CBG 65, Folio 48

Grantee: Grace M. and Charles F. Gibson

Grantor: Grace H. Morris, et al

Date: August 20, 1956

Notes: Here the tract is listed as being Part of Blue Stone and consisting of 85/100 of an acre.

Reference: Liber JMM 9, Folio 329

Grantee: Grace H. Morris

Grantor: Alma M. Ellis et al, heirs of Andrew J. Morris

Date: October 26, 1935

Notes: The deed notes two parcels and it appears that the Morris's purchased their dwelling house and store lot in 1901 from Thomas and Jane A. Shoemaker.

Reference: Liber EBA 2, Folio 87

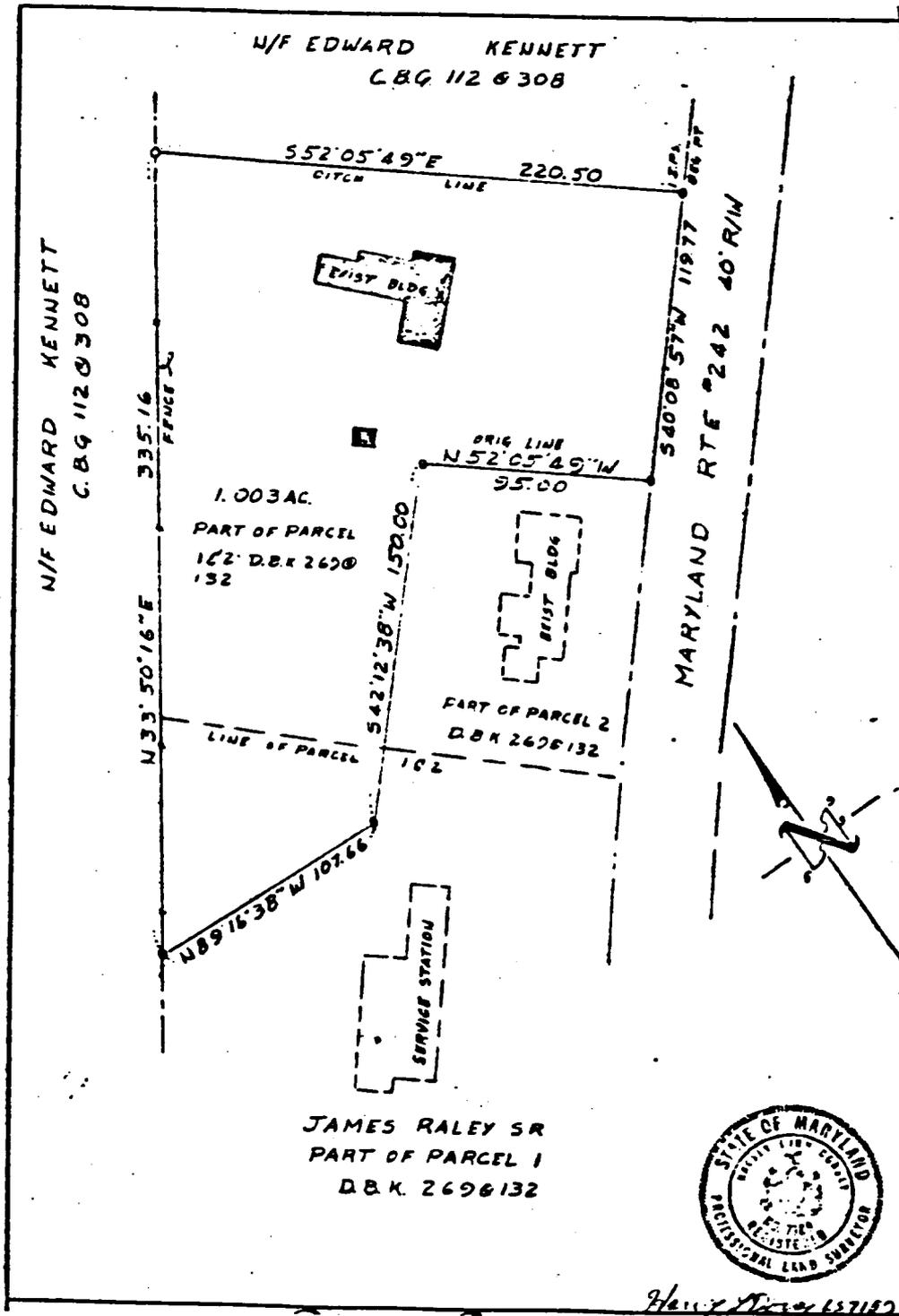
Grantee: Andrew Jackson Morris

Grantor: Thomas and Jane A. Shoemaker

Date: April 19, 1901

Notes: Described as being part of the farm called Blue Stone, the tract is listed as containing 2 acres.

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 8.3 Significance

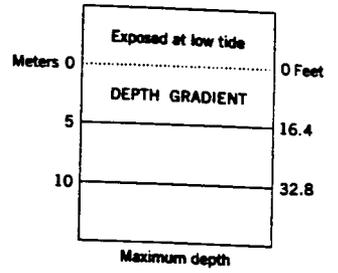
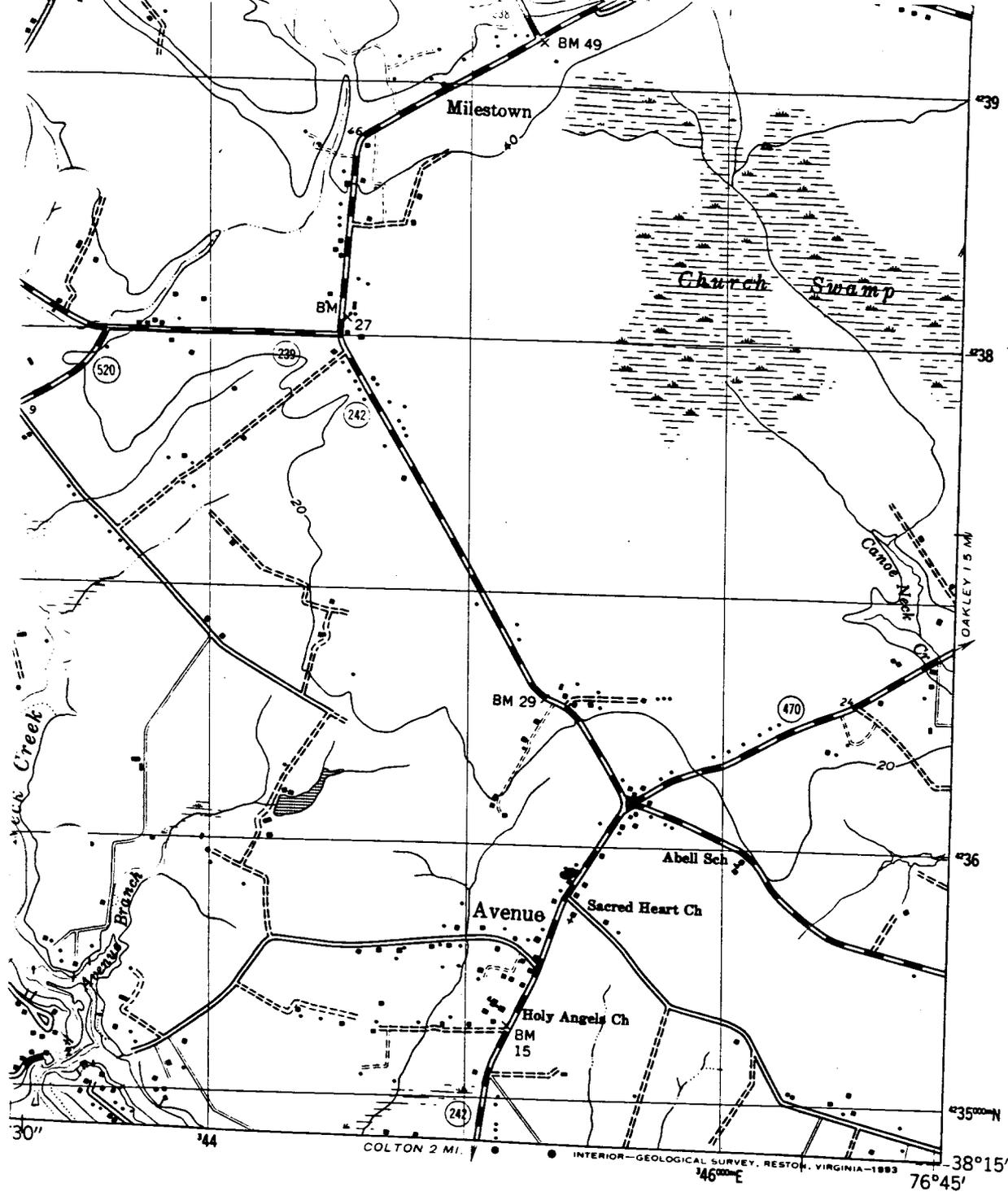


Plat showing the Morris/Gibson House. St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 286, Folio 23.

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

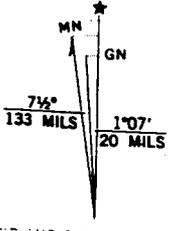


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty Light-duty

Unimproved dirt

State Route



ROCK POINT
38076-C7-TB-0:
1943
PHOTOREVISED
BATHYMETRY ADI
DMA 5860 IV SE-SEI

SM-662, Morris/Gibson House
Avenue
St. Mary's County
Rock Point Quad

(ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND)
5860 II NW



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Attorney/Client

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