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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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EASEMENT

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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1 NAME

HISTORIC
West St. Mary's Manor

AND/OR COMMON
West St. Mary's Manor

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1 mile East of Drayden on St. Mary's River

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Drayden

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1

STATE
Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
St. Mary's

CODE
037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (Also see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Williamsburg

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER
St. John's College Campus

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

X FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN
Washington, D.C.

STATE
D.C.

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

West St. Mary's Manor is a one-and-a-half story house with gabled roof, brick basement and end walls, and front and rear walls of clapboards. Tall exterior double chimneys, with a one-story brick pent between them, rise at each gable end.[1] The house is 40 feet wide and 31 feet deep. The south (front) facade is five bays wide and has a center door with a small rectangular transom above it. The four tall windows on this elevation have nine over nine light sash and exterior paneled shutters. In the roof above are three tall and narrow dormers. The north (river) elevation is only three bays wide, but its center door and two flanking windows are similar to those on the front facade. The roof, on the north elevation, contains two dormers with four over four light sash. The brick end walls each have two smaller windows, one with four lights in the first-story pent and the other, located in the second story between the stacks, with six over six light sash. The west end wall also contains a side entrance, situated near the northwest corner.

The plan of the house, with its classically balanced four-room-and-center hall plan, represents an advance over the simpler one and two room plans of small 17th century dwellings. West St. Mary's Manor has a central hall separating the two main rooms on the south (front) elevation and two narrow back rooms on the north side. The center hall, extending through the house, is divided into two sections by means of a wooden elliptical or transverse arch. The rear portion of this hall, about 12 feet deep, contains a stair with paneled spandrel built against the west wall. The stair rail is chancelled on its upper surface and ends in a scroll above the newel. The rooms have deep wainscoting and each room has a fireplace. The living room, which is located in the southwest corner, has a chimney piece with broad facia surrounds.

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1. A very common feature of Maryland 17th and early 18th century houses was the "chimney pent," located between double chimneys that projected outside the end walls. These chimney pents took many forms. Most commonly, and as illustrated in West St. Mary's Manor, the pent was a small closet with a shed or pent roof set between the chimneys. The pent wall could be built of brick or wood and it could be flush with the chimney face, as in this house, or project beyond. The chimney pent in effect added to the interior space and at the same time, buttressed the chimneys and added to massive appearance of the end walls. Chimney pents occurred outside of the chimneys as well as between and in some houses were two stories high, affording closets in each story. Chimney pents were also used in 17th and 18th century houses built in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1700-1730 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

West St. Mary's Manor, erected in the period 1700-1730, is an outstanding and rare example of a small William and Mary brick-and-frame country house. A transitional house with center hall separating two main front rooms and two narrow back rooms, the manor house illustrates a point in the shift from the one and two room plans of 17th century Southern houses to the larger and more symmetrical room arrangements of 18th century structures.

History

West St. Mary's Manor, a 2,000 acre tract granted to Captain Henry Fleet on May 9, 1634, is the earliest grant of land known to have been recorded in Maryland. Based on architectural evidence, the existing manor house was constructed at some time between 1700 and 1730, possibly by the Daniel Bell family.[1] The farmhouse was in poor condition by the late 1930's and has been carefully restored over a period of years by the present owners.

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1. By 1729 the estate had been subdivided into 15 leaseholds. A 1762 plat showing the location of each 1729 leasehold cannot be located, hence it has been impossible to pinpoint who held the leasehold to the tract of land with the existing house on it.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

References: Henry C. Forman, The Architecture of the d South, The Medieval Style (Ca idge, 1948), 150; Henry C. Forman, Early Manors and Plantation Houses of Maryland (Easton, Maryland, 1934), 29, 47; Henry C. Forman, Jamestown and St. Mary's, Buried Cities of Romance (Baltimore, 1938), 31 318; Henry C. Forman, Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland (Cambrid Maryland 1967), 209-211; Dorothy and Richard Pratt, A Guide to Early American Homes - Sou (New York, 1956), 40. Historic American Buildings Survey: (5 photos, 1934, 1939; 1 data sheet, 1940). James G. Vanderpool, "Historical Development of Architecture in the U.S.A., 1632-1912," (N.P.S. ms., 1966), 25.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	18	373720	4227830
B	18	373480	4226870
C	18	372730	4226400
D	18	372800	4227790

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles Snell / James Sheire

ORGANIZATION

NPS / HCRS

DATE

1969 / 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

20240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X STATE ___ LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GPO 892-453

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PARCEL 1:

BEGINNING for the same at the end of course No. 14 (being North 87° 45 minutes East, 30 feet) of a deed from Ethel Goddard and James Goddard, her husband, Thomas McKay and Lettie McKay, his wife, et al, unto Whitney Leary and Elizabeth R. Leary, his wife, and recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County Maryland, on November 15, 1939, in Liber CBG 12, folio 29, and running the following courses and distances as shown in said deed:

N 1 degree 30 minutes East, 239 feet to a post, N 32 degrees E, 27 feet to a Sycamore Tree, N 11 degrees E, 331 feet to a Hickory Tree, N 9 ° 30 minutes East, 164 feet to a Sycamore Tree, N 20° 15 minutes East, 196 feet to a Sycamore Tree, N 13° 15 minutes East, 311 feet to a stake, N 10° 45 minutes East, 130 feet to a large Poplar Tree, N 8° 20 minutes East, 505 feet to a Chestnut Oak Stump and sprouts N 10 degrees 45 minutes East, 302 feet to a Walnut Tree, N 32 degrees 30 minutes East, 39 feet to a Cedar Tree, N 54° East, 46 feet to a Cedar Tree, N 79° East, 185 feet to the shore of the St. Mary's River (at 119 feet on this course passing over a Concrete block fixed at the foot of a fence corner post on the North side of a small stream or cut to mark the boundary); then leaving said Adams land and running with the St. Mary's River and binding thereon S 62 degrees East, 200 feet, S 85 degrees 20 minutes East, 441 feet, S 38° East, 148-1/2 feet, S 5° east, 147 feet, S 36° East, 118-1/2 feet, S 69° East, 374 feet to a stake; then leaving said River Shore and running S 33° East, 45 feet to a Concrete Block fixed at the foot of a fence corner post, the corner of this land, the land known as "Peggins Point" now owned by W. Gwynn Gardiner and the land also formerly part of "West St. Mary's" now owned by Susan E. Burch and Henry B. Burch; thence running with the fence of the line of said Burch land, reference being had to survey set forth in deed Luke Goddard et ux unto said Susan E. Burch et ux, dated April 18, 1930, recorded in Liber J.M.M. No. 7 at folio 16, S 19° West, 207 feet, S 7° West, 125 and 4/10 feet, S 25 degrees West, 95 feet, S 22 degrees 30 minutes West, 142 feet, S 8° West, 99 feet, S 2° 30 minutes West, 137 feet, S 21 degrees West, 89 feet to a Cedar Tree standing in the corner of the fence; thence with the fence S 67° East, 106-1/2 feet, S 51° 30 minutes East, 665 feet to a post fixed on the southeast side of the road at the entrance into said Burch land, said post being at the top of the River Bank, thence with the fence S 85° East, 106 feet to a Concrete Block fixed in the ground on the shore of the St. Mary's River; thence leaving said Burch land and running with the St. Mary's River and binding thereon S 33° 30 minutes East, 182 feet, S 47°

35 minutes East, 297 feet, S 64° West, 281 feet, S 78° West, 200 feet, S 88° 15 minute West, 256 feet, S 71° 30 minutes West, 137 feet, S 46° 50 Minutes West, 100 feet, S 29° 30 minutes West, 377 feet, S 6° 45 minutes East, 145 feet, S 9° 30 minutes West, 123 feet, S 39° 30 minutes West, 145 feet, S 2° 45 minutes East, 50 feet, S 36° 30 minutes West, 285 feet, S 10° 30 minutes West, 50 feet, S 36° 30 minutes West, 245-1/2 feet, S 71° 30 minutes West, 332-1/2 feet, S 77° 30 minutes West, 475 feet, S 61° 45 minutes West, 253-1/2 feet S 48° 45 minutes West, 101 feet, S 61° 45 minutes West, 168 feet to its intersection with the line of the parcel of land Part of "West St. Mary's", conveyed by William K. Watts et ux unto John B. Myers and by deed dated June 24, 1871 and recorded in Liber J.F.F. No. 5 at folio 255, among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, and now owned by the Heirs of a certain Smith; then leaving said St. Mary's River and running the lines of said land as set forth in said deed with proper allowance for Declination of the Magnetic Needle to date, N 35° 52 minutes West, 172 feet to a Concrete Block fixed in the corner of the fence (at 10 feet on this course passing over a concrete block on the river shore to mark the Boundary); thence N 14° 20 minutes East, 875 feet to a Concrete Block fixe on the south side of the road leading to "West St. Mary's" Residence and to "Peggins Point" (shown as "Pagan Point" on Plat attached hereto) and near the old entrance gate, and being the end of course No. 65 of the 1939 Goddard/McKay/Leary deed, Liber CBG 12, folio 29; thence running in a straight line approximately 1,100 feet from the end of said course No. 65 to the point of beginning, being the end of said course No. 14.

Containing 167.5 acres of land more or less and being part of the same land as described as Parcel 1 in a deed from Elizabeth R. Blagojevich to Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia, recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland on December 3, 1976 in Liber 263, folio 77.

PARCEL 2:

BEGINNING for the same at a post set on the shore of St. Mary's River near the mouth of "Wheatly Creek", a boundary of Lee McKay's land (formerly) and running with said McKay's land the following courses and distances:

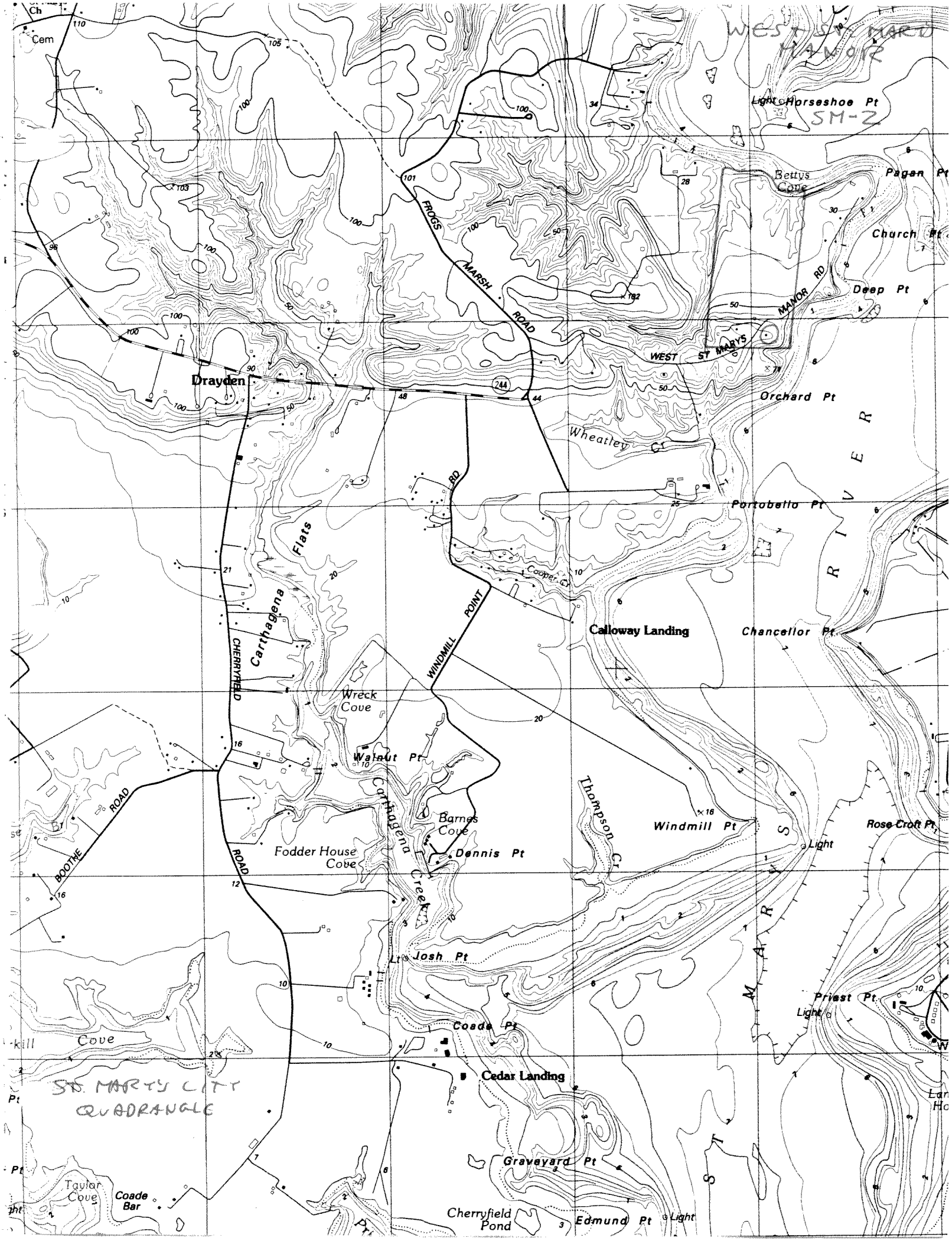
1. North 40° 15 minutes West, 10.32 perches (approximately 170.28 feet) to a post on the said McKay's land;
2. THENCE, leaving the said McKay's land and running South 74° West, 4.64 perches (approximately 76.56 feet) to the post by the west side of a walley;
3. THENCE, South 25° East, 12.12 perches (approximately 199.98 feet) to a post on the shore of said River;
4. THENCE, running with said shore North 54 degrees East, 7.36 perches (approximately 121.44 feet) to the beginning.

Containing .45 acres of land more or less and being the same land conveyed to Joseph Allan Coad by deed from Clara H. Kent, et al, dated January 29, 1952, and recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Liber CBG No. 36, folio 10.

AND BEING the same land conveyed to the Lincoln National Bank, a corporation organized and existing under the Banking Laws of the United States of America, by deed from Joseph Allan Coad dated June 2, 1952, and recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Liber 37, folio 245.

AND BEING the same land conveyed to Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as Parcel 2 "Part of West St. Mary's" by deed from Elizabeth R. Blagojevich dated December 3, 1976, and recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Liber 263, folio 77.

Exhibit A consists of 40 pages and includes as Page 1 a schedule (which is recorded with this deed of easement) describing the documents and photographs that are a part of the exhibit and that are filed at the offices of the St. Mary's City Commission. Such documents and photographs are not recorded herewith but are nonetheless as fully and completely incorporated into this deed of easement as though recorded herewith.


WEST ST. MARY MANOR
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Horseshoe Pt
Bettys Cove
Pagan Pt
Church Pt
Deep Pt
MANOR RD
WEST ST MARYS
FROGS MARSH ROAD
Drayden
Orchard Pt
Wheatley Cr
Portobello Pt
Cooper Cr
Flats
Carthagena
CHERRYFIELD ROAD
WINDMILL POINT RD
Calloway Landing
Chancellor Pt
Wreck Cove
Walnut Pt
Carthagena Creek
Barnes Cove
Dennis Pt
Fodder House Cove
Thompson Cr
Windmill Pt
Rose Croft Pt
BOOTHE ROAD
Josh Pt
Priest Pt
Coade Pt
Cove
Cedar Landing
ST. MARYS CITY QUADRANGLE
Graveyard Pt
Taylor Cove
Coade Bar
Cherryfield Pond
Edmund Pt
ST MARYS RIVER

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West St. Mary's Manor
St. Mary's County
Kirk Ranzetta
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West St Mary's Manor
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Kirk Ranzetta
Sept/00
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S.W.-2 West St. Mary's

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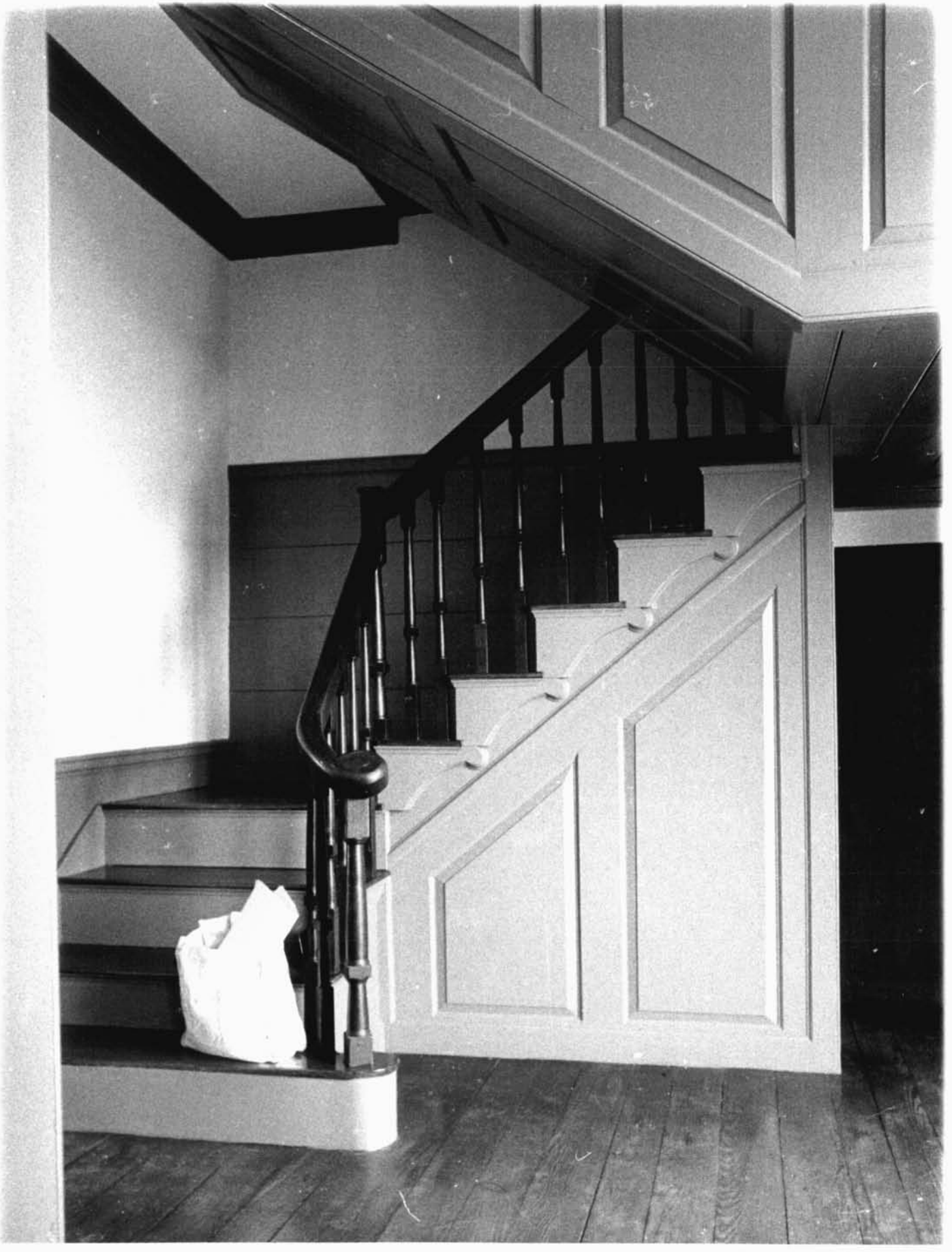
West St. Mary's Manor



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