

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CH-1204

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Leonards Wharf

and/or common

2. Location

street & number located near the head of St. Leonard Creek not for publication

city, town St. Leonard vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" 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 State of Maryland waters, access via James Daughtry

street & number P.O. Box 406 telephone no.:

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685-0406

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. M.D.A.C. liber A¹E

street & number Goldstein Building, 200 Duke Street folio 501/ 289

city, town Prince Frederick 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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" 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: 1

Standing Wharf Structures: None.

Associated Standing Wharf Structures: None.

Description: St. Leonards Wharf is a historic wharf site with no visible features on land or above mean low water.

Previously Existing Wharf Structures: Wharf and warehouse. No map, chart, or photographic depictions have been found.

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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1822–1824 **Builder/Architect**

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.

St. Leonard Wharf is one of twenty historic steamboat wharf/landing sites identified in “Calvert County Steamboat Wharves and Landings: Architectural Level Survey and Inventory.” This survey and inventory was completed in 1996 by Eshelman & Associates for the Calvert County Historic District Commission with funding from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. The final report includes a context study which places the historic significance of these steamboat wharf and landing sites within the broad pattern of local county history and regional history of the Chesapeake Bay. The study falls within the theme of “Transportation” within the time periods of “Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)” and “Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930).” Refer to this study for a general historical review and historical significance of the resources as a whole.

This landing was originally located near the head of St. Leonard Creek, approximately 11 miles above the mouth of the Patuxent River. This is the site of the second St. Leonard Town established in 1706 (the first town site established in 1683 was located on the north side of the creek at its mouth). This second site had a warehouse and also probably supported a mill and several merchants until burned by the British in 1814, though the doctor’s house and adjoining store were spared. The town moved to its third location by 1823. Thus the second St. Leonard site was occupied as a town from circa 1706 to at least 1814 and possibly until the 1820s. A wharf was located at this landing prior to 1735 when a new enlarged wharf facility was authorized in 1735. A warehouse was known to operate from this landing in 1750 and 1763. In 1763 John Johnson was the inspector at the landing warehouse; he drowned crossing the creek. The St. Leonards Wharf was abandoned by the Weems Line at least by the end of the Civil War and possibly earlier. Mackalls Wharf, located near the first St. Leonard town site, was often called St. Leonards Wharf, after the creek, not the original town. It is possible a wharf or at least a landing dating from circa 1683 once existed at the first original town site but the exact location of such a landing is unknown. The tip of a peninsula between St. Leonard Creek’s main and eastern branches at the head of navigation provided a natural landing area for smallcraft. This is also almost certainly the location of the landing which was described after the British burning of the town as a “common-landing,” meaning public facility. The warehouse was also described as

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See context study "Calvert County Stearboat Wharves and Landings: Architectural Survey and Inventory."

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Cove Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Continuation Sheet 8.1 St. Leonards Wharf

“upon the point.”¹²⁶

¹²⁶ “Historic Sites Context Study and National Register Evaluation for Calvert County, Maryland,” Manuscript prepared for the Calvert County Historic District Commission, (Bethesda, Maryland, Dames & Moore, 1995), p. 3-9; Robert J. Hurry, 1990, “An Archeological Survey of A Portion of St. Leonards Town,” *Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum Occasional Papers* number 5, pp. 12 and 19; Maryland Calendar of Black Books, 1750; and Wayne E. Clark, “Archeological Survey of the Second Town Site of St. Leonard, Calvert County, Maryland,” (Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum file report number 2, 1984), n.p. Site number CV227 referred to as “Leonard Landing” apparently does not necessarily refer to any known landing location.



CF-1204
ST. LEONARDS WHARF

landing
site

1938

AHS

10-53

St. Leonards Wharf

Colvert Soil Conservation District

27'30"

5660 (NE
(BROOMES ISLAND))

4258

4257

4255

4254

25

Long Beach

Flag Ponds

ST. LEONARDS WHARF

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Planters Wharf

ST
BROOMS

Johns
Creek

ST
LEONARD

Egypt
Cove

Norris
Cove
Camp

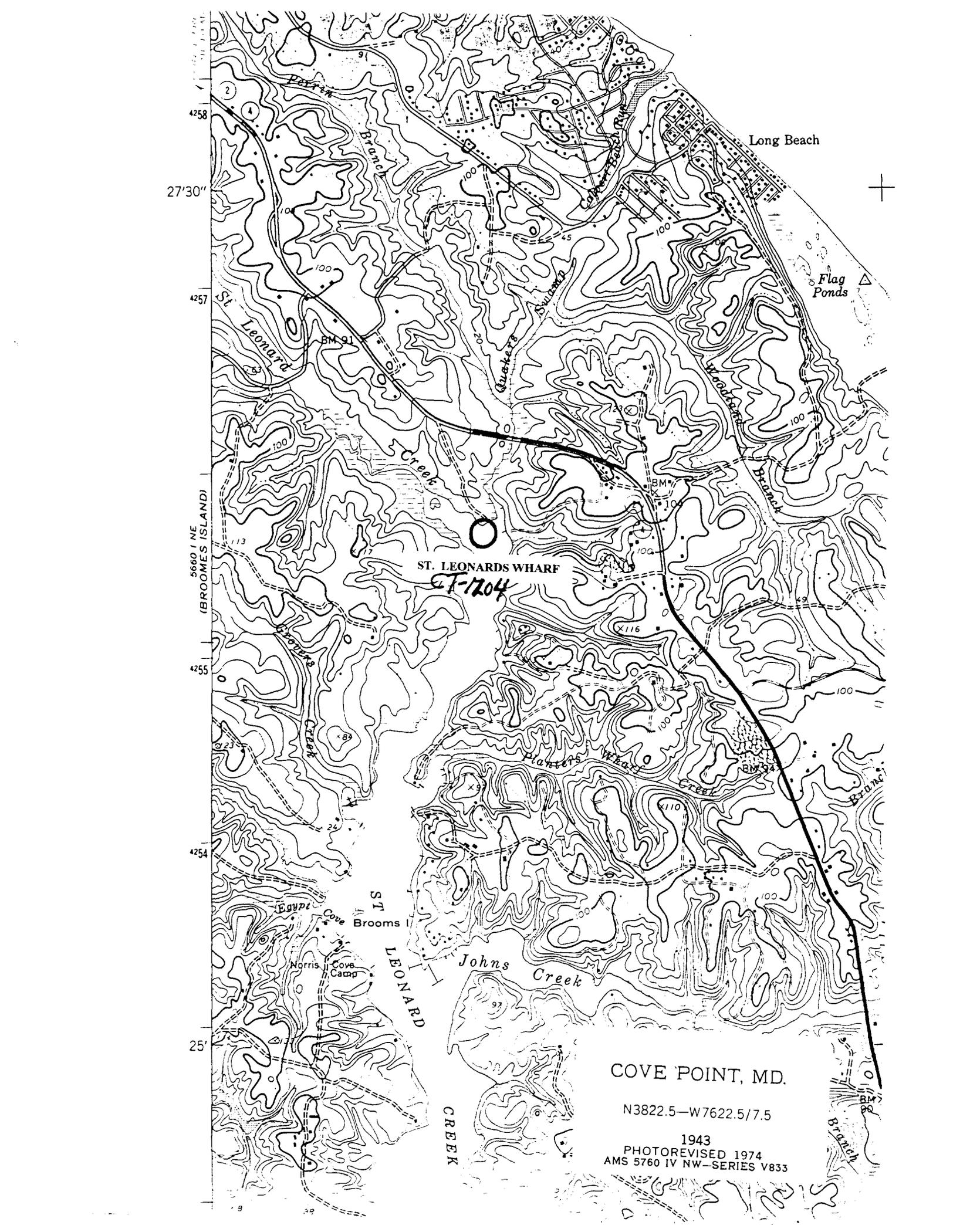
COVE POINT, MD.

N3822.5—W7622.5/7.5

1943
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5760 IV NW—SERIES V833

CREEK

BURCH





CT-1204

St. Leonard Wharf site

Calvert Co., MD

Ralph Estabrook

Aug 1996

neg: MD SHPD

view north of wharf site

St. Leonard Wharf