

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Bellefields

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Sims Delight

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Duley Station Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Croom

STATE: Maryland

CODE: COUNTY: Prince George's

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Mr. Mrs. John Bowling

STREET AND NUMBER:  
RFD #3 Box 3800

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160

**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:

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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)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input 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

Bellefields is composed of a large central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two small wings attached on the ends (one flanker was originally a school room). Built of Flemish bond with occasional glazed headers; all of the windows have splayed lintels of gauged brick. The house is raised on a brick base, there is a simple water table, and a four brick belt course above the first story; there are brick steps before the main entrance (south) and a brick entranceway at the rear (north; this appears recent but may actually be instance of the towered rear, such as that on the garden facade of the Paca House in Annapolis). The most conspicuous features are the four tall chimney stacks which are on the outside of the end walls, and there is one bay of windows between the two chimneys at each end. The main facade has five bays, and the wings each have three windows and a front and rear doorway. The wood shingle roof is rather steeply pitched.

Only alteration appears to be the addition of window shutters (perhaps shutters were put on the house at time of erection, but would have been an early instance of their use in Maryland).

Pictured in Forman's Early Manor Houses (pp 89-90) Bellefields is lacking the west wing which contained the kitchenpantry, and service, thus this wing must be a recent rebuilding; also shown is the north entrance porch — only one story in height.

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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) cl 1720 post 1718 - pre 1735

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <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.)

Patrick Sims came to America from Scotland in 1715 and probably built Bellefields sometime shortly after 1718 (no later than 1735 - Mrs. Bowling, records). An example of an early Georgian Maryland manor, or country house, Bellefields is symmetrical, of formal proportions, but lacks almost any ornamentation other than that formed by the brickwork (lintels, belt course, etc.). The main (south) doorway shows some evidence of change in the brickwork, but there are no indications of pilasters, dentiled cornices, etc. The wings appear to be almost hyphens for un-built additional wings making up the traditional five part house plan of the mid-Georgian period, but this is partly the result of the tallness of this early building, reflecting the earlier architecture of Maryland and Virginia before the advent of the Palladian country house, and best illustrated in the tall, exterior chimney stacks. Due to fine condition, Bellefields represents a substantial Maryland house of about 1720.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swepson Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country 1923  
 Pamphlet prepared by Mrs. Bowling on "St. Thomas' of Croome"  
 Henry Chandlee Forman, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland  
 1934 pp 89-90

Mrs. John Bowling, Bellefields, Croom, Md.

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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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:  
 William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: University of Delaware      DATE: June 3, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Department of Art History

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: Delaware      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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE <b>Md.</b> COUNTY <b>PG</b> TOWN STREET NO. <b>Duley Station Rd. near Duley</b> VICINITY <b>#79</b> ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Sim &amp; Duvall(?)</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>priv dwell</b> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <b>same</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
2. NAME <b>Bellesfield</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>orig. 1720 period</b> STYLE <b>(1735, Forman)</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Gutted by fire in 1720?  
 Restored in 1840-1850.  
 Double chimneys on each end, ~~1~~ one-half set in walls.  
 Hal  
 small wing on east and west ends.  
 well in rear  
 excell.cond.  
 owner stated building not burned, but built in 1720, abandoned  
 in early 20th, rebuilt 1930's  
 wings had fallen down and were replaced with brick  
 from Wmsbrg.

Also called "SIM'S DELIGHT" (DFR)

HABS - 3 photos

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

Color # 943

7. PHOTOGRAPH

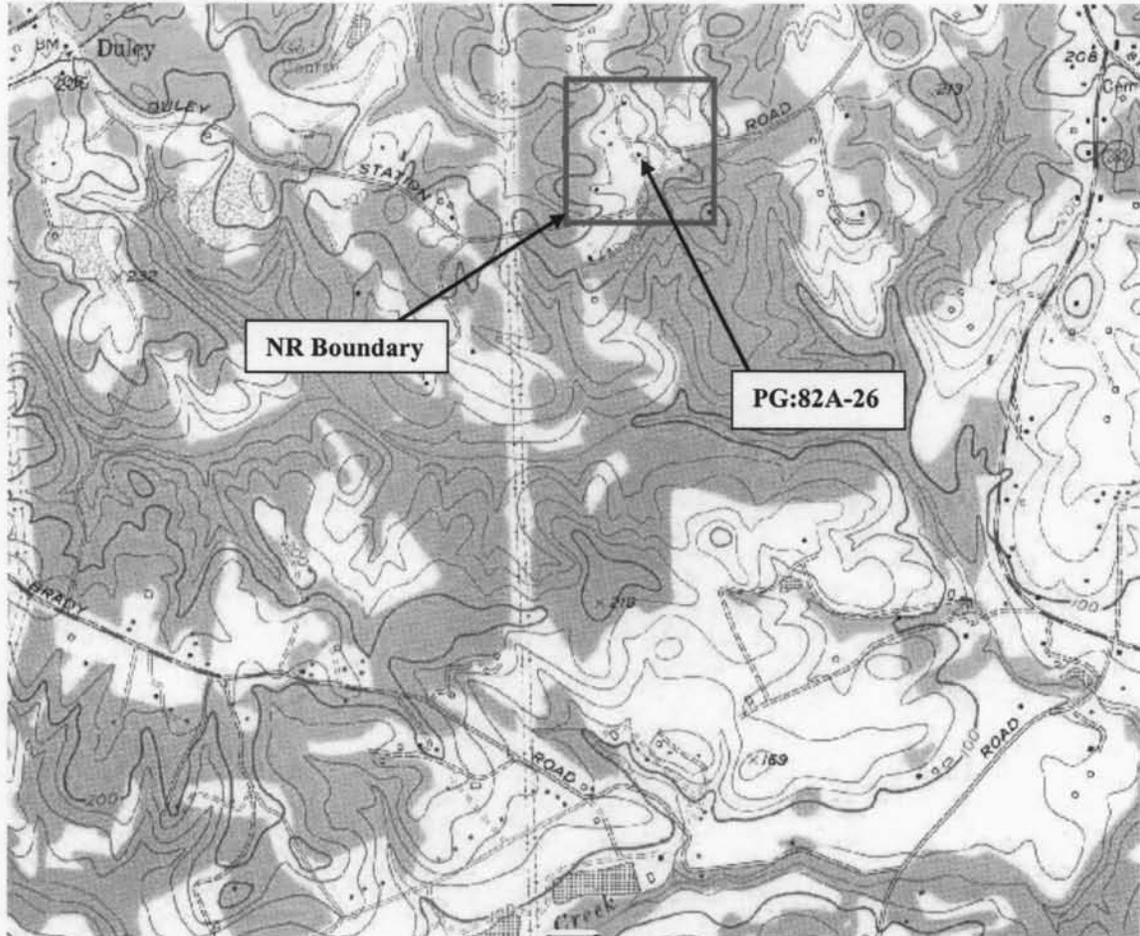
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  
**Forman, 89** Early Malver. 1934, pp 83, 89  
 photo, floor plan  
**Earle**  
**Bowie, 248, 605, 607, 763, 764,**  
**766**  
**RINN, Survey, p 52**

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
  
  
  
 DATE OF RECORD

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



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Bellefields  
(Sims Delight, Bellfield)  
13104 Duley Station Road  
Upper Marlboro  
Brandywine Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



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BRANDYWINE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE 1/4 BRANDYWINE 15' QUADRANGLE

870 000 FEET

47'30"

BM Duley

Lat. 38°44'52.5"

Long. 76°46'49.5"

Lat. 38°44'52.5"

Long. 76°46'29.5"

BELLEFIELD

Lat. 38°44'36.5"

Long. 76°46'49.5"

Lat. 38°44'36.5"

Long. 76°46'29.5"

BRANDYWINE QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7.5 minute map  
Scale: 1:24 000  
1956

North Keys

NORTH KEYS - NAVLOR





Bellefields

before 1945

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BELLE FIELDS

Before 1945

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NAME BELLEFIELDS ~~XXXXXX~~

LOCATION DULEY STATION Rd CROOM, Md

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## BELLEFIELDS FORMERLY SIM'S DELIGHT

BUILT CA. 1720 BY DR. PATRICK SIM WHO FLED SCOTLAND AFTER THE 1715 REBELLION TO SETTLE IN THIS COUNTY WHERE, 1718, HE MARRIED MARY, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS AND BARBARA DENT BROOKE, OF NEARBY BROOKEFIELD MANOR. COLONEL JOSEPH SIM, THEIR OLDEST SON, BORN HERE, DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1793. HE WAS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND ONE OF THE ANNAPOLIS ASSEMBLY WHICH, JUNE 22, 1774, DENOUNCED THE BRITISH CLOSING OF BOSTON HARBOR. HE REPRESENTED HIS COUNTY JUNE, 1775, AT THE ANNAPOLIS CONVENTION WHICH FRAMED THE ASSOCIATION OF FREEMEN OF MARYLAND. HE SERVED IN THE CONVENTION OF MARYLAND WHICH GOVERNED THE STATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REVOLUTION, AND ON THE FIRST PRIVY COUNCIL OF THE STATE, 1777. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1780.

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