

Capsule Summary
SM-408
Christian Schunter house
St. Mary's County
Private

Circa 1914

Built in the early twentieth century, the Christian Schunter house is one of a row of three closely spaced frame residences located on the south side of Route 6 near its intersection with Route 5. This structure is significant as a modest and well-preserved example of the narrow, gable front form which evolved from the Greek Revival style and became popular during the first quarter of the twentieth century. Particularly suited to the narrow lots of urban environments, this simple example of folk housing is located on a half acre lot in the village of New Market.

The construction of this house in New Market also represents a period of German immigration to the New Market-Charlotte Hall-Mechanicsville area in the first quarter of the twentieth century. This wave of immigration was spearheaded by Herman Badenhoop, president of the German American Colonization and Land Company. Most of these immigrants arrived in St. Mary's County by train. Conveniently located two lots to the west of the Schunter property stood the New Market station of the Southern Maryland Railroad.

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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: Residence

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-408

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Christian Schunter house

2. Location

street & number Route 6 (New Market La Plata Road) not for publication

city, town New Market 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	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 Kenneth L. Dyson

street & number Rt. 2 Box 251 telephone no.: 301-274-3270

city, town Hughesville state and zip code Md. 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber CBG 75

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 37

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.

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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 County

The Christian Schunter house is located on the south side of Route 6 (La Plata - New Market Road) in the village of New Market in St. Mary's County. This house is one of a row of three closely spaced houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century on the south side of Route 6 near its intersection with Route 5. The Schunter house is the smallest of these three houses and faces north, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The exterior of this two-story, two-bay frame house is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The shallow gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Its foundation is obscured by a covering of sheet metal imprinted with the pattern of rough cut stone.

The north (main) elevation is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door and a two-over-two sash window. A cement floor porch supported by turned post supports stretches across the first floor of the north elevation. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows.

The east elevation is lit on the first floor by one two-over-two sash window with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. To the rear of the main block of the Schunter house is a one-story shed roof addition pierced by a partially glazed entrance door. A shed roof portico shelters this entrance.

The first floor of the south elevation consists of a shed roof addition lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is lit by one six-over-one sash window and one two-over-two sash window, both with wide surrounds.

The west elevation of the house's main block is lit by one two-over-two sash window and a pair of two-over-two sash windows, both sheltered by metal awnings. The one-story shed roof addition which extends to the south is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The second floor of this elevation is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this west side of the house.

The interior was not seen.

One outbuilding stands on the property. This shed roof chicken coop is sheathed with weatherboard siding and stands distant from the house at the south edge of the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at a stob on the south side of Md. Route 6 on the north-east corner of a lot owned by Mrs. W.A. Harrison heirs, thence running south for a distance of 130 yards to a lots owned.. by N.H. Curtis; thence running easterly for 18 yards, thence running northerly for 130 yards to the public road. *Cont.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date January 1994

street & number

telephone 301- 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Md.

*Cont.) road , and thence from a stone planted in the ground westerly with said public road to the beginning. "Source" : 75/37.

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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.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Kenneth L. Dyson, single
FROM: A. Edward Meredith and Nell Meredith
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 75, folio 37.
DATE: June 2, 1958
NOTES: Transfer of a half acre.

TO: A. Edward Meredith
FROM: Francis Howard Moran, individually and as Committee of Mayme Gilnette Moran, an incompetent.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 13, folio 228.
DATE: December 17, 1941.
NOTES: Transfer of a half acre. Details of this transfer are outlined in Circuit Court case #1964.

TO: Francis Howard Moran and Mayme Gilnette Moran
FROM: Grace Beach and Edward S. Beach
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 8, folio 280.
DATE: July 8, 1933.
NOTES: Transfer of a half acre.

TO: Grace Beach and Edward Stanley Beach
FROM: Dick Badenhop, widower
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 515.
DATE: February 28, 1930
NOTES: Transfer of a half acre.

TO: Dick Badenhop and Alma Badenhop
FROM: Christian Schunter and Wilhelmina Schunter
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 19, folio 25.
DATE: February 20, 1920
NOTES: Transfer of a half acre. Price: \$2209

TO: Christian Schunter and Wilhelmina Schunter
FROM: Annie P. Sothoron
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 18, folio 490.
DATE: December 12, 1919.
NOTES: Here, Annie P. Sothoron, wife of William F. Sothoron, transfers her interest in this property to the Schunters. Price: \$200

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8.2 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Christian Schunter and Wilhelmina Schunter
FROM: J. Bernard Love, Sheriff of St. Mary's County
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 12, folio 315.
DATE: March 31, 1914.

NOTES: A Circuit Court judgement in the case of Empire Distillery Company versus William F. Sothoron resulted in the sale of William F. Sothoron's property. Transfer of two lots: 1.) 1/2 acre as per JYG 5/322 2.) 1/4 acre as per EBA 1/246.

TO: William F. Sothoron
FROM: Lawrence M. Davis
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JYG 5, folio 322.
DATE: August 3, 1898.

NOTES: Transfer of 1/2 acre, being part of a parcel purchased by Davis at a tax sale as per JYG 5/208. Price: \$35

TO: Lawrence M. Davis
FROM: John H. Parsons, Tax Collector
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JYG 5, folio 208.
DATE: April 26, 1898

NOTES: Four and a half acre tract known as "Brotherhood" or "Land Bought of Martha Washington" assessed to George P. Lee sold for failure to pay taxes in 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895. Price: \$117.50

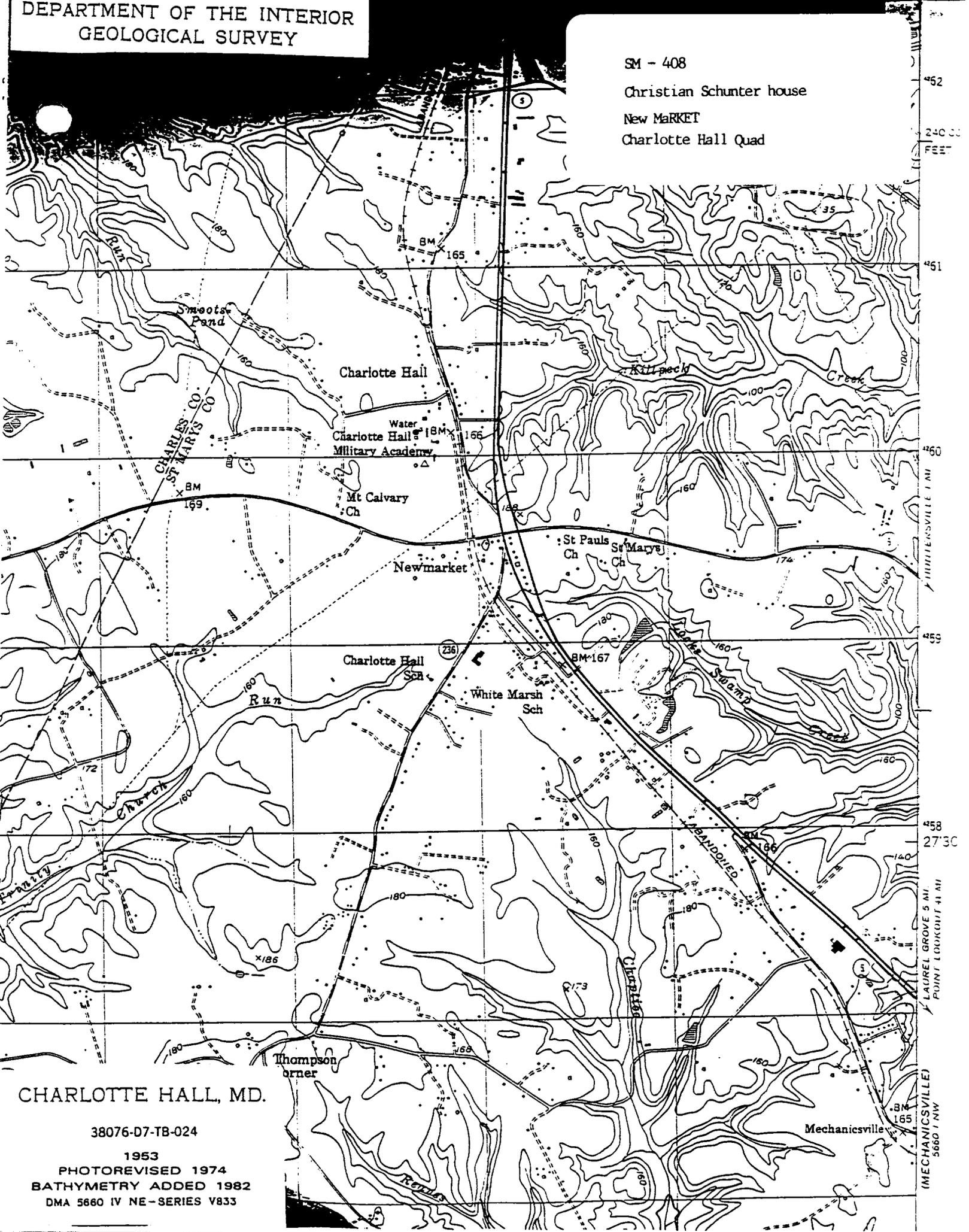
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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New MARKET

Charlotte Hall Quad



CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

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

452
240 00
FOOT
451
460
459
458
27 30
LAUREL GROVE 5 MI
POINT LOOKOUT 41 MI
(MECHANICSVILLE)
5660 I NW



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