

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mechanicsville Bank

AND/OR COMMON

Senator Fowler's office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Route 5 - approximately .10 mile west of intersection with Mechanicsville-Chaptico Rd.

CITY, TOWN Mechanicsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th

___ VICINITY OF

St. Mary's

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Henry J. Fowler

Telephone #: 884-3229

STREET & NUMBER Horse Range Farm

Md. 20659

CITY, TOWN Mechanicsville

STATE, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: M.R.F. No. 128
Folio #: 283

STREET & NUMBER

Md.

CITY, TOWN Leonardtown

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

JM-340

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bank of Mechanicsville, located at Mechanicsville, St. Mary's County, .10 miles west of the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road on Old Route 5 is a one-story brick commercial building with a gabled roof. It was built in two stages, 1907 and 1926, and renovated in 1966.

The original section, built in 1907, is three bays wide. The front (NE) facade has a central prostyle portico flanked by two windows. Its brickwork is laid in an alternating pattern of five rows of Flemish bond and one row of headers. A stone block dated "1907" is centered above the gabled roof of the portico. A diocletian window is centered above this stone. The windows have archivolt mouldings with a double row of headers above, repeating the arch. Below each window is an indented square in the brickwork, nine rows long and as wide as the window. The SE facade has two windows with sill and archivolt details identical to that of the front windows, but no indented square below. The back (SW) facade has a central entrance, with a window in the south side. The NW facade originally had two windows. The 1907 section was built as one large room, with the vault in the back (W) corner of the building. It had frescoed walls and fourteen-foot ceilings.

The (NW) room was added in 1926. It continues the brick pattern and window detailing of the 1907 section. The NE window it enclosed on the original section has been converted into a bookshelf. The windows of the back (SW) facade of the 1926 addition are narrower than the other windows on the building. A simple cornice runs under the eaves around the building.

In 1966, the first section of the building was altered on the interior, with walls breaking up the floor space into a waiting room, office, and back

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Italianate style elements in the design of the Mechanicsville Bank characterize the building as a typical example of the commercial architecture built in the early twentieth century in St. Mary's County. It reflects the conservative ideals and the affluence that existed in this agrarian society in a style that relates a classical tradition with something agreeably up-to-date in appearance. At the same time, it is a unique example of commercial architecture in Mechanicsville in its formal Italianate details and brick exterior. Details such as frescoed walls, high interior ceilings and exterior features such as a diocletian window, and prostyle portico create an impression of solidity, stability, and security.

The bank was built in 1907 on land purchased for that purpose by Zachariah R. Morgan, then one of the directors of the National Bank of Mechanicsville. In 1966, it was purchased for use as an office and extensively renovated by Henry J. Fowler, Sr. Senator Fowler served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1950-54 and 1958-70.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gowans, Alan. Images of American Living, Four Centuries of Architecture and Furniture as Cultural Expression. (New York: Harper and Row, 1976)

Land Records of St. Mary's County, Courthouse, Leonardtown, Md.
Pevsner, Fleming, and Honour, eds. A Dictionary of Architecture (Woodstock: The Overlook Press, 1976).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Mechanicsville Bank property faces NE on Old Route 5, .10 miles west of its intersection with the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

P. Erin Munday

5/2/80

ORGANIZATION

St. Mary's College of Md.

DATE

373-8691

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 3, Box 529

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hollywood

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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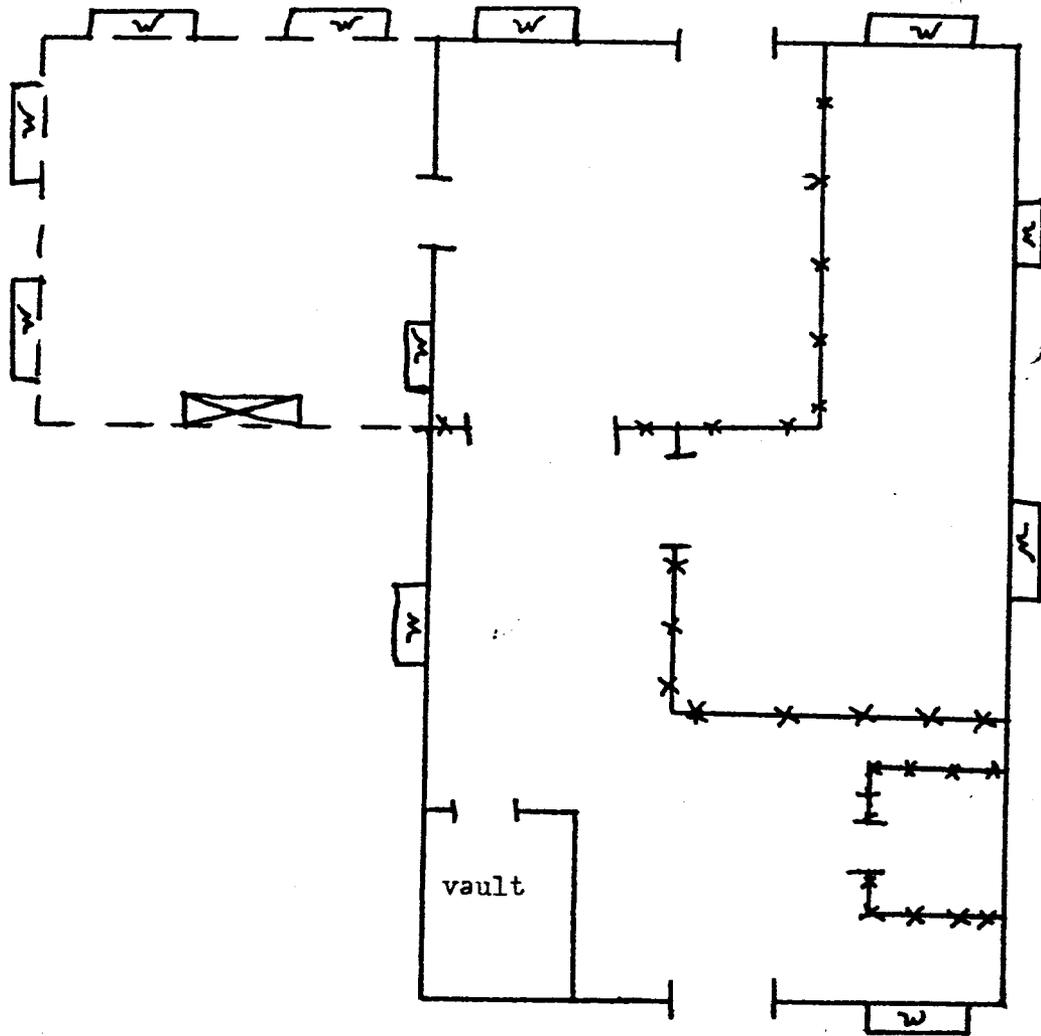
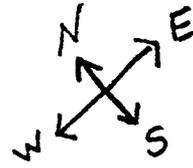
Mechanicsville Bank; Mechanicsville, Md.; St. Mary's County

room. A narrow hall along the SW side permitted passage from the front of the building to the back. In the waiting room and office a ten-foot ceiling is slung below the original ceiling. In the back room, the higher ceiling and walls remain in view. Except for a slightly narrower door, the vault, with its safe and alarm-and-ventilation system stands untouched. A fireplace now stands where a stove originally stood in the 1926 section. The floor of the 1907 section has also been replaced.

Mechanicsville Bank

- - - - 1926 addition
- *-*-*-* 1966 modifications
- window
- fireplace
- door

not drawn to scale



Mechanicsville Bank

Chain of Title, cont.

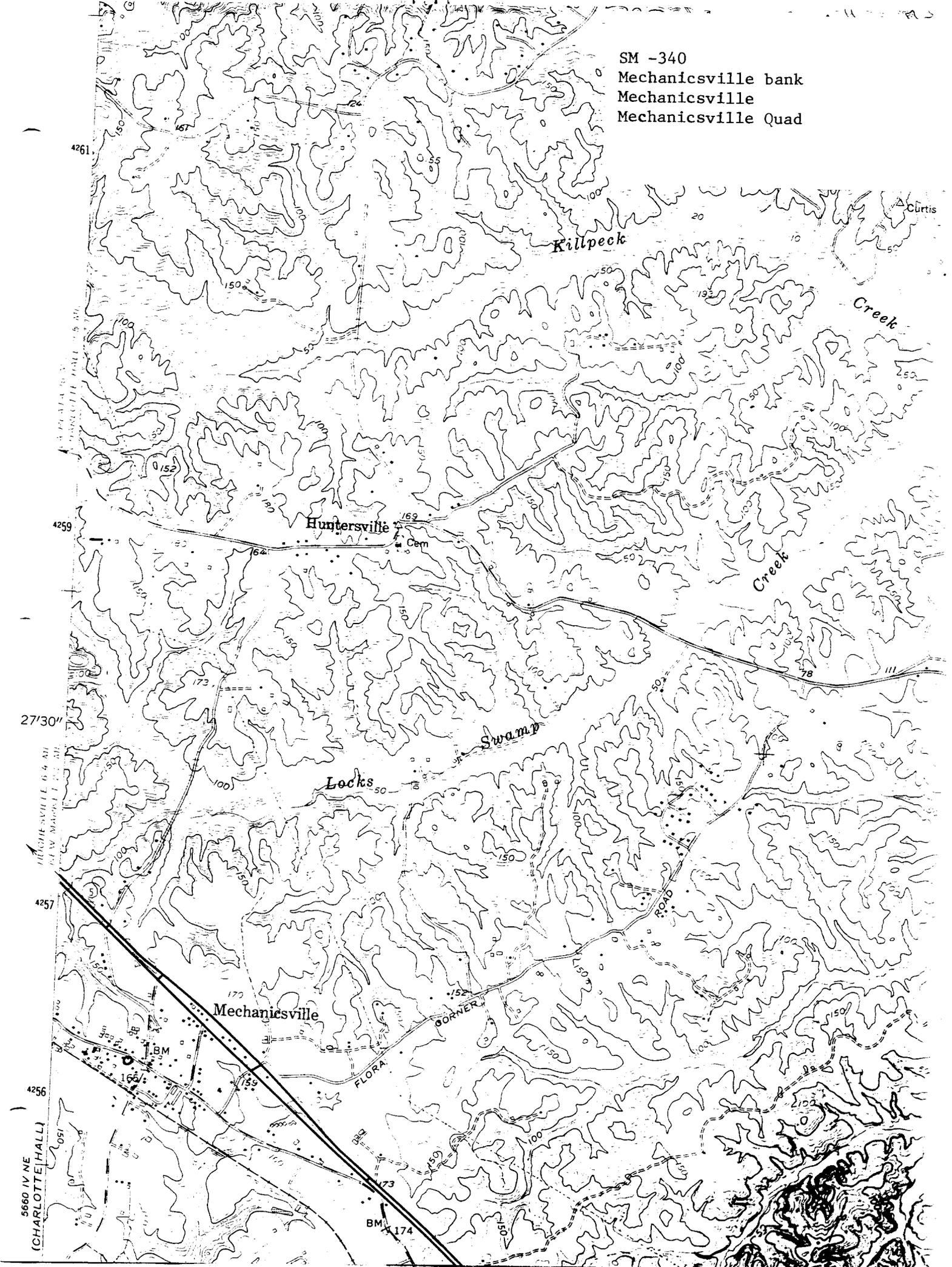
Grantor: Robert C. Hood, and Annie S. Hood, his wife
Grantee: Zachariah R. Morgan
Date of Deed: October 5, 1906
For consideration of \$300
Land Records of St. Mary's County, Liber E.B.A. No. 6, folio 231.

Grantor: Zachariah R. Morgan and Nellie Morgan, his wife
Grantee: Jesse Turner, George M. Thomas, L.E. Mumford, Zachariah R. Morgan, Clarence W. Thomas, R.J. Long, W.W. Early, Eugene Trice, J. Edward Burroughs, Robert V. Palmer, D.T. Dixon, Directors of the National Bank of Mechanicsville, and their successors as Directors of said bank
Date of Deed: May 12, 1909
For consideration of \$300
Land Records of St. Mary's County, Liber E.B.A. No 7, folio 515.

Grantor: Maryland National Bank (the same as the grantee in previous deed)
Grantee: Kenneth L. Burroughs and Martha L. Burroughs, his wife
Date of Deed: June 7, 1966
For consideration of the premises, \$10 and good and valuable considerations
Land Records of St. Mary's County, Liber C.B.G. No. 127, folio 191.

Grantor: Kenneth L. Burroughs and Martha L. Burroughs, his wife
Grantee: Henry J. Fowler, Sr.
Date of Deed: August 15, 1966
For consideration of the premises, \$10 and good and valuable considerations
Land Records of St. Mary's County, Liber M.R.F. No. 128, folio 283.

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Mechanicsville Quad



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St. Mary's County, Md

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Nov/19

S + E elevations

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