

Capsule Summary  
SM-147  
Zach Fowler House  
Chaptico  
Private

Circa 1905

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The Zach Fowler House is a modest, T-shaped structure sheathed with asbestos shingle siding and reconfigured with the addition of one-story wings on both the east and west elevations. A one-story outbuilding sheathed with weatherboard siding and trimmed with a scalloped bargeboard is located east of the dwelling house. This use of this well-preserved outbuilding is unclear.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture  
Commerce

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Residence  
Store

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND'S INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-147  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Zach Fowler House

**2. Location**

street & number Zach Fowler Road  not for publication

city, town Chaptico  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Philip R. Quade, Jr., & Virginia A. Quade

street & number S.R.Box 1 telephone no.: 301 884-5655

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md 20621

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 422

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 84

city, town Leonardtown state Md

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

**Condition**

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

**Check one**

- unaltered
- altered

**Check one**

- original site
- moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.  
 Contributing Resource Count: 2

The Zach Fowler house stands at the southeast corner of the intersection of Zach Fowler Road and the Chaptico-Hurry Road in the village of Chaptico. West of the Fowler house, across the Chaptico-Hurry Road, stands Christ Episcopal Church. East of the house stands a two-story, frame dwelling built in the late nineteenth century. The Fowler house faces north and has a gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Three outbuildings originally stood on this property. One barn was demolished in a thunderstorm while a second barn was deconstructed and moved to a lot next door. The third outbuilding still stands on the south side of the two-story, frame structure.

Built around 1905, the foundation of the Fowler house consists of concrete block. Originally sheathed with german siding, this ell-shaped structure is currently covered with asbestos shingles. The roof is covered with metal, has a medium overhang, and is finished with a boxed cornice. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the ridgeline of the roof at both the east and west ends of the structure's main block.

The north (main) elevation is finished with a hipped roof porch which extends across the first floor. The porch is sheathed with asphalt shingles and has square post supports. Its original floorboards have been replaced with plywood sheeting. The first floor of the Fowler house is pierced by a central, partially-glazed entrance door. This door is flanked on both the east and west sides by a two-over-two sash window with narrow, molded surrounds. To the east of the main block extends a one-story addition lit by a pair of one-over-one sash windows with wide, flat surrounds. This metal-roofed addition was constructed in the 1950s. To the west of the main block stands a one-story addition lit by a pair of two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. A carport supported by square wood posts extends to the west of this addition. The second floor of the main block is lit by two two-over-two sash windows and one replacement six-over-six sash window. A shed roof dormer projects from the center of the roof, lit by two six-light windows and one two-light window. Two interior brick chimneys project from the roof's ridgeline.

The two northern bays of the west elevation comprise the western gable end of the Zach Fowler house main block. These two bays consist of a modern entrance door and a small two-over-two sash window sheltered by a one-story carport with a gable roof and a cement pad floor. The second floor is lit by one replacement six-over-six sash window and one two-over-two sash window. To the south extends a two-story, one-bay wing stepped back from the main block of the house, forming an ell. The first floor of this wing is obscured by a shed roof addition which was constructed around 1989, enveloping the small screened porch which once stood here. The second floor of this wing is lit by one two-over-two sash window with wide, plain surrounds. The wing roofline has a boxed cornice and a medium overhang like the main block.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**      unknown                      **Builder/Architect**      unknown

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.

The Zach Fowler House is a modest, T-shaped structure sheathed with asbestos shingle siding and reconfigured with the addition of one-story wings on both the east and west elevations. These changes have compromised the architectural integrity of the building. The Zach Fowler House is most significant because of its history as the former site of the Zach Fowler Store and because of the one-story outbuilding located east of the dwelling.

The Fowler House stands on a prominent corner in the village of Chaptico across from Christ Episcopal Church. According to the current owner, the house was built in 1905. The Zach Fowler Store stood here on the west side of the dwelling house. The store actually predated the dwelling, having been built by J. Philip Greenwell sometime in the 1880s. John Herbert purchased the storehouse and lot from Greenwell in 1885 and sold it to Thomas Fowler in 1889. Zach Fowler and John M. Payne then purchased the storehouse and lot in 1898. Demolished in the late 1950s, only a photo of the store remains. Store records dating from the first half of the twentieth century are in the possession of the current owner of the Zach Fowler House.

The one-story outbuilding located east of the dwelling house is an interesting structure, although its original use is unclear. Sheathed with weatherboard siding and trimmed with a scalloped bargeboard, it remains in good condition.



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The south elevation has as its western most bay the 1989 infill addition pierced by an eight-over-eight sash window, a modern entrance door, and a one-over-one sash window. The first floor central, gable end wing is lit by two pairs of two-over-two sash windows with wide, plain surrounds. To the east of this wing stands a one-story addition lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The second floor of the structure's main block is visible to the west of the south elevation's gable end wing. This bay is lit by one two-over-two sash window with narrow, molded surrounds. The second floor of the ell is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridgeline of the ell's southern gable end roof.

The east elevation first floor is completely obscured by a one-story, gable roof addition which was constructed in the 1950s. An exterior brick chimney is centered on the east gable end of this addition flanked on both sides by one one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds. The second floor of the house is lit by three two-over-two sash windows. The two northern most windows, located on the structure's main block, have narrow, molded surrounds. The window located on the southern wing is finished with wide, plain surrounds. The eave of the main block's eastern gable end is lit by a four-pane window with a semi-circular jamb.

The interior of the house consists of a single pile, center hall plan. This center hall has a paneled open stringer stair with square balusters and a square newell post. While the western parlor has been reworked, the eastern parlor retains its original 13' by 21' dimensions and chair rail. Five panel doors are located throughout the house and are finished with plain architraves. The second floor was not seen.

One outbuilding currently stands on the property. Located southeast of the house, this one-room frame structure has a steeply pitched gable roof covered with corrugated metal. The building faces south and the roof is oriented on an east/west axis. The exterior is sheathed with weatherboard siding now held in place by wire nails. This siding is also marked with square nail holes, suggesting that the siding was either reused from a different structure or reattached to this outbuilding with wire nails at a later date. Both the gable and longitudinal ends of the building's roofline are trimmed with a scalloped bargeboard like that on the nearby Martin Welch house (SM-416). The north end of the building is pierced by a 2' by 2' opening in the center of the wall which is now infilled. The east elevation is pierced by a longitudinal window consisting of a plexiglass sheet. The eave is pierced by a square opening. The south end of the building is pierced by a four panel door with wide surrounds. The eave of the west end is pierced by a square opening. The structure's interior floor boards are wide and circular sawn. The interior walls are clad with vertical boards, some of which measure 1.5 feet in width. Both the studs and ceiling joists are hewn and are mortise and tenoned and pegged into place. A ladder built into the northeast corner of the one-room interior provides access to a loft above. Here, the roof rafters are joined to a

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ridge beam. Many of the original shingle nailers remain in place underneath the metal roof and are imbedded with mature machine cut nails. The use of this outbuilding is unclear, although it has been referred to as a "pigeon house."

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### Chain of Title

TO: Philip R. Quade, Jr. and Virginia A. Quade

FROM: Eugene J. and Shelby P. Guazzo

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 422, folio 84.

DATE: July 15, 1988.

NOTES: Transfer of Lot No. 2 being 1.00 acre. See plat 25/112.

TO: Eugene J. and Shelby P. Guazzo

FROM: Zach M. Fowler, Sr., per power of attorney, Ann Fowler Lawrence

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 167, folio 476.

DATE: December 29, 1983.

NOTES: Transfer of Parcel A being 3.958 acres, same as ACM 1/434 and CBG 17/216; and Parcel B being 5.893 acres. See plat MRB 20/100.

TO: Zach M. Fowler

FROM: Louise F. Long, Richard B. Long, and Mary R. Fowler, unmarried.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 216.

DATE: June 28, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of property being part of that of which Zach Fowler died seized and possessed which went to his widow and children.

TO: Zach M. Fowler, Louise F. Long, and Mary R. Fowler

FROM: Martha B. Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber ACM 1, folio 434.

DATE: February 11, 1941.

NOTES: Transfer to daughters, Louise F. Long and Mary R. Fowler, and son, Zach M. Fowler, all right, title, and interest in my home and farms in the fourth district including those known as "White Hall" and "Billy Goat Hill" to share and share alike.

TO: Martha B. Fowler

FROM: Zach Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Estate #615

DATE: September 1925.

NOTES: Zach Fowler died intestate in 1925. The final accounting of his estate was submitted in 1938.

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TO: Zachariah M. Fowler

FROM: John M. Payne

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 16, folio 481.

DATE: November 28, 1917.

NOTES: Transfer of 1/2 interest in a storehouse and lot in the village of Chaptico.  
Price: \$1500

TO: Zach M. Fowler and John M. Payne

FROM: Thomas H. Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 5, folio 342.

DATE: September 26, 1898.

NOTES: Transfer of a storehouse and lot in Chaptico. Price: \$2000

TO: Thomas H. Fowler

FROM: John C. Herbert and James E. Herbert

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 11, folio 180.

DATE: February 20, 1889

NOTES: Transfer of store house and lot being 2.5 acres. Price: \$1200

TO: John C. Herbert

FROM: J. Philip Greenwell

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 8, folio 405.

DATE: December 2, 1885.

NOTES: Transfer of a store house and lot in Chaptico now enclosed by a plank fence and public roads and separated from the remaining portion of an original lot, purchased by me in JFF 7/363, which remaining portion is now in my possession and known as the "Mill Lot." Price: \$1000

TO: J. Philip Greenwell

FROM: Ann M. Waring, Kate E. Waring, Elizabeth T. Waring, Annie M. Waring, and Henry Waring, her children, and Elizabeth Thomas.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 7, folio 363.

DATE: August 7, 1884.

NOTES: Transfer of four acres, being part of a tract known as "Southampton."  
Price: \$200

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 10.1 Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification.  
 Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber 25, folio 112.



$\Delta = 106^{\circ} - 38' - 26''$   
 $R = 38.00'$   
 $A = 70.73'$   
 $T = 51.02'$

$N 06^{\circ} - 07' - 19'' E - 68.88'$

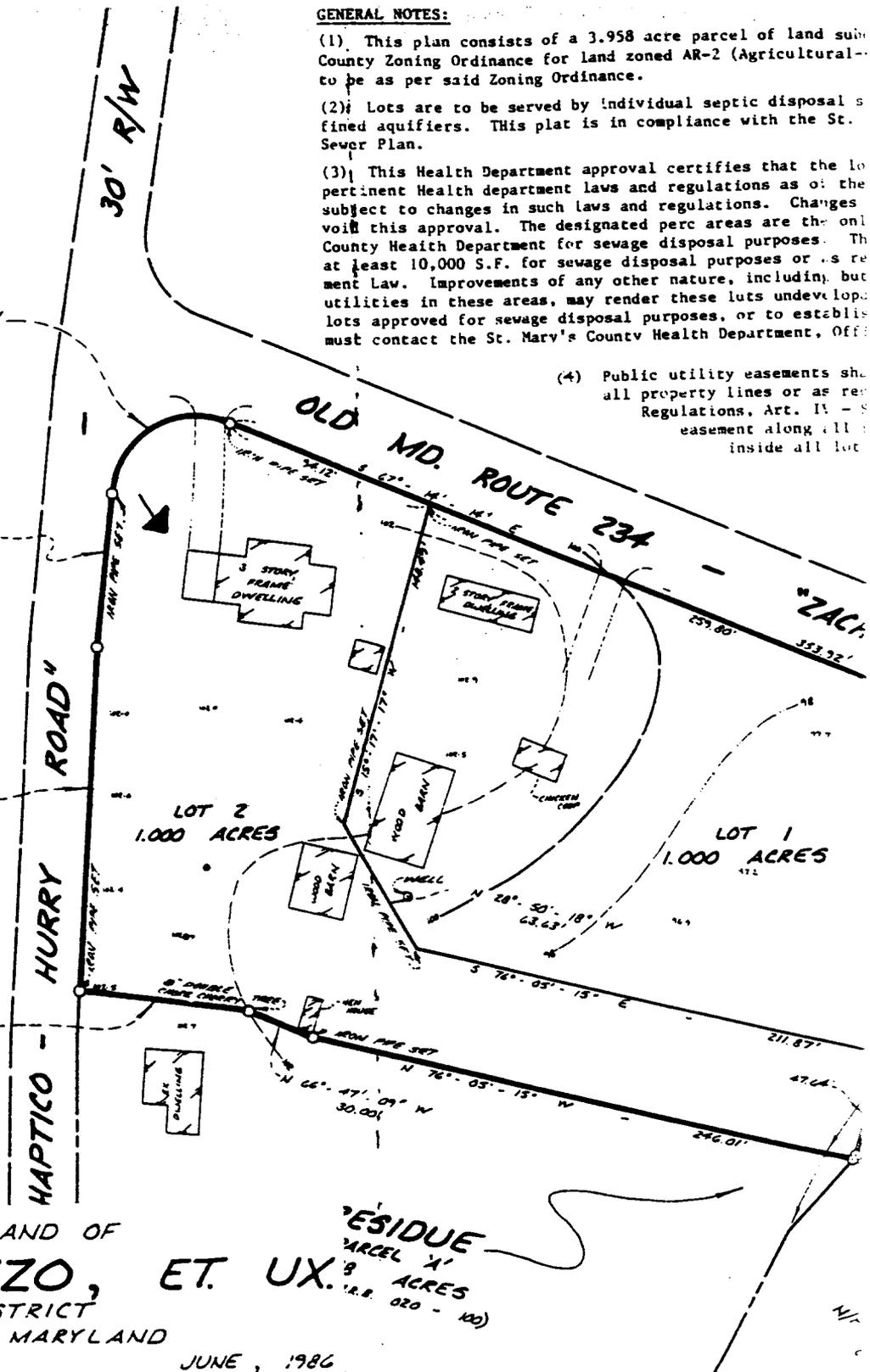
$N 03^{\circ} - 29' - 45'' E - 154.32'$

$N 82^{\circ} - 42' - 33'' W - 73.77'$

**GENERAL NOTES:**

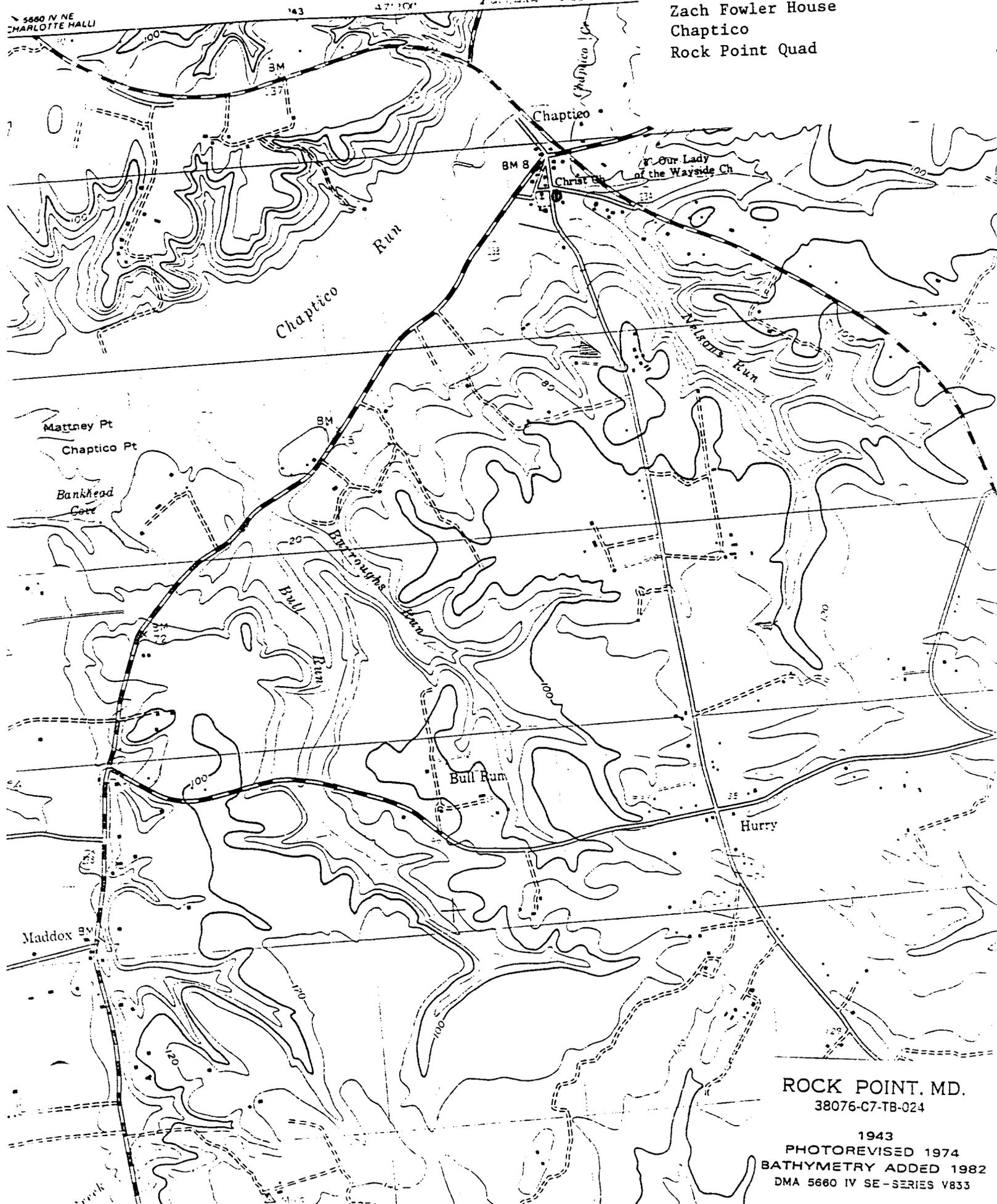
- (1) This plan consists of a 3.958 acre parcel of land subject to the County Zoning Ordinance for land zoned AR-2 (Agricultural-Residential) to be as per said Zoning Ordinance.
- (2) Lots are to be served by individual septic disposal systems in unconfined aquifers. This plat is in compliance with the St. Mary's County Sewer Plan.
- (3) This Health Department approval certifies that the lots are in compliance with the pertinent Health department laws and regulations as of the date of this approval. Changes in laws and regulations subject to changes in such laws and regulations. Changes in laws and regulations void this approval. The designated perc areas are the only ones approved by the County Health Department for sewage disposal purposes. The lots are at least 10,000 S.F. for sewage disposal purposes or as required by the Health Department. Improvements of any other nature, including, but not limited to, utilities in these areas, may render these lots undevelopable. Lots approved for sewage disposal purposes, or to establish a public utility easement, must contact the St. Mary's County Health Department, Office of the Health Officer.

- (4) Public utility easements shall be shown along all property lines or as required by the Health Department Regulations, Art. IV - Sewerage, to be a public utility easement along all property lines inside all lots.



SUBDIVISION - LAND OF  
**EUGENE J. GUAZZO, ET. UX.**  
 4TH ELECTION DISTRICT  
 ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
 SCALE: 1" = 50'  
 JUNE, 1986

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Rock Point Quad



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

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











