

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No. 1902425504  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Innis Choice (Preferred)

and/or common Mt. Pleasant

## 2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town St. Mary's City \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county St. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 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 Harold K. (Deak) Reynolds

street & number P.O. Box D \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town St. Mary's City \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code Maryland 20686

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber

street & number Washington Street and Courthouse Drive \_\_\_\_\_ folio

city, town Leonardtown \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 8. Significance

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<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**    circa 1832                      **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.

A patent for Innis Choice was issued to Thomas Innis in 1659 for 100 acres "on the no. side of St. Inigoes Creek." Twenty-five acres called Innis Reserve was patented to Robert Carville in 1665.

In 1832, John White Bennett bought 296 acres of Innis Choice, Reserve, and Inclosure, being the real estate of Thomas L. Hall sold for the payment of his debts. Bennett and his wife, Elizabeth Loker Bennett, built a two-story, three bay brick house on high hill overlooking St. Inigoe's Creek. John White Bennett died in 1875, and his descendants (the fifth generation) still live in the house today.

1970s

Mr. Reynolds now rents this house and the slave/servant quarter about 50' to the south out, typically to college students.

1990s

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name St. Mary's City, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

## 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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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title \_\_\_\_\_

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_

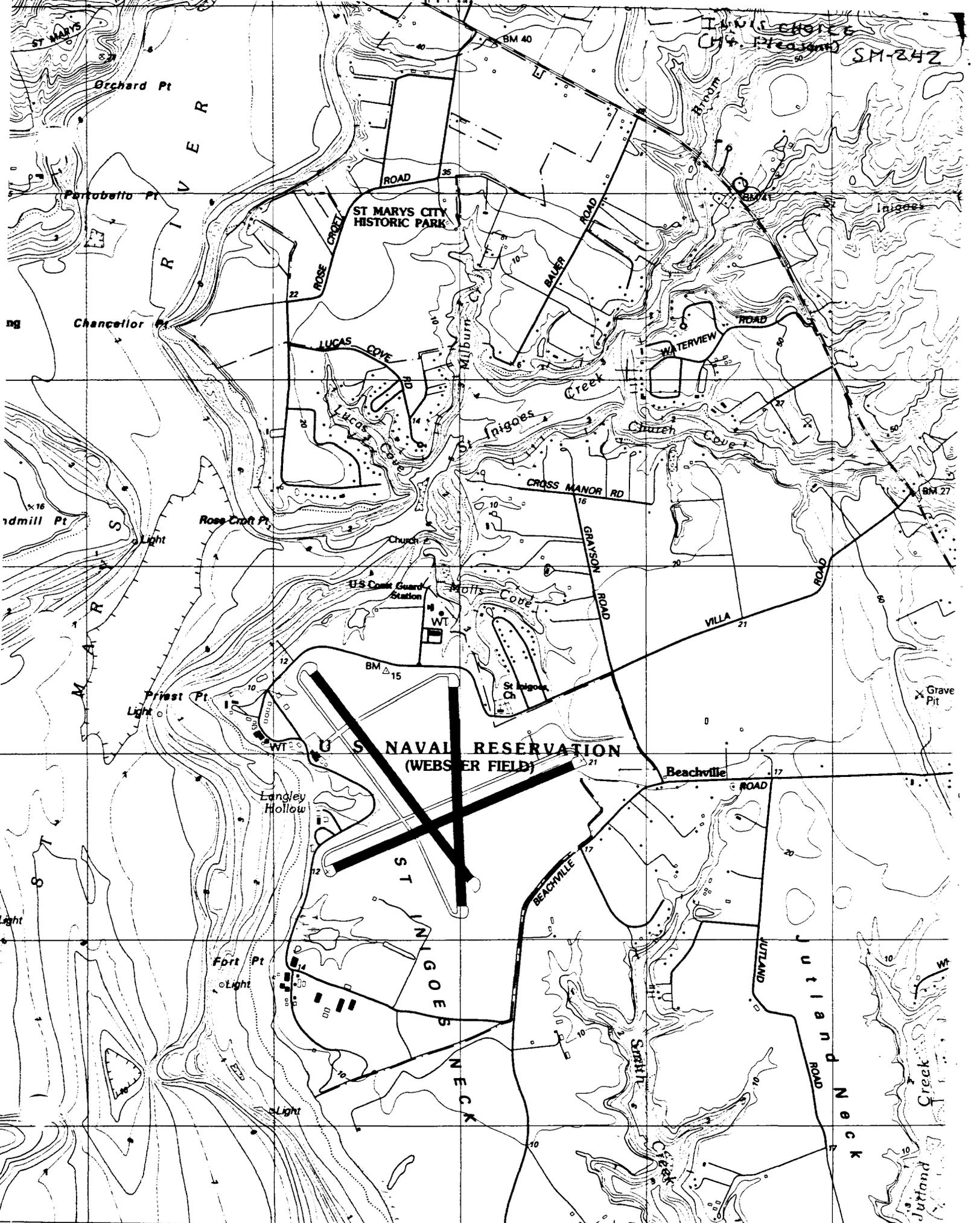
state \_\_\_\_\_

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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ST MARYS CITY HISTORIC PARK

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION  
(WEBSTER FIELD)

ST INIGOES NECK

(ST. GEORGE ISLAND)  
5760 III SW

ST. MARYS CITY QUADRANGLE

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Juni's Choice (Mt Pleasant)

St. Mary's County, Md

Kirk Ranzetta

Md SHPO

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E + S elevations

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