

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Butterfield Property

and/or common St. Clement's Island Interpretive Center - Potomac Museum

2. Location

street & number Beach Road not for publication

city, town Coltons Point vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in process	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 State of Maryland, Department of Forests and Parks

street & number Tawes State Office Bldg. telephone no.:(301)269-3771

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRF No. 130

street & number Washington Street folio 134

city, town Leonardtwn state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

state federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-222

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Butterfield property is a 1½-story bungalow located at Coltons Point, Maryland. The house faces southeast onto the Potomac River. It is set back approximately 75 feet from Beach Road on a flat lot. A narrow beach, interrupted by several piers, lies between the road and the river.

The wood frame house has a rectangular plan. The foundation consists of brick piers with concrete block infill between the piers. The exterior walls are covered with narrow, lapped wood boards which have a rounded finish at the exposed edge.

The house has a gable roof with the ridge oriented parallel to the main (southeast) elevation. The soffit under the wide eaves has tongue-and-groove siding. A cornice follows the gables and returns. The large dormers, one on the southeast elevation, and one on the northwest elevation, have a similar roof treatment. Each dormer has a tri-part window with 6/1 double-hung sash lights. A squat brick chimney is located on the roof ridge of the rear dormer near to its intersection with the main roof.

The southeast elevation is two bays wide. The southernmost bay has the main entranceway with a six-panel wood door flanked by sidelights. Each sidelight has four rectangular lights arranged in a vertical row above a single panel. Plain wood boards frame the large rectangular window opening in the easternmost bay. One mullion remains exposed (and vertically separates one-third of the opening from the other two-thirds) but, the rest of the opening is covered with boards.

A one-story porch abuts the full width of the southeast elevation. The porch roof, which is an extension of the main roof, has wide eaves, a cornice and frieze. The metal letters "ST. CLEMENT ISLAND POTOMAC MUSEUM" are nailed to the frieze. The roof is supported by narrow Tuscan columns. The columns also support the wood balustrades, which have sawn balusters.

The southwest elevation has three 6/1 windows on the first story, one 6/1 window mid-way between stories (lighting an interior stair landing), one 6/1 window on the upper story, and a rectangular vented opening on the attic story. The southwest elevation of the rear wing has the rear entrance with a 5-panel door flanked by 6/1 windows. The small wood porch and wheelchair ramp at this entrance are recent additions.

The northwest (rear) elevation is the rear wall of the wing which extends the full width of the main block. The wing has a

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates c. 1920 **Builder/Architect**

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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Butterfield property is significant for its Bungalow-style architecture and for its association with the early 20th Century development of beach resorts along the southern Maryland water front.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

This bungalow was probably constructed shortly after Frank E. Butterfield purchased the property from Robert D. and Jennie S. Blackistone in November 1922.¹ The Blackistone's, who owned several hundred acres of additional land in Coltons Point during this decade, had owned this parcel for only a few months prior to Butterfield's purchase, having bought it from Isabella and David M. Pomphret of Queens County, New York in June 1922.²

A number of modest cottages and bungalows were built in Coltons Point which, like other beaches on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay and on the Potomac River, was developed during the 1920s. The Butterfield bungalow remains as one of the most substantial and unaltered of these buildings. In 1966, Mary A. Butterfield, wife of the then-deceased Frank E. Butterfield, sold the property to the State of Maryland, Department of Forests and Parks.³ The State converted the house to a small museum associated with St. Clement's Island State Park. The island, which lies about 2500 feet off of the point, is the site of the first landing of English settlers in Maryland in 1634. In conjunction with Maryland's 350th Anniversary in 1984, a new museum is planned for construction on the Butterfield property. The bungalow is slated for demolition as part of this project.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Footnotes

1. Deeds, JMM No. 1 folio 256, November 3, 1922
2. Deeds, JMM No. 1 folio 255, June 6, 1922
3. Deeds, MRF No. 130 folio 134, November 7, 1966

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Stratford Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kim Kimlin

organization Maryland Historical Trust date 7/31/83

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 21 State Circle
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low-pitched hipped roof which intersects the main roof. The center bay has a 6/1 sash window. The triple-width opening at the northernmost bay is covered with boards and the double-width opening at the westernmost bay is covered with boards at the top and covered by a small, wood-shingled, box-bay addition at the bottom.

On the northeast elevation, the northernmost window opening is similarly altered. Here, the added box bay covers the entire opening. Centered on this elevation is another large opening that is covered with boards. The size, shape and framing of this opening indicate that it is not original, and is probably a modern "picture window" opening. One 6/1 window occupies the easternmost bay of this elevation. A slightly wider 6/1 window is centered on the upper story, just below the rectangular attic vent.

On the first story, temporary walls for exhibits cover most of the original interior fabric. A small closet and a storage room have original tongue-and-groove wainscoting. An original multi-paned door remains at the base of the staircase. The staircase has turned balusters and square newel posts with molding. The second story has three bedrooms, currently used as office and storage space, and a bathroom. The southeast room is extensively altered with modern panelling, but the other rooms retain their integrity. These have original 5-panel doors, wide, plain window frames, and plastered walls.

The brick pumphouse, which is located near to the west corner of the house, has a steeply-pitched pyramidal roof, a wide two-panel door and three deep-set casement windows with header bond flat arches.

BAY VIEW ROAD

PROPERTY TO BE
ACQUIRED FROM
ST. MARYS, COUNTY

PARCEL 2
LOTS 16-20

PARCEL 1
LOTS 28, 29, 31, 32

MARY A BUTTERFIELD PROPERTY
ST. MARYS COUNTY
MARYLAND

BEACH ROAD

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1 *S. Clements Island*
D E E D

FROM

Mary A. Butterfield, Widow,

TO

State of Maryland to the use

of the Department of Forests
and Parks

Block No. -----

Received for Record *Nov 17* 19*66*
at *3:33* o'clock *P.M.* Same day recorded
in Liber *Dr. RL* No. *130* Folio *134* etc.,
one of the Land Records of *St. Marys*
County and examined per
Mary P. Lowell Clerk
Cost of Record \$ *5.00*

130 135

Together, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages, to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

To have and to hold the said land and premises; above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Forests and Parks, its successors and assigns, in fee-simple.

And the said Mary A. Butterfield, Widow,

does hereby covenant that she will warrant specially the property hereby granted and conveyed, and that she will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

Witness the hand and seal of said grantor.

Received this 17th day of Nov 1966 at 3:32 o'clock P.M. for RECORD AND RECORDED
M. L. Gandy
CLERK

Redg S. W

TEST:

Margaret Ann Snyder

Mary A. Butterfield [SEAL]
Mary A. Butterfield

[SEAL]

State of Maryland, St. Mary's County in wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 17th day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six before me, the subscriber a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for St. Mary's County aforesaid, personally appeared Mary A. Butterfield, Widow,

and she acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be her act. As witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Margaret Ann Snyder
Notary Public.

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Attorney General



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FOR SIMPLE DEED—Case—City or County

This Deed, Made this 17th day of November

In the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, by

Mary A. Butterfield, Widow, Grantor, and

State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Forests and Parks, Grantee.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Mary A. Butterfield, Widow, does hereby grant and convey unto the said, the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Forests and Parks, its successors and assigns, all those pieces, parcels, lots or tracts of land, situate, lying and being in the Seventh Election District of St. Mary's County, Maryland, and more particularly described as follows, that is to say:

PARCEL NO. 1: Lots Numbered 28, 29, 31 and 32 in Block numbered 9 in the Colton's Point tract of land as shown by a plat of said tract of land made by Fava, Naeff & Company, Consulting Engineers and Architects, recorded in Liber J.F.F. No. 12 at folio 584, one of the Land Records of said County, being all of the same property described in a deed dated November 3, 1922 and recorded in Liber J.M.M. No. 1, at folio 256, one of the said Land Records.

PARCEL NO. 2: Lots Numbered 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block Numbered 5 as shown upon a certain map entitled "Point Blackistone", Louis H. Steffens, Civil Engineer, filed April 23, 1927 and being a subdivision of land formerly commonly called and known as "Colton's" and more recently called and known as "Point Blackistone", situate, lying and being on the Potomac River in St. Mary's County, State of Maryland, said map being recorded in Plat Book J.M.M. No. 5 at folio 94, one of the Land Records of said County and being all of the same property described in a deed dated August 28, 1944 and recorded in Liber No. 16 at folio 325, one of the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland

BEING all and the same land described in a deed dated January 26, 1955 from John E. Havenner, unmarried to Frank E. Butterfield and Mary A. Butterfield, his wife, the said Frank E. Butterfield being now deceased, and recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Liber C.B.G. No. 54, folio 362

This is to certify that all taxes on this property have been paid to and including the levy for the year of 1966

Anna G. Carl Treasurer
St. Mary's County, Md.

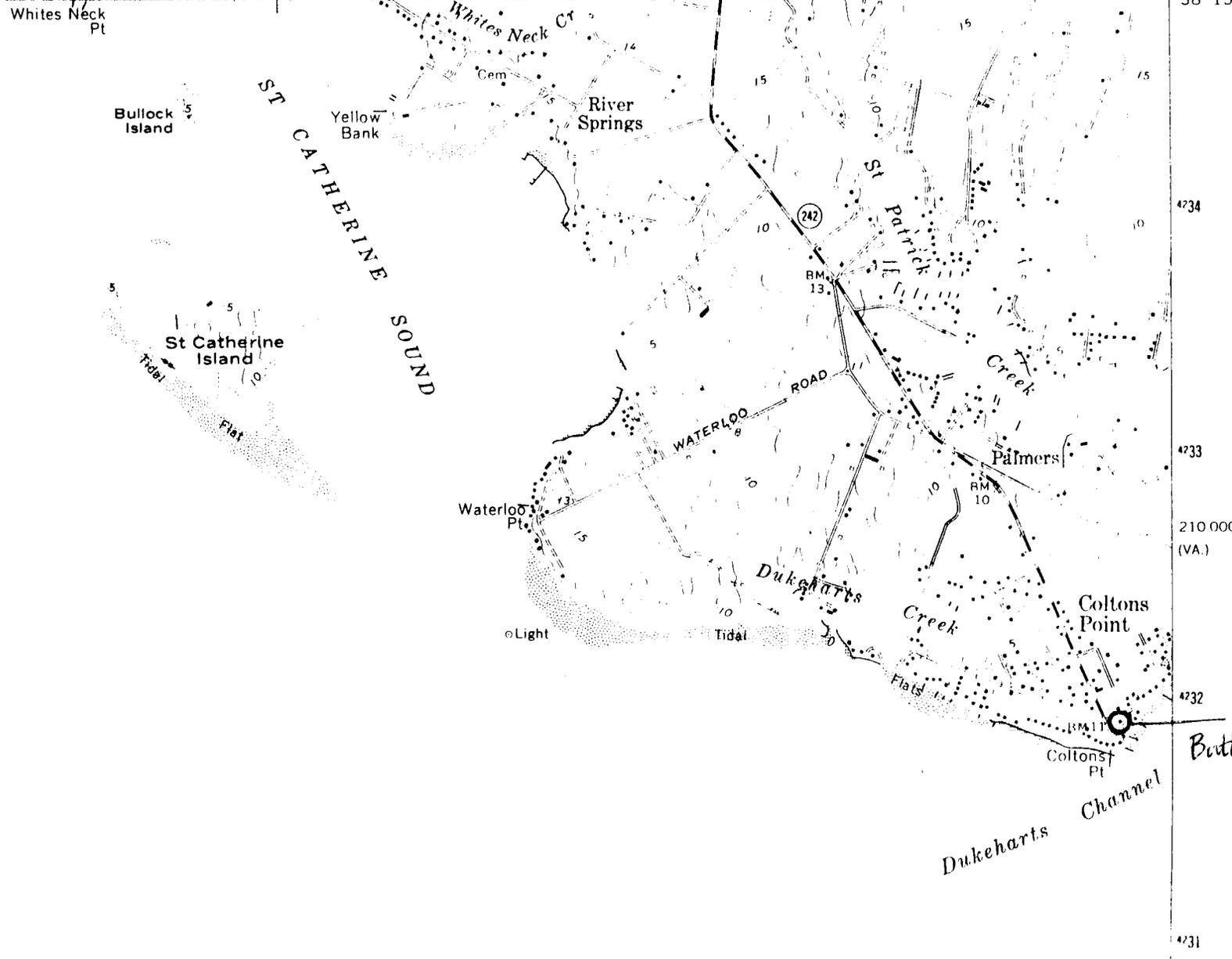
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DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE GEOLOGIST

STRATFORD HALL QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA - MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5650' SW
(LEONARDTOWN)

SE POINT 342 343 47'30" 344 MORGANZA 11 MI 2 500 000 FEET (VA.) 76° 45' 38' 15'



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4233
210 000 FEET (VA.)
4232
4231

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Butterfield Property



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Butterfield Property

Colton's Point, Maryland

Kim Kimlin 7/83

Southeast elevation



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Colton's Point, Maryland
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Southeast elevation



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Colton's Point, Maryland
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Southeast elevation from south



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Colton's Point, Maryland
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Front entrance from southeast



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Colton's Point, Maryland
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Southwest and northwest
elevations from west



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Northeast elevation from
north



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Porch balustrade detail from
north