

Capsule Summary  
SM-429  
Briscoe's Lot  
Budd's Creek vicinity  
Private

Circa 1850

Briscoe's Lot is a frame, two-story house with a center hall, single pile plan. Once a stately residence, the house is unoccupied and surrounded by pastureland for livestock. While it is of interest as an example of mid-nineteenth century architecture in St. Mary's County, the architectural integrity of this house has been compromised. Alterations to the house include the infill of a two-story porch on its northern elevation and the more recent addition of artificial siding. None of the structure's interior woodwork survives.

"Briscoe's Lot" was first surveyed in 1783 for Clement Briscoe. George A. Carpenter purchased 407 acres of this tract in 1832. It was probably during Carpenter's ownership that this house was constructed. The house is currently the centerpiece of an Amish farmstead.

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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.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

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

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Briscoe's Lot

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 441 Bethel Church Road  not for publication

city, town Budd's Creek  vicinity of congressional district 6

state Maryland county St. Mary's County

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> dlstrict	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 Sam S. Hertzler

street & number 441 Bethel Church Rd telephone no.: none

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md 20659

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 135

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 317

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

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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<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

Briscoe's Lot is located on the south side of Bethel Church Road near Budd's Creek in St. Mary's County, Maryland. This house is now a part of an Amish farmstead and is currently the centerpiece of a sheep pen. The house is unoccupied and used for storage. It faces north, with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis. On the south side of the house is a new farm house occupied by the current owners as well as a variety of farm outbuildings. Pasture lands and cultivated fields extend to the east and west of Briscoe's Lot.

Constructed around 1850, Briscoe's Lot is a two-story, three-bay, single pile frame structure with a one-story wing located on its west end. According to the current owner, the house was originally finished with a two-story porch on the north side in addition to the one which survives on the south side. The house is supported by a brick pier foundation which has been infilled. The exterior of the house is sheathed with weatherboard now covered by asbestos shingle siding. The roof is covered with metal shingles. The western wing, constructed in the 1980s by the current owners, is sheathed with asbestos siding and supported by a cinderblock foundation. The shed roof is covered with metal.

The south (main) elevation consists of a central six-panel door with four-light sidelights flanked on the west by a picture window and on the east by two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows with plank shutters. The roof of this elevation extends to the south beyond the exterior wall of the house forming a two-story porch. Only two two-story square posts remain to support the porch roof. The floor of the porch is a cement pad. To the west of the house's main block extends a one-story addition lit by one six-light window.

The west elevation of the house is marked by a one-story addition pierced by one six-light-over-three-panel door and one three-light louvered window. A metal stove stack projects from the wing's west roof slope. To the north of the wing, the main block is lit by one six-over-one sash window on the first floor and one one-over-one sash window on the second floor in the infilled two-story porch area. The second floor of the main block is lit by one two-over-two sash window which was clearly inserted at a later date. The eave is lit by two small one-over-one sash windows. This flush gable end is finished with a beaded eaveboard.

The north elevation of the main block consists of the infilled two-story porch. It is lit by a pair of six-over-six sash windows, one six-over-one sash window, and one one-over-one sash window. The second floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows with narrow surrounds. A stove stack projects from this roof slope.





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The east elevation of the main block is blind except for two square window openings at the attic level. An exterior brick chimney with a variety of bonds ranging from 1/5 to 1/7 stands against this exterior wall. The porch infill to the north of the main block is lit by one six-over-six sash window on the first floor and one one-over-one sash window on the second floor. This gable end is flush and finished with a beaded eave board.

The interior of the house has been reworked. No original interior finishes appear to remain with the possible exception of two rooms at the attic level which were not accessible. The original plan of the house probably consisted of a center hall flanked by one room on its east and west sides.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Sam S. and Hannah Hertzler

FROM: Josephine Hall Kelly by Clyde V. Kelly III, Evalina Wallis Hall Cain, Clarence A. Hall, Richard B. Hall, Elizabeth A. Hall, John Lamar Hall, Anne Tilghman Hall by Evalina S. Mitchell, Marian W. Mitchell by Richard Bennett Hall, Margaret S. Mitchell, Sarah H. Mitchell, Leonie T. Keller by Joseph Addison II, Eleanor L. Taylor by Joseph Addison II, James R. Bucher, Carl D. Mace, Robert Y. Claggett under trust of Jerrold V. Powers, Jerrold V. Powers Jr. by Robert Y. Claggett, Brian S. Powers by Robert Y. Claggett.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 135, folio 317.

DATE: February 1, 1983.

NOTES: Transfer of 377 3/4 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Evalina S. Mitchell (1/3 interest), Josephine Hall Kelly (1/3 interest), Jerrold V. Powers (1/6 interest), Jeanne K. Powers (1/6 interest).

FROM: Robert W. Ammann and Brittainia P. Ammann, Thomas E. Ammann, Catherine P. Ammann, J. Harris Rogers and Fannie D. Rogers.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 125, folio 213.

DATE: February 3, 1966.

NOTES: Transfer of 377 3/4 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Robert W. Ammann and Thomas E. Ammann

FROM: J. Charles Gutberlet and Loretta M. Gutberlet

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 115, folio 359.

DATE: August 21, 1964.

NOTES: Transfer of 377 3/4 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: J. Charles Gutberlet

FROM: Melvin H. and Mary T. Seifert

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 73, folio 180.

DATE: February 3, 1958

NOTES: Transfer of 377 3/4 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Melvin H. and Ruby W. Seifert

FROM: William S. Donaldson and Mildred Carpenter Donaldson

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 46, folio 377.

DATE: September 14, 1953

NOTES: Transfer of 377 3/4 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

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8.2 Significance

TO: William S. Donaldson and Mildred Carpenter Donaldson  
FROM: Marguerite E. Mattingly, unmarried.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 13, folio 506.  
DATE: September 8, 1942  
NOTES: Transfer of 400 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Marguerite E. Mattingly, unmarried.  
FROM: William S. Donaldson and Mildred Carpenter Donaldson  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 13, folio 505.  
DATE: September 8, 1942.  
NOTES: Transfer of 400 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Mildred Carpenter Donaldson  
FROM: Theodore B. Carpenter  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 12, folio 262.  
DATE: August 24, 1940.  
NOTES: Transfer of 404 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

TO: Theodore B. Carpenter  
FROM: E. Norman Carpenter, Virginia T. Carpenter, G. Douglas Carpenter, Marguerite Carpenter, Thomas M. and Maria R. Carpenter, Mary E. Gough, Kate E. Rogers, and Nicholas B. Rogers.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 6, folio 256.  
DATE: January 7, 1907.  
NOTES: Transfer of 404 acres of Briscoe's Lot. Price: \$6000

TO: Sarah C. Carpenter, widow of John E. Carpenter, Mary E. Gough, Catharine E. Rogers, E. Norman Carpenter, S. Douglas Carpenter, Thomas M. Carpenter, Theodore B. Carpenter, children and heirs of John E. Carpenter.  
FROM: Daniel C. Hammett, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 3, folio 166.  
DATE: April 23, 1903.  
NOTES: On March 19, 1958 John E. Carpenter elected to purchase the real estate of his deceased father George A. Carpenter for \$6060. He died prior to receiving a deed for the property. In Circuit Court case 259 Hammett was appointed as Trustee to formally convey the property to John Carpenter's heirs. Transfer of 404 acres of Briscoe's Lot.

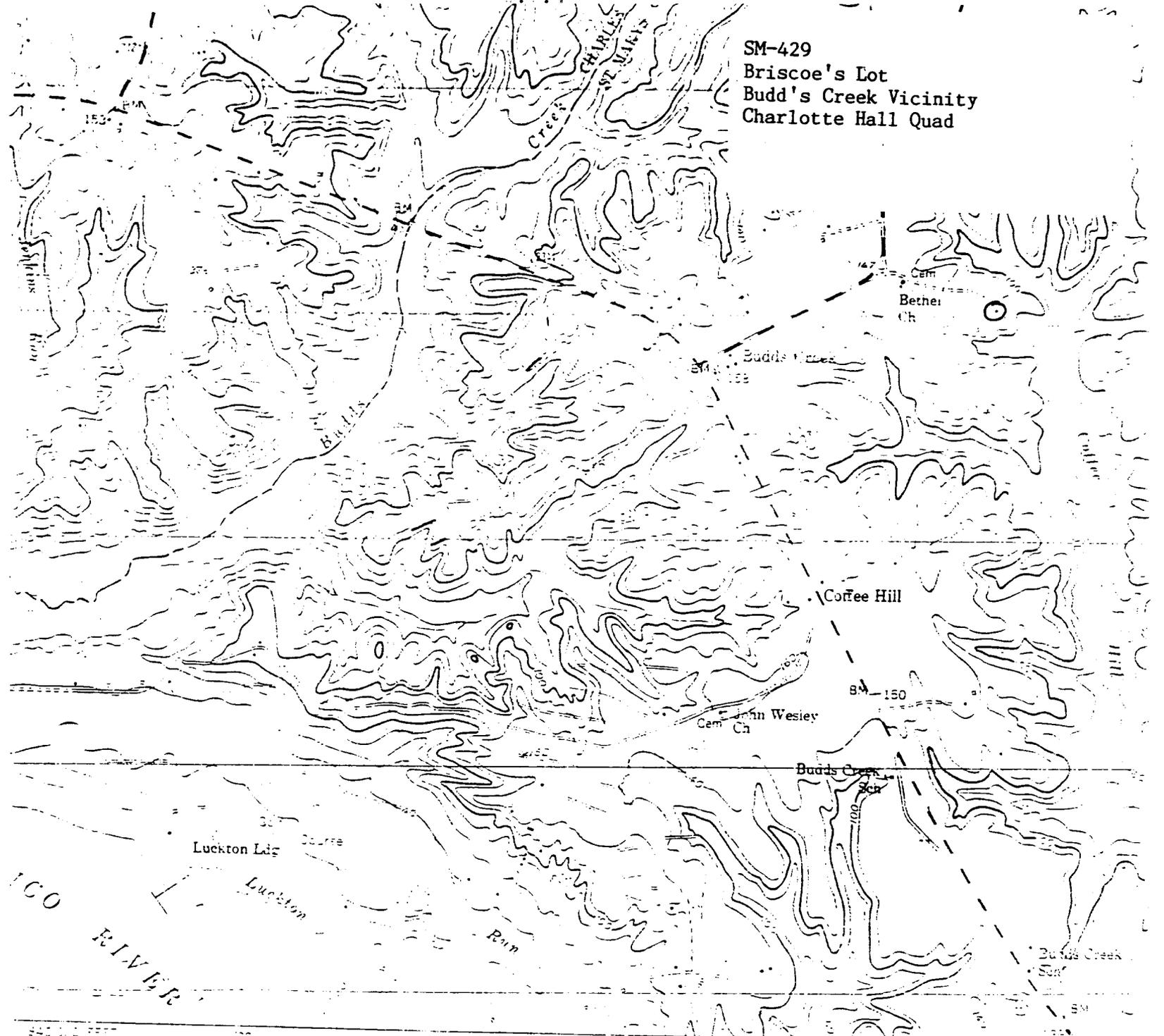
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8.3 Significance

TO: Heirs  
FROM: George A. Carpenter  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Estate 268.  
DATE: 1852.  
NOTES: George A. Carpenter died intestate.

TO: George A. Carpenter  
FROM: Benjamin G. Cole, sherriff of St. Mary's County  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JH 9, folio 307.  
DATE: July 10, 1832.  
NOTES: Public sale of 407 acres of Briscoe's Lot on February 27, 1832 for \$2340.25 as a result of a series of judgements recovered against Leonard Briscoe, Henry Turner, and Philip Turner by Susanna Briscoe, Josiah Turner, Thomas and Mary Smith, and Catherine Turner.

According to Benjamin Tippett's Survey Book B, Briscoe's Lot was surveyed as 378 7/8 acres for Clement Briscoe on December 12, 1783

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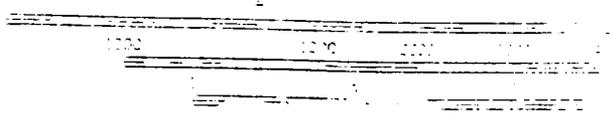


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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY  
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX

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SCALE 1:2400



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revised 1943. Culture revised by

National Ocean Survey from  
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Survey, 1974 and other  
maps of the area.

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY  
INFORMATION

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

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1953

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BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
DMA 5660 IV NE - SERIES V833

BASE MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL  
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SN-429, Driscoll's Lot

St Mary's County, MD

Elizabeth Hughes

April 1994

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NW Elevation

1/2