

# Easement

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MULBERRY FIELDS  
Valley Lee  
Private

circa 1767

From the south facade of Mulberry Fields the mile-long "Avenue Field," lined on either side with trees, stretches to the Potomac River. An 18th century owner, most probably John Attaway Clark, planted the rows of trees in an ever-widening angle from the house to create the illusion of two parallel rows continuing to the river.

Mulberry Fields is a five-bay, mid-Georgian, brick building with a hip roof, similar in form to contemporary Tidewater Virginia buildings. However, it is the only remaining example of this type of domestic architecture in St. Mary's County. Both porches are later additions.

A kitchen and office thought to have been built later than the house are symmetrically placed north of it, forming a rectangular court (see STMA-1A, below). A kitchen garden is situated north of the court.

The most interesting owner of Mulberry Fields was William Clarke Somerville. After serving in the U.S. Army in the War of 1812, Somerville quickly became a part of Washington society. He bolstered his position with the purchase of Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee, a magnificent Virginia house downstream from Mulberry Fields. Somerville made a grand tour of Europe and met the Duke of Wellington, Lord Byron and Lucien Bonaparte. His friendship with President John Quincy Adams led

to a diplomatic appointment in Greece. En route to his new post he contracted a fatal illness and died in France in the arms of the Marquis de Lafayette who buried him near his chateau.

Although Somerville spent the majority of his life outside of Maryland, one event during his residency is very important to St. Mary's County. While gambling with local gentry, he won Sotterley, an early 18th century plantation on the Patuxent River (see Hollywood vicinity, St. Mary's County).

*This property has been included on the National Register of Historic Places, U.S. Department of the Interior.*

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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: St. Mary's	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Mulberry Fields

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Montalbino

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South side of Maryland Route 244 about 4.5 miles southeast of

CITY OR TOWN:  
Beauvue

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: St. Mary's	CODE 037
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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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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:  
Holger B. Jansson

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Mulberry Fields

CITY OR TOWN:  
Leonardtwn

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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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:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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COUNTY: St. Mary's  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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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

One of the exterior features of Mulberry Fields is the brick walls constructed in an all-header bond. The south elevation (river front) has a large center entrance door flanked at each side by two windows, each containing a nine-over-nine pane sash. On the second floor level the window and door placement is the same, but the centered door is a nineteenth-century alteration and the windows are smaller by six panes. All the windows are headed by segmental brick arches and have carved masonry sills. The hip roof has two "A" roof dormers framed by large chimneys positioned toward the roof ridge. Between the first and second floor levels is a brick belt course terminating approximately one foot from the corner of the building. The modillioned eave cornice is wood, painted white; and the five cellar windows have segmental brick arches and grilles of wooden bars. A very prominent feature on this elevation is a two-story Doric portico erected in the early nineteenth century (c. 1820).

At the north elevation (garden side) the house displays more simplified features. The fenestration and door placement is largely the same as on the south elevation, except the second floor door which remains as a window. The north entrance portico is of Doric style with a simple unadorned pediment and tapered one-story columns.

The interior of the house is of a simple and educated taste. The center hall and two front (south) rooms have walls of rectangular raised panels with chair rails. The staircase, which is of a style more commonly associated with smaller houses of this period, is at the north end of the hall. It has three sets of risers, delicately turned balusters, a channeled rail terminating in a scroll at the newel post, and carved step ends. An object of interest in the hall is a plain arch of wood, boxy and crude in execution, supported by paneled pilasters. Through the rest of the house many original mouldings, doors, and mantels are intact. Some alterations include the installation of several bookcases with glass doors, closets, half and full baths which have been placed in areas flanking the first and second floor fireplaces where passageways previously existed, and the extensive remodeling of the first floor and attic of the kitchen wing.

Flanking each side of the north elevation of the main block is a single, formally placed dependency. It is not known for what purpose each was utilized, but both are very similar in design and plan. Each is of brick, one story in height, has an "A" frame roof with the ridge running north to south, and an exterior chimney at the north end. The east dependency has been extensively remodeled on the interior and now serves as a guest

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## B. 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) after 1763

## 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/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 checked="" 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

At the end of a long, private driveway stands the only remaining Georgian "mansion-type" home in an area which once boasted several such structures. The panoramic view of the Potomac River to the south, the mile-long allée stretching downhill to the riverbank from the south side of the house, the large boxwoods and the brick dependencies placed in formal positions, engender continuing admiration for the respect and dignity of a long-past mode of planning, building, and living.

The one mile long allée presents the optical illusion of two parallel rows of trees. This is produced through a unique planting scheme, deliberately fanning the position of each tree in order to produce an actual triangle and a parallel effect. The apex of the triangle is the south side of the house. The rows continue without a break to points to the east and west of the apex on the north side of the Potomac River bank.

The house at Mulberry Fields was probably built by John Attaway Clarke. In 1763, he had the land surveyed, and sometime thereafter he built a house. The documentary evidence indicates that Clarke planted the cedar allée as a formal approach to his country home. This impressive allée sets Mulberry Fields apart from other eighteenth-century dwellings.

Upon Clarke's death, the house and grounds became the property of his wife during her widowhood. After her death, the property went to his nephew, William Somerville (d. 1806).

The Somerville family papers in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, document the plantation life at Mulberry Fields during William Somerville's ownership:

Shortly before his [William Somerville's] death, he increased his slave labor force from 46 to 180 men, women, and children by 1806. An old brick Quarters (perhaps the one that oldtimers remember as dated "1760" on the gable) could not accommodate all, and frame quarters had to be built to house the newcomers. Most, of course, worked in the fields, cultivating

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Mulberry Fields

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

crannies and corners hid the usual clutter of fish hooks, pickle pots, papers, and crockery (a tradition still honored by the present owners). Some things were new--the "Burnt Black china" tea set, for instance; others were "antique" and "broke." "2 prints Royal Family" suggests that more than the furniture was out of date by 1806.

The new master of Mulberry Fields, William's son, William Clarke Somerville, was one of those youthful, cosmopolitan creatures that inhabit romantic novels. An Army Major in the War of 1812, he subsequently toured Europe, called on beautiful people like Lord Byron, the Duke of Wellington, and the Marquis de Lafayette. He returned from Italy to rechristen his pedestrian Mulberry Fields "Montalbino." But when he sold the plantation in 1822, everybody in the neighborhood went back to calling it by its old name. The property then passed quickly through several hands until it was acquired by Thomas Loker in 1832, who probably made the first and last major addition to the house: the two story Doric portico. The Lokers sold it to Jessie Fay in 1916 from whom it passed to the present owners.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Cary Carson, "Mulberry Fields St. Mary's County, Maryland," St. Mary's City Commission, St. Mary's City, Maryland, September 1971, copy in the files of the Maryland Historical Trust. Mr. Carson's report on Mulberry Fields, quoted here, is the result of an intensive study of the building done under his direction at St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, Maryland.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SE	38°	11'	49.5"	76°	34'	34"			
SW	38°	12'	04"	76°	35'	02"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 530.4

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: Michael Bourne & Richard Rivoire, Field Surveyors, & Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: July 6, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21401 CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 July 6, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Mulberry Fields

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Montalbino

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South side of Maryland Route 244 about 4.5 miles southeast of Beavue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Beavue

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Holger B. Jansson

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Mulberry Fields

CITY OR TOWN:  
Leonardtwn

STATE:  
Maryland

20650

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

21401

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey (1964)

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
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**9. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) after 1763

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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** PINEY POINT USES 7.5 QUAD

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38 ° 13 . 11.	76 ° 34 .18.5		° . .	° . .	
NE	38 ° 13 . 00.	76 ° 33 .39 .		° . .	° . .	
SE	38 ° 11 49.5.	76 ° 34 .34 .		° . .	° . .	
SW	38 ° 12 04 .	76 ° 35 .02 .		° . .	° . .	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 530.4

Acreeage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne & Richard Rivoire, Field Surveyors, & Nancy Miller Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust (See continuation sheet) DATE: July, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 24

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

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 Signature

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(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Mulberry Fields

## 7. DESCRIPTION, continued

known for what purpose each was utilized, but both are very similar in design and plan. Each is of brick one-story in height, has an "A" frame roof with the ridge running north to south, and an exterior chimney at the north end. The east dependency has been extensively remodeled on the interior and now serves as a guest cottage, while the other retains its original riven clapboard partition walls, floors, doors, and hardware. Because of its floor plan and interior detail it is felt that the west dependency may have been used as a laundry.

A mile long cedar allee stretches from the house south to the Potomac River.

## 9 BIBLIOGRAPHY, continued

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY, continued

Roger B. White, Summer Intern (Maryland Historical Trust)  
2525 Riva Road  
Annapolis, Maryland  
July, 1974 (revised)

THE KEY-YEAR DENDROCHRONOLOGICAL  
PATTERN FOR THE OAKS OF  
MARYLAND'S WESTERN SHORE 1570-1980

American Institute of  
Dendrochronology

APPENDIX

Building Descriptions

Garry Wheeler Stone

Historic St. Mary's City

1987

# Easement

SM-1 Mulberry Fields

Constructed  
Fall-Winter, 1755

Mulberry Fields was St. Mary's County's first fully evolved Georgian mansion. It is a brick, two-story, double-pile dwelling measuring 48 by 38 feet. First and second floors each contain four rooms and a stair passage. The building sits on a full basement, and the roof contains useful, dormer-lit garrets.

Mulberry Fields is a scaled down copy of the great contemporary mansions of Virginia and Annapolis. The building boasts a modillioned cornice, facade walls laid in Annapolis-style, all-header bond, and fully paneled interior walls. But clumsy details--such as the handling of the stair--betray the country upbringing of its builders. It is noticeably less sophisticated than Virginia structures such as Carter's Grove (1751) or Cleve (1754).

Collecting samples for tree-ring dating the house was simple. Ample old growth oak was exposed in the roof and cellar framing.

John Attaway Clarke constructed this dwelling on a "parcel of land...called Mulberry Fields" that he had purchased the previous May.

Prior to tree-ring dating, Mulberry Fields was thought to date to "the third quarter of the 18th century (perhaps before 1767--the date scrawled inside a hall closet."

## Reference:

Cary Carson, "Mulberry Fields," 1971. Architectural file  
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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 Account Number - 010429

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	JANSSON, MARY LENNOX ETAL	<b>Use:</b>	AGRICULTURAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	YES
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	19700 MULBERRY FIELDS RD LEONARDTOWN MD 20650-4636	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) EWA/ 1723/ 480 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
19700 MULBERRY FIELDS RD	RPD	490.17 AC PLAT 36/43 MULBERRY FIELDS

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	36 43
56	12	2						81	Plat Ref:	33/ 105

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>	FIRE DISTRICT 2
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<b>Primary Structure Built</b>	<b>Enclosed Area</b>	<b>Property Land Area</b>	<b>County Use</b>
1760	5,120 SF	490.17 AC	

<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>
2 1/2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

**Value Information**

	<b>Base Value</b>	<b>Value As Of</b>	<b>Phase-in Assessments</b>		
		01/01/2002	As Of	As Of	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
<b>Land:</b>	338,720	341,220	07/01/2003	07/01/2004	
<b>Improvements:</b>	561,220	611,970			
<b>Total:</b>	899,940	953,190	935,440	953,190	
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	72,470	72,470	72,470	72,470	

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> JANSSON, HOLGER B & MARY L	<b>Date:</b> 12/11/2001	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> EWA/ 1723/ 480	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> JANSSON, MARY L	<b>Date:</b> 05/27/1993	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> MULT ACCTS ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> EWA/ 779/ 392	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>County</b>	000	0	0
<b>State</b>	000	0	0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0	0

<b>Tax Exempt:</b> NO	<b>Special Tax Recapture:</b> AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX
<b>Exempt Class:</b>	



BLACKISTONE HOUSE, or LONGWORTH POINT,\* was built about 1684 by the Gardiners. It was the home of Nehemiah Blackistone when he was President of the Council in 1690. The main stair in the central Hallway rises on one side, but returns from the landing in the center instead of against the other wall.

Capt. Somerville of MULBERRY FIELDS, whose Hallway is shown here, owned also "Sotterly" in St. Mary's County, "Stratford", the great Lee homestead of Virginia. The partitions in this Hallway are two inches thick, and the arch and newel are like those of the "Old House on West St. Mary's Manor".

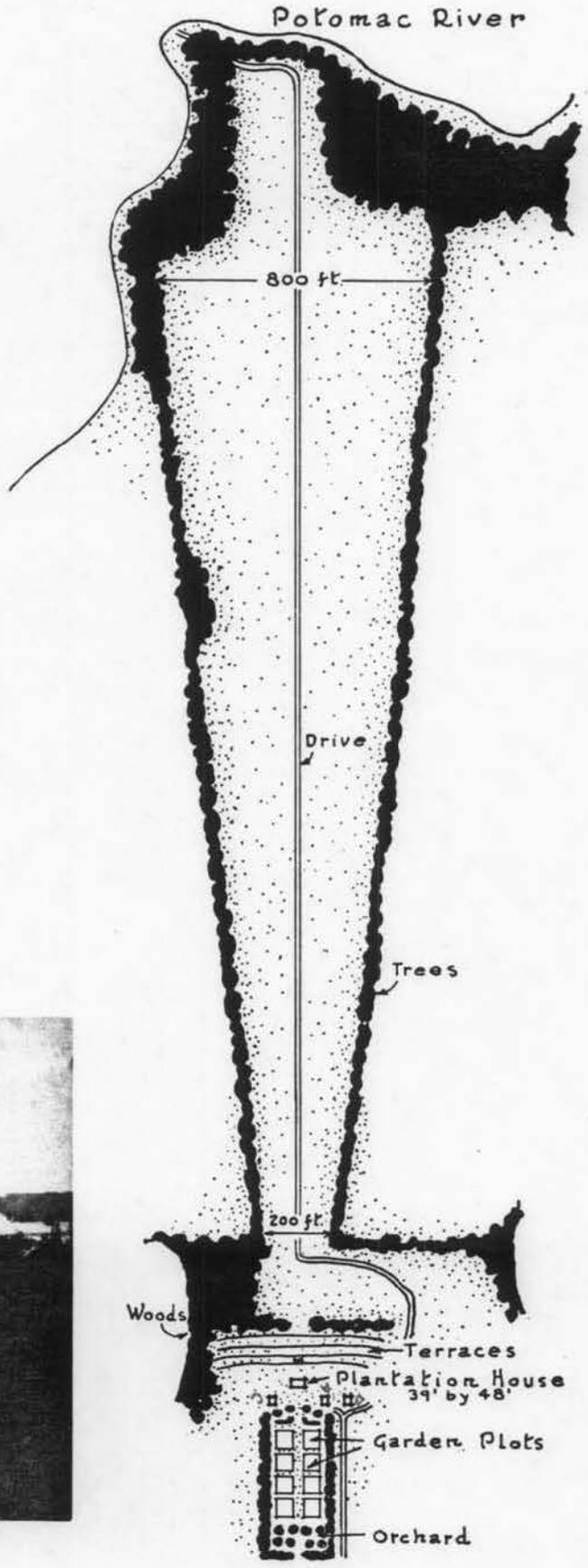
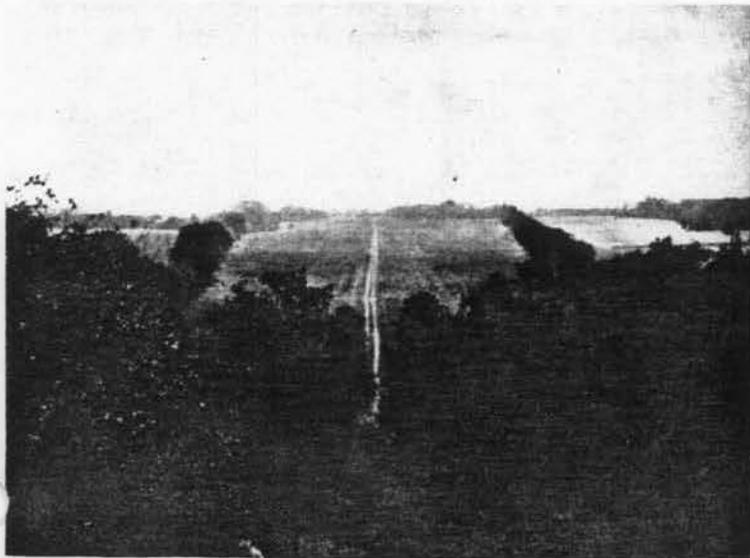


The PRIEST MANOR HOUSE is near "Cross Manor" and has the same type of twin chimneys. The Kitchen was a separate building at one time. This is not an authentic manor-house. It is named "manor" after the "St. Inigoe's Manor" on which it stands.

\* See Corrections Sheet, 8.

PLOT PLAN  
 ONE MILE LONG  
 of  
**MULBERRY FIELDS**  
 SAINT MARY'S COUNTY

showing an illusion in perspective: the two rows of trees diverge from the house in order to make the river seem  
 † nearer †

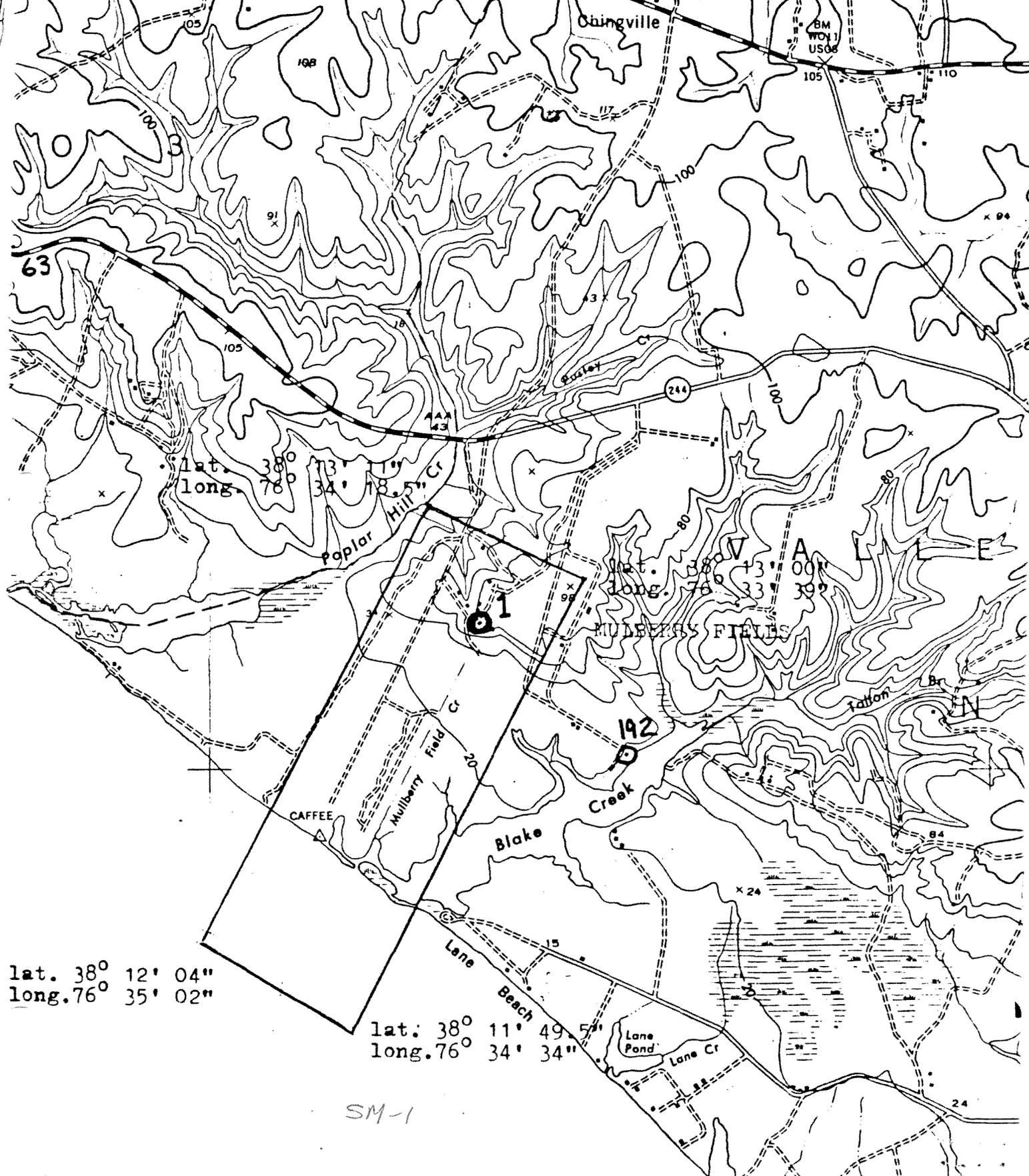


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Mulberry Fields  
19700 Mulberry Fields Road  
Piney Point Quadrangle (1993 Aerial photo)

Trees planted to produce illusion that the river is closer to the house



PINEY POINT QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7.5 minute map (Maryland)  
Tscale: W 24000  
1976



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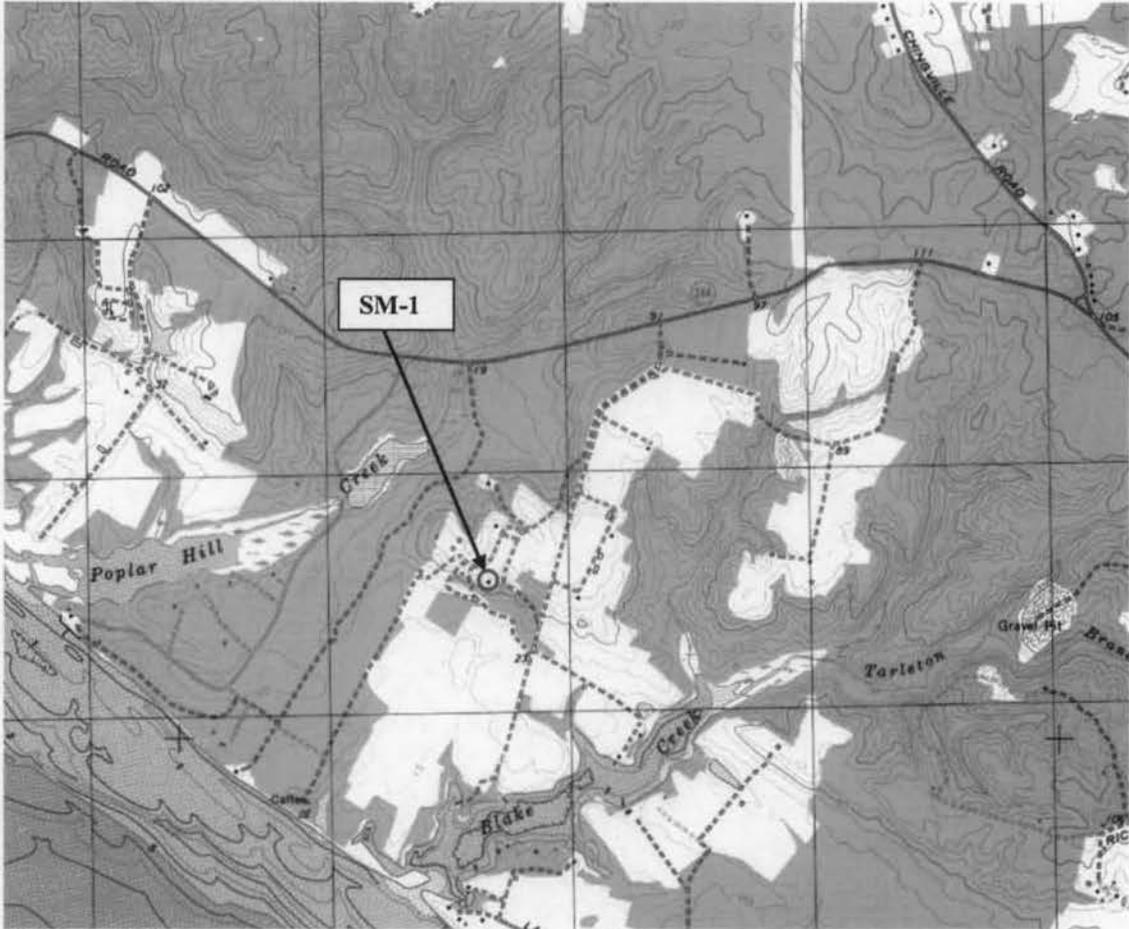
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long. 76° 34' 34"

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Mulberry Fields  
1970 Mulberry Fields Road  
Piney Point Quadrangle



1993 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 56





Mulberry Fields - River Fauna SM 1



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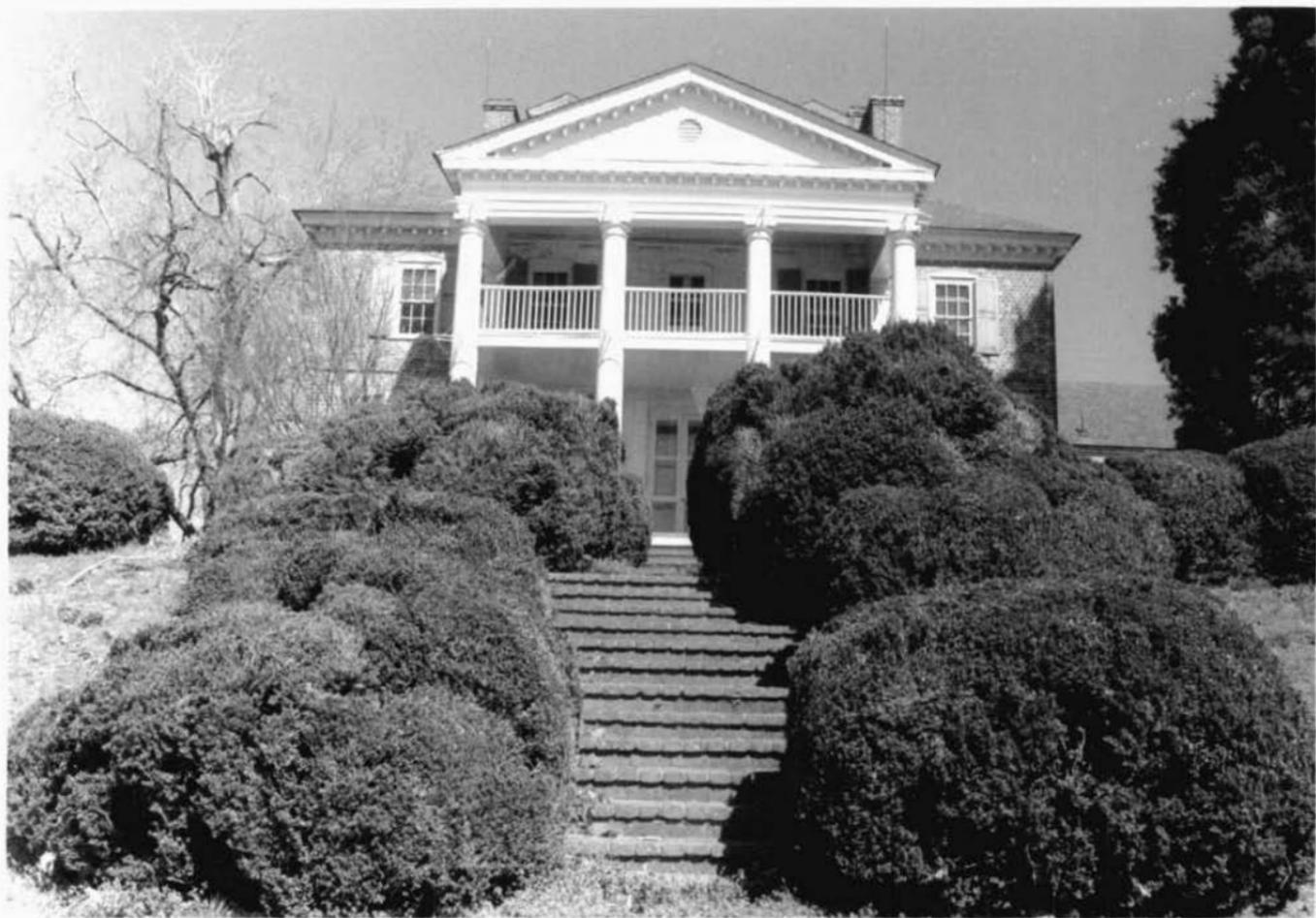
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Kirk Ranzetta

Feb/00

Looking E

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E postcard - looking SE

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N+E elevation

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View from E porch - looking W

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St. Mary's County, Md

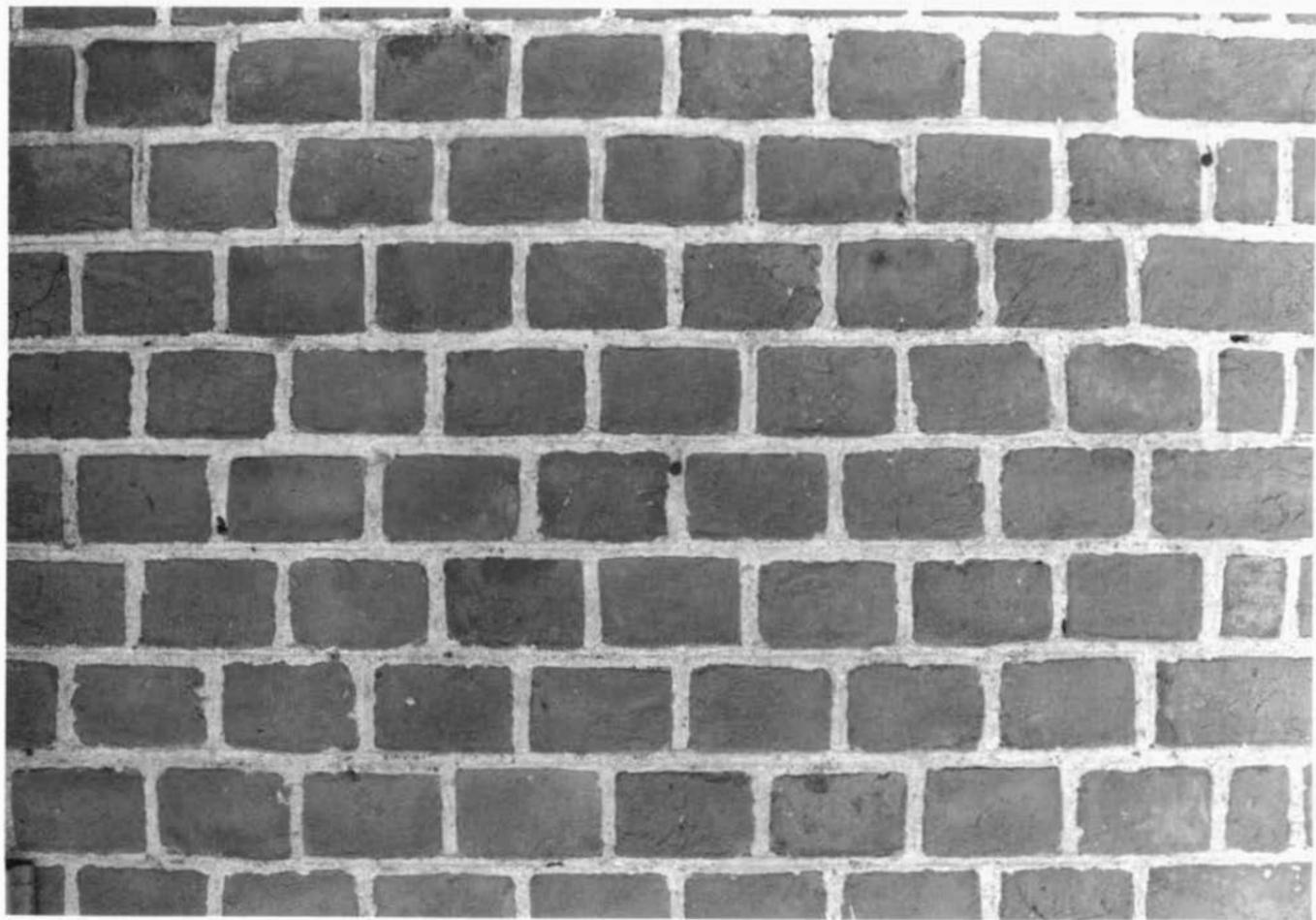
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W elevation

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Mulberry Fields

St. Mary's County, Md

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W elegation - all header bond

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Mulberry Field.  
George W.  
McDonnell

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