

Capsule Summary
SM-413
Dr. Aloysius C. Welch House
Chaptico
Private

Circa 1870

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The Welch House was probably built by an heir of Hezekiah G. Hayden, who died possessed of the property in 1859. The circular sawn lumber, mature machine cut nails, interior finishes and plan of the building suggest a construction date around 1870. A structure was certainly standing here by 1894, when this lot and the buildings thereon "formerly occupied for Hotel purposes" were transferred from the heirs of H. G. Hayden to Aloysius C. Welch. The hotel may have been known as "Dent's Hotel," referred to as a Chaptico hotel in a deed of 1873 (JFF1/22). During Dr. Welch's ownership, the house served as both a residence and as a funeral parlor.

SM-413, Aloysius C. Welch House
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870.
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture
Economic
Social

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Funeral Parlor
Hotel
Residence

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-413

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Hotel Lot

and/or common Dr. Aloysius C. Welch House (pref)

2. Location

street & number Hurry -Chaptico Rd not for publication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	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 Keith Gordon Loker and Roberta M. Loker

street & number P.O. Box 26 telephone no.: 301-884-8818

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md 20621

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. 301 St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 74

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 103

city, town Leonardtwn state _____

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

postory for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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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: 4

The Dr. Welch house is located on the west side of the Chaptico-Hurry Road in the center of the village of Chaptico. This two-and-a-half story structure is bordered on the south by Christ Church and on the north by the George R. Garner storehouse (SM-418). To the west of the dwelling the landscape slopes gently downhill towards the Chaptico-Maddox Road and the Chaptico Creek. An old road bed which runs parallel to the Chaptico-Maddox Road, known locally as "Goose Turd Alley," bisects the Welch house lot. At one time, this west side of the house was enclosed by a white paling fence, while the east side was bordered by a wrought iron fence. Three outbuildings are located on the site, just south of the house.

The Dr. Welch house is an ell-shaped, frame structure. The northern section of the house is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, gable end wing which faces east. Its principal gable is oriented on an east/west axis. The southern section of the house is a two-story, three-bay, longitudinal wing with its principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to the 1870s, the Dr. Welch house is supported by brick piers. The exterior of the house was originally sheathed with german siding which is now covered by a layer of aluminum siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The northern gable end wing of the east (main) elevation has a double pile, side hall/parlor plan. The first floor of the gable end wing is pierced by a four-panel door with a single light transom and two two-over-two sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds and louvered shutters. The entrance door is sheltered by a hipped roof portico finished with a beaded boxed cornice and cyma reversa molding. The porch is supported by chamfered post supports and is decorated with brackets and scroll sawn balusters. Both the second floor and upper half story are lit by three two-over-two sash windows like those on the first floor. The gable end roofline has a medium overhang and is finished with a plain eave board and a boxed cornice. To the south of the house's northern gable end section stands the longitudinal wing. This wing is stepped back to the west, creating a space which is infilled with a wrap around porch. The first floor of the dwelling's southern longitudinal wing is sheltered by a porch finished with the same beaded and molded boxed cornice as the northern wing's entrance portico. The porch roof is covered with metal and retains its original wood floor boards and wainscoted ceiling. Its chamfered post supports and scroll sawn balusters are identical to those which decorate the gable end entry portico. The first floor of this wing is pierced by one four-panel door with a single light transom and two two-over-two sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds and louvered shutters like those on the dwelling's northern gable end. The second floor is lit by three

8. Significance

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

Specific dates none **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.

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As early as 1821, the St. Mary's County Land Commission Records (JH 2/151-166) note that a house occupied by James Joy stood on this lot. The acreage of the lot, described as "one acre, one rood, and twelve perches" in 1821, remains the same today. There is no evidence that any remnants of this early structure have survived.

The structure currently occupying this lot was probably built by an heir of Hezekiah G. Hayden, who died possessed of the property in 1859. The circular sawn lumber, mature machine cut nails, interior finishes and plan of the building suggest a construction date around 1870. A structure was certainly standing here by 1894, when this lot and the buildings thereon "formerly occupied for Hotel purposes" were transferred from the heirs of H. G. Hayden to Aloysius C. Welch. The hotel may have been known as "Dent's Hotel," referred to as a Chaptico hotel in a deed of 1873 (JFF1/22).

During Dr. Welch's ownership, the house served as both a residence and as a funeral parlor. According to the current owner, the eastern half of the house served the white community, while the western half of the house served the African-American community. During the twentieth century this house was divided into apartments.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.4104 acre

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1: 24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached.

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

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County SPZ date February 1994

street & number _____ telephone 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown state Md

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7.1 Description

windows like those on the first floor. The roof of this wing has a medium pitch and is finished with a boxed cornice and plain fascia.

The south elevation of the northern gable end wing is blind on the first floor and lit by one two-over-two sash window with narrow, molded surrounds on the second floor. This wing's southern roof slope is pierced by an interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. The gable end of the southern longitudinal wing is partially sheltered by the one-story porch which wraps around from the eastern elevation. Behind this porch, the exterior wall is pierced by one two-over-two sash window, a four-panel entrance door, and a four-light-over-three panel door. The western-most bay constitutes an enclosed section of the porch now lit by one two-over-two sash window. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The eave of this gable end elevation is lit by one two-over-two sash windows and is finished with a plain fascia and medium roof overhang.

The west elevation of the southern longitudinal end wing is lit on both the first and second floor by two two-over-two sash windows. This wing is finished with a plain fascia and a medium roof overhang. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the southern wing's west roof slope. The first floor of the northern gable end section of the house is sheltered by an enclosed porch pierced by a four-light over three-panel door and a series of two-over-two sash windows. The porch roofline is finished with a beaded boxed cornice and a cyma reversa moulding. The roof is hipped and sheathed with corrugated tin. Behind this porch, the structure's original german siding is exposed. The first floor is pierced by a four-panel entrance door with a single light transom and two two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds while the upper half story is lit by only two windows. The roofline is finished with a plain fascia and has a medium overhang.

The north elevation is lit on the first and second floor by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds. The roofline is finished with a plain eave board and has a medium roof overhang. A gable roof dormer projects from the center of this longitudinal elevation. This dormer is lit by two two-over-two sash windows and is finished with a plain eave board.

The first floor interior of the northern gable end wing consists of a side hall with a paneled open stringer stair. This stair is finished with a simple scroll decoration and has turned balusters and a turned newell post. A four-panel door provides access to a storage closet under the stair. Here, the circular sawn boards and mature machine cut nails which comprise the stair are visible. The east parlor is finished with a pressed tin ceiling and heavily molded cornice in very good condition. Here, a simple soapstone mantle surrounds the firebox on the south wall. The west parlor is also finished with a well-preserved pressed tin ceiling and cornice. The mantle in this room

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consists of fluted pilasters flanking the firebox surmounted by decorative brackets which support the mantle shelf. Both rooms are finished with a plain baseboard and are accessible by means of four-panel doors. These interior door and window frames consist of heavily molded jambs decorated with punched wood work.

The second floor of this wing is identical in plan to the first floor, although the wall partition dividing the east and west bedrooms has been replaced by a pair of double doors. Both bedrooms have shallow built-in closets. The doors to the west bedroom are five-panel doors finished with an arched door jamb. The stair to the upper half story is enclosed and located at the east end of the hall.

The first floor of the southern longitudinal wing consists of an east parlor with a winder stair to the second floor. A four-panel door in the northeast corner of the room provides access to the stair which is paneled with wainscoating. This room is marked by a chair rail below which a layer of wainscoating extends to the floor. At one time, this entire room was covered with plaster. The fireplace mantle, located against the west wall, is finished with an inflated bead and reel detail. The mantle shelf is supported by decorative brackets. An arched door frame provides access between this longitudinal wing and the west parlor of the northern gable end wing. To the west of the parlor is a narrow room which has been converted for use as a modern kitchen. In the northwest end of this room a vertical board door on a metal butterfly hinge provides access to the cellar stair. From the cellar, all visible floor joists and ground sills appear to be circular sawn. Mature machine cut nails are imbedded in the floor boards.

The second floor of the longitudinal wing has a side hall and two bedrooms. Four-panel doors open onto these bedrooms. The mantle in the east bedroom consists of fluted pilasters which flank the firebox and are surmounted by brackets supporting the mantle shelf.

Three outbuildings stand on the property to the south of the house. The first of these outbuildings is a gable roof structure which probably served the main house as a meathouse. Its gable roof is covered with a metal roof and is oriented on a north/south axis. The eaves of both the north and south ends of the structure are sheathed with coursed, square butt shingles. Its exterior walls are sheathed with german siding and the foundation consists of cement. The north end of the structure is pierced by a door and the interior floor is cement. The second outbuilding, which once housed a Delco generator, is slightly larger than the first, and also faces north with its gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The roof is sheathed with metal and is finished with exposed rafter feet. The exterior of the building is covered with german siding and is pierced by a door opening on the north end. A two-light window pierces the structure's west end. The interior floor is a cement pad. The third outbuilding on

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the site faces east with its gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. This structure once served as a tenant house. Its roof is covered with metal and its eaves on the east and west end are sheathed with coursed, square butt shingles. The southern roof slope is pierced by an interior brick chimney. The structure's exterior walls are sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. This building is pierced by a four-panel door on the east end, and by a six-over-one sash window on both the north and south ends. The interior walls are whitewashed and the floor consists of a cement pad.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Keith Gordon Loker and Roberta M. Loker
FROM: Vivian Forsythe Ripple, widow.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 74, folio 103.
DATE: July 3, 1980.
NOTES: Transfer of 1.4104 acres.

TO: Ammon Syril Ripple and Vivian Forsythe Ripple
FROM: Mary T. Vazzana, widow (also known as Mary R. Vazzana)
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 97, folio 434.
DATE: October 27, 1961.
NOTES: Transfer of two tracts, 1.) all that lot...formerly used and occupied for hotel purposes adjoining the Episcopal Church lot and the store house and lot formerly occupied by George R. Garner and sons...being about one acre. 2.) 53/100's of an acre being the same as CBG 14/35. Price: \$10,000

TO: Rose E. Welch and Mary R. Vazzana, joint tenants.
FROM: Mary R. Fowler, single
RECORD: St. Mary's Land Record, Liber CBG 19, folio 424.
DATE: February 3, 1947
NOTES: Transfer of two tracts, 1.) all that lot formerly used and occupied for hotel purposes, being about one acre. Same as JJG 2/131. 2.) 53/100's of an acre being the same as CBG 14/35.

TO: Mary R. Fowler, single
FROM: Rose E. Welch, widow.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 19, folio 423.
DATE: February 3, 1947
NOTES: Transfer of two tracts, 1.) all that lot formerly used and occupied for hotel purposes, being about one acre. Same as JJG 2/131. 2.) 53/100's of an acre being the same as CBG 14/35.

TO: Rose E. Welch
FROM: Aloysius C. Welch, Jr.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber ACM 1, folio 159.
DATE: November 10, 1936.
NOTES: "I give all my property to my wife, Rose Alethea Welch..."

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TO: Aloysius C. Welch

FROM: Oscar G. Hayden, Kate Hayden, J. R. Thomas Reeves, Elizabeth E. Reeves, John B. Lyon, Elizabeth Lyon, Wilfred Gough, Rebecca Gough, Webster Hayden, Mary Hayden, Samuel Hayden, Charlotte Hayden, Perry Hayden, William M. K. Hayden, Sarah H. Burroughs.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 2, folio 131.

DATE: July 23, 1894.

NOTES: Transfer of "all that lot of ground and buildings thereon...formerly used and occupied for Hotel purposes adjoining the Episcopal Church lot and the store house and lot now occupied by George R. Garner and sons...being about one acre." Being a portion of the real estate of which H. G. Hayden died seized and possessed and a portion of the Dower interest of the late Elizabeth C. Hayden in the same. Price: \$225

TO: Heirs at law

FROM: H. G. Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Estate #501.

DATE: March 22, 1859.

NOTES: There is no estate on record for Elizabeth C. Hayden, wife of H.G. Hayden.

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Advertisement for A. C. Welch Undertaking in Chaptico, MD.
Source: St. Mary's Beacon, January 4, 1894.

Prescriptions carefully and accurately compounded—Dr. A. J. Welch also giving his personal attention to the business. Aug 15/94

UNDERTAKING.

WITH an elegant new Hearse and a full stock of Coffins and Caskets I am prepared to serve you at the shortest notice and upon the most reasonable terms.

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A. C. WELCH,
Chaptico, Md.

IMPORTANT TO TAXPAYERS.

I will be, until further notice, for the purpose of receiving taxes at
Medanicsville, on 1st Monday of each month.
Chaptico, on 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday of each month.
Milestown, on the 1st Wednesday, after 1st Monday of each month.
J. H. PARSONS, Collector.

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10.1 Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification

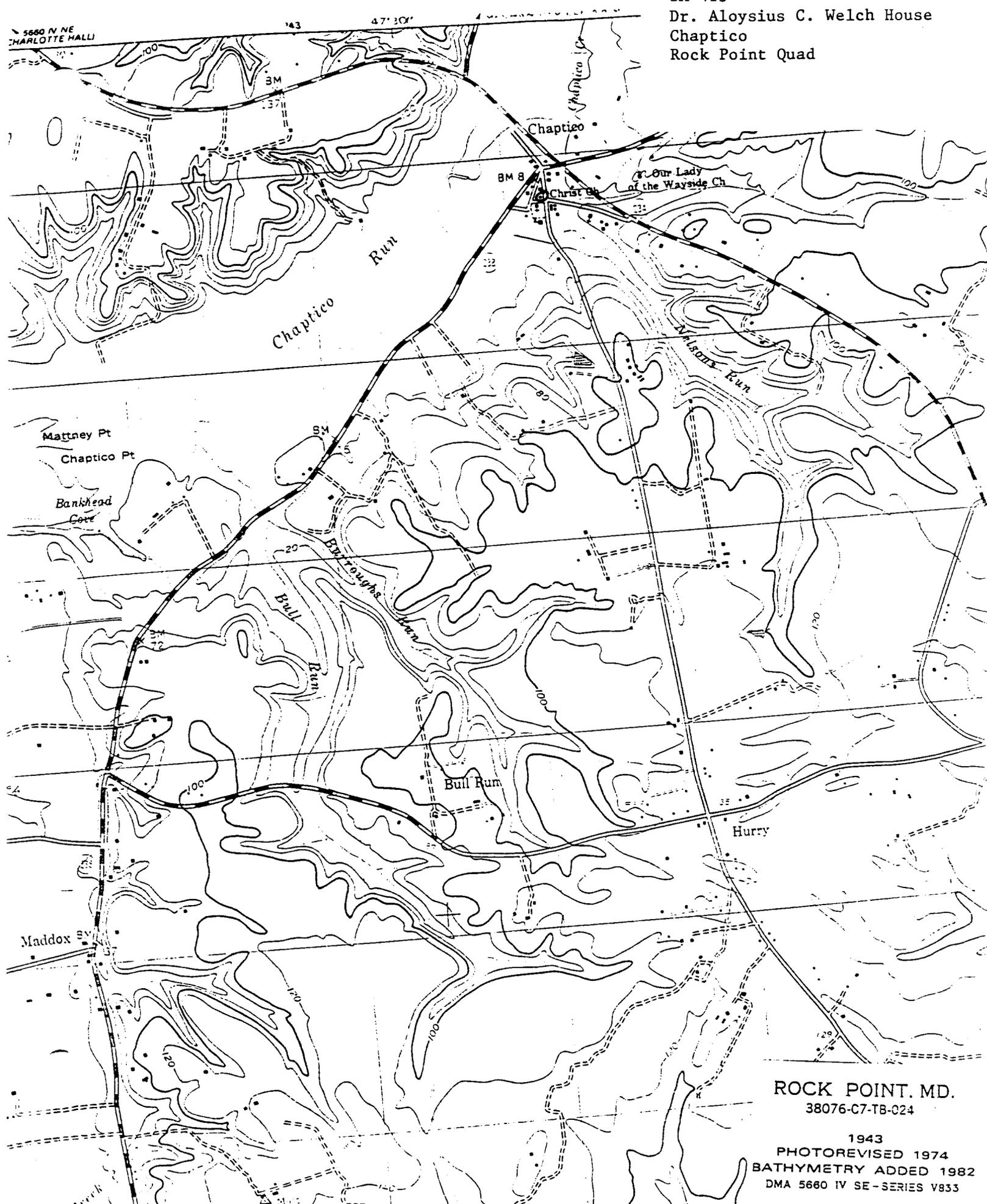
Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 74, folio 103.

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly side of Maryland State Route 238, a 40 foot right of way; said point being common to the northwesterly corner of property now or formerly Thelma Fuller as recorded among the land records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Liber 73, folio 175 and the most westerly corner of property herein described; thence from said point of beginning and running with said Route 238, N 54° 10' 06" E. a distance of 98.43 feet to a point at the southwesterly corner of property now or formerly Clark Springer, Sr., as recorded among the above mentioned land records in Liber 197, folio 228; thence leaving said Route 238 and running with the dividing line of said Springer and property herein described S 75° 11' 23" E. a distance of 213.67 feet to a point on the northwesterly side of Chaptico Hurry Road, a 40 foot right of way; thence with said Chaptico-Hurry Road, a 40 foot right of way; thence with said Chaptico-Hurry Road S 10° 14' 48" W. a distance of 280.97 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road; said public road being the dividing line of property now or formerly "The Vestry of King and Queen Parish" and property herein described; thence with said dividing line and centerline of said public road, N 81° 52' 11" W. a distance of 243.18 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of property of aforesaid Thelma Fuller; thence with the dividing line of said Fuller and running with the centerline of an old public road known as "River Road" N 37° 46' 59" E. a distance of 210.55 feet to a point; thence leaving said road and continuing with said dividing line N 59° 45' 09" W. a distance of 144.30 feet to a point at the place of beginning. Containing 1.4104 acres of land. Subject to any and all rights of ways and/or easements of record.

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