

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: St. Mary's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bachelor's Hope

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bachelor's Hope

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Manor School Road
North side of connecting road between Hurry, Md., & Md. Rt. 238

CITY OR TOWN: Chaptico

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: St. Mary's CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Colonel and Mrs. Walter L. Simpson, USA (Ret.)

STREET AND NUMBER: Bachelor's Hope

CITY OR TOWN: Chaptico 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, College Avenue

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: 1971 Federal State County Local

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bachelor's Hope is located on the north side of the connecting road going west between Hurry, Maryland, and Maryland Route 238.

The architectural design of Bachelor's Hope is unparalleled in Maryland. No other known eighteenth-century structure in the State exists with a similar combination of plan, facade and component features. Bohemia, Cecil County, has a comparable plan; Tudor Hall, St. Mary's County, has a similar loggia-style facade; but only Bachelor's Hope has all the component parts of the others as well as a center "Great Hall" plan with a one-story wing on each end of the two-story central block. Bachelor's Hope is not the product of additions or alterations and the brick section remains in its original state.

Bachelor's Hope is unlike most houses in Maryland which have a two-story central block with a one-story, hip-roof wing on each side. The south facade is further distinguished by an inset portico on the first story of the main block.

Flemish bond is used on the north and south facades, the south facade having glazed headers laid in a regular pattern; English bond is used elsewhere. A quarter-round molded water table extends around the outside wall of the house. Jack arches above the windows make use of alternate glazed headers. Closers are not found with any uniformity. The interior walls of the portico and the round columns are plastered and painted white with Spanish brown trim. Between the columns there is an arched fascia with applied keystone. Above the columns there is a frieze of triglyphs and rosettes and a dentil cornice. A large rectangular brownstone step leads onto the brick porch. The central bay has paneled double doors. A door on each end of the portico gives access to the south rooms. A very steep stair is enclosed in a diagonal box of beaded boards, the soffit and side of which is visible on the porch--the only access to the second story. One large exterior chimney is located at each side of the jerkin-head roof of the main block.

On the east end of the brick structure, there is a one-and-a-half story frame wing dating from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The floor plan of Bachelor's Hope is unusual, being rectangular and similar to Bohemia, Cecil County, with a portico in place of the Bohemia stair hall. The central block has a portico and great hall; the one-story west wing has two rooms, each with a corner fireplace. The one-story east wing has two rooms, each room with a fireplace on the west wall. Between the dining room (southeast room) and the

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portico the steep staircase ascends on the exterior to the second story to two oddly-shaped bedrooms and one bath.

The west wall of the "Great" hall is paneled fully to the ceiling with raised panels; and arched cabinets flank the fireplace. Double doors on the north and south sides of the room are flanked by a window on each side of each set of doors. A paneled dado was installed around the other walls by the present (1971) owners. An original bolection chair rail is in place on the paneled wall and a five-piece cornice extends around the room. The paneled mantel is a replacement by the present (1971) owners. The floors throughout the house are modern, prefinished with "Bruce" oak flooring.

Both of the west rooms have paneled over-mantels, the north room with an ogee scalloped trim above the fireplace opening. There is a two-piece cornice in both of the west rooms, but no chair rail. The one-piece window trim has an ogee molding on the inner edge of the frame.

The east rooms have Federal mantels and the cornice appears to be of twentieth century origin. Flanking the dining room fireplace are two doors, one to the stair, the other to a closet.

The east wing contains modern conveniences: pantry, kitchen, laundry, two bedrooms and bath. A large kitchen fireplace has been closed off behind modern, vertical-board paneling.

The house stands in the center of an operating farm. The grounds surrounding the house are well maintained with an allée of cedar trees to the public road and an informal flower garden on the north side of the house.

Bachelor's Hope stands on a high plateau, looking south onto an approach drive lined by native cedars and across the public road towards an open field. The 252 acres designated permits an appropriate vista from the house across the plateau of cultivated fields to a protective screen of woodlands sloping into the ravines in each direction.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) second quarter eighteenth century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Extant documents have provided no determination of the identity of the builder of this architecturally unusual house, although the choice is limited to one of two men. William Hammersley, c. 1723-1790, owned the land from the mid-eighteenth century until his death. He most probably lived in the house on Bachelor's Hope. In 1789 Hammersley appears in the records of the Chancery Court in proceedings to have his brother declared a lunatic. He testified with his wife, Jane Hammersley, in a boundary dispute between two of his neighbors. He served on the commission appointed, in 1786, in order to assess the value of property in St. Mary's County.

The previous owner of the land prior to Hammersley was Joshua Doyne, c. 1688-1743, son of Joshua Doyne (?-1698), Sheriff of St. Mary's County. The elder Doyne immigrated to Maryland in the 1670's. He held a position of prominence in seventeenth-century Maryland. Doyne was an associate of the third Lord Baltimore who granted Doyne the patent on Bachelor's Hope, a part of the Proprietary lands, Basford Manor. Doyne had a house on Bachelor's Hope comprised of a hall, back room, each with a room above, and a room for Madame Doyne, his wife, as described in the 1698 inventory of Doyne's estate, but it does not appear to be the present (1971) Bachelor's Hope.

Joshua Doyne willed Bachelor's Hope to his son Joshua Doyne, giving his wife a life interest in the property. The younger Doyne may have continued living in his father's house or he could have built a dwelling for his family. He died in 1743 leaving an inventory of "old" goods, and debts that exceeded the value of his modest personal estate.

The first documentation of Bachelor's Hope house appears in the 1798 tax assessment: "a brick mansion house" two stories tall measuring twenty-two by thirty-two feet with a one-story wing at each end, thirty-two by sixteen feet. The house had (and has) twelve windows, two-and-one-half by six feet and six windows, two-and-one-fourth by five feet. Later additions have replaced the sixteen-foot square kitchen and

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connecting passage. The 1798 assessor valued Bachelor's Hope and its seven outbuildings at six hundred dollars.

From the view point of restoration, one of the most interesting periods in the history of Bachelor's Hope is the mid-twentieth century. Colonel and Mrs. Walter L. Simpson bought the house and began the restoration which has required twenty years. The Simpson's painstaking efforts to restore Bachelor's Hope constitute one of the earlier examples of private concern for the preservation of America's architectural heritage.

#9. REFERENCES continued

Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798. St. Mary's County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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Rent Rolls. St. Mary's County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

St. Mary's County Assessment Book. 1793-4, 1796, 1801, 1806, 1812, 1821, 1826. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

St. Mary's County Land Commission Record. St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland.

St. Mary's County Land Records. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, and St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland.

St. Mary's County Probate Records. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Simpson, Colonel and Mrs. Walter L., interview at Bachelor's Hope, St. Mary's County, Maryland. June 25, 1971.

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Debt Books. St. Mary's County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	38° 19' 51"	76° 47' 07"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	38° 19' 51"	76° 47' 42"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 252 acres

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Jan. 10, 1972

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: January 11, 1972

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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STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: St. Mary's	CODE 037
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		William Morgan	
DATE OF PHOTO:		June 25, 1971	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Maryland Historical Trust 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South facade			



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map; Rock Point Quadrangle, Maryland

SCALE: 1: 24,000

DATE: 1943

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

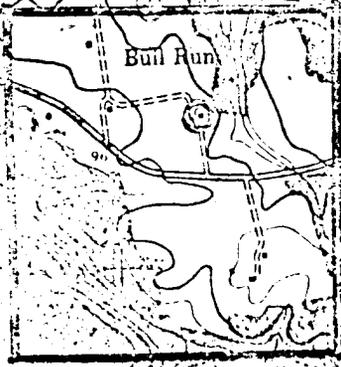
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Maryland
ROCK POINT QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
Scale: 1: 24,000
1943

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76° 47' 42"

20° 27'
76° 07"



Bull Run

BACHELOR'S HOPE

Hurry

38° 19' 51"
76° 47' 42"

38° 19' 51"
76° 47' 07"





S.M. - 6 Bachelor's Hope
~~MASSACHUSETTS~~

William D. Morgan
6/1971



SM-6 BACHELOR'S HOPE



— SM-6 BACHELOR'S HOPE —
BARN



SM-6 BACHELOR'S HOPE



Front Stairs

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Bacheloris Hope

PHOTO BY BILL BLANK



Museum.

Corner fireplace

and

East wall

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Bachelor's Hope

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Library

Conner fireplace

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Bachelor's Hope

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Library

North end East

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Bachelor's Hope

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Great Hall.

Showing Front Door
and

East Wall

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Office
West side

SM-6 Bacheloris Hope

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Dining Room
West side

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Bachelor's Hope

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Library
West wall

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Bachelor's Hope

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