

Capsule Summary
SM-434
Henry F. Burroughs House
Chaptico
Private

1935

The Henry F. Burroughs House is one of two houses built in Chaptico during the 1930s. This substantial two-story, three-bay structure is capped with a hipped roof and sheathed with wood shingles. The dwelling is a well-preserved vernacular version of the Prairie style in architecture, a style popular in the first part of the twentieth century. Both the interior and exterior of the house retain a high level of architectural integrity.

Henry F. Burroughs Sr. purchased this property in 1923. Burroughs, a salesman, financed construction of the house in 1935. In 1956 the property was transferred to the Harrison family. Today, the Burroughs house remains a substantial landmark located at the eastern-most edge of Chaptico

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern, 1930 - present.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: House

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. ~~SM-417~~ SM-434
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Henry F. Burroughs House

2. Location

street & number Zach. Fowler Road not for publication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	
<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 Mildred E. Harrison et al (See chain of title)

street & number Zach Fowler Road telephone no.: 301-884-3663

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Md 20621

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber MRB 31

street & number ST. Mary's County Courthouse folio 33

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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: 3

The Henry Burroughs house is located on the south side of Zach Fowler Road near its junction with Route 234 in the village of Chaptico. This house is one of a row of residences which line the south side of Zach Fowler Road. To the west of the house stand the Epsicopal Rectory and Church Hall for Christ Episcopal Church. To the east is an old tobacco field. South of the house stand six outbuildings. Here, the property slopes downhill ending at a small freshwater run which feeds into the Chaptico Marsh. The house faces north.

Built in 1935, the Henry Burroughs house is a two-story, three-bay structure with a hipped roof. The footprint of the house is basically square with one-bay porch wings projecting from the south and east elevations. The house is sheathed with wood shingles and the roof is covered with pressed metal sheeting. The house has a medium roof overhang and exposed rafter feet. The foundation consists of cinderblocks. The house has a partial basement where the furnace is located. Between the foundation and the first layer of the house's wood shingle siding is a white plank baseboard about one foot in width which runs across each elevation.

The north (main) elevation is pierced by a central entrance door. The door is partially glazed and flanked by single light sidelights. This entry is sheltered by an overhang consisting of a heavy entablature supported by a pair of Doric columns. The eastern and western bays of this elevation consist of a bank of three windows with a central eight-over-one light window flanked by six-over-one sash windows. A one-story porch addition projects to the east of this elevation. A screened, three-bay window opening pierces the porch addition. The second floor of the main block has a central three-sided bay located above the first floor entry door. The central panel of this projecting bay is lit by three pairs of three-sash casement windows crowned by a horizontal band of single light windows. Each of the bay's two side panels are lit by one pair of casement windows. The eastern and western bays of this elevation consist of a pair of eight-over-one sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces this elevation's north roof slope.

The west elevation foundation is pierced by three single-sash windows which light the partial basement. The first floor is lit by two pairs of eight-over-one sash windows and one single eight-over-one sash window. The second floor is lit by two pairs of eight-over-one sash windows and one pair of eight-sash casement windows. The west roof slope is pierced by two interior brick chimneys. A slightly shorter, two-story wing extends to the south of this elevation. The first floor of this wing is pierced by a two-bay, screened opening. The second floor is lit by a pair of six-over-one sash windows.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1935 **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.

The Henry F. Burroughs House is one of two houses built in Chaptico during the 1930s. This well-preserved structure is a vernacular version of the Prarie style in architecture which was popular in the first part of the twentieth century. The emphasis on horizontal lines evident in the foundation baseboard and the central bank of second floor windows, the low-pitched hipped roof, and the eave overhang are all Prarie style elements. The Doric columns of the central entrance, a conspicuous focal point of the facade, reflect a Colonial Revival influence. Both the interior and exterior of the house retain a high level of architectural integrity.

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The western bay of the south elevation consist of a two-story wing pierced on the first floor by a screened door and on the second floor by a pair of six-over-one sash windows. The first floor of the main block is lit by a pair of six-sash casement windows and by a bank of three windows as the eastern most bay. The central window of this eastern bay is an eight-over-one sash opening flanked on by a six-over-one sash window. The second floor is lit by a pair of eight-over-one sash windows and a single eight-over-one sash window. A one-story porch wing extends to the east of this elevation. Roofed with asphalt shingles, this wing is pierced by a screened three-bay opening on its western side.

The first floor of the east elevation is covered by a one-story porch wing. This wing is pierced by a central screened door and a screened three-bay opening as the wing's north and south bays. The second floor is lit by a pair of eight-over-one sash windows.

The interior consists of a center hall plan featuring an open stringer stair with square balusters and a molded hand rail. A two-panel door opens to a closet under the stair. French doors separate the west parlor from the hall. This parlor maintains its original mantle and built-in china closet. The kitchen is located at the southwest corner of the house. The kitchen walls retain their original wainscoating and pressed metal sheathing. The ceiling is also covered with pressed metal. The east parlor retains its original mantle and is separated from a small sun room at the southeast corner of the house by french doors. The second floor was not seen.

Six outbuildings stand on the south side of the Burroughs' house. Three of these are modern structures sheathed in vertical board siding and roofed with corrugated tin. One outbuilding is a square garage sheathed with weatherboard siding and capped with a pyramidal roof. This roof is covered with the same pressed metal sheeting which roofs the main house. A cinderblock shed has been added to the southern elevation of the garage. A small meathouse also stands on the property. This one-room structure is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with wood shingles. A four panel door located on the north side provides access to the interior. A well, now covered with a cement plug, stands between the meathouse and the main house. At the southern edge of the property, next to the run which empties into the Chaptico Marsh is a gable roof tobacco barn. The barn is sheathed with vertical siding and roofed with tin. The barn is no longer used for tobacco storage.

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Chain of Title

TO: Manning Eugene Harrison, Lewis Calvin Harrison Sr., Cloudsley Benjamin Harrison, Sydner Wood Harrison, Sr., Lucy Vallandingham, Louise Cooksey, Arthur Leicester Harrison Sr., William Henry Harrison Sr., James Bradford Harrison Sr., and Mildred E. Harrison, as tenants in common.

FROM: James Bradford Harrison, Sr., and Mildred E. Harrison, personal representatives of estate of Mary E. Harrison.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 31, folio 33.

DATE: December 1978.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels: 1.) formerly a part of the land called "Southampton" but more recently called the Episcopal Rectory lot, being 2.60 acres. 2.) Transfer of 5 acres. Both subject to the life estate of Mildred E. Harrison and Manning Eugene Harrison.

TO: Robert I. Harrison and Mary E. Harrison

FROM: Henry F. Burroughs, Sr., unmarried.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 61, folio 326.

DATE: February 6, 1956.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels: 1.) 2.60 acres 2.) 5.00 acres.

TO: Henry F. Burroughs Sr.

FROM: Vestry of King and Queen Parish of St. Mary's County consisting of Rector Joseph P. Gibson, Vestrymen T. H. Thomas, Samuel B. Hayden, George F. Owens, S. S. Reeves, James E. Davis, Samuel Hayden, T. B. Carpenter, and the church warden Thomas B. Brookbank, and P. Addison Herbert.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 1, folio 401.

DATE: April 2, 1923.

NOTES: Transfer of 2.60 acres, part of EBA 15/489. Attached to the deed is a copy of a resolution to sell the property made by the Vestry on April 2, 1923. Price: \$375

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10.1 Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification

Source: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 31, folio 33.

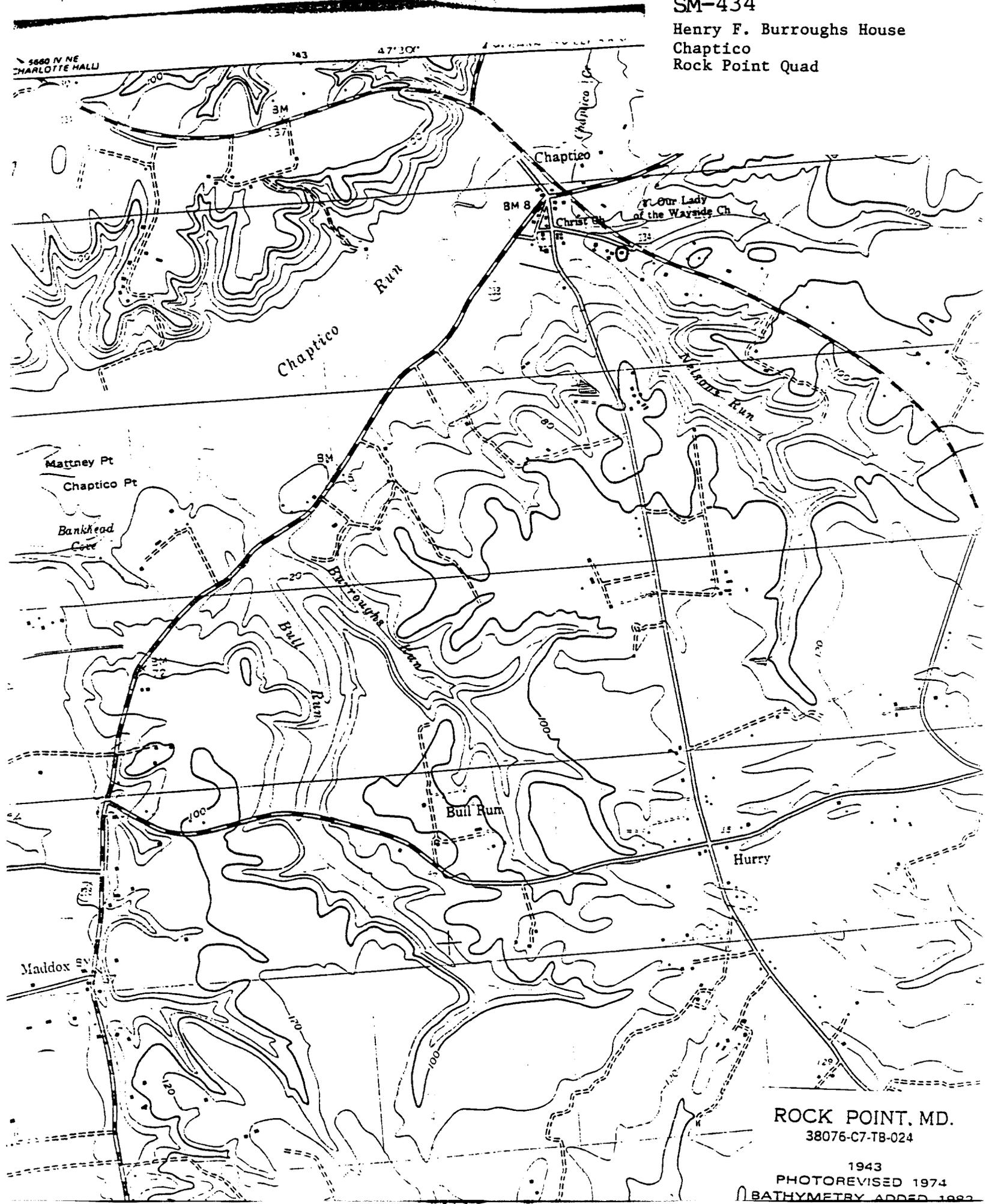
"...Beginning for the same on the Chaptico-Clements public road at the North east corner boundary of the said Rectory property and running thence in a westerly direction with the south side of said road for a distance of about 77 yards to a stob; thence leaving said road and running in a straight line in a southerly direction for a distance of about 166 yards to the North West Corner boundary of the swamp property of Elizabeth T. Waring; thence in an easterly direction with the northern boundary line fence (wire) of the Waring swamp property for a distance of 77 yards to a stob; thence in a straight line in a northerly direction with the line of the property of the said Elizabeth T. Waring called Southampton for a distance of about 166 yards to the place of beginning..."

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Rock Point Quad



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PHOTOREVISED 1974

BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982



