

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-36 Building Date: late 19th century

Building Name: Tenant House

Location: 4914 Ritchie-Marlboro Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Poor/Restricted

Description:

The Claget Tenant House is a gable-roof, frame, three-part structure. The main block is rectangular, one-and-one-half stories, measuring 22-by-18 feet. There is a one-story, gable-roof, one-by-one bay north addition measuring 10-by-18 feet, and a one story, two-by-one bay, shed roof rear addition. The house is situated on a hill facing Ritchie-Marlboro Pike to its west, on a wooded lot. The three-bay west facade of the main block has a central entrance. A high, four-bay one-story entrance porch with a hipped roof, and chamfered wood posts rests on cement piers. Two 6/6 windows with plain wood surrounds flank the entrance. The building is German sided and roofed with rusted horizontal metal stripping. Both the main block and the north kitchen addition are on a high brick foundation. The east (rear) addition measures 16-by-22 feet and rests on a high cement foundation. The lathing showing through the walls is circular saw cut. There is a central interior brick chimney. The Tenant House is in poor condition. A barn north of the house has a gable roof with side aisles, a standing seam metal covering and a central louvered cupola.

Significance:

The Claget Tenant House is located on a part of Navajo, a Claget family farmstead. Descendants of Thomas Clagett of Weston owned several important nineteenth century farmsteads, including Navajo, west of Upper Marlboro. The Navajo farmhouse was constructed ca. 1880 for William B. Clagett, prominent in the local Democratic Party and elected a State Senator in 1897. (see Prince George's #79-35). The Tenant House parcel was held by the Clagett family from 1831 through 1973. The Tenant House is a simple building, with characteristics of the "Southern Maryland" vernacular style, common in Prince George's County in the 18th through the mid-nineteenth centuries. Characteristics of this building type found in the house include its one-and-one-half story height, frame construction, gable roof, high front entrance porch and symmetrical front facade with central entrance. The actual construction date of the building has not been determined.

Acreage: 37 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Clagett Tenant House

and/or common Clagett Tenant House

2. Location

street & number 4914 Ritchie Marlboro Road not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

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

name Mr. Rufus Wilder

street & number 1711 Irving Street, N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, state and zip code D.C. 20010

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4666

street & number Main Street folio 466

city, town Upper Marlboro, state 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date July 1981 federal state county local

Repository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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.

The Claget Tenant House is a three-part, gable-roof, frame structure situated on a small hill set back approximately fifty feet east of Ritchie-Marlboro Road. The main block is rectangular, one-and-one-half stories, measuring 22-by-18 feet. A one-story, gable-roof addition is attached at the north gable end of the main block. There is also a one story, shed roof rear addition. The house is on a wooded lot and there are open fields in the surrounding vicinity.

The three-bay west facade of the main block has a central entrance. A high, four-bay, one-story entrance porch with a hipped roof covers the facade. The porch roof is bracketed and is supported by chamfered wood posts resting on cement piers. Two 6/6 double hung sash windows with plain wood surrounds flank the entrance door. The building has German siding and is roofed with horizontal metal stripping, which is very rusty. Both the main block and the north addition are on a high brick foundation.

The north gable end of the main block has an exterior concrete block chimney. The facade is covered by the gable roof, one-by-one bay kitchen addition, measuring 10-by-18 feet.

The east (rear) shed roof two-bay-by-one-bay addition measures 16-by-22 feet and rests on a high cement foundation. The lathing showing through the walls is circular saw cut. There is a central interior brick chimney.

The Claget Tenant House is in deteriorated condition. It is situated on a 37 acre parcel which is presently under cultivation. A barn to the north of the house fronts directly on Ritchie-Marlboro Road. The barn has a gable roof with side aisles, a standing seam metal covering and a central louvered cupola.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

The Claget Tenant House is located on a part of Navajo, a Claget family farmstead. The descendants of Thomas Claget of Weston owned several important nineteenth century farmsteads west of Upper Marlboro.¹ The Navajo farmhouse was constructed ca. 1880 for William B. Claget, (1854-1911), prominent in the Democratic Party and elected a State Senator in 1897.² (see #79-35).

The Tenant house parcel was held by the Claget family from 1831 through 1973.³ The Tenant house itself does not appear on maps of the County until the 1894 Hopkins map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C.

The Claget Tenant House is a simple building, with characteristics of the "Southern Maryland" vernacular style, common in Prince George's County in the eighteenth through the mid-nineteenth centuries. Characteristics of this building type found in the tenant house include its one-and-one-half-story height, frame construction, gable roof, high front entrance porch and symmetrical front facade with central entrance. The actual construction date of the building has not been determined.

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 Prince George's County Deed, AB#7:32, and #4229:681.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Footnotes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 37.5a Tax Map 92A-4 p. 58

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro F Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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 Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1985

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

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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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Ritchie/Marlboro Road, near Rte. 408

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William B. Clagett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is one of the most interesting tenant or overseer's houses seen in Prince George's Co. It is a small, one-story, cabin-type structure, that sits on a high brick foundation. The main (west) facade that faces the road has three bays with a central door. There are 6/6 windows in each of the end bays here. Attached to the north end is a lower, one-bay wing, that appears to have been the original kitchen. The fireplace sits between these two sections, and the chimneystack (now of cinder-block) rests on the north end-wall. It is flanked by two, small, gable-end windows. An elevated, open porch spans the front of both sections. The roof is of composition shingle, and the siding is of old clapboards.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the most interesting, oldest, and best-preserved tenant houses seen in all of Prince George's Co. Probably belonged to one of the Clagett farms in the 19th Century, as it does today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

8. 800000 800000

8. 800000

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/10/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Chain of Title

Tenant House
P.G. #79-36

- #4666:466
9-2-1976
Deed
Henry A. Meinhardt to Rufus Wilder and Elija W. Thorne. Begins at southeast line of Parcel 1, continues south-east to Ritchie-Marlboro Pike. From Ritchie-Marlboro Pike through Meinhardt lands in a new division line to the southeast line of Parcel 1 again. 37.5169 acres as surveyed August 1976. A part of James M. Sill and Elizabeth S. Wood and Meinhardt; #4229:681.
- #4229:681
5-31-1973
Deed
James M. Sill and Elizabeth S. Wood to Henry A. Meinhardt. Parcel 1 - 75 acres, Parcel 2 - 1104.08 square feet (.0253 acres) from Charles Clagett; #4050:601 and 611.
- #4050:602
1-28-1972
Deed
Deed of Partition. Charles Clagett, Rachel C. Herbst and Joseph Addison, Jr. to James M. Sill and Elizabeth S. Wood. All of the above, owners of tract containing 306.38 acres, surveyed and recorded in Liber 113, Folio 400 and known as "Navajo". Elizabeth Wood owns 1/6 divided interest. Parties of the first part convey to Wood 2/3 undivided interest and to Sill 1/3 undivided interest in Parcel 1, 75 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.

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#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.

AGNES S. CLAGETT, ET AL
4167/575
94.96 A
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R-R

ELIJAH W. THORNE
5412/186
37.54 A
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RUFUS WILDER, ETAL
4666/466
37.52 A.
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MARLBORO

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RITCHIE

RACHEL C. HERBST, ET AL
4360/204
229.31 A.
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FEDERAL

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Clagett Tenant House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1985
Northeast elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #79-36

Clagett Tenant House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #79-36

Clagett Tenant House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #79-36

Clagett Tenant House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1985
Northwest elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME TENANT HOUSE

PG: 79-36

LOCATION RITCHIE/MARLBORO Rd. UPPER MARLBORO, Md.

FACADE W

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