

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Calvert	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Maidstone

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Maid Stone, Canaan

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Cheaponke Ranch Road (Maryland Route 260)

CITY OR TOWN:
Owings

STATE:
Maryland

CODE: 24 COUNTY: Calvert CODE: 009

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"/> 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input 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:
Earl Hicks

STREET AND NUMBER:
Maidstone

CITY OR TOWN:
Owings

STATE:
Maryland

CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. Johns College Campus

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: 1970 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

Maidstone is located on Chesapeake Beach Road on the southwest side of Maryland Route 260 approximately two miles northwest of Owings, Maryland. The house is one eighth mile due west from the intersection of Maryland Route 260 and the Anne Arundel County-Calvert County line.

This house is picturesque and medieval with its steeply (58 degrees) sloping roof. The roof extends out over the north and south facades of the house to form a porch in traditional Maryland colonial style. The main house is four bays wide and two deep. The door occupies the second bay from the west. All of the windows are six over six. There are three six over six peaked dormers on both the north and south roofs. A medieval T-shaped chimney is enclosed within the west end of the house containing a brick dated 1678. This chimney is so heavy that it has slowly been pulling the house to one side as it tilts with age. The house is noticeably leaning to one side. Maidstone was originally three bays wide; the fourth bay on the west and the one and one half story kitchen on the west were added around 1800.

The kitchen has its own chimney on the west end. There are two out-buildings with old beams and rough hewn horizontal siding. The steeply pitched roofs of the out-buildings have a similar degree of pitch as the main building.

The grounds are well maintained and there are stands of very old boxwood plants.

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1. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) after 1683 & probably before 1699

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/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input 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

Maidstone, one of the few extant architectural examples of the seventeenth-century medieval influence in Maryland, was owned by three successive generations of the Chew family over a span of more than sixty years, after which time the Chew family became of interstate importance through Benjamin Chew (1722-1810), the son of Samuel Chew of Maidstone (1693-1743), through Benjamin's affiliations with Delaware.

Samuel Chew, in order to distinguish himself from relatives of the same name, signed "of Maidstone" after his name; he grew up at Maidstone. The house was probably built after 1683 and before 1699 when his father died. Samuel Chew's inheritance, Maidstone, did not, however, hold him in Maryland. Chew turned instead to Delaware. Public records indicate his presence in Kent County, Delaware, as early as 1730, although he did not sever all of his ties with Maryland until the end of that decade. Chew settled in Dover and by 1741 had become Chief Justice of Sussex, Kent and New Castle Counties, Delaware.

Benjamin Chew (1722-1810), one of the nine children of "Samuel Chew of Maidstone," was born and raised at Maidstone and was its owner after his father's death in 1743; however he did not choose to live in Maryland. Instead he left Maidstone and went to Philadelphia where he held the offices of: Attorney General of Pennsylvania (1754-1769); member of the Pennsylvania Provincial Council (1754-1769); Chief Justice

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of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1774-1776); and Judge and President of the High Court of Errors and Appeals (1791-1806). Before moving to Philadelphia (1754) (even before beginning to practice law after 1746), Chew had abandoned connections with Maryland by selling Maidstone (1745) to an Anne Arundel County farmer, Lewis Lewin. Chew's architectural interest centered, not on his seventeenth-century birth place, but on Clivden (1761) (Chew House), his mid-eighteenth-century, Georgian-style house in Germantown, Pennsylvania, which became a National Historic Landmark (January 20, 1961).

Ownership after 1745 included the Lewin, the Weems and the Wilson families. During the past two centuries only a few events brought the house into the limelight, such as a Chancery Court case (1820) and the relocation of the Anne Arundel-Calvert Counties boundary along the 1663 patent lines of Maidstone.

#9. REFERENCES continued

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- Laws of Maryland, Chapter 109, 1822 and Chapter 183, 1823, Maryland State Library, Annapolis, Maryland.
- Francis B. Culver, "Chew Family," Maryland Historical Magazine, XXX, (June 1935), 157-182.
- Leon de Valinger, Jr. (comp.), Calendar of Kent County Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800, Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1974.
- Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture From the First Colonial Settlements to the National Period, New York: Oxford University Press, 1952.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland, June 1970
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Land Records, Patents, Chancery Records, Rent Rolls, Wills, Warrants, 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	
NW	38° 11' 14.5"	76° 37' 47.5"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	38° 11' 14.5"	76° 37' 27.5"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	38° 13' 53.5"	76° 37' 27.5"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	38° 13' 53.5"	76° 37' 47.5"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 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: April 22, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis
 STATE: Maryland
 CODE: 24

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 Orlando Ridout IV
 Orlando Ridout IV
 Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date APR 27 1971

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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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Chesapeake Beach Road			
CITY AND TOWN: Owings			
STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	COUNTY: Calvert	CODE: 009
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: David A. Gibb			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1967			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIPTION, VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Southwest elevation			





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FIGURE 2A

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MIDSTONE

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