

## Capsule Summary

SM-430

Otie Dale

Morganza

Private

Circa 1852 -1860

Otie Dale is significant as a well-preserved example of mid-nineteenth century architecture in St. Mary's County. Built by George H. Morgan, this frame, two-story, center hall, single pile plan structure survives with much of its interior woodwork intact. The grounds of the house remain unmarked by modern intrusions. Many outbuildings survive, including a fine example of a dairy.

Dorothy Brown, George H. Morgan's mother-in-law, purchased 183 1/2 acres of "Fenwick's Gain with Addition" and "Part Roach's Discovery" in 1852. By the time of Morgan's death in 1870, the site was occupied by a "large and comfortable dwellinghouse" named for his eldest daughter Otilia.

SM-430, Otie Dale  
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

Capsule Summary

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Fair Hill Farm

Morganza

Private

circa 1900

Much like the farms outside of Leonardtown such as Tudor Hall Farm and Clark's Rest (SM-247), Fair Hill Farm along with nearby Broderick/St. Johns (SM-80) represent two significant farmsteads that lie just outside the rural crossroads of Morganza, Maryland. Together, the two farms recreate the appearance of the agricultural landscape that epitomized the mid-nineteenth century in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The area is characterized by limited modern development thus clarifying the inter-relationships that these small communities consisted of. The main house at Fair Hill Farm appears to have been built around 1900 by members of the Reeder family, but further documentary research, architectural investigations, and oral history needs to be undertaken.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

SM-430  
Inventory No. ~~SM-864~~

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Fair Hill Farm  
other

## 2. Location

street and number 29282 Point Lookout Road not for publication  
city, town Morganza vicinity  
county St. Mary's

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

name James and Marie Elsie Underwood  
street and number Box 135 telephone N/a  
city, town Morganza state Md zip code 20660

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-18, P-13  
city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 694 folio 97

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2+	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2+	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Fair Hill Farm is located at 29282 Point Lookout Road on the north side of Point Lookout Road just west of the rural crossroads community of Morganza, Maryland. The main house, oriented on a south/north axis, sits on a small ridge overlooking a 164 acre working farm consisting of rolling fields of soybeans and grain and a large pond that sits just below the house. Aside from the dwelling the property also includes a contributing early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barn. Other buildings may also be located on the property, but only about 100 acres was surveyed from the road. The property is bounded by the new St. Joseph's Cemetery to the east, a wooded parcel to the north and west, and Point Lookout Road to the south.

The main house at Fair Hill Farm is a circa 1900 (?) two-story, frame residence that features a low-pitched gable roof. The exterior appears to be covered with weatherboard and the roof appears to be clad with metal. Due to the distance of the resource from the road, the surveyor could not identify fenestration or other details that would pinpoint a date for the farmhouse. Further architectural investigations are recommended.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 100 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 163.984 acres  
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by the new St. Joseph's Cemetery to the east, a wooded parcel to the north and west, and Point Lookout Road to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 694, Folio 97.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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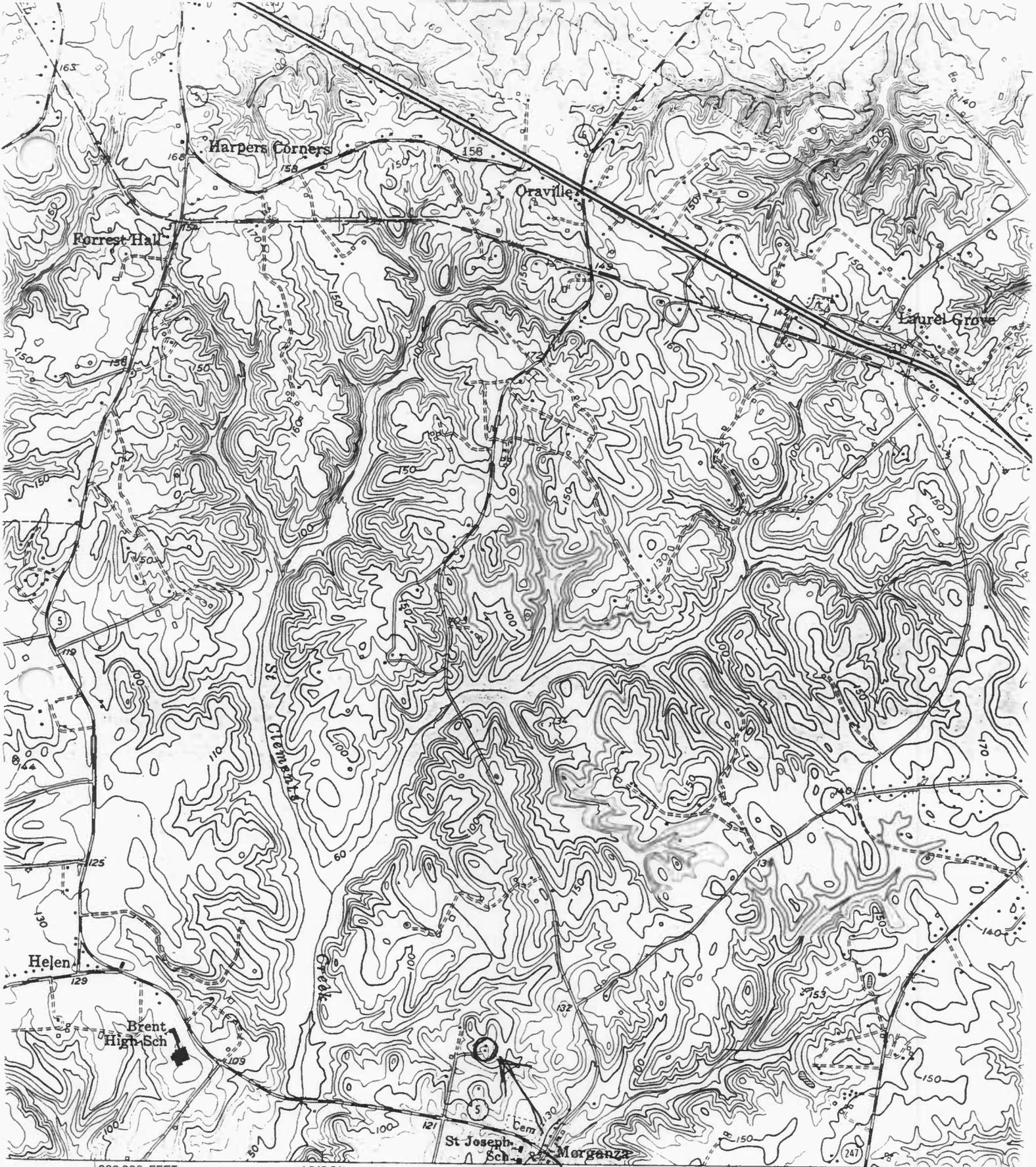
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:                      Maryland Historical Trust  
   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600



880 000 FEET      42'30"      351      LOVEVILLE 1.5 MI.      352      (LEONARDTOWN)      353      0.8 MI. TO MD 5      354  
 LEONARDTOWN 7.3 MI.      56° 10' 00"

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 Fair Hill Farm  
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 Mechanicsville Quad



MN  
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 1°03'  
 19 MILS

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-430  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic  Otis Dale

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Route 5  not for publication

city, town Morganza  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name James C. and Marie Elise Underwood

street & number P.O. Box 135 telephone no. (301)475-7136

city, town Morganza state and zip code Md 20660

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber EWA 694

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 97

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.

SM-430

<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: 8

Otie Dale, also known as Fair Hill Farm, is located at the end of a tree-lined, unpaved road on the east side of Route 5 near Morganza in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Perched on a rise in the landscape, Otie Dale is surrounded by cultivated fields. A grove of trees on its west side obscures the view of the house from heavily trafficked Route 5. Eight outbuildings stand on the east side of the house. A tobacco barn which serves the farm is located north of the house next to the unpaved approach to the site. The house faces west, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Constructed between 1852 and 1860, the main block of Otie Dale is a two-story, single-pile frame house with a center hall plan. To the east of the main block extends a two-story, shed roof, single pile addition which dates sometime prior to 1870. The house is sheathed with both german and aluminum siding. Some sections are covered with plain weatherboard siding. The foundation consists of brick piers which have been infilled with cinderblocks. The shallow pitched roof is covered with seamed metal.

The east (main) elevation of the house is pierced by a central double door entrance with an elaborate surround flanked on either side by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow beaded surrounds and louvered shutters. The door consists of a pair of deeply molded, three-panel double doors framed by jambs with an inset design of narrow rectangular panels and a central bull's eye. Beyond the door jamb is a vertical band of four-light sidelights surmounting a molded rectangular panel. Beyond the sidelights, the door is framed by pilasters with the same recessed panel and bull's eye design which decorates the door jambs. A one-story porch supported by attenuated Doric columns extends across the first floor of the east elevation. The second floor is lit by five two-over-two sash windows with narrow, beaded surrounds and louvered shutters. This elevation is finished with plain corner boards and a plain frieze crowned by a cyma curve molding. The roofline has a medium overhang and is finished with a boxed cornice.

The north elevation of the main block is covered with plain weatherboard. This elevation is blind and finished with cornice returns. An exterior brick chimney covered with stucco scored to imitate masonry stands against the north elevation. A two-story addition extends to the east of the house. The first floor of the addition is lit by one single pane window and a bank of two two-over-two sash windows. Between these windows is an inset screened porch. Beyond the porch, the addition is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door and two two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is lit by two nine-over-six and one six-over-six sash windows.





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The east elevation of the main block is lit by two two-over-two sash windows on the first floor. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. All of these windows are finished with surrounds which are slightly wider than those on the west elevation and finished with a subtly flattened cyma curve molding. The east end of the two-story addition is pierced by a four-light-over-three-panel entrance door. An exterior common bond chimney stands against the east side of this wing. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this wing at its southeastern edge.

The south elevation of the main block consists of a two-story, three-sided bay lit on each side by two-over-two sash windows with narrow, beaded surrounds. The roofline is finished with a plain frieze crowned by a cyma curve molding. The two-story wing which extends to the east is pierced on the first floor by one two-over-two sash window and a four-panel door which opens onto a small screened porch with a metal shed roof. The roofline is finished with a beaded board boxed cornice. Above the screened porch, the wing is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The windows and door of these two bays are finished with narrow, beaded surrounds. This wing continues to extend to the east, but is stepped back slightly to the north. It is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a central modern entrance door on the first floor. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows. These windows are finished with slightly wider surrounds with a flat molding like that on the east elevation of the main block.

The interior of the entrance hall consists of an open stringer stair with a molded hand rail, a turned newel post, and turned balusters. The steps are finished with scroll decoration. A three beaded band borders the waist of the stairway. The stair is in the form of a dogleg, with a landing at the half way point to the second floor. A one-over-one sash window on the east wall of the house, now covered by the east wing, originally lit the landing. At the east end of the entrance hall are a pair of two-panel double doors which originally provided access to the exterior.

A six-panel door with a wide molded surround opens to the north parlor. The north parlor retains its original mantel and window surrounds. The fireplace consists of a firebox with a beaded surround flanked by plain pilasters and surmounted by rectangular frieze blocks. A portion of the frieze is a recessed rectangular space now sheathed with wallpaper. A heavy mantel shelf projects above the fireplace frieze. A six-panel door with a wide molded surround opens to the south parlor. Here, a marble fireplace mantel, now obscured by a large cabinet, surrounds the fireplace on the room's east wall. The room to the east of the south parlor is accessible by means of a four-panel door. The walls of this room are sheathed with wainscoting from the baseboard to the cyma curve chair rail. The fireplace on the west wall of the room consists of a firebox flanked by plain pilasters with chamfered edges and surmounted by a heavy, rounded mantle shelf. A four-panel door on the south side of the fireplace

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opens to reveal a closet, although it seems that this door originally provided access to the south parlor. A four-panel door on the south side of this room opens onto an exterior screened porch. A partially glazed door on the north side of the room opens onto a second exterior screened porch. A narrow back stair to the second floor is located between this room and the kitchen. Inside the kitchen, a vertical panel door hung with metal strap hinges opens onto a closet located underneath the stair. Located north of the kitchen are a walk-in pantry and a former porch which has been enclosed.

The second floor of the main block consists of two bedrooms. The north bedroom retains its fireplace mantle consisting of pilasters flanking the firebox and a raised oval frieze panel. One large bedroom and three smaller rooms, now used for storage, are located on the second floor of the eastern addition. A bathroom is also located in this section of the house. Both the bathroom walls and ceiling are wainscoted.

Eight outbuildings stand on the east side of the house. The dairy, a pyramidal roofed, frame building, stands closest to the house. The dairy is sheathed with german siding and supported by brick piers. The roof is covered with metal. The south elevation is pierced by a four panel door with a narrow, beaded surround. Rectangular, louvered vents with beaded surrounds pierce the remaining three sides of the structure. The interior is plastered and lined with wooden shelving on the north and west walls. The roof is pierced by a square hole. A gable roofed smoke house stands next to the dairy. Sheathed with german siding and roofed with metal, the smoke house foundation and floor are now cement. A four-panel door with a plain surround on the structure's south side provides access to the interior. The interior of the building is stained with smoke and a hole in the center of the concrete floor is fitted with a metal pot. A shed roof chicken house is located to the east of the meat house. The structure is sheathed with both vertical and weatherboard siding and roofed with corrugated metal. A storage shed, roofed with corrugated metal and sheathed with vertical siding, is located nearby. Furthest from the house stand a granary, a turkey shed, and a barn. The granary is supported by concrete piers and capped by a metal gable roof. The turkey shed is sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with metal. The gambrel roofed barn has a cinderblock foundation and vertical board siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A shed on the barn's north side shelters farming and gardening equipment.

A tobacco barn stands north of the house. The barn is rectangular in form, measuring 96 feet in length by 24 feet in width with a 16 foot shed on the west side. The barn is sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with metal. The organizational plan of the barn is an eight foot bay system with four foot rooms. Double door openings provide access to the barn on the north, south, and east sides, while a

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series of 11 door openings provide access to the western shed. The barn consists of mortared ironstone piers which support circular sawn sills. The framing system of the barn's east and west walls consists of principal posts on eight foot centers. Almost all of these posts are attached to the sills with pegged mortise and tenon joints, while some posts on the east wall have been nailed into place. The corner posts are reinforced with down braces which are mortise and tenoned and pegged into place. The center wall of the barn consists of posts on four foot centers, all of which have been mortise and tenoned into both the sills and top plates.

The roof is a common rafter roof on four foot centers. Three collars have been added to each rafter in order to make additional space for the hanging of tobacco.

The system used to hang tobacco consists of horizontal tier pole supports which have been mortise and tenoned into the principal posts. Because the tier poles span such a narrow (12 foot) space, there are no intermediate tier poles supports. The tier poles are skinned logs, some of which are half lapped into the pole supports while others simply rest on top of the supports.

The shed on the barn's west elevation is organized on the same 8 foot bay system as the structure's main block. The shed is supported by a series of vertical posts which rest on the ground. Double door and single door openings are located in each 8 foot bay. Horizontal tier pole supports located about 9 feet above the ground are half lapped and nailed to each vertical post. Tier poles span the 16 foot shed space.

The vertical siding which sheathes the entire barn consists of circular sawn, random width 1" planking. Hinged double doors with horizontal and diagonal battens are centered on the north, south, and east elevations of the barn. These doors open outwards on machine made metal hinges. The sills do not run continuous across these door openings which measure 16 feet in width by 10 feet in height.

A stripping shed is located west of the barn. Asphalt shingles cover the roof and vertical board siding of this one-story, gable roof structure.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: James C. and Marie Elise Underwood

FROM: George Stuart Reeder

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EWA 694, folio 97.

DATE: July 10, 1992.

NOTES: Transfer of tract known as "St. John's" or "Home Farm" and "Lot No. 3," more recently called "Otie Dale" or "Home Farm of John H. and Mary Reeder," being 163.98 acres with the reservation that Kathleen S. Young be able to occupy the tenant house built in 1965 during her natural life.

TO: George Stuart Reeder, Jr.

FROM: Harriet H. Reeder

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 536, folio 383

DATE: May 21, 1990.

NOTES: Transfer of above described property with the reservation of a life estate in the property for Harriett H. Reeder. Miss Reeder died on September 17, 1991.

TO: Harriet H. Reeder

FROM: May Reeder Fowler and Zach Fowler, George Stuart Reeder and Anna Reeder, Cecelia Plowden Loftin and Frank Loftin, heirs of Mary Elizabeth Reeder.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 16, folio 275.

DATE: August 7, 1944

NOTES: Transfer of interest in shares of "Otie Dale," being a 160 acre tract.

TO: Harriett H. Reeder

FROM: John H. Reeder

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JWG 1, folio 187.

DATE: August 8, 1944.

NOTES: "I devise all my property both real and personal to Harriett H. Reeder."

TO: May Reeder Fowler, George Stuart Reeder, Cecelia Plowden Loftin, Harriet H. Reeder, children of Mary Elizabeth Reeder, and widower, John H. Reeder.

FROM: Mary Elizabeth Reeder

RECORD: No estate listed

DATE: 1930

NOTES:

TO: Mary Elizabeth Reeder

FROM: J. Walter Carpenter and Mary A. L. Carpenter

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 11, folio 425.

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DATE: January 2, 1890.

NOTES: Transfer of tract known as "St. John's" or "Home Farm" and "Lot No. 3," more recently known as "Otie Dale" being 260 acres. J. Walter Carpenter purchased this property at mortgagee's sale on January 1, 1889. Price: \$3500

TO: J. Walter Carpenter and Mary L. Carpenter

FROM: Daniel C. Hammett, Trustee.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, JFF 11, folio 275.

DATE: July 20, 1889.

NOTES: Sale of property as a result of the judgement found in Circuit Court case # 693 N.E., J. Walter Carpenter vs. Frank M. and Jennie D. Dyer. Same tract described above.

TO: Frank M. Dyer

FROM: James T. M. Raley, executor for George Morgan estate.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 6, folio 426.

DATE: December 5, 1881.

NOTES: Transfer of "Otie Dale" and "Lot No. 3" being 260 acres, a portion of the real estate of which George Morgan died possessed. This property was sold to Dyer on November 13, 1880. Price: \$3600

TO: Frank Dyer

FROM: George W. Smoot, George Morgan, Otie M. Smoot

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 4, folio 475.

DATE: January 20, 1881.

NOTES: Transfer of their interest in "Otie Dale" being 199 acres and the tract "Lot No. 3" being 60 acres.

TO: Otelia M. Morgan, George Morgan, Ada May Morgan, and Charles Frederick Morgan.

FROM: George H. Morgan

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, JTMR 1, folio 270.

DATE: April 16, 1870.

NOTES: "I devise all my property to my children..." Since some of Morgan's children were minors at his death, the Orphans Court Records contain detailed descriptions of his estate. See Inventories, Guardian Accounts, and Administration Accounts. The real estate inventory for George H. Morgan in JTMR 1/52, 9-17-1871, describes the value of the Homestead farm as \$500 and notes "The Homestead farm has on it a large and comfortable dwellinghouse slightly out of repairs, a fine orchard in full bearing, also a small meadow in quite a fair condition, Barns, corn house, and other out houses -- all need repairs, wood and timber scarce." A later accounting in

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JTMR 1/77, 6-15-1876, notes "...the Old Barn on Otie Dale we regard as being too much decade (sic) to be repaired. The furnace barn and shed due north of it and attached will here after only be attached to Otie Dale farm ...The fencing around the home at Otie Dale in bad condition as also the tenants houses and if not soon repaired will be ruinous." The personal property inventory in JTMR 3/61-79 describes Otie Dale as consisting of a parlor, dining room, and pantry, five bedrooms upstairs, and a sixth room upstairs occupied by a bookcase. Also listed is a store room, two meat rooms, kitchen, corn house, granary, and Blacksmith shop.

TO: George H. Morgan  
FROM: Dorothy Brown  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 169.  
DATE: July 13, 1863.  
NOTES: This deed is missing.

TO: Dorothy Brown  
FROM: John Saxton of Charles County  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 260.  
DATE: June 12, 1852.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Fenwick's Gain with Addition" and "Part Roach's Discovery" consisting of 183 1/2 acres which formerly belonged to Joseph Saxton. Price: \$1000

TO: John Saxton  
FROM: George Saxton  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 258.  
DATE: June 12, 1852.  
NOTES: Transfer of property described above.

TO: George Saxton  
FROM: John Saxton, administrator of estate of Eleanor Saxton (deceased).  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 240.  
DATE: June 12, 1852.  
NOTES: Transfer of Eleanor Saxton's interest in "Roaches Discovery," "Hayden's Resque or rest," and "Shank's Resque or rest" being 160 acres.

TO: Heirs  
FROM: Joseph Saxton  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Estate 794.  
DATE: 1842.  
NOTES: Saxton died intestate.

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TO: Joseph Saxton

FROM: George Hayden

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JH 8, folio 80

DATE: February 8, 1828.

NOTES: Transfer of part of the tract Roaches Discovery also part of a tract called Hayden's resque or rest and also another tract called Shanks resque or rest.

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8.5 Significance

Orphan's Court Records of 1871, followed by a series of yearly updates as well as Guardian Accounts. The 1871 real estate inventory notes, "The Homestead Farm has on it a large and comfortable dwellinghouse slightly out of repairs, a fine orchard in full bearing, also a small meadow in quite a fair condition, barns, corn house, and other out houses -- all need repairs, wood and timber scarce." The personal property inventory is very detailed, describing a parlor, dining room, pantry, five bedrooms upstairs and a sixth room upstairs occupied by a bookcase. Also listed is a store room, two meat rooms, a kitchen, corn house, granary, and a Blacksmith shop. An inventory update of 1876 also notes the existence of a "furnace barn" on the property.

The first reference to the property as "Otie Dale," named after Morgan's eldest daughter Otilia, occurs in a deed of 1881. Although the property passed out of Morgan family hands as early as 1881, it is still referred to as "Otie Dale" in current deeds. Most recently the property was owned by the Reeder family. Occupied by Harriet H. Reeder from the 1930s until 1991, the house served as a residence for many teachers who moved to St. Mary's County for work during the mid-twentieth century.

SM-430, Otie Dale  
 St. Mary's County  
 10.1 Geographical Data

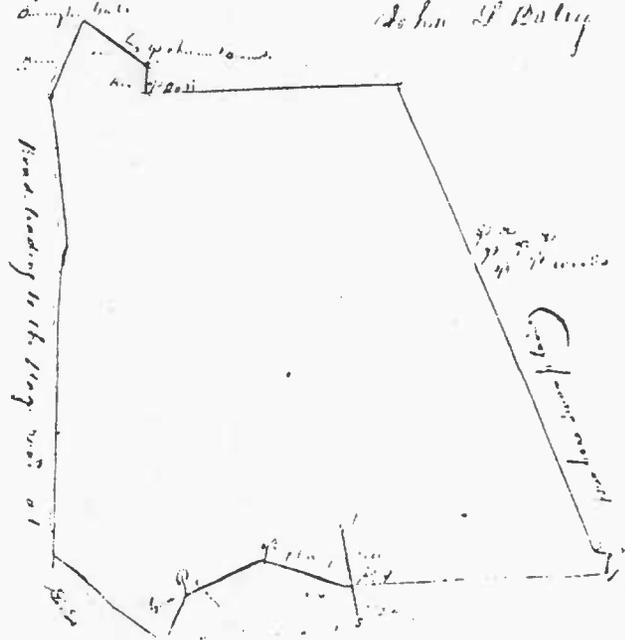
Plat of "Fenwick's Gain with Addition" and "Part Roach's Discovery" consisting of 183 1/2 acres. The property consists of almost 164 acres today.

Source: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 259.

on the day and year first above written.  
 Signed, Sealed & Delivered  
 in the presence of } George Parson Clerk  
 J. Purck } Sarah A. Parson  
 J. Purck }  
 John P. Bailey }

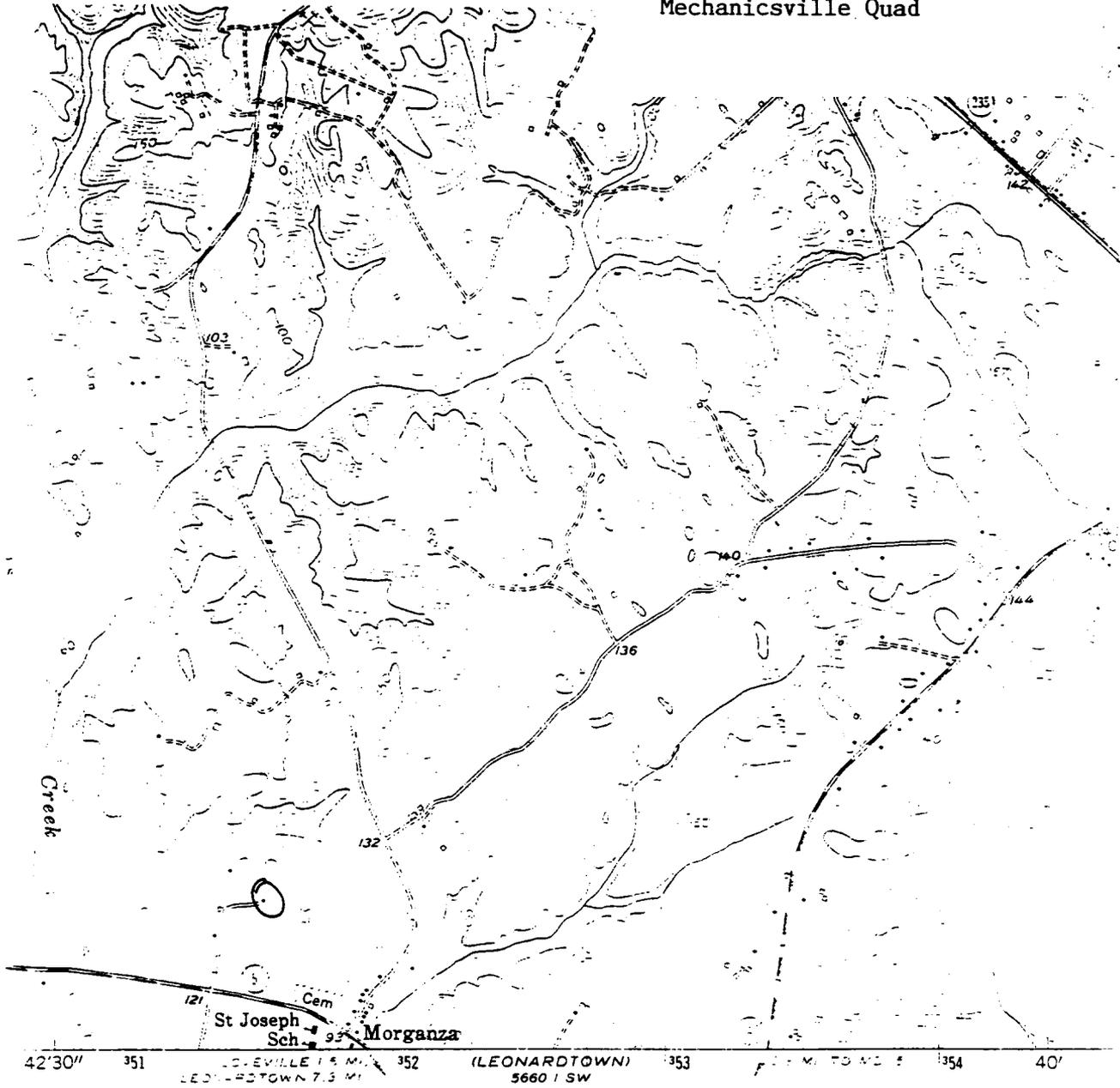
I late of Maryland, Sarah (Mary) County of  
 that on this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty before the subscribers two Justices of the Peace of the said County of Maryland in and for the said County of Maryland personally appeared George Parson and Sarah Ann Parson his wife. They being known to us to be the persons who executed and subscribed and professing to be the parties to the foregoing deed or indenture and do solemnly acknowledge the said indenture or instrument of writing to be their respective act and deed. The said Sarah Ann Parson having signed and sealed said indenture out of the presence and hearing of her husband and the said Sarah Ann Parson being by us examined out of the presence and hearing of her said husband, whether she doth recollect and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily and without being put to or by force or threat, or of ill usage by her husband, or by fear of his death or violence doth recollect and doth that she doth. In Testimony whereof we herewith subscribe our names on this day and year aforesaid.

J. Purck  
 John P. Bailey



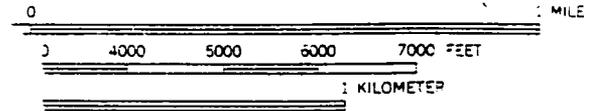
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Otie Dale  
Morganza  
Mechanicsville Quad



SCALE 1:24 000

MECHANICSVILLE. MD.  
NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3822.5—W 7637.5/7.5



1953

AMS 3660 I NW—SERIES V833

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

0 = MEAN SEA LEVEL

— = DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

--- = DASHED LINE REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1.5 FEET



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St. Mary's County, MD

Elizabeth Hughes

May 1944

Mr. EHP

N elevation

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SH-430, Oak Dale

St. Mary's Dairy, MD

Elizabeth Hugh

May 1914

MD 1870

Dairy + Smokehouse (SW elevation)

2/3



SM-130, Oke Dale.

St. Marys County, Mo.

Elizabetha

May 1994

MD. SHP

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Fair Hill Farm  
St. Mary's County  
Kick Rowette

Sept/00

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