Capsule Summary
SM-418
George R. Garner Storehouse
Chaptico
Private Circa 1850 - 1860

The George R. Garner Storehouse is a highly visible landmark in the village of Chaptico which has significance as the site of a village storehouse for almost one hundred years. The house is fairly well-preserved, retaining both its original fenestration pattern and massing. Alterations to the house include its asbestos shingle siding, Chippendale northern entrance porch, and southern two-story porch. Still, the Garner Storehouse strongly contributes to the nineteenth century character of Chaptico.

Henry G. Garner owned this property from 1841until 1862, by which time a storehouse certainly stood on the site. George R. Garner then purchased the storehouse and lot at public auction. Garner and his heirs owned the property until 1938, when S.Sprigg Reeves purchased the lot. Reeves operated a grocery store here which filled the large front room on the northern side of the house.

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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

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Village
Historic Function and Use:	Residence Store
Known Design Source:	None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SM-418

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George R. Garner Storehouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hurry Chaptico Road ___ not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Audrey Ellis Orr

street & number Chaptico-Hurry Road telephone no.: 301-884-4989

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 169

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 161

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
_X_ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ 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 George R. Garner Storehouse is located on the west side of the Chaptico-Hurry Road in the center of the village of Chaptico. This site is bounded on the south by the Dr. Aloysius Welch house (SM-413), and on the west by the Chaptico-Maddox Road (Rte 238). The northern end of this lot is shaped like a triangle, the apex of which constitutes the intersection of the Chaptico-Hurry and the Chaptico-Maddox Roads. The structure stands alone, except for a twentieth century garage located on its west side. The house faces north, with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The George R. Garner Storehouse is a two-story, three-bay structure, the earliest section of which was probably built between 1850 and 1860. It has a continuous brick foundation which has been covered with cement and scored to look like cinderblocks. The exterior is sheathed with asbestos shingles which cover the original german siding. Both the roof pitch and overhang are moderate. The roof sheathing consists of metal shingles.

The north (main) elevation has a central six-panel entrance door with a three-light transom window and three-light sidelights. The base of the transom window is trimmed with dentil molding. The door jambs consist of fluted pilasters crowned by a shallow cornice supported by small modillion-like brackets. Wooden steps with a Chippendale-like baluster constructed in the 1970s provide access to this front entrance. Flanking the door on either side is a six-over-six sash window with narrow, molded surrounds. These windows are finished with louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds and louvered shutters. These windows are smaller than those which light the first floor.

The east elevation is lit on both the first and second floor by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds. The eave of this gable end is lit by one four-over-four sash window. A brick chimney with a corbeled cap is nearly centered on the exterior of this elevation. The American bond chimney displays no consistent course pattern, ranging anywhere from 15/1 to 5/1. While the tapering base of the chimney stands flush against the house, the brick smoke stack is freestanding.

The south elevation's foundation is pierced by two six-light windows. The first floor of the south elevation is assymetrical. The eastern most bay of the first floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide, plain surrounds and plank shutters. The central section of the house is pierced by two entrance doors and one six-over-six sash window with narrow, molded surrounds. Here, the door and window moldings are identical and the window glass is clearly of an older, more irregular stock. Notably

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	X commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates Unknown **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George R. Garner Storehouse, a highly visible landmark in the village of Chaptico, is significant as the site of a village storehouse dating sometime between 1850 and 1860. The house is fairly well-preserved, retaining both its original fenestration pattern and massing. Alterations to the house include its asbestos shingle siding, Chippendale northern entrance porch, and southern two-story porch. The Garner Storehouse strongly contributes to the nineteenth century character of Chaptico.

The St. Mary's County Land Commission Records (JH 2/151-166) note that this property was unimproved in 1821. The acreage of the lot, being 1 acre, 3 roods, and 8 perches of land, has remained the same since that time. In 1841, the property was known as "Hayden's Lott" and transfered to Henry G. Garner. Garner kept a store in Chaptico, the records for which are held by G. Bradford and Donna Reeves. These two books include a daily record of transactions dating from June 11th, 1844 to January 1845 and an index of clients dating from June 30, 1840 to October 1, 1846.

While Garner may have kept a storehouse on this lot in the 1840s, none of the materials visible in the current structure suggest that any remnants of that earliest building have survived on the site. On the south elevation, however, a door and window bay with narrow molded surrounds are set into the dwelling's first floor at a lower level than the other windows. According to the current owner, the interior partition wall to the east of the door is either brick or brick nogged, though now covered with wall board. It may be that this two-bay section of the house dates to the earliest structure on the site which was incorporated into later periods of construction. It could also be that the older style of door and window were taken from an older structure and reused in the Garner Storehouse.

Henry Garner died possessed of the property in 1862 by which time a storehouse certainly stood on the property. George R. Garner then purchased the storehouse and lot at public auction. Garner and his heirs owned the property until 1938, when S.Sprigg Reeves purchased the lot. Reeves operated a grocery store

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre, 3 roods, 3 perches

Quadrangle name Rock Point **Quadrangle scale** 1:24 000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The acreage surrounding the house consisting of 1 acre, 3 roods, and 3 perches. The property is bounded by the Chaptico-Hurry Road on the Chaptico-Hurry Road on the east, by Route 238 on the west, and by SM-413 on the south.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization St. Mary's County DPZ **date** February 1994

street & number **telephone** 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown **state** Md

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this window is set into the house at a lower level than the other windows on the first floor. A two-story porch, constructed in the 1980s, stretches across these three central bays. To the west, the house is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide, plain surrounds and plank shutters. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with wide, plain surrounds and plank shutters.

The foundation of the west elevation is pierced by one three-light window and a pair of three-light over two-panel doors which provide access to the basement. Both the first and second floor are lit by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow, molded surrounds and louvered shutters. The eave of this gable end elevation is lit by one four-over-four sash window.

The interior of the first floor consists of one large, open room on the dwelling's north end. Here, the exposed wood floor boards cover an older layer of flooring. The walls are plaster and finished with a plain baseboard and an ovolo molding at the ceiling joint. The ceiling itself is sheathed with wainscoating. The south side of the house is divided into three separate rooms. The central room, a sort of entrance hall, is separated from the northern section of the house by a four panel door. This small hall is pierced by the old six-over-six sash window of the south elevation and one of the five-panel doors. An open stringer, winder stair located in the southwest corner of the room provides access to the second floor. The stair is finished with a square newell post and square balusters. According to the current owner, the eastern wall of this room consists of solid brick.

One outbuilding stands on the property. This garage, built in the 1950s, is a gable roof structure which faces east. The building is sheathed with asbestos shingle siding and roofed with metal. It is pierced on the east end by two garage doors.

here which filled the large front room on the northern side of the house. During Garner's ownership, the Pervis family operated the store and lived on the second floor above it. Reeves added the second door to the structure's south elevation in order to create an office for himself there. The triangular shaped lawn which extends to the north of the house served as the grocery store parking lot.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Audrey Ellis Orr
FROM: Edward S. Burroughs and Marie B. Burroughs
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 169, folio 161.
DATE: January 19, 1984.
NOTES: Transfer of storehouse and lot consisting of one acre, three roods, eight perches of land.

TO: Edward S. Burroughs and Marie B. Burroughs
FROM: James A. Kapp
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 88, folio 201.
DATE: January 3, 1981.
NOTES: Transfer of storehouse and lot .

TO: James A. Kapp
FROM: G. Bradford Reeves and Oliver R. Guyther, personal representative of estate of Patricia A. Kapp.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 88, folio 198.
DATE: June 15, 1980.
NOTES: Patricia A. Kapp died in 1979, Estate 2980. Transfer of storehouse and lot.

TO: Patricia A. Kapp
FROM: Edward S. Burroughs and Robert E. Wigginton, Co-personal representatives of estate of S. Sprigg Reeves.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 264, folio 18.
DATE: December 1976.
NOTES: S. Sprigg Reeves died in 1973, Estate 1868. Transfer of one acre, three roods, and eight perches.

TO: S. Sprigg Reeves
FROM: Mary G. Reeves, widow, Lola W. Garner, Eleanor G. Owens, widow, Catherine G. Matthews, widow, heirs of George R. Garner.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 11, folio 35.
DATE: January 24, 1938.
NOTES: Transfer of storehouse and lot of which George R. Garner died seized and possessed.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Heirs at law
FROM: George R. Garner
RECORD: St. Mary's County Orphans Court, Estate # 377.
DATE: February 27, 1917.
NOTES: Garner died intestate. His personal estate is inventoried in BC 1/26-31.

TO: George R. Garner
FROM: John F. Dent and Albert Burch, survivors of William H. Thomas, Edward J. Plowden, and George S. Mattingly, Commissioners appointed by Circuit Court to divide the lands of Henry G. Garner.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 1, folio 234.
DATE: September 19, 1874.
NOTES: This division of land is the result of a judgement in the case of William H.Garner vs. E.A.B. Abercrombie, James Abercrombie, John E. Garnet, et al (see Land Commission Record No. 1 Liber WTM, folio 151). In November of 1862, William H. Garner submitted a petition for the division of the real estate of which Henry G. Garner died possessed in February 1862. The Land Commissioners divided the Garner land into a series of lots. Lot No. 3 consisted of the storehouse and lot in Chaptico and seven acres of woodland. George R. Garner bought Lot No. 3 at a public auction for $1215. This deed confirms his ownership.

TO: Henry G. Garner
FROM: Henry A. Neale, Jr., of Charles County, Pere Hayden and Cecelia Hayden.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 12, folio 227.
DATE: September 1, 1841.
NOTES: Transfer of a lot in Chaptico known as Hayden's Lot, being about 2 acres. Being the same as Lot No. ___ in partition of the real estate of the late Philip Key this said lot being assigned to Philip Key, Jr., of whom Pere Hayden bought it.
Price: $1000

TO: Henry A. Neale, Jr.
FROM: Robert Neale of Louisiana
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 439.
DATE: May 17, 1836.
NOTES: Transfer of all his part of a lot of ground in Chaptico. Price: $500

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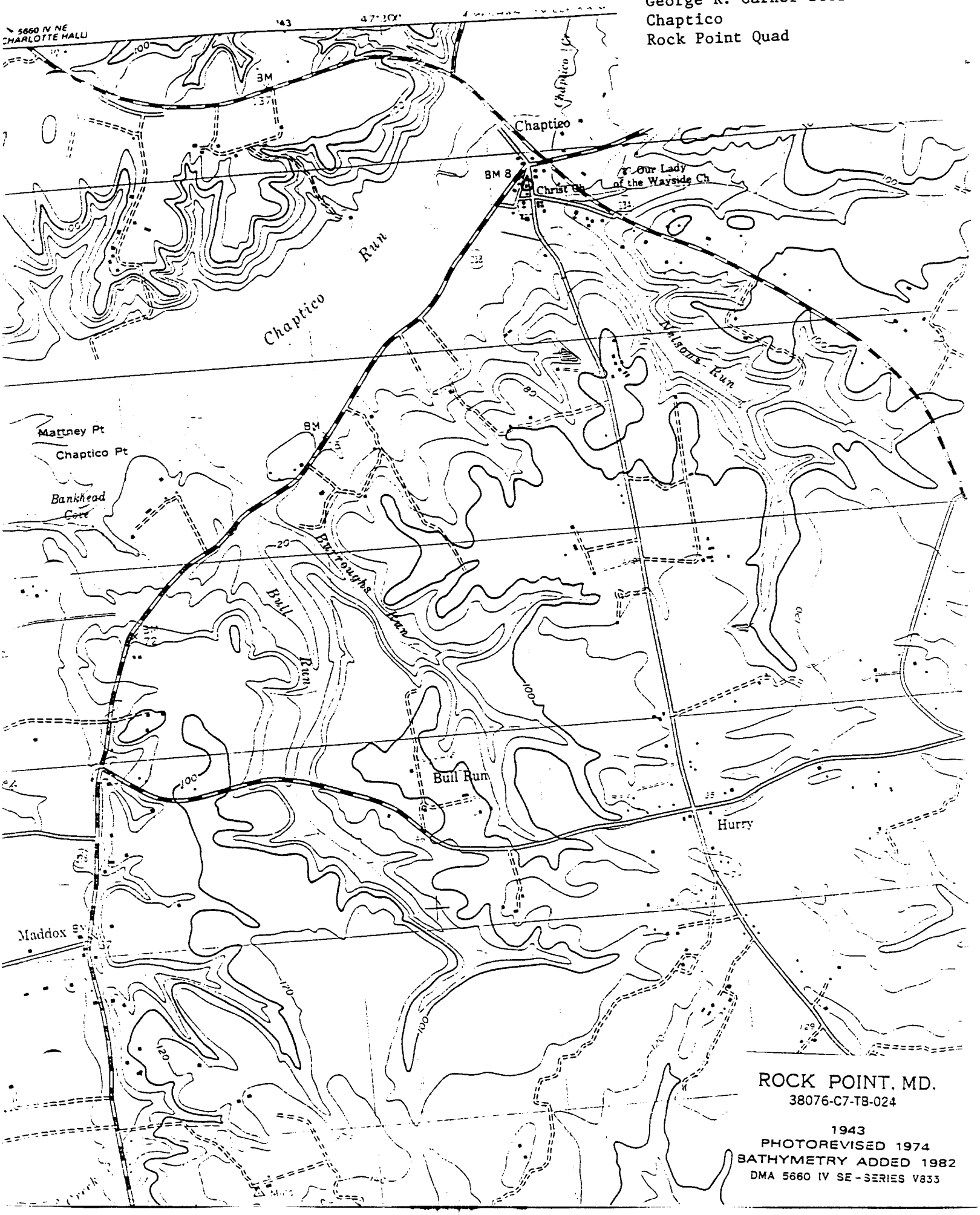
8.3 Significance

TO: Robert Neale and Henry A. Neale
FROM: Pere Hayden
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 177.
DATE: October 1, 1834.
NOTES: Transfer of "Hayden's Lott" in Chaptico being "bounded on the north by James J. Gough's Lott, on the east by the Joseph Shemwell Lott, and on the south by Robert Neale's Lott..." Price: $150

TO: Perry Hayden
FROM: Philip Key, Jr.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 8, folio 407.
DATE: November 21, 1829.
NOTES: Transfer of "Gardners Landing," "Part of Barton," "Melton's Hope," and "Notley's Addition." Being 287 acres and an "unimproved lot in Chaptico (identified) by the letter k" on the partition of Philip Key's real estate, being one acre, three roods, and eight perches. See plat at St. Mary's Land Commission Records, JH 2/151-166. Price: $2250.

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