

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. 78-22 Building Date: ca. 1880

Building Name: Navajo

Location: 4903 Ritchie-Marlboro Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

Navajo stands on a hill in rolling farmland, west of Ritchie-Marlboro Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays. The three-bay main east facade is highlighted by a central cross gable with returned cornice and a round-arched 1/1 window. There are heavy, Italianate cornice brackets and deep overhanging eaves along the roof line, as well as boxed cornices with crown molding, and cornice returns at all gable ends. The central entrance has three-pane sidelights and a four-pane transom, and the surround has crown molding and bracketed architrave. The entrance porch has heavy chamfered posts, jigsaw brackets and balusters, and console cornice brackets. The building is covered with German siding painted white, and rests on a high brick foundation. Windows are 1/1, arranged in pairs; they have plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. There are two corbelled brick chimneys on the east plane of the roof, flanking the entrance. A one-story addition is centered on the west facade, at right angles to the main block. There are two tobacco barns on the property east of the house; one has a metal, gabled roof, the other is gable-roofed with side aisles. Behind the house is a small nineteenth century gable-roofed outbuilding, sided with wide hand-split boards with tongue-and-groove joints. Its hand-hewn sill rests on a brick foundation, its cornice is boxed, and there are remnants of decorative bargeboards.

Significance:

Navajo is an excellent example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It is one of several important nineteenth century farmsteads west of Upper Marlboro which belonged to the descendants of Thomas Clagett of Weston. It was constructed ca. 1880 on land which belonged to Charles Clagett, who provided a home for each of his two sons: Ingleside for Charles T. Clagett, and Navajo for William B. Clagett. The two houses, both built in the period shortly after 1875, probably by local builder John C. Wyvill, were similar in design, with fine Eastlake decorative detail. They were, however, dissimilar in plan; Navajo has a symmetrical plan with central-hall and flanking double parlors, while Ingleside has an asymmetrical plan with large entry hall and unequal rear parlors. William B. Clagett was prominent in the Democratic party, and was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1897. After his death in 1911, his property was allotted to his son, and remains today in the possession of his family. It is a prominent landmark on the Ritchie-Marlboro Road, and, like Ingleside and Keokuk, is a handsome and important element in a unique agricultural area west of Upper Marlboro.

Acreage: 229.31 acres

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Navajo

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4903 Ritchie Marlboro Road not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

state Prince George's county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<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:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rachel Herbst et al

street & number 14803 Pratt Street telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #4360

street & number Main Street folio 204

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Navajo stands on a hill in rolling farmland, west of Ritchie-Marlboro Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays (approximately 40 x 36 feet). The three-bay main (east) facade is highlighted by a central cross gable at third level, with returned cornice and a round-arched 1/1 window. There are heavy, Italianate cornice brackets and deep overhanging eaves along the roof line, as well as boxed cornices with crown molding and cornice returns at all gable ends. (The Eastlake-style brackets in the raking cornice of the cross-gable are identical to those of Ingleside.)

The central entrance has a four-panel door with round arched upper panels, three pane side-lights and a four-pane transom. The door surround has crown molding and a bracketed architrave. There is a one-bay entrance porch with heavy chamfered posts, heavy jigsaw brackets and jigsaw balusters. The porch roof cornice has console brackets.

The building is covered with German siding painted white. Windows are long 1/1 double hung sash arranged in pairs. They have plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys on the east plane of the roof, flanking the entrance. A third corbelled brick chimney is between the first and second bays on the west (rear) plane of the roof. The building rests on a high brick foundation.

A one-story gable-roofed two-bay addition (approximately 16 by 20 feet) is centered on the west (rear) facade, its gable ridge at right angles to the main block. It has a bracketed cornice and rests on a high brick foundation. There is an interior brick chimney at the ridge of this rear addition.

There are two tobacco barns on the property east of the house, located on the slope between the house and Ritchie-Marlboro Road. One has a metal, gabled roof; the other is gable-roofed with side aisles.

Behind the house (to the west) is a small nineteenth century gable-roofed outbuilding, ca. 12 feet square. It is sided with 12" wide hand-split boards laid with tongue-and-groove joints, and its hand-hewn sill rests on a brick foundation. Its cornice is boxed and there are remnants of decorative bargeboards. The roof is of standing seam tin. Entrance is in the east facade; there are no windows.

Also located just west of the main house are two twentieth century sheds with concrete foundations.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		local history
Specific dates	ca. 1880	Builder/Architect	John C. Wyvill (?)	

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Navajo is an excellent example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It is one of several important nineteenth century farmsteads west of Upper Marlboro which belonged to the descendants of Thomas Clagett of Weston. It was constructed ca. 1880 for William B. Clagett on land which belonged to his father Charles Clagett, who had, together with his own father Thomas Clagett of Weston, acquired a large amount of farmland west of Upper Marlboro.¹ Out of this land, Charles Clagett provided a home for each of his two sons: Ingleside (#78-14b) was constructed for Charles T. Clagett, and Navajo was constructed for William B. Clagett. The two houses, both built in the period shortly after 1875 (probably by local builder John C. Wyvill), were similar in design, with fine Eastlake (Italianate) decorative detail. They were, however, dissimilar in plan; Navajo has a symmetrical plan with central-hall and flanking double parlors, while Ingleside has an asymmetrical plan with large formal entry hall and unequal rear parlors (cf. Strawberry Hill, #79-37). Navajo was the home of William B. Clagett, who was prominent in the State Democratic party, and was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1897.² After his death in 1911 Navajo was by the agreement of his children allotted to his son William B. Clagett, Jr., who died without direct heirs in 1947. The property today remains in the possession of the heirs of his siblings.³ It is a prominent landmark on the Ritchie-Marlboro Road, and, like Ingleside and Keokuk, is a handsome and important element in a unique agricultural area west of Upper Marlboro.

Notes:

¹ Prince George's County Deed, AB #7:32; CSM #3:601.
² E. G. Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County, pp. 141-150; Prince George's County Will, JBP #1:172.
³ cf. Chain of Title.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.P.G. 78-22

Cf. Chain of Title

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 229.31 acres

Tax Map #101, Parcel 262

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section F

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date July 1985

street & number c/o Co. Planning MNCPPC

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Navahoe

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Ritchie Marlboro Road

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<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) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: William B. Clagett (R. O. Tucker, Tenant)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building with a three bay main (east) facade. The central doorway is flanked by double windows, with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a central facade gable and the cornice is bracketed. Chimneys rise on the front slope of the roof on either side of the gable.</p>	

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 9 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Navajo
P.G. 78-22

- #4360:204
2 May 1974
Deed
W. B. C. Addison and H. C. B. Clagett, Jr., personal representatives of estate of Charles Clagett, to themselves and other Clagett heirs, fractional interests totalling one-third in Navajo, 229.9 acres.
- #4050:602
28 Jan 1972
Deed of
Partition
Charles Clagett, Rachel Herbst and Joseph Addison, Jr., parties of first part; James M. Sill and Elizabeth Sill Wood, parties of second part; all owners of Navajo. Parties of second part agree to grant to parties of first part Navajo, 232.9 acres.
- #2003:59
19 June 1956
Deed
William B. C. Addison et ux to Joseph Addison Jr., their 1/12 interest in Navajo which grantor obtained from will of his mother, Marquerite Addison.
- #2003:56
14 June 1956
Deed
Katherine Johnson et vir to Joseph Addison, Jr., her 1/2 interest in Navajo (306.38 acres) which she obtained from will of her mother Marquerite Addison.
- GSO #1:354
1949
Will
Testator, Marquerite Clagett Addison, her interest in Navajo to her children, Joseph, William, and Katherine.
- #8812
20 Sept 1947
Estate File
William B. Clagett, Jr., died intestate 20 September 1947; brother Charles Clagett administrator; leaves sisters Rachel Herbst, Louise Sill and Marquerite Addison, and brother Charles Clagett. Real estate, Navajo ca. 306 acres.
- #116:372
31 July 1916
Deed
Rachel Clagett to brother William B. Clagett, Jr., her half interest in Navajo.
- #116:362
31 July 1916
Deed of
Partition
Marquerite Clagett Addison and Charles Clagett, parties of first part; William B. Clagett, Jr., and Rachel Clagett, parties of second part. Decree of Equity Court (#4310) to divide property of their father William B. Clagett, deceased; parties of first part each to receive 1/2 interest in the Cottage (306.38 acres) parties of second part each to receive 1/2 interest in Navajo (306.38 acres), same properties acquired by Thomas Clagett by AB #7:32.

#4310
1916
Equity
Division of real estate of William B. Clagett; Court decrees that three Commissioners shall divide equally Clagett's real estate among his heirs. (Navajo was home farm of William B. Clagett; both Navajo and The Cottage now occupied by tenants).

WAM #1:297
26 Aug 1911
Will
Testator, William B. Clagett; Enfield Chase farm to wife Estelle; all other real estate to be divided equally among children of his first marriage.

JBP #1:172
16 June 1894
Will
Testator, Charles Clagett; (farm of son Charles T. Clagett to his widow, Elizabeth Clagett); all other real estate to son William B. Clagett, who is executor.

CSM #3:601
26 Sept 1860
Deed
Thomas and Adeline Clagett to (son) Charles Clagett, part of the Cottage Plantation now in Charles' possession, ca. 500 acres, plus 44 acres of woodland.

AB #7:32
11 Nov 1831
Deed
Thomas F. Bowie, trustee, to Thomas Clagett, real estate of John E. Berry including parts of Beall's Chance, Green Spring, Fowler's Delight, Charles Hills and Brook Grove, 822-1/2 acre.



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Navajo
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



PG: 78-22

Navajo

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

March 1985

Northwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



PG: 78-22

Navajo

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

March 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



PG: 78-22

Navajo (outbuilding)

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

March 1985

Northwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



PG: 78-22

Navajo

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

March 1985

East entrance

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



PG: 78-22

Navajo

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

March 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME NAVASO PG: 78-22

LOCATIO RITCHIE/MARLBORO Rd. UPPER MARLBORO, Md.

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NAME NAVASO - TOBACCO BARN PG: 78-22

LOCATION RITCHIE / MARLBORO Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md.

FACADE SE

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NAME

NAVAJO - TOBACCO BARN

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LOCATION

RITCHIE / MARLBORO Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md

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