

# Easement

CT-10

c. 1744

## GRAHAME HOUSE

Situated near the town of lower Marlboro is the Grahame House, one of Calvert County's finest specimens of mid-18th century architecture. Of brick, Flemish bond construction, the house is five bays in length at the west facade. The dormer<sup>ed</sup> gable roof with a single chimney enclosed within each end wall has a cat-slide (salt box) profile~~z~~. The fine interior paneling of this house is now displayed in the H. F. DuPont Winterthur Museum at Wilmington, Delaware.

At one end is a one and one half story frame addition built in the mid-twentieth century.

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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MIT CT-10  
MAGI # 0500102204

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland	
COUNTY:	Calvert	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

### 1. NAME

COMMON: Grahame House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Graham House, Mansion House, Graeme House, Patuxent Manor, Patuxent Manor House

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Marlboro Rd. (Maryland Route 262) and Maryland Route 523

CITY OR TOWN: Lower Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

CODE	COUNTY	CODE
24	Calvert	009

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Comments			

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mary Whitall Clevenger

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 22, Lower Marlboro Road

CITY OR TOWN: Owings

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

The Grahame House is located near Lower Marlboro, Calvert County, Maryland. The house is approximately one-fifth of a mile north of Maryland Route 262, one-fourth mile northeast of the junction of Route 262 and Maryland Route 523.

This is an eighteenth-century original one-and-one-half-story brick shell with a steeply pitched "A" roof. The house, over a high basement, is five bays long and three bays deep constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond with all the headers glazed. All the windows have segmental arches consisting of two rows of header brick. The window sills are molded brick as is the water table cap. The two windows high in the basement have segmental arches and have vertical iron grille bars built into the brickwork. The central entrance door has a transom. A chimney is built into each gable-end wall. The three peaked dormers on the roof appear to be recent at this time (1970). The one-and-a-half-story, two-bay-wide addition to the right of the house with exterior walls of beaded clapboard and a single peaked dormer appears of early construction.

The alterations have included the purchase and removal of the fine paneling throughout the house to the Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum, Delaware, and the absence of the original entrance door and window frames.

The present (1971) owners have installed modern sashes and have filled the old openings with brick. They are attempting to reconstruct the interior paneling.

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## 6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1740

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political     | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion Phi-<br>losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-<br>itarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The late eighteenth-century owner of the Grahame House, Charles Grahame, was associated with Frederick Calvert, sixth Lord Baltimore, through Grahame's brother and with Thomas Johnson, first elected Governor of the State of Maryland, through Grahame's son. Grahame's brother, David Grahame, married Charlotte Hyde, cousin of the sixth Lord Baltimore. She became a widow in 1754 and Baltimore appointed Charles Grahame to two lucrative patronage jobs--Naval Officer of the Pocomoke and Surveyor General of the Eastern Shore--so that he could support his sister-in-law. Baltimore acting through Governor Horatio Sharpe replaced Grahame a year later when Charlotte Hyde Grahame remarried.

Charles Grahame's son, John Colin Grahame, married Ann Jennings Johnson the daughter of Thomas Johnson, first elected Governor of the State of Maryland, which strengthened the association between the two men. They served together in the Lower House of the Maryland General Assembly. Rose Hill, north of Frederick, was a wedding present from Governor Johnson to his daughter and son-in-law. After settling at Rose Hill and establishing himself in Frederick County, John Grahame sold his father's Calvert County holdings.

Charles Grahame's political career which included helping to draft Maryland's first constitution (1776) and the province's protest to the Stamp Act (1765), as well as his election to the first session of the Maryland Senate (1777), brought Grahame into contact with the leaders of Maryland politics including two Signers of the Declaration of Independence: Samuel Chase and William Paca.

Sometime after 1755 Grahame purchased several tracts of land near Lower Marlboro in Calvert County from Christian Smith who, by a previous marriage, was the mother of Thomas Sim Lee, the second elected Governor of Maryland (1779-1782 and 1792-1794). Grahame may have built the Grahame House in the 1750's or he may have used a house already on the property. Evidence suggests that a house existed before 1732 on the same tract as the present (1971) building.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Recorders: Paul A. Brinkman, Maryland Historical Trust;  
Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust,  
September 1970.

Calvert County Land Records, Will Records, Land Patents and  
Rent Rolls, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Archives of Maryland, LVI, LXI, LXIII, Proceedings and Acts of  
the Assembly, 1758-1761, 1766-1768, 1771-1773.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38	39	33	76	40	54			
NE	38	39	33	76	40	34			
SE	38	39	17	76	40	34			
SW	38	39	17	76	40	54			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: sixty-four acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Dec. 13, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV  
Title: State Liaison Officer  
for Maryland

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## #6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Building Survey  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C. Code: 11

1970 Federal

## #9. REFERENCES continued

Archives of Maryland, XII, XVI, XXI, Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Safety, 1776-1779.

Archives of Maryland, VI, IX, XIV, Correspondence of Governor Horatio Sharpe, I-III, 1753-1777.

Stein, Charles Francis, A History of Calvert County Maryland, n.p., the author and the Calvert County Historical Society, 1960.

Owings, Donnell MacClure, His Lordship's Patronage Offices of Profit in Colonial Maryland, Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1953.

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Maryland from the Earliest Period to the Present Day, 3 vols., reprint, Hatboro, Pennsylvania: Tradition Press, 1967.

Name of Property: "Harbor Masters House" CT-10

Location: Election District: 1 2 (3) Community: Lower Marlboro

Adjoining Road(s) Chaneville Road also called Lower Marlboro Road

and Route "262"

Assessors Map No. #10 14-221 Revised: Map Coordinates: 1391-299

Area: Acres 1.565

Metes and Bounds Description(s): See Attached Plat

Survey Plat or Tax Map Extract: Attach to application

Owner of Record: Nicholas P. and Carol M. Wilson Deed Reference: JLB 160-324

County Zoning District: Third District

Adjoining Property Owners (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Significance of Site (Describe significant elements of cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history, or other basis for requesting designation) (2): \_\_\_\_\_

This house was erected 1670 and a second section was added or moved and attached to the original section in the early 18th Century. All local shipping of Tobacco and other products from the colonies to England were handled by the local Harbor Master who resided in this house. It later became the local village and surrounding area store and Post Office. The original 17th Century Siding, doors, woodwork, mantles, stairway panelling are still in good condition. The house is of Post and Beam Construction and also has a great deal of the original flooring. This house and its owners played a very important part in the building of the economy of the County and State and it is a fine example of the early architecture of Maryland

Other Remarks (2): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attachments (3): Plat of the property and picture of the house and story by Mrs. Ailene Hutchins December 9, 1972, Prince Frederick Recorder, Calvert County Then and Now ( which tells the story of the Harbor Masters House.

Signature of Applicant: Nicholas P. Wilson  
Concurrence of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) As provided by Calvert County Ordinance, dated June 4, 1974
- (2) May be attached
- (3) Such as: Photos; Deeds or Historical Documents; Plats; etc.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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COMMON: <u>Grahame House</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Graham House, Mansion House, Graeme House, Patuxent</u>			
<b>2. LOCATION</b> <u>/Manor, Patuxent Manor House</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>one-fifth mile northeast of the intersection of Maryland Route 262 and Maryland Route 523</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Lower Marlboro</u>			
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CONE <u>24</u>	COUNTY: <u>Calvert</u>	CODE <u>009</u>
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: <u>David Allan Gibb</u>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <u>1967</u>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <u>Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401</u>			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
<u>West elevation</u>			



LOWER MARLBORO QUADRANGLE  
 USGS 7.5 minute map (Maryland)  
 scale: 1: 24 000  
 1953

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 HUNTINGTOWN 1.2 MI

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy duty
- Medium duty

4000

1 MILE



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DANIEL C. CHURCH