

Capsule Summary

SM-438

John J. Beavan Residence and Store

Callaway

Private

Circa 1927

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

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

Historic Period Theme: Commerce

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence
Store

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. Sm 438

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John J. Beavan Residence and Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Route 5 not for publication

city, town Callaway 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 Doris Jones

street & number General Delivery telephone no.: (301) 994 0859

city, town Callaway state and zip code Maryland 20620

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber CBG 72

street & number 328 Washington Street folio 362

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM 438

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 John J. Beavan Residence and Store is located on Route 5 near its junction with Route 245 in Callaway, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The main gable end elevation of the store projects north of the house towards the road. Behind the house and store, which are joined, stand three outbuildings. The house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis. The store faces north with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1927, the Beavan complex is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of concrete piers.

The north (main) elevation of the house is obscured by a one-story, shed roof porch. The porch, now enclosed by sheets of opaque plastic, wraps around to the east and south sides of the house. The porch has Doric column roof supports and a square post baluster. The upper half story of the house is pierced by a large gable roof dormer. The dormer is lighted by three six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and a decorative crown molding. This window treatment is employed on all windows and vents on both the store and the house. The verge of the roof is pierced by a rectangular, louvered vent. To the west, the gable end of the attached store projects north of the dwelling towards Route 5. A shed roof porch supported by delicately chamfered posts and finished with a cement pad floor extends across the first floor of the store. The central bay of the store projects from the wall surface, creating a vestibule. This baffle type entrance is pierced by a five-panel entrance door. The entrance is flanked on either side by one window now covered by plank shutters hung on machine made metal hinges. The upper half story of the store is pierced by one six-over-six sash window. A square, louvered vent pierces the verge of the roof.

The west elevation of the store is pierced by two windows covered by plank shutters. A side entrance door serves as the southern most bay. The door surrounds are wide and finished with a decorative crown molding like those that surround the windows.

The south elevation of the store consists of a shed roof addition across the first floor. The addition is pierced by one window covered by a plank shutter. The upper half story is pierced by one six-over-six sash window and a rectangular, louvered vent at the verge of the eave. The south elevation of the house consists of the one-story porch that wraps around from the north elevation. A large gable roof dormer projects from the upper half story. The dormer is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows and a rectangular, louvered vent.

8. Significance

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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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 Unknown **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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The east elevation of the house consists of the one-story porch across the first floor. Two six-over-six sash windows and a rectangular, louvered vent pierce the upper half story.

The interior was not seen.

Three outbuildings and the ruins of a fourth are located on the property. The outbuilding located closest to the house is the meathouse. The meathouse faces north with the roof oriented on a north/south axis. It is supported by cinderblock piers, sheathed with weatherboard siding, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The meathouse is pierced by a small, shuttered window on the east and west sides and by a door on the north elevation. Behind the meathouse stands the ruins of a board and batten structure with a shed roof. A garage is located east of the meathouse. The frame garage faces north with the roof on a north/south axis. A barn, located east of the garage, is sheathed with board and batten siding and roofed with seamed metal.

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Chain of Title

TO: Doris Jones

FROM: Agnes Liquori Beavan

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Estate No. 984.

DATE: 1967.

NOTES: Agnes L. Beavan died intestate in 1961 leaving her daughter Doris Jones as her only heir.

TO: Agnes Liquori Beavan

FROM: John J. Beavan

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Estate No. 1107.

DATE: 1958

NOTES: John J. Beavan died intestate in 1958.

TO: John J. Beavan and Agnes Liquori Beavan

FROM: Mary R. Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 72, folio 362.

DATE: December 9, 1957.

NOTES: See below.

TO: Mary R. Fowler

FROM: John J. Beavan and Agnes Liquori Beavan

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 72, folio 360.

DATE: December 9, 1957.

NOTES: Transfer of 6.6 acres being a portion of "All That's Left" and the same as JMM 5/435.

TO: John J. Beavan

FROM: J. Lewis Bean

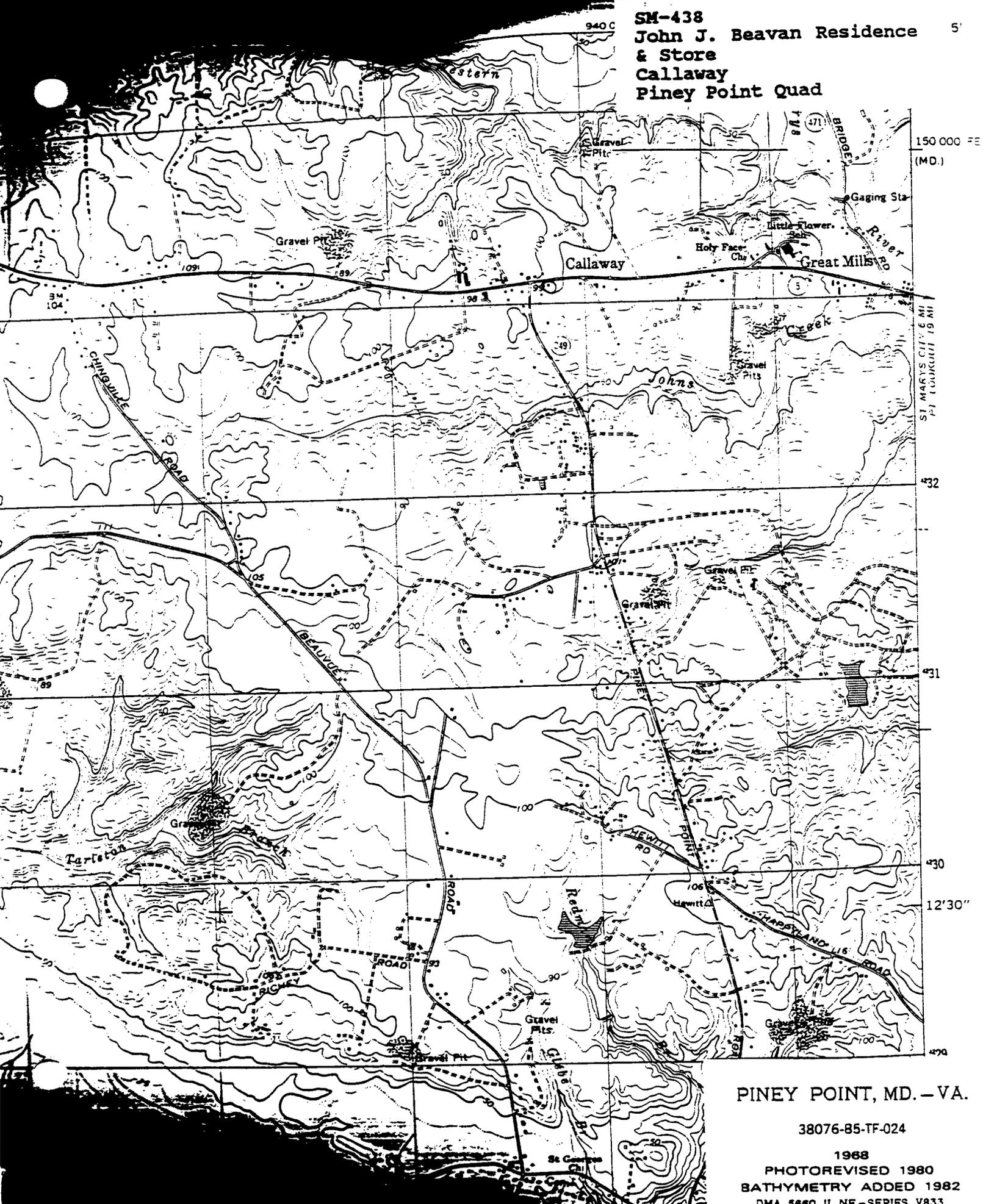
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 5, folio 435.

DATE: October 3, 1927.

NOTES: Transfer of 6.6 acres being a portion of "All That's Left" and the same as JMM 5/27.

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& Store
Callaway
Piney Point Quad

5'



150 000 FE
(MD.)

ST MARKS CUT 6 MI
PI LOOKOUT 15 MI

432

431

430

12'30"

429

PINEY POINT, MD. - VA.

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1968
PHOTOREVISED 1980
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
DMA 5660 II NE-SERIES V833



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John J. Beaman 1st class and 1st class

St. Mary's County, MD

E. Hughes

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MD 51170

NE elevation

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John J. Brown Residence ex. - 12

St Mary's County, MD

E. Hughes

11/14

MD SHIP

- N Elevation

2/3



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John J. Berma Residence 201 742

St. Mary's County, Md

E. Hughes

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