

SM-397  
Charles P. Herbert house  
Mechanicsville  
Private

circa 1909

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

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

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: Unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-397

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### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles P. Herbert House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 1170 Old Route 5  not for publicationcity, town Mechanicsville  vicinity of congressional district 5state 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 Albert Eugene and Sherrill E. Hopkinsstreet & number 1170 Old Route 5 telephone no.: 301-884-5128city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code MD 20659

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's Clerk of Court liber EWA 644street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 276city, 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

<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

The Charles P. Herbert house is located on the south side of Old Route 5 in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The house faces north and has a hipped roof.

Built in 1909, this two-story Queen Anne style structure is sheathed in aluminum siding. The roof is covered with pressed tin shingles. The original foundation under the main block of the house has been sealed with cement. The foundation of the front porch and the two-story addition to the rear of the building consists of cinderblocks. Originally, the house had a partial basement which has since been infilled.

The north (main) elevation has a one-story porch which wraps around to the east and west elevations of the house. The porch is supported by attenuated Doric columns and trimmed with decorative cut-out woodwork. The porch's wood floor remains intact. The roofline of the porch is broken by a cross gable centered over the entrance door to the house. The eave of this gable is sheathed with pressed tin shingles. The first floor of the Herbert house is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door as the eastern most bay and two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows. The roofline of the house is broken by a cross gable which is aligned with the porch's cross gable. The eave of the cross gable is sheathed with pressed tin shingles and lit by a single-pane window with wide surrounds and a peaked crown molding. The cornice is boxed and has a shallow molding. The western most bay of the house is a two-story, five-sided tower with an eight-sided roof. The tower is lit by three six-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors. The tower roof is capped by a decorative finial.

The west elevation is marked on its northern end by the house's wrap-around porch and two-story tower. The main block of the building is lit by a bay window with three six-over-six sash windows on the first floor. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows. The roofline is broken by a cross gable placed next to the northern tower. This gable is sheathed with pressed tin shingles and lit by a single pane window with wide surrounds and a peaked crown molding. To the south is a modern two-story addition. The first floor of this addition is lit by a pair of six-over-six sash windows while the second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window. The cornice of the addition is boxed, but has no molding.

The south elevation consists of the gable end of the two-story addition. The first floor is marked by a central entrance door flanked on either side by a six-over-six sash window. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window. A louvered vent pierces the eave and the cornice is boxed.

# 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/
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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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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Charles P. and Bessie D. Herbert purchased this 7/8 of an acre property from James W. Herbert in 1914. Yet, it appears that the Herberts actually built their house here as early as 1909. An article about road work in an August 17, 1909 issue of the St. Mary's Beacon noted, "...work began near C.P. Herbert's new dwelling in Mechanicsville." In the 1920 census Charles P. Herbert is listed as an agent for the Railroad. He and his wife owned this house until their death in the 1960s.



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The east elevation of the main block has a central entrance door flanked on the north side by a six-over-six sash window and on the south side by a bank of fifteen small glass panes which comprise a picture window. The front porch wraps around across the northern most bay of this elevation. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window. The east facade of the two-story addition to the south is blind. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of the addition. An unmolded, boxed cornice marks the roofline of the east elevation.

The interior has been gutted except for the fine closed stringer stair in the entrance hall. Branded on the square newel post is the name "Brooks Scanlon." A small closet remains under the stair.

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TO: Albert Eugene Hopkins and Sherrill E. Hopkins, his wife.  
FROM: Charles Franklin Davis and Bonnie Lee Davis.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EWA 644, folio 276.  
DATE: December 27, 1991.  
NOTES: Contains 1.094 acres.

TO: Charles Franklin Davis and Bonnie Lee Davis, his wife.  
FROM: Kenneth P. Bergling and Kathleen C. Bergling, his wife.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 358, folio 20.  
DATE: June 8, 1987.  
NOTES: Contains 1.094 acres.

TO: Kenneth P. Bergling and Kathleen C. Bergling, his wife.  
FROM: Robert H. Spence and Maxine W. Spence, his wife.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, DBK 265, folio 240.  
DATE: January 27, 1977.  
NOTES: Contains 1.094 acres.

TO: Robert H. Spence and Maxine W. Spence, his wife.  
FROM: William Joseph Davis  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 245, folio 118.  
DATE: October 22, 1975.  
NOTES: Confirmatory deed, as William Joseph Davis was a minor in MRF 138/133.  
Parcel contains 7/8 of an acre.

TO: Robert H. Spence and Maxine W. Spence, his wife.  
FROM: Harry C. Davis and Mary D. Davis, his wife; Mary Florence Cropper and Dale T. Cropper, her husband; Dorothy A. Burroughs and Lawrence Burroughs, her husband; Margaret Lucille Lumm and Guy Lumm, her husband; Lillian J. Brown and James R. Brown, her husband; Patricia L. Poffenbarger and Arthur Lee Poffenbarger, her husband; William Joseph Davis; John M. Davis and JoAnne Davis, his wife; John Hanson Briscoe, Trustee for Harold Manley Davis, infant. All heirs of Charles P. Herbert and Sara D. (Bessie) Herbert, his wife, deceased.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRF 138, folio 133.  
DATE: September 26, 1967.  
NOTES: Contains 7/8 of an acre.

TO: Heirs of Charles P. Herbert and Sara D. (Bessie) Herbert.  
FROM: Sara D. Herbert  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Estate Docket # 796.  
DATE: July 26, 1966.  
NOTES: Sara D. Herbert died intestate. No record was found for Charles P. Herbert.

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TO: Charles P. Herbert and Bessie D. Herbert, his wife.  
FROM: Mary R. Fowler  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 51/59.  
DATE: June 9, 1954.  
NOTES: Transfer of 7/8 of an acre.

TO: Mary R. Fowler  
FROM: Charles P. Herbert and Bessie D. Herbert, his wife.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 51/57.  
DATE: June 9, 1954.  
NOTES: Parcel contains 7/8 of an acre.

TO: Charles P. Herbert and Bessie D. Herbert  
FROM: James W. Herbert  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 13, folio 65.  
DATE: October 6, 1914.  
NOTES: Parcel contains 7/8 of an acre. Transfer price is \$100.

TO: James W. Herbert  
FROM: H. Bruce Burroughs and Laura J. Burroughs, his wife, of Prince George's County.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 7, folio 369.  
DATE: December 24, 1908.  
NOTES: Transfer of 3 1/3 acres (1/3 of an acre transferred to Burroughs in JJG 5/445).  
Price: \$325.

TO: H. Bruce Burroughs  
FROM: J. Wilson Adams  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 5, folio 193.  
DATE: April 20, 1898.  
NOTES: Parcel contains 3 acres. Price: \$50.

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Verbal boundary description and justification:

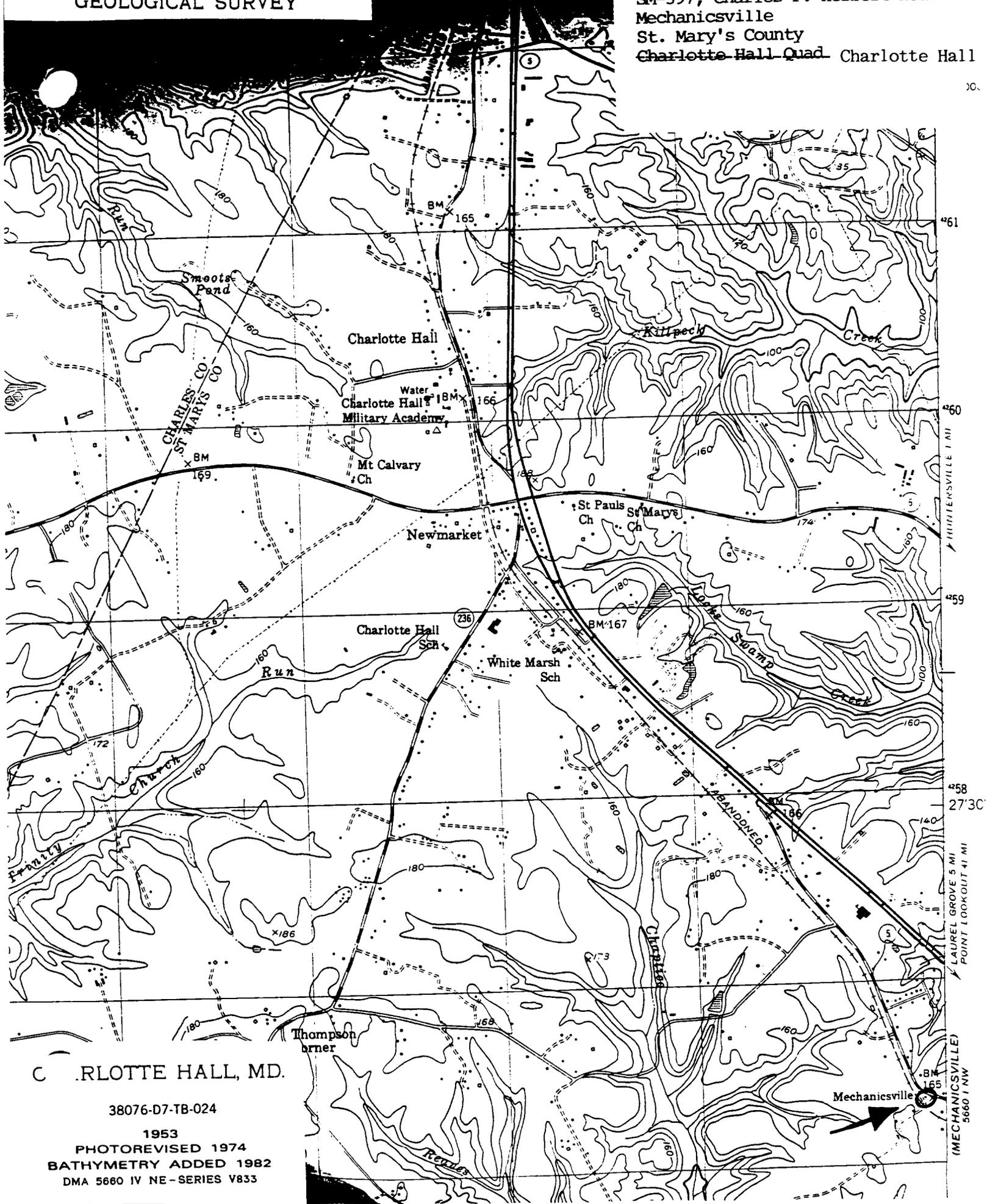
"Beginning for the same on the southerly side of Maryland Route 5 and continuing along the following courses and distances; South 55 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 222.00 feet; thence South 42 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 252.00 feet; thence along the US Navy Railroad North 37 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 36.40 feet; thence North 42 degrees 11 minutes 01 seconds East (Deed North 41 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East), 181.94 feet, to the place of beginning."

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 644, folio 276.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Charlotte Hall Quad Charlotte Hall

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C H. CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

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1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV NE-SERIES V833

HUNTERSVILLE 1 MI  
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27'30"  
LAUREL GROVE 5 MI  
POINT LOOKOUT 41 MI  
(MECHANICSVILLE)  
5660 1 NW







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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

ELIZABETH MARY

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