Capsule Summary
SM-464
Potomac View Farm
Tall Timbers
Private

Circa 1835 - 1850; 1910

Potomac View Farm is significant as an example of early twentieth century, Colonial Revival style architecture in St. Mary's County. Built to imitate the form of an earlier house on the site, Potomac View Farm was designed as a frame, telescope style dwelling. Also located on the property is a well-preserved meathouse that appears to date to the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Since the early nineteenth century, this property has passed between generations through the female line of the Guyther family. Sometime prior to 1820, William Guyther transfered the tract to his daughter Attaway Guyther on the occasion of her marriage to Thomas Shadrick. Attaway Guyther predeceased her husband, and he took her sister Sallie Guyther as his second wife. Following Shadrick's death, the property, known as "Part Piney Point," was allotted to Shadrick's son, Thomas M., guardian of Sallie Shadrick. By this time, the records show that a dwelling house was located on the property. Sallie Shadrick devised this land to her daughter at her death in 1906.

Around 1910, the old house was razed and a new building was erected on its very foundation. The oldest structure that stands on the Potomac View Farm property is the meathouse which remains largely unaltered. Notably, the framing members of a slave quarter that once stood on the south side of the house have been preserved and stored in the former cornhouse.

SM-464, Potomac View Farm
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:	Architecture

Resource Type

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

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Potomac View Farm

2. Location

street & number Tall Timbers Road ___ not for publication

city, town Tall Timbers ___ 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	X 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 Frederick A. Meatyard III and Kathleen Butler Meatyard

street & number telephone no.: (301) 994 2569

city, town Tall Timbers state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 413

street & number 320 Washington Street folio 294

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

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: 2

Potomac View Farm is located at the end of an unpaved road off of Tall Timbers Road in Tall Timbers, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house lot is planted with a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs. Four outbuildings are located on the grounds. Originally surrounded by a cast iron fence, only a portion of that fencing survives on the north side of the house. A fenced horse pasture surrounds the dwelling on the south and west sides, while open fields extend to the north and east. The Potomac River is visible from the south side of the house. The land along the shoreline, formerly part of the Potomac View Farm property, is occupied by a row of modern dwellings. The Potomac View Farm house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1910, the Potomac View Farm house consists of a central two-story main block with a contemporary one-and-a-half-story wing that extends to the east. A smaller one-story addition of more modern construction extends to the east of the one-and-a-half story wing. A modern one-story, flat-roofed addition is attached to the west end of the main block. The dwelling is supported by a concrete foundation and sheathed with a combination of weatherboard and artificial siding. The roof has a medium overhang and is covered with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation has a sidelighted fifteen-light entrance door as the western-most bay. A gable-roofed portico supported by Doric columns shelters the entrance. A bank of three six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters and wide surrounds are located to the east of the door. The second floor is pierced by one six-over-six sash window centered above the entrance door and a bank of three six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney pierces the center of the roof ridgeline. A modern one-story addition extends to the west of the main block. The addition is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and louvered shutters. Square post balusters line the flat roof of the addition. The eastern one-and-a-half story wing is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters and wide surrounds on the first floor. A porch, supported by Doric columns and finished with square balusters, extends across the first floor of the wing. The second floor is pierced by two six-light casement windows. The attached one-story addition extending to the east of the wing is pierced by two smaller six-over-six sash windows.

The east elevation of the main block is pierced by a fifteen-light entrance door that opens onto the north porch of the one-and-a-half story wing. The second floor is lighted by two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters while the eave is pierced by two smaller six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and louvered

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
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 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.

Potomac View Farm is significant as an example of early twentieth century, Colonial Revival style architecture in St. Mary's County. Built to imitate the form of an earlier house on the site, Potomac View Farm was designed as a frame, telescope style dwelling. Also located on the property is a well-preserved meathouse that appears to date to the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Since the early nineteenth century, this property has passed between generations through the female line of the Guyther family. Sometime prior to 1820, William Guyther transfered the tract to his daughter Attaway Guyther on the occasion of her marriage to Thomas Shadrick. Attaway Guyther predeceased her husband, who then took her sister Sallie Guyther as his second wife.

Thomas Shadrick died intestate in 1853, leaving three children as his heirs. The portion of his property on which Potomac View Farm now stands was known as "Part Piney Point." This tract was allotted to Shadrick's son, Thomas M., who was acting as the guardian of Sallie (Sarah) Ann Shadrick. By this time, the records show that a dwelling house was located on the property.

Sometime between 1854 and 1888, Sallie Shadrick married and became Sallie Ann Rooker. When Thomas M. Shadrick died, he devised the Piney Point property to his sister. At her death in 1906, she devised the property to her daughter Minnie O. Rooker. Minnie later married and became known as Mary Oldham Bryan.

During Mary Oldham Bryan's ownership, the old house was razed and a new building was erected on its very foundation. The new building was built in a style similar to that of the old house. A historic photo shows the Thomas Shadrick House to be a telescope style dwelling consisting of a two-story, two-bay main block with a one-story wing. In 1968, Mary Bryan died and devised her property to her three children. The house remained in the family until 1988.

Architecturally speaking, the meathouse is more interesting than

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7 Acres

Quadrangle name Piney 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

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoning date December 1994

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city or town Leonardtown state Maryland

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shutters. This gable end of the main block is finished with cornice returns. The roof ridgeline is pierced by an interior brick chimney. The gable end of the one-and-a-half story wing is finished with cornice returns and pierced by a small one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds. An enclosed porch located on the south side of the wing is pierced by a one-light-over-three-panel door flanked by a pair of eight-light windows. The gable end of the one-story addition is pierced by one eight-over-eight sash window with narrow surrounds.

The south elevation of the one-story wing is pierced by one eight-over-eight sash window. A frame arbor sheltering a brick walkway extends across the front of the one-story wing. The one-and-a-half story wing is covered by an enclosed porch that extends across the first floor. The porch is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds. Two six-light casement windows light the upper half story of the wing. The main block is pierced by a twelve-light-over-one-panel entrance door and a six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters and wide surrounds. A porch, supported by Doric posts and finished with a square post baluster, extends across this first floor. The eastern section of the porch is enclosed with siding and louvered windows. The second floor of the house is pierced by four six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and louvered shutters. The one-story, western wing is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and a six-light-over-two-panel entrance door.

The west elevation of the main block is mostly obscured by the modern one-story addition across the first floor. Only one six-over-six sash window on the south side of the addition remains visible. The second floor of the house is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. Two small six-over-six-sash windows pierce the eave. An exterior cinderblock chimney with a brick cap is centered against this gable end which is also finished with cornice returns. The one-story, modern addition is pierced by a two-over-two sash window and a six-light-over-two-panel door.

The interior of the main block consists of a side hall, double-pile plan. The open string stair has a square newell post and square balusters. A pair of French doors open from the end of the hall into the southern parlor while a five-panel door opens from the hall into the northern parlor. The second floor consists of a central hall that runs the length of the main block. Three bedrooms are located off of this hall behind five-panel doors. An enclosed stair provides access to the finished attic.

The first floor of the one-and-a-half story wing serves as a kitchen. An enclosed winder stair provides access to the second floor. The upper half story has been converted for use as a bathroom. The one-story wing on the east end of the house is used for storage. The one-story west wing serves as a caretaker's residence. It was

not accessible to the surveyor.

Four outbuildings stand on the property. Located closest to the house is a large, rectangular meathouse measuring twelve feet wide by twenty feet long. It is sheathed with reciprocal sawn, random width, 1" planking laid flush with a diagonal joint. The planking is attached with both machine cut and wire nails. The gable roof, oriented on an east/west axis, is covered with wood shingles.

The meathouse is the oldest structure standing on the property. This rectangular building rests on brick piers that support continuous sills. The framing system consists of sawn corner posts with skinned log studs on two foot centers. Both the posts and studs are mortise and tenoned into the sills and the sawn top plate. The corner posts are reinforced with down braces. The roof consists of skinned log rafters on four foot centers, supported by a flat false plate. The rafters are mitred together at the apex of the roof.

The north elevation of the meathouse is pierced by a vertical panel entrance door with horizontal battens. It is hung on wrought metal strap hinges and opens outwards. The remnants of a metal box lock survives on the inside of the door. The door opening measures three feet in width by six feet in height. A shuttered window opening is located west of the door. The shutter, hung on a metal butt hinge, has been nailed shut. The window opening measures one and a half feet in width by two feet in height.

The east gable end is flush and blind.

The south side of the building is pierced by a window opening, measuring one and a half feet in width by two feet in height. The window is located at the west end of the structure, on axis with the north elevation window.

The west gable end is flush and pierced by a vertical panel entrance door that opens outwards. The door has horizontal battens and is hung with a machine made metal hinge. The inside of the door bears the scar of a box lock. The door opening measures two feet eight inches in width by six feet in height. A shuttered window opening pierces the eave. The shutter is hung on machine made metal hinges and consists of vertical panels with horizontal battens. There appears to bear the scar of a box lock on the interior of the shutter. The date "1830" has been attached to the eave using applied metal numbers.

The organizational plan of the meathouse consists of three discrete interior spaces. The eastern section measures eleven feet six inches in length and twelve feet in width. Based on the smoke stains on the interior walls, this portion of the structure

served as the meathouse. Collars, attached to each of the rafter pairs, support skinned logs from which meat was once hung.

The western section, measuring nine feet six inches in length and twelve feet in width, is separated from the east end of the structure by an interior partition wall. This wall consists of reciprocal sawn planking which extends vertically from the floor to the one of the tie beams. The walls and ceiling are covered with a fading coat of whitewash. Brick and mortar nogging, inserted between the top plate and the ceiling, is visible on the north and south walls of the structure. This section of the building is finished with plank flooring.

A loft is located above this west end room. The loft is accessible only from the exterior of the structure. It is fitted with plank flooring and a partition wall of vertical boards.

Next to the meathouse is a one-story garage and workshop. Originally built in the 1950s, the structure was enlarged in the 1990s. The building faces north with the roof oriented on an east/west axis. It is sheathed with board and batten siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The building is fitted with modern windows and doors.

A pyramidal-roofed structure sheathed with wood shingles and surrounded by lattice work is located northeast of the house. This decorative folly shelters an old well.

A frame tobacco barn and a former corn house are located west of the house. Both are sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with metal. The tobacco barn has been converted for use as a stable. The corn house is currently used for storage. Here, the owner has stored the framing of a slave quarter that once stood on the property. The quarter was originally located on the south side of the house on the site of the grape arbor.

the dwelling house. Both the exterior siding and roofing material of the meathouse remains intact. While the eastern half of the meathouse was used for the storage of meat, the western half was either designed for use as a storage room or a quarter or later converted for that purpose. The partial loft in the upper half story of the structure served as a storage area.

The meathouse is the earliest structure to survive on the Potomac View Farm property. Notably, the framing members of a slave quarter that once stood on the south side of the house have been preserved and stored in the former cornhouse. Like the meathouse, the quarter was sheathed with reciprocal sawn planking laid flush with a diagonal joint.

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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Archibald Meatyard III and Kathleen Butler Meatyard
FROM: Thomas Brooke Bryan and Clarence Brooke Fox, his attorney in fact.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 413, folio 294.
DATE: May 26, 1988.
NOTES: Transfer of Lot No. 1 of "Bryan Subdivision" being 7.528 acres. See plat MRB 29/17.

TO: Clarence Brooke Fox and Rose Allen Fox
FROM: Thomas Brooke Bryan
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 84, folio 167.
DATE: September 22, 1980.
NOTES: Transfer of 50 acres more or less, being part of that devised to Thomas Brooke Bryan, James Brooke Bryan, and Sara Gwynn Bryan as joint tenants in the will of Mary Oldham Bryan. Thomas Brooke Bryan is now the sole surviving joint tenant.

TO: James Brooke Bryan, Thomas Brooke Bryan, Sara Gwynn Bryan
FROM: Mary Oldham Bryan (a.k.a. Minnie O. Rooker)
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber MRB 6, folio 5.
DATE: August 30, 1968.
NOTES: Transfer of "all my real estate in St. Mary's County..."

TO: Minnie O. Rooker
FROM: Sallie Ann Rooker
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber PHD 1, folio 225.
DATE: March 19, 1906.
NOTES: Transfer of "all my estate real and personal."

TO: Sallie Ann Rooker
FROM: Robert C. Combs and Daniel C. Hammett, Trustees.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 12, folio 83.
DATE: June 12, 1890.
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Piney Point" being 428 acres; Flower of the Forrest, Parish of Beadle, etc. being 48 acres (except certain lots outlined here) as the result of a decision in Circuit Court case Nannie M. Combs and Charlotte C. McSherry vs. Daniel C. Hammett, exec. of Thomas M. Shadrick et al. Price: $3000.

TO: Sallie Ann Rooker
FROM: Thomas M. Shadrick
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JBA 1, folio 166.
DATE: February 13, 1888.

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8.2 Significance

NOTES: Transfer of his real estate "Part Piney Point" being 422 acres and Flower of the Forest, Parish of Beadle being 48 acres to his sister, Sallie Ann Rooker (a.k.a. Sarah Ann Shadrick) and at her death to her daughter Minnie Rooker. Should Minnie Rooker die without heirs, the property is to be devised to the children of his brother John Shadrick, viz. unto Holton Shadrick, Blanche Shadrick, Lula Shadrick, William Shadrick, and Mark Shadrick in equal portions. See Decree Record JFF 6/407.

TO: Thomas M. Shadrick
FROM: Thomas Shadrick
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JTMR 1, folio 329.
DATE: 1854
NOTES: Thomas Shadrick died intestate in November 1853. As per Circuit Court case 419, dated February 28, 1855, his property was divided between his two adult male children, Thomas and John Shadrick. At the time of this division his daughter Sallie (Sarah) Ann was a minor. Thomas M. Shadrick received "Part Piney Point" being 200 acres, another "Part Piney Point" being 100 acres, and "Lot No. 1" being 235 acres. At the time of the division, this property was described as being "in bad condition, having but one dwelling house upon the whole lands without any other improvements essential to the renting and cultivation of the lands."

TO: Thomas Shadrick
FROM: Attaway Guyther
RECORD:
DATE:
NOTES: William Guyther transfered this property to his daughter, Attaway Guyther, on the occasion of her marriage to Thomas Shadrick sometime prior to his death in 1820. Any record of this transfer was destroyed in the St. Mary's County courthouse fire of the 1830s. Attaway Guyther predeceased her husband. Thomas Shadrick then took her sister Sallie Guyther as his second wife. (The source for this information is Hope Grace, a local genealogist who has conducted extensive research on the Guyther family.)

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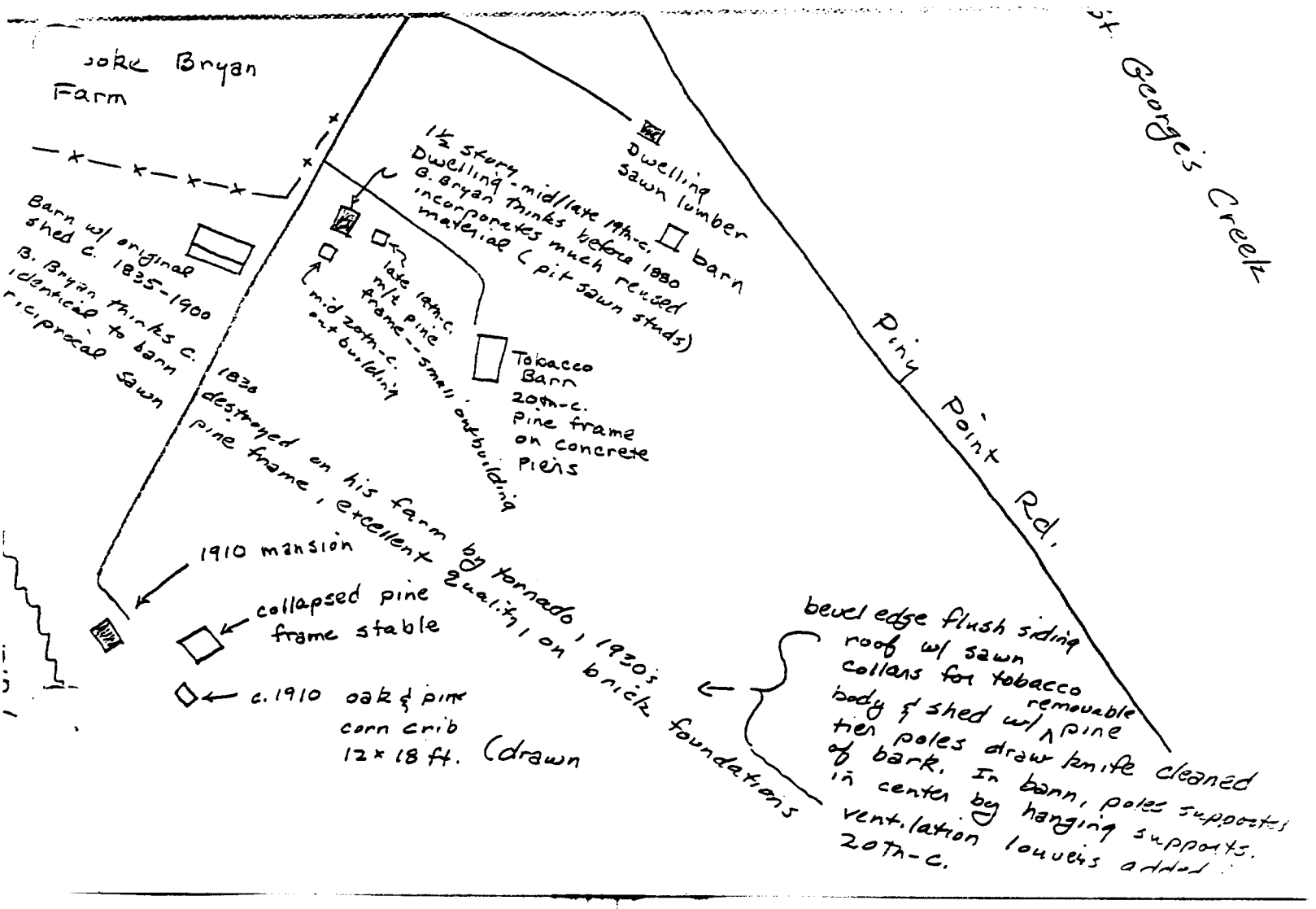
8.4 Significance

Map of Potomac View Farm and outbuildings drawn by Gary Wheeler Stone in 1980. Few of these outbuildings survive today. The meathouse, which is still standing, does not appear on this map.

Source: Historic St. Mary's City Architectural Files, St. Mary's City, Maryland.



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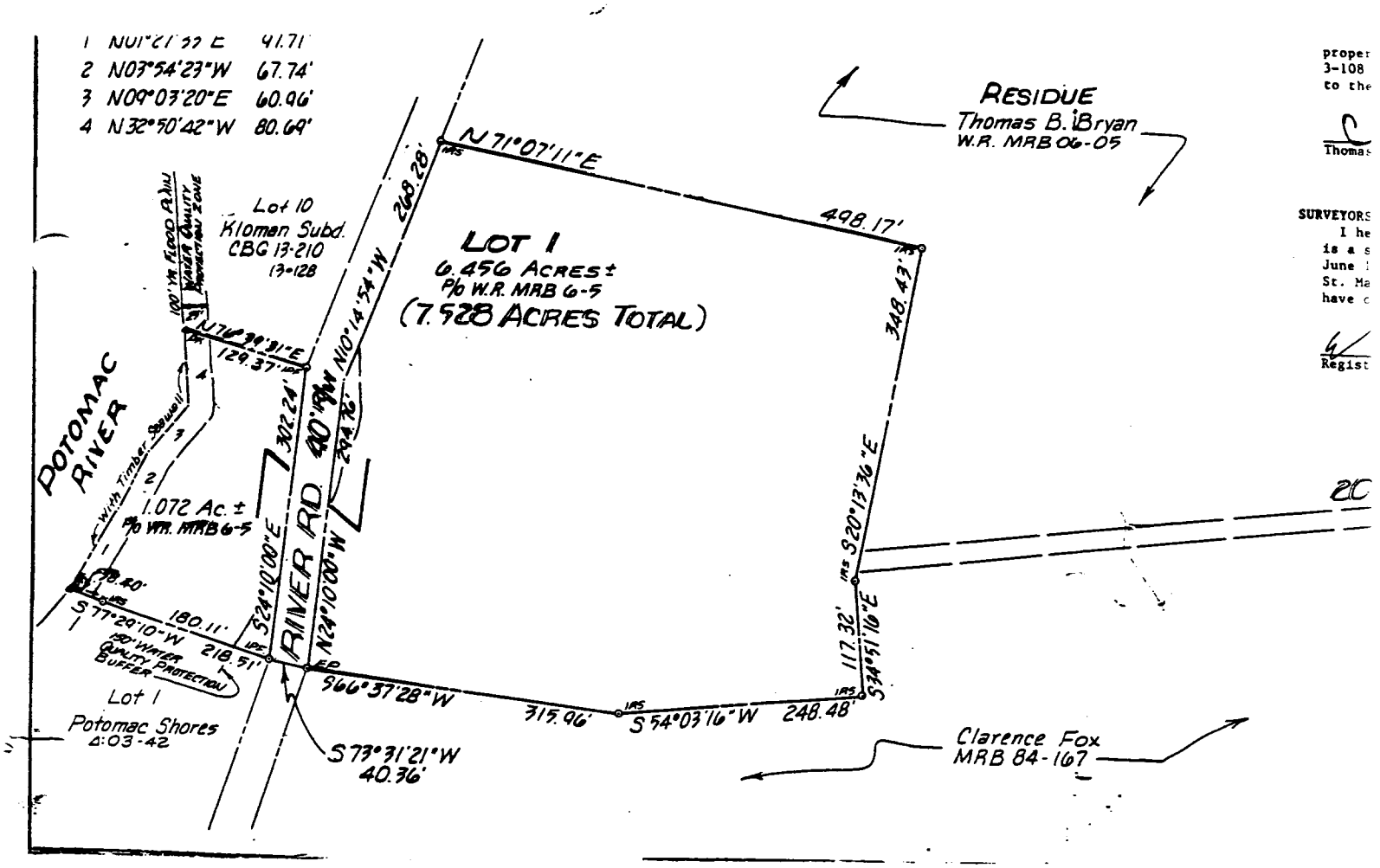
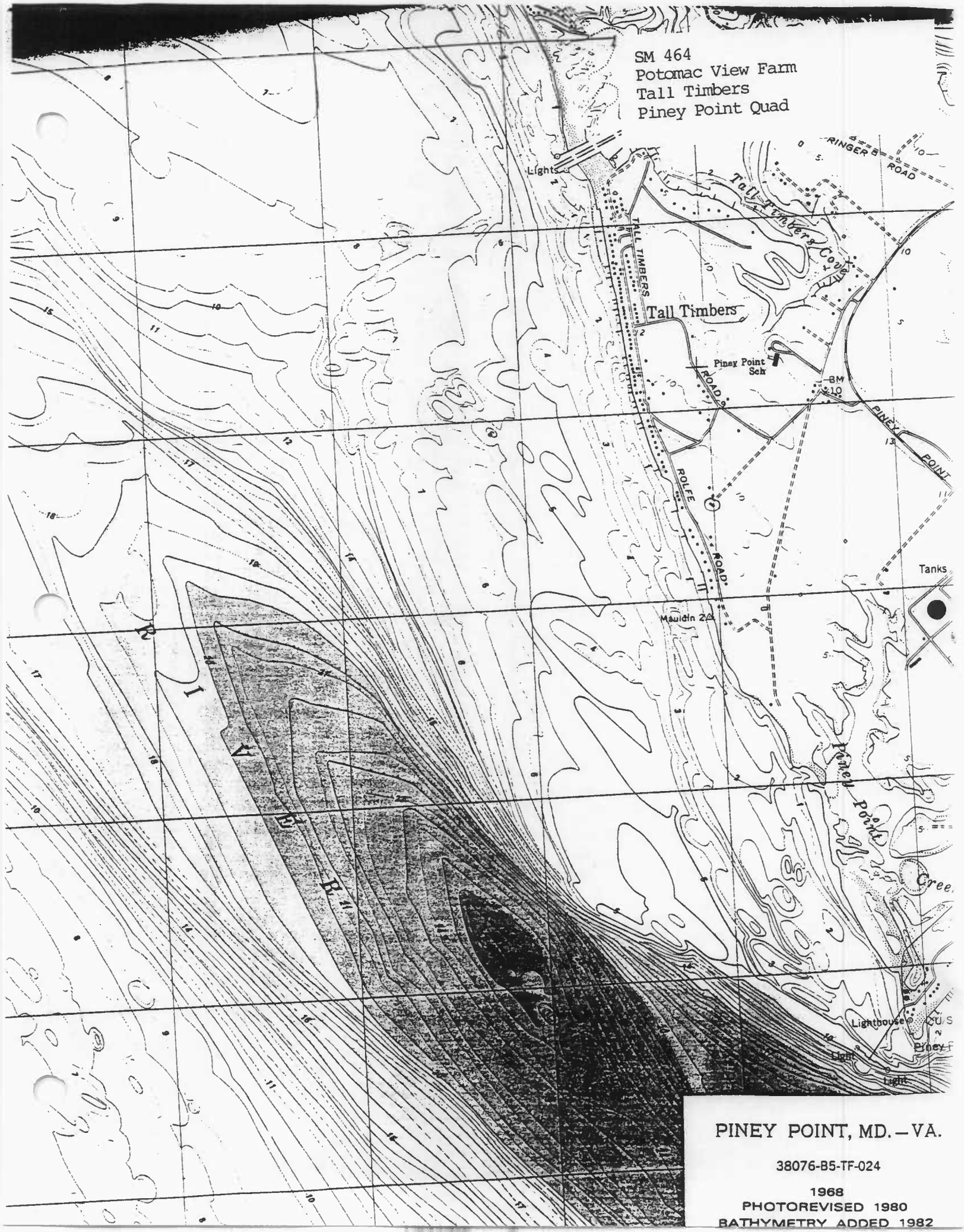
10.1 Geographical Data

Plat of Lot No. 1 of Bryan Subdivision prepared in 1988.

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 29, folio 17.





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Meathouse - N elevation

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Barn - [illegible] as a [illegible].

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Potomac View Farm

St. Mary's County

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MD SHPO

Distance photo of house formerly [illegible] on

site (according to local tradition)

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