Capsule Summary
SM-777
Young House
Bushwood vicinity
Private circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-777

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	
other	Young House

2. Location

street and number	Sugar Hole Road approx. 1 mile from its int with Oakley Road	__	not for publication
city, town	Bushwood	x	vicinity
county	St. Mary's		

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

name	Joseph Lawrence Young C/O Joan C. Edmonson				
street and number	2020 Buckingham Court			telephone	N/a
city, town	Decatur	state	GA	zip code	30035

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-38, P-120	
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	MRB 447	folio 3

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
_____district
_x_building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
_x_private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_x_domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent x__ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

The Young House stands on the south side of Sugar Hole Road near the rural community of Bushwood, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the house is currently dilapidated and in near ruinous condition. Although overgrown, the dwelling is approached a short drive that extends to the south of the main road. The 29.7 acre tract, of which approximately 1 acre was surveyed, is bounded to the south by a wooded tract, residential lots to the east and west, and Sugar Hole Road to the north.

The Young house is a two story, four bay, single pile dwelling with a gable roof. The exterior walls of the house are covered with wood weatherboard, while the roof, pierced by two interior end brick chimneys, is clad with corrugated metal. A frame addition is visible immediately to the rear or south of the main block.

The primary or north elevation is dominated by a porch that largely obscures the first floor fenestration. A door and window opening are present on the porch. The second floor is pierced by four, asymmetrically placed six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Just above the middle two windows is a cross gable decorated by a four pane triangular-shaped window. The bottom of the cross gable is bisected by a continuation of the metal eave line.

No other elevations were observed.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1 acre		
Acreage of historical setting	29.7 acres		
Quadrangle name	Rock Point	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The 29.7 acre tract, of which approximately 1 acre was surveyed, is bounded to the south by a wooded tract, residential lots to the east and west, and Sugar Hole Road to the north. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 447, Folio 3.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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.

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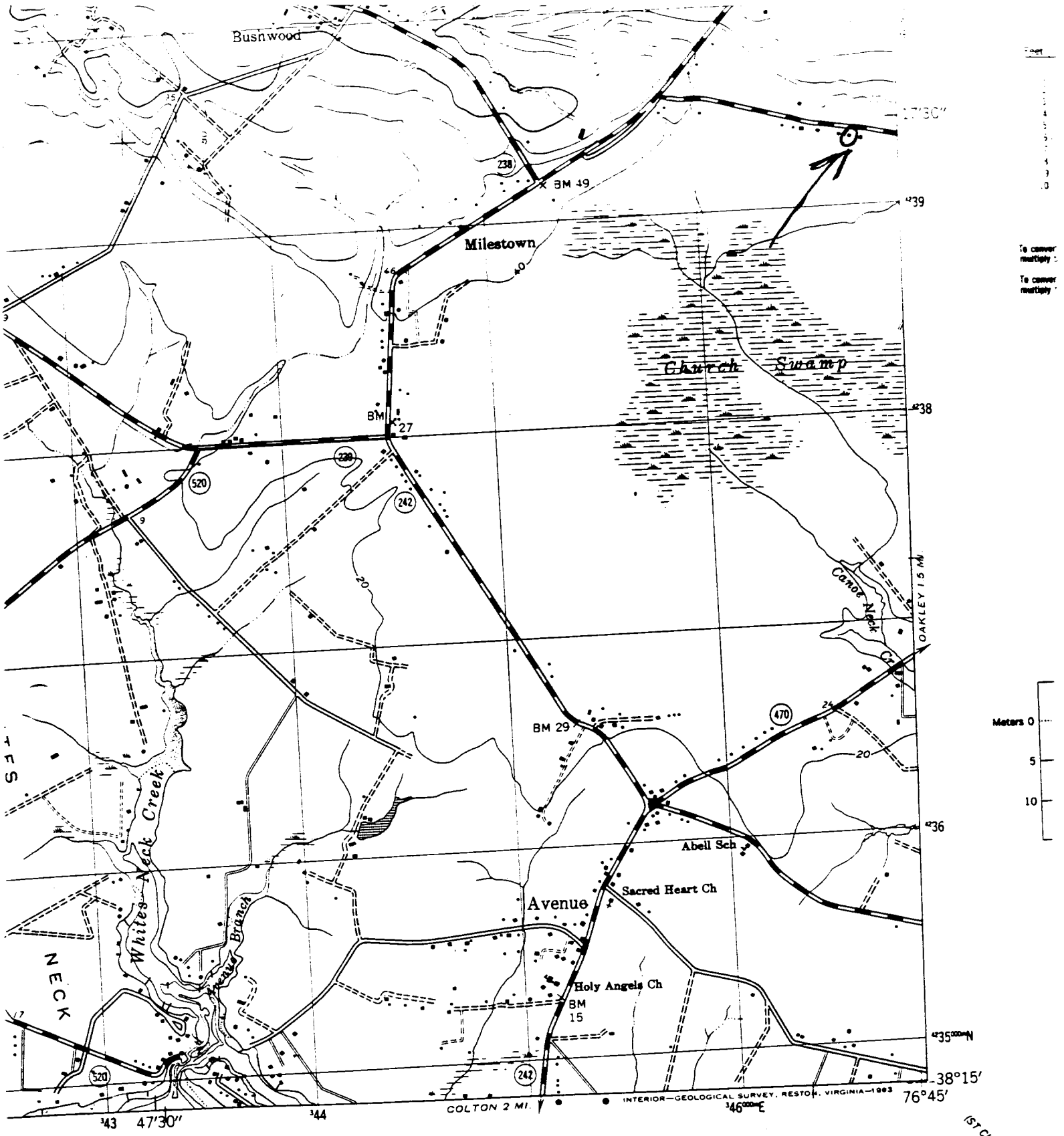

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty — Light-duty

Unimproved dirt

1 MILE

7000 FEET

KILOMETER

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SM-777
Young House
Bushwood
St. Mary's County
Rock Point Quad

38076-C7-TB-024

1943

N elevation