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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Anne Arundel
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-05-19-0007	5/15/69

1. NAME

COMMON: Larkin's Hundred

AND/OR HISTORIC: (the "Great House") (the "Castle") ("O'Hara's Castle")

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Swamp Road

CITY OR TOWN: Edgewater

STATE: Maryland 21037      CODE: 19      COUNTY: Anne Arundel      CODE: 003

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: <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"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input 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. Walter Roberts Hardisty

STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Swamp Road

CITY OR TOWN: Edgewater      STATE: Maryland 21037      CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURT HOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House [see continuation sheet]

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland 21401      CODE: 19

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 100+

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland 21404      CODE: 19

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STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(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	
<p>Larkin's Hundred is located off the north side of Mill Swamp Road nine-tenths of a mile west of Route Maryland 468 and one mile east of Route Maryland 2; three miles south of Edgewater.</p> <p>Larkin's Hundred is a two-story brick house. The south side is laid in Flemish bond, the north, east and west walls in English. It was built by Thomas Larkin in 1704.</p> <p>There are no porches. Four steps on the south side lead to an entrance door with transom centered between four windows, two on each side. Single brick lintels are straight on the first floor and arched on the second floor with a single brick stringer belt course between. Two massive interior chimneys are inset and stacked at the east and the west ends of the house. All the stacks are panelled with molded caps. The gable ends have the stringer belt course between a window near the outside ends of the walls at the first and second floor levels. The foundation has inset horizontal grills in small ground level windows with arched lintels.</p> <p>The white clapboard kitchen wing at the west end adjoins the house. This was added in 1870 after the outer brick kitchen, judged at the time to be unsafe, was removed.</p> <p>A noteworthy interior feature is a graceful stairway of American Walnut that divides at the landing so that all bedrooms have a direct access to the landing. A handsome painted cupboard is built into the panelling of the drawing room.</p> <p>Nestled between knolls, which are themselves near the top of a ridge that runs down the middle of southern Anne Arundel County, the house is protected on its north and west sides and has an outlook over the rolling meadows to the south. At the time of building, it may have been possible to view the Chesapeake Bay a few miles to the east. The fact that Joseph Cowman, a mariner whose interests centered around Bay traffic, lived here during the eighteenth century, would seem to bear out this possibility.</p> <p>The house is shaded by a magnificent Santo Domingo Mahogany Tree, known to have been a wedding present to the Thomas Larkins.</p> <p>Informal gardens with flowers set into the grass are planted in the English country style.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1704

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>         | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>     | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | osophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Architecture</u>                                 |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>         | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Science <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____   |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                 | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>         | _____   |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>     | _____   |
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| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>        | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____   |
|  | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>    | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Larkin's Hundred was built in 1704 by Thomas Larkin, a son of John Larkin of nearby Larkin's Hills. The present name derives from the original land grant, but the house was called the "Great House" for many years, indicating that its size was a rarity at such an early date. In 1708, the house was sold to the Reverend Joseph Colebatch, and for some years it served as the Rectory for All Hallows Church. In 1727, the Reverend Colebatch was summoned to England for consecration as Maryland's first bishop. However, the local authorities, engaged in bitter animosity against the Whig establishment, issued a court writ preventing his leaving the Colony. Thus Maryland was without a bishop until after the Revolution. In 1728, Joseph Cowman, a prominent mariner, and early member of the South River Club, bought the property. It remained in his family for three generations until acquired by William O'Hara. Until the mid-twentieth century, it was known as "O'Hara's Castle." Since then it has been called Larkin's Hundred.

The Larkin's Hundred house is today carefully maintained by its owners, Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Hardisty. The farm is actively grazed and cultivated.

Larkin's Hundred is an authentic example of a Maryland house built in the Transition style which represents, in Maryland, the holdover of the medieval or feudal manner of building while disclosing the trend in style toward the formal, symmetrical Georgian influence.

Because a slightly higher standard of living was possible by 1704 and because more sophisticated materials and methods of construction could be employed, the house has size and substance on the outside, serenity of proportion and fine panelling on the inside.

The house stands as built. There has never been need for radical alteration.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776  
 Kelly, J. Reaney, Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County Maryland, 1963, The Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland, pp. 62.  
 Thomas, Lawrence Buckley, The Thomas Book, 1906, New York, pp. 291.  
 Suburbia Today, Magazine Section of Manchester Evening Herald, May 1963, Manchester, Connecticut.

[see continuation sheet]

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust      DATE: May 7, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland 21404      CODE: 19

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 May 8, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connerly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:  
William F. Huwatt  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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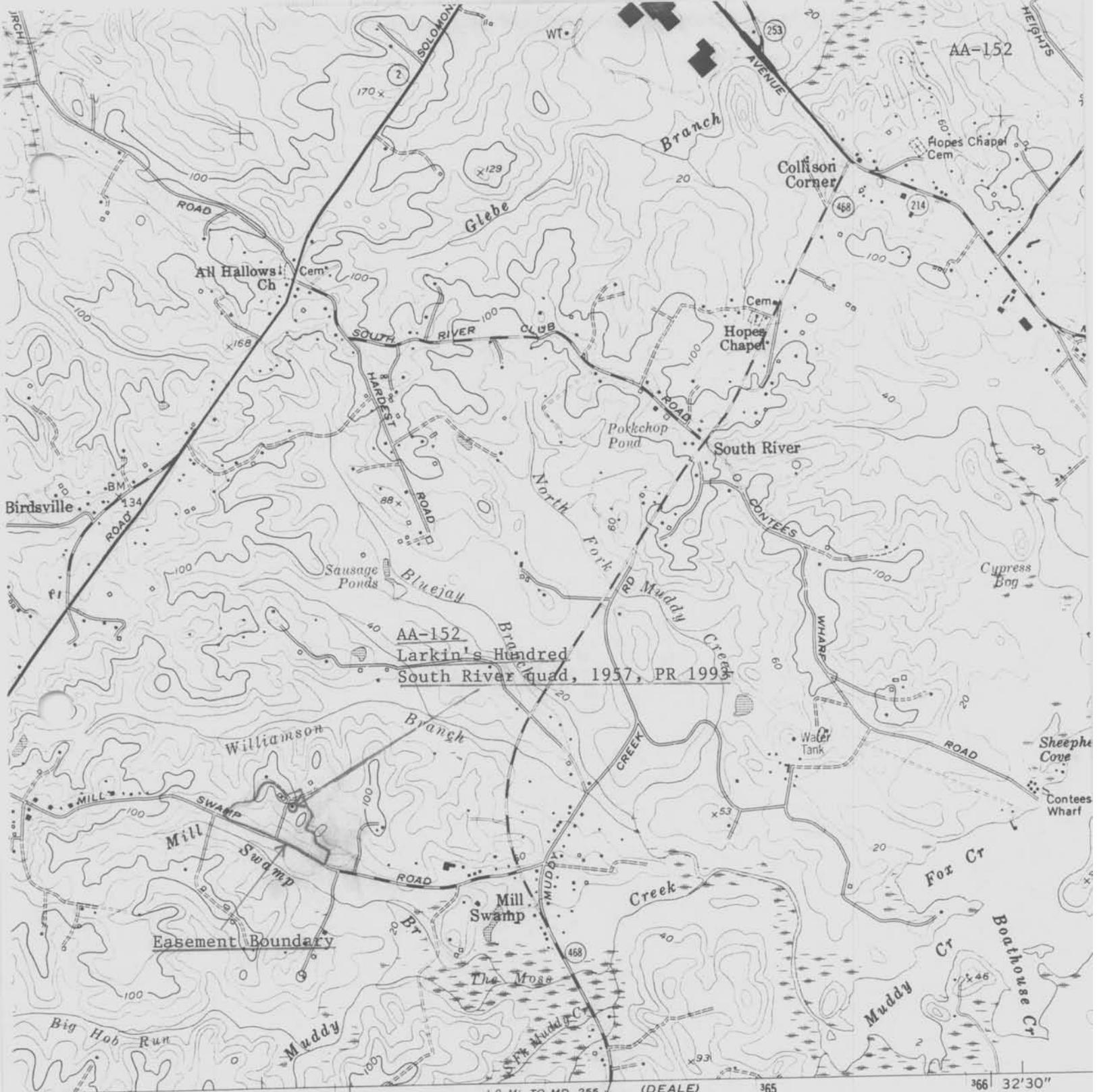
#5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Deed dated September 9, 1957.  
Recorded Liber 1150f16.

#9. REFERENCES

The Laurel News Leader, March 28, 1963, Laurel, Maryland  
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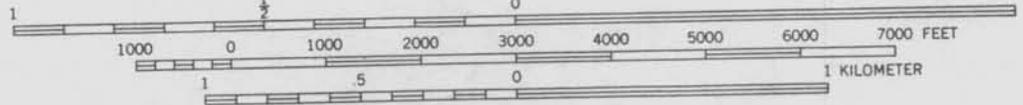
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Larkin's Hundred  
South River quad, 1957, PR 1993

Easement Boundary

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Larkin's Hundred

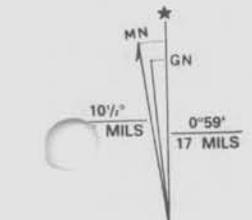
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