

CHAS-165  
GREENWEICH BOUNDARY MARKERS  
Vicinity of Marshall Hall  
Private

1735 or before

Of carved rough fieldstone, the Greenweich Boundary Markers, despite their early date, survive in almost pristine condition. Of the originally five stones, the locations of two have been definitely established. Two others are located underwater in the Potomac River. The fifth is believed to exist, but its location is undetermined. Of the four known surviving stones, all mark the established lines of later tracts of land. Of the two recorded stones, one reads: "The End of the 4 Course of Greenweich 160 P." The other, a somewhat larger stone, reads: "The End of the 5 Course of Greenweich Thence to the Beginning."

Greenweich was owned in the seventeenth century by Captain Randolph Brandt, a wealthy merchant, explorer and Indian fighter, who left it to his two sons, Randolph, Jr. and Jacob. The property was resurveyed and divided for the two brothers in 1735, becoming known as Upper and Lower Greenweich. Both parts of the property were sold by Logan Brandt in 1856 to George Tubman. For many years following its sale, Greenweich was the site of a commercial fishery. Neither of the two Brandt homes known to have stood here, or the family cemetery, all frequently referred to in various eighteenth and nineteenth century transfers, remain.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHS-165

MAGI # 0901656134

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC GREENWEICH BOUNDARY MARKERS
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side of River Road at junction
CITY, TOWN Marshall Hall VICINITY OF 1st
STATE Maryland COUNTY Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT -PUBLIC -OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
-BUILDING(S) -PRIVATE -UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
-STRUCTURE X-BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL -PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE
X-OBJECT -IN PROCESS X-YES: RESTRICTED -ENTERTAINMENT -RELIGIOUS
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES: UNRESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
-MILITARY -OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland
(These stones (2) are located within Telephone #:
a county right-of-way
STREET & NUMBER Charles County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN La Plata VICINITY OF Maryland 20646

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #:
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOLIO #: (unknown)
STREET & NUMBER Charles Street (P. O. Box B)
CITY, TOWN La Plata STATE Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Greenweich Boundary Markers are located on the north and south shoulders of River Road, approximately three quarters of a mile west of Marshall Hall. Whether or not the two known markers (there were originally five) have been moved from earlier locations when River Road was widened and paved in the 1950's is unknown. The smaller of the two markers is located on the southeast side of a ditch at the junction of River Road and Chester Avenue. The second marker is located on the west shoulder of River Road near where the macadam surface ends, about 1,400 feet from the first stone. Both markers are common fieldstones with fairly smooth surfaces. The first stone reads: "The End of the 4 Course of Greenweich 160 P." The other states: "The End of the 5 Course of Greenweich Thence to the Beginning." Both now mark the established boundaries of two tracts of land in the vicinity, that of Lewis E. Smoot's "Gut Landing Farm" (80/435) and Edmonia W. Davidson's portion of "Greenweich" (304/14).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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				

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although inscribed stones are known to have marked the boundary points of several early Charles County properties, most have been lost. Given the insecure location of the Greenweich markers it is surprising that they have survived, especially since they occupy positions within a public right of way and, while cumbersome, are small enough to be easily dislodged and removed. Their artistic merit and interest as a "curiosity" would seem to make them very attractive and appealing to a collector of such artifacts. While the location of only two of the stones has been definitely established, the other three are believed to be extant. Two of the markers, including the "beginning stone", are said in a fairly recent survey (84/30, 1946) to be submerged in the Potomac River.

The Greenweich markers are believed to date no later than a 1735 resurvey and division of the original seventeenth century Greenweich tract acquired by Captain Randolph Brandt, wealthy merchant, explorer and Indian fighter, and willed to his two sons, Randolph and Jacob. The stones could date from the original seventeenth century survey as the boundaries were not substantially altered at the time of the resurvey. In 1735 the two parts of the divided tract became known as Upper and Lower Greenweich. Each section continued in the ownership of Randolph Brandt's descendents until 1856 when they and other contiguous Brandt holdings were sold by Logan Brandt to George Tubman. Following this sale the property passed through various ownerships and was gradually broken down into smaller parcels that in turn were absorbed into other tracts, such as Gut Landing Farm. Throughout most of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the property was developed and maintained as a commercial fishery.

The land records involving the Greenweich tract indicate that the Brandt family resided on the property since the time of its original acquisition by Randolph Brandt, Sr. Almost all of the eighteenth and nineteenth century transactions refer to several dwelling houses and the family cemetery, none of which, however, survive.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The 4th Course marker is located on the N shoulder of the junction of River Road and Chester Avenue. The 5th Course marker is located on the west side of River Road and marks the north corner of Parcel 151 (Edmonia Davidson) as illustrated on Map 1, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976).

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

September 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRUST  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**BOUNDARY MARKERS, BRYANS ROAD**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **AT END OF RIVER RD. WHEN RD. TURNS IN TO PRIVATE LANE - N SIDE OF DIRT LANE. 2ND. AT E CORNER OF RIVER RD. + CHESTER LANE AVE (S SIDE R. RD.)**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**BRYANS ROAD (AT MARSHALL HALL)**

STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: COUNTY: **CHARLES** CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CARVED</b>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STONE</b>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
**CHAS. CO. COURT HOUSE**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **LA PIATA** STATE: **MD.** CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

STONE READS:

" THE END OF THE ... COURSE  
OF GREENNIGH (OR GREENLEIGH) 160 PS. ...  
THE REST IS COVERED BY EARTH. "

WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE LARGER  
STONE THIS DAY BECAUSE OF UNDERGROWTH,  
BELIEVE LARGER STONE WAS THE BEGINNING  
COURSE OF PROPERTY.

LETTERS ARE WELL CUT AND CLEARLY  
LEGIBLE EXCEPT CERTAIN H'S AND I'S & Z  
LETTERS.

DIFFICULT TO TELL AGE.

VERY INTERESTING AND SHOULD  
BE PRESERVED. THE COUNTY OWNED  
RIVER ROAD MAY ONE DAY BE WIDENED  
AND THE STONES WOULD SURELY BE  
DESTROYED. THERE MAY BE MORE SUCH  
STONES FROM THE TRACT BUT YOU WOULD  
HAVE TO HAVE THE SURVEY TO FIND THEM.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (?)	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <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 type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

[Empty area for statement of significance]

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
*J. Richard Zwarg*

ORGANIZATION: *M.H.T.* DATE: *6/23*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *ANNAP.* STATE: *MD.* CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*

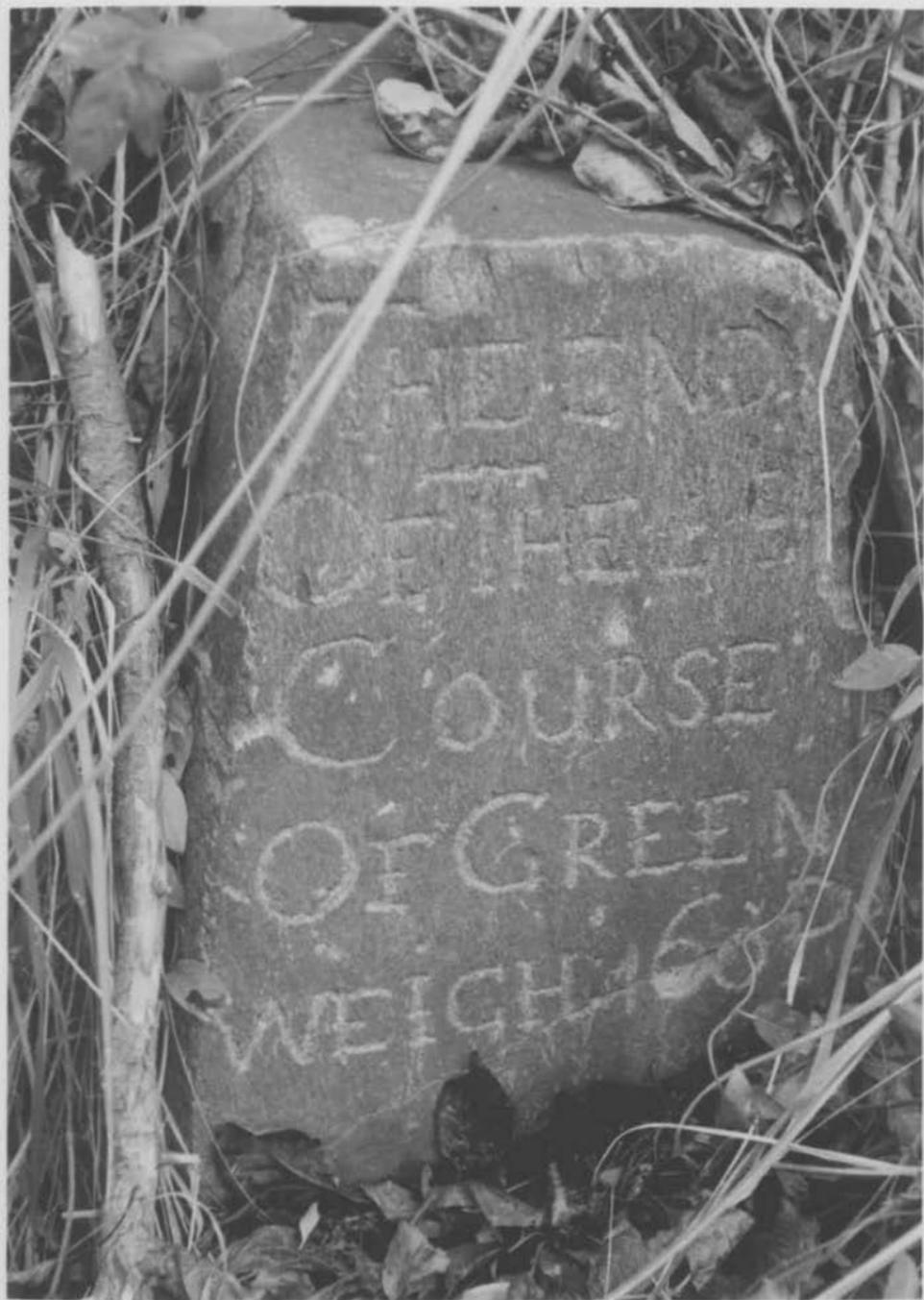
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MOUNT VERNON  
QUAD.

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THE  
COURSE  
OF GREEN  
WEIGHING

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GREENWEICH BOUNDARY MARKER

J.R.Rivoire, 1978