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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: St. Mary's	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Sotterley

AND/OR HISTORIC: Sotterley Manor, Sotterley Plantation, Resurrection Manor, Bowles' Separation, Bowles' Plantation

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: East of junction of Maryland Route #245 and Vista Road, 3 miles east of Maryland Route #235

CITY OR TOWN: Hollywood

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum house	<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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Sotterley Mansion Foundation, Inc.  
President: (Mrs.) Mabel Satterlee Ingalls

STREET AND NUMBER: Sotterley

CITY OR TOWN: Hollywood      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**      SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: Dist. of Columbia      CODE: 11

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## #6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

1970 State

Maryland Historical Trust  
94 College Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland Code: 24

## #7. DESCRIPTION continued

The study, stair hall and sitting room are fully paneled to the ceiling in an earlier style. In the latter two rooms is a paneled summer beam. The mahogany Chinese Chippendale-style stair balustrade was installed by Richard Boulton, who was the architect for the nearby St. Andrews Church, St. Mary's County, constructed in 1767, and for "Bushwood," a St. Mary's County Georgian mansion destroyed by fire in 1934, which also had a Chinese Chippendale staircase balustrade.

The dining room was formerly smaller, consisting of a passage and room, as mentioned above. Its walls are now (1971) covered with a modern wall paper, the design of which was adapted from a design in Brighton Pavillion, Brighton, England. South of the dining room is a pantry and storage room. The latter is unusual in that it has a barrel-vaulted, plaster ceiling.

When the east porch roof was repaired in 1953, a pediment above the main east entrance was found as well as the original sanded finish, a finish that was used on Mt. Vernon, Virginia. Also some round-butt wood shingles painted "Spanish brown" were found. Some shingles and a part of the siding are on view to the public.

After Mr. Herbert Satterlee purchased Sotterley, he reconstructed the found chimneys and poured a concrete footing beneath the entire structure, stabilizing the old building but carrying away some clues as to its evolution.

8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Before 1727, mid-18th century. After 1826, 20th century.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Financial history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The sources of Sotterley's significance are numerous. Sotterley is one of the few Maryland buildings that can be dated without question to the first quarter of the eighteenth century. The mid-eighteenth-century woodwork in the drawing room and stair hall must be classified among the finest pre-Revolutionary woodwork in the southern colonies. Sotterley's exterior river facade with its white columned portico and cupola gives the same effect, although a bit on a smaller scale, as Mount Vernon. The fact that the exterior was at one time rusticated adds to the similarity. The numerous out buildings--some of an early date--contribute to the creation of the atmosphere of an eighteenth-century plantation.

In 1960 the Historic American Building Survey of the United States Department of the Interior certified Sotterley, St. Mary's County, Maryland, as a building of architectural and historical significance "worthy of the most careful preservation." A house museum since 1961, Sotterley's history encompasses a Governor of Maryland, George Plater; a nineteenth-century owner who lost this plantation in a dice game to an owner of Stratford Hall; Herbert L. Satterlee, a member of America's most powerful financial circles; and Mrs. Mabel Satterlee Ingalls, a granddaughter of Mr. John Pierpont Morgan, founder of the banking house, J. P. Morgan Company.

Although not built until the eighteenth century the land on which Sotterley is located was a part of Resurrection Manor, a 4,000 acre tract patented in 1650 to Thomas Cornwallis, one of the outstanding men of seventeenth-century Maryland. In 1659 Cornwallis sold Resurrection Manor to John Bateman, a London merchant. After Bateman's death in 1663 Resurrection Manor had several seventeenth-century owners. A 1684 deed recording one of the land transactions mentions several buildings on the tract. However, these do not refer to Sotterley.

No building appeared until the eighteenth century after John Bowles bought 890 acres of Resurrection Manor. Six

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## #8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

years later Bowles had his tract resurveyed and named it Bowles' Separation. Bowles built the nucleus of Sotterley and erected several outbuildings. In addition to operating his plantation Bowles served on the Governor's Council.

In 1727 Bowles' three daughters who had all married Virginians inherited Bowles' Separation. Bowles' widow retained the right to life tenure on the property.

Two years after John Bowles' death his widow remarried. Her second husband was George Plater II (1695-1755). They lived at Sotterley. Plater served Maryland as a Collector of customs, a member of the Governor's Council and Secretary of the Province--the second highest office in the province. In 1753 Plater bought Bowles' Separation formally beginning the Plater period of ownership in the history of Sotterley. Upon his death two years later the plantation passed to his son George Plater III (1735-1792).

Of all the inhabitants of Sotterley George Plater III was perhaps the most distinguished. He received legal training at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. From 1767 to 1773 he was Naval Officer of the Patuxent River, a position previously held by both his father and grandfather. He represented St. Mary's County on the Council of Safety in 1776 and at the constitutional convention in Annapolis of the same year. From 1778 until 1781 Plater was a member of the Continental Congress. He then served in the Maryland Senate eventually becoming its presiding officer. While a Senator, Plater supported Maryland's ratification of the United States Constitution. In 1791 the legislature chose Plater to be Governor of Maryland, a position he held until his death on February 2, 1792.

Governor Plater named his plantation Sotterley after Sotterley Hall, Suffolk, England, the ancestral home of the Plater family. Governor Plater adopted the name as early as 1776. In addition to giving the plantation a new name he extensively renovated and enlarged Sotterley. His additions included the Chinese Chippendale staircase and the shell ornamentation in the drawing room, designed by Richard Boulton.

After Governor Plater's death, his son George Plater IV inherited Sotterley and at his death it was inherited by his son, George Plater V.

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George Plater V squandered most of his family's holdings through debts and gambling. He lost Sotterley, it is believed, in a dice game to his mother's step-brother, William Clarke Somerville (1790-1826). According to legend, Plater, mortally ill with pneumonia, dragged himself from his cousins' house where he was living through the rain to die at Sotterley. His body was found in one of the outbuildings.

William Clarke Somerville sold Sotterley soon after winning it. He also disposed of his own family plantation, Mulberry Fields, preferring to live at his Westmoreland County, Virginia estate, Stratford Hall.

The next owner, Thomas Barber, willed Sotterley to his daughter, Emeline Dallam Briscoe in 1826. She and her family remained at Sotterley for sixty years. The property was sold at auction to the Reverend John Briscoe. He was a friend of the Right Reverend Henry Yates Satterlee, the instigator of the creation of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D. C. Satterlee, a sometime visitor to Sotterley, persuaded his cousin, Herbert L. Satterlee, to buy the plantation after Briscoe's death.

The new owner, Herbert L. Satterlee (1863-1947), was an influential New York lawyer and son-in-law of Mr. J. P. Morgan, Senior. Satterlee studied the history of Sotterley, restored and renovated it. He accumulated 1,550 acres of land in St. Mary's County in an attempt to recreate the original boundaries of Resurrection Manor.

Satterlee's family, as did the Platers, had ancestral ties with Sotterley Hall, Suffolk, England. Members of the Satterlee family lived at Sotterley Hall, from the time of the Norman Conquest until the War of the Roses. In 1471 the Satterlees were expelled and the Platers, or Playters, took over the English house. Satterlee's purchase of Sotterley, St. Mary's County, in a round about way, reversed the fifteenth-century eviction of his family.

Herbert L. Satterlee's daughter, Mrs. Mabel Satterlee Ingalls, inherited Sotterley in 1947. Mrs. Ingalls donated the plantation to the Sotterley Mansion Foundation, Inc., which maintains the property as a house museum.

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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		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38 °	23'	16"	76 °	32'	29"
NE	38 °	22'	50"	76 °	31'	45"
SE	38 °	22'	33"	76 °	32'	27"
SW	38 °	22'	32.5"	76 °	32'	49"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 360.8 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. 5, 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 6, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-5 (5-62)

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>St. Mary's</b> TOWN <b>Hollywood</b> VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER <b>James Bowles</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Plantation House</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Sotterley Mansion</b> PRESENT USE <b>residence, Foundation, Inc.</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick and frame</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2</b>		2. NAME <b>Sotterley</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>circa 1727</b> STYLE <b>Colonial</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>Yes</b>	
<p>Sotterley, a working plantation since the early 18th century, was the home of the Bowles, Plater, Briscoe and Satterlee families. Sotterley continues to be operated today as a working plantation and to be lived in occasionally by members of the Satterlee family. It is opened to the public from June to October.</p> <p>Sotterley was the home of George Plater III, sixth Governor of Maryland.</p> <p>Attached is a brochure telling the history of Sotterley, which includes many beautiful illustrations of this historic and gracious plantation.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <b>Endangered</b>		Interior <b>excellent</b> Exterior <b>excellent</b>	
<p>See map of St. Mary's prepared by the Mt. Mary's historical Society in 1962</p>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH <b>attached.</b>	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>Attached photos.</b> <b>Forman, H. Chandlee Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, pp.28, 29, 54, 239</b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Mary C. Barber</b> <b>Piney Point, Maryland</b> DATE OF RECORD	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

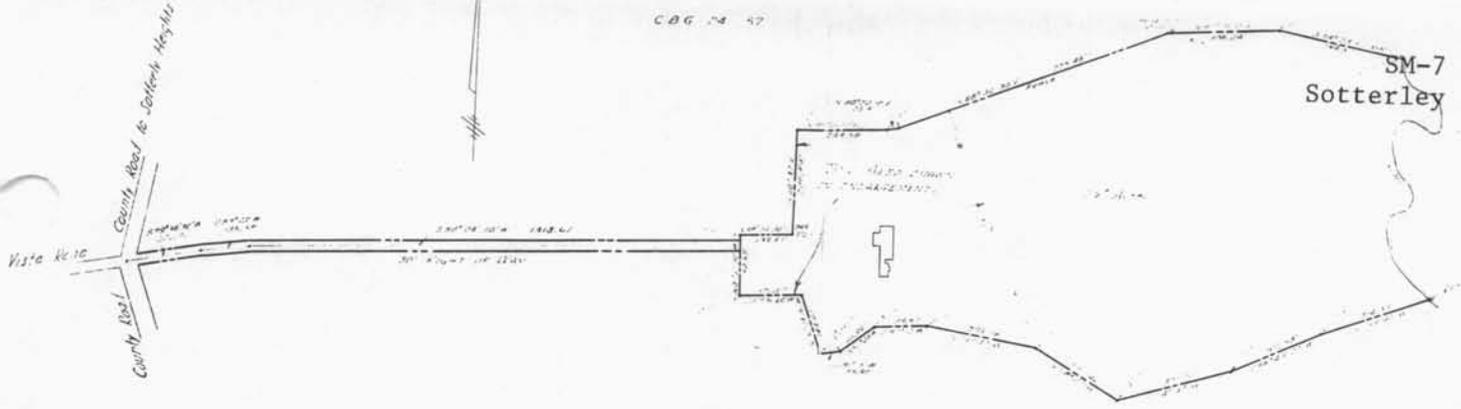
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SOTTERLEY  
Hollywood  
Private, open to public

1st quarter 18th century &amp; later

A collection of historic occupational zones lies under the front lawn of Sotterley. Test pits revealed remains of early driveways, foundations of outbuildings and trash disposal areas. A large domestic trash dump of the 19th century (or possibly earlier) exists here.

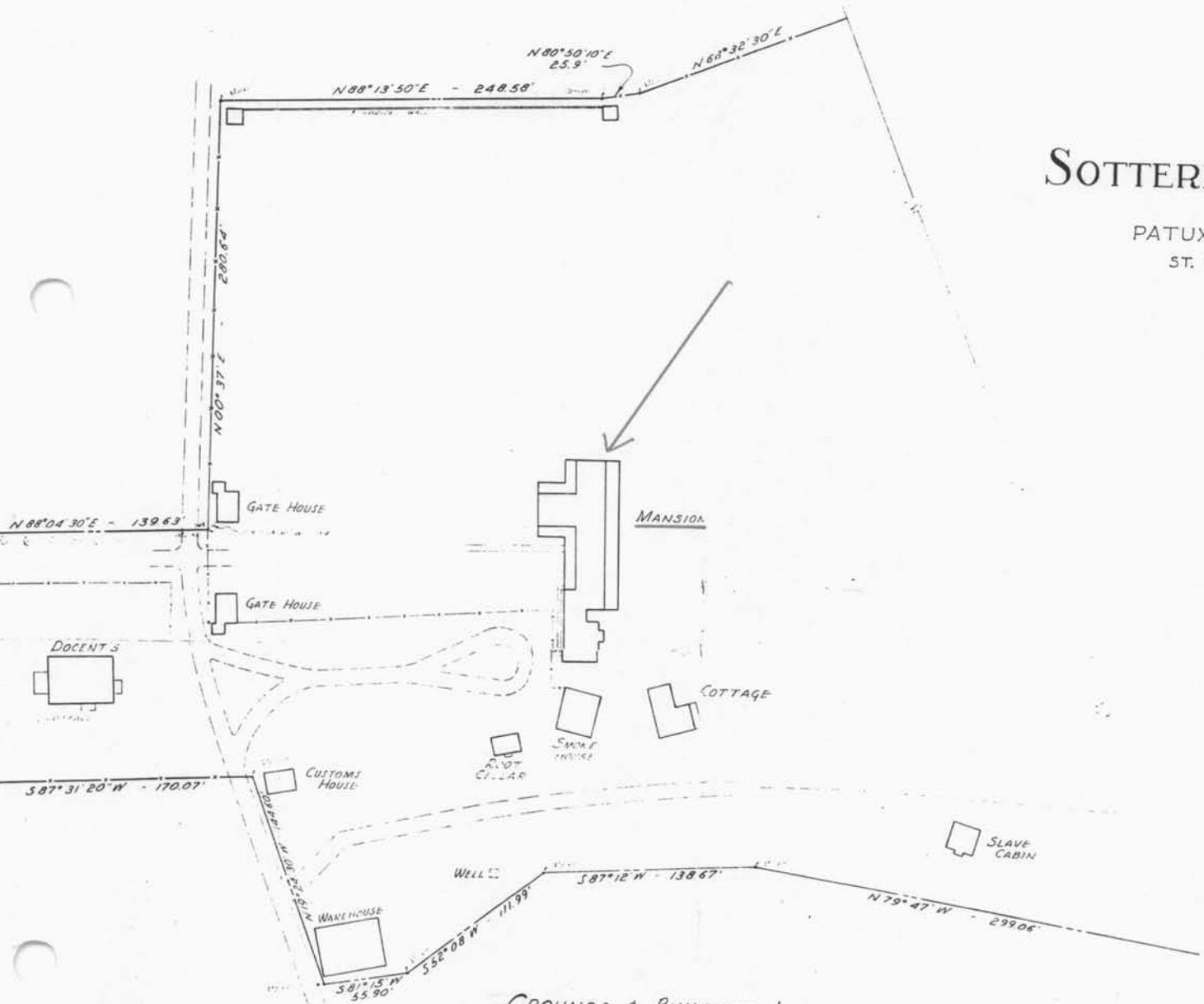
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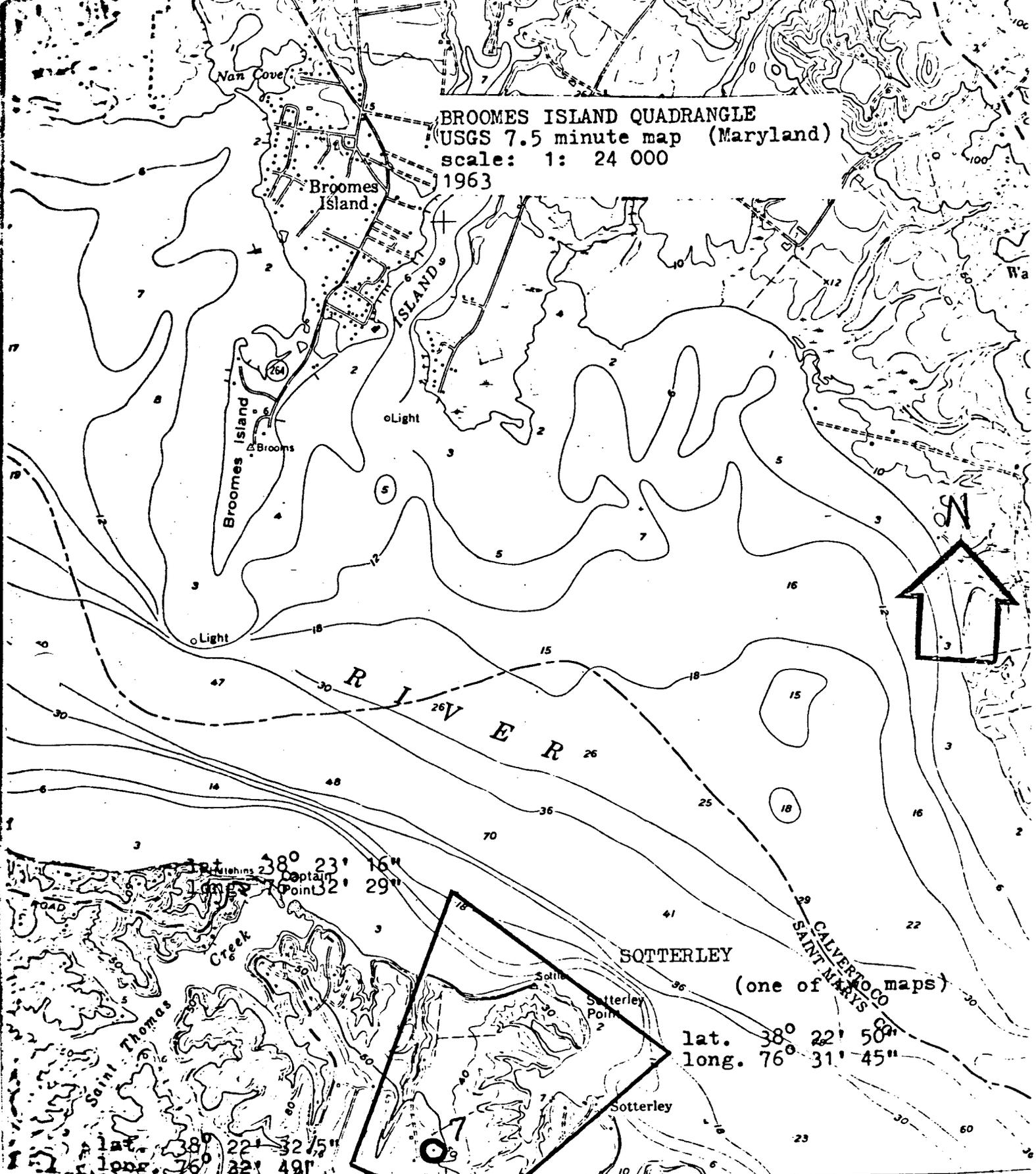
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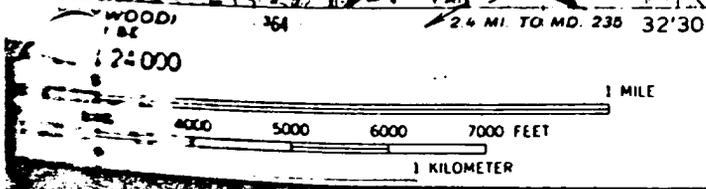
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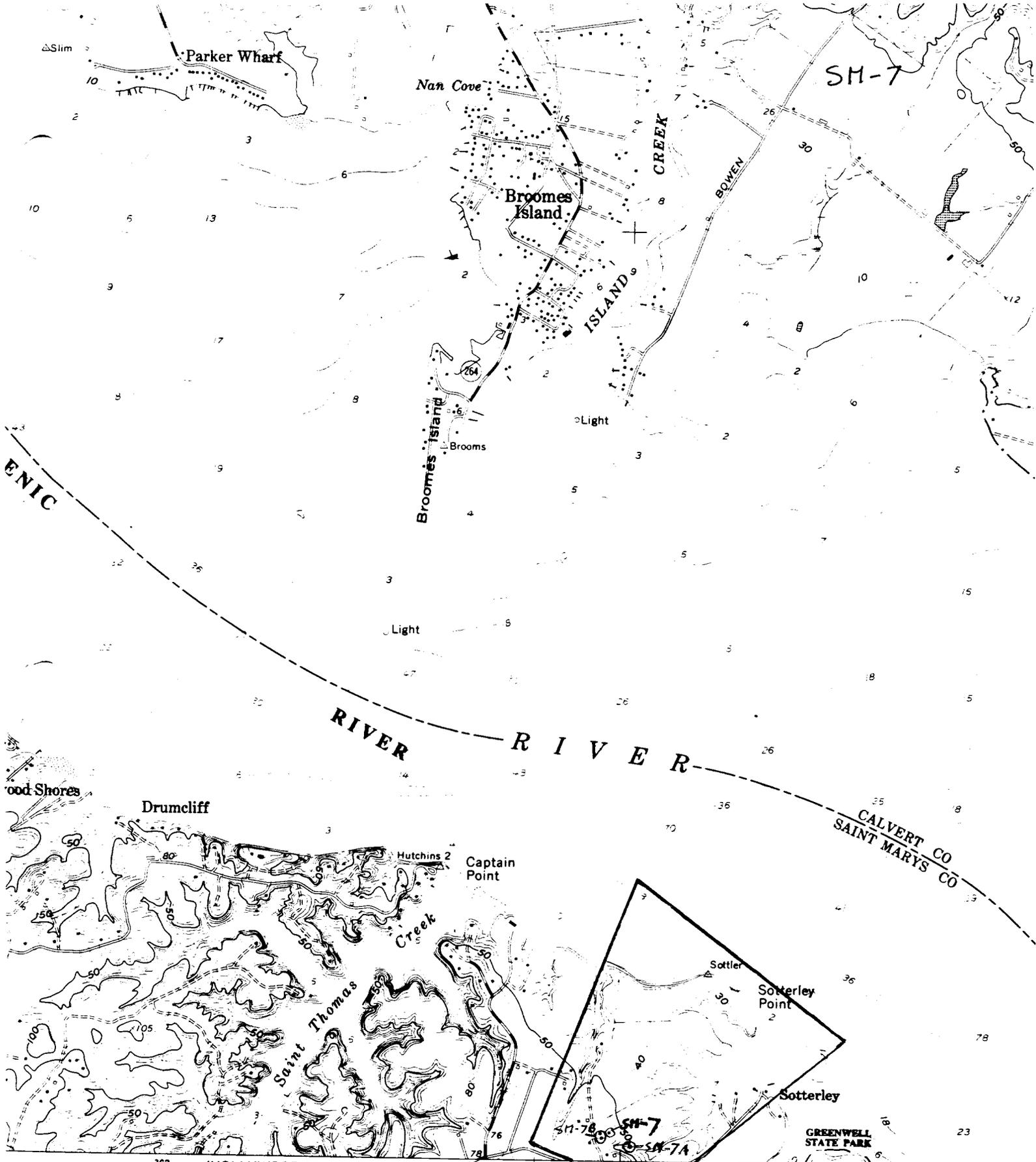
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 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1.2 FEET

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 Sotterley

Broomes Island Quad

MARYLAND

Heavy-duty  
 Medium-duty



SM-7

Satterley

East Karabé











SM-7

Sotterley

West facade

& rear wing







SM-7

Sotterley Interior

Stair hall, Chinese Chippendale balustrade



SM-7  
Sotterley

Interior

Stair hall

Chinese Chippendale balustrade











Sotterley

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Necessary MOB —

Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary's County, Maryland



Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary's County, Md.

