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MORTIMER COLE HOUSE
Beachville
Private

circa 1900

This two-story frame house was built at the turn of the 20th century for the family of Mortimer Cole, a black waterman and farmer in Beachville. The facade has a centrally placed door flanked by two windows on both the first and second floors, giving the house a pleasing appearance of balanced proportions. A shed kitchen was built onto the rear length of the house.

Not only is this house related to others in the area by its date of construction and design, but its occupants intermarried with those of other houses in Beachville, creating one extended family of black farmers and watermen.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE MORT COLE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Grayson Rd. at Jct. of Grayson and St. Inigoes Rd.

CITY, TOWN St. Inigoes VICINITY OF Beachville CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

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	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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James Parrott Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Beachville

CITY, TOWN St. Inigoes VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse Liber #: Map 67 Folio #: p. 183

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Leonardtown STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE NONE

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 nice house stands at the junction of Grayson and St. Inigoes Rd. and faces south towards St. Inigoes Rd. It was built at about the same time as the other houses of black settlers in Beachville (c. 1890's) and with much the same construction and floor plan, except that the principal block of one and half stories stands alone in front, with the 1 story shed kitchen built behind it. As in the other houses, the design of the principal facade consists of three bays with a door centrally located between two windows above which are matching ones, giving the house a pleasant appearance of balance. A shed screen porch has been added along the facade. The weatherboards are covered with tar paper in the popular tan brick design. The plain colors of the exterior siding serve as the backdrop for the freshly painted white trim along the windows, doors, eaves, and corners. The narrow brick chimney with a broader base ascending the west gable end has also been newly painted white. The total effect of the design and colors is one of a pleasing lightness of touch.

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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 checked="" 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
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<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		Black History

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1890	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though of a somewhat different floor plan, the basic elements of the design of this house remain similar to those in the other houses of black farmers & watermen in Beachville.

This reflects their shared ideas towards house design. Mort Cole, the occupant of this house, married the daughter of Ignatius Smallwood, (STMA-290) who lived ^{directly} across St. Inigoes Rd. This is one example (of several) of the members of this community intermarrying, thus binding the community by the bonds of kinship.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

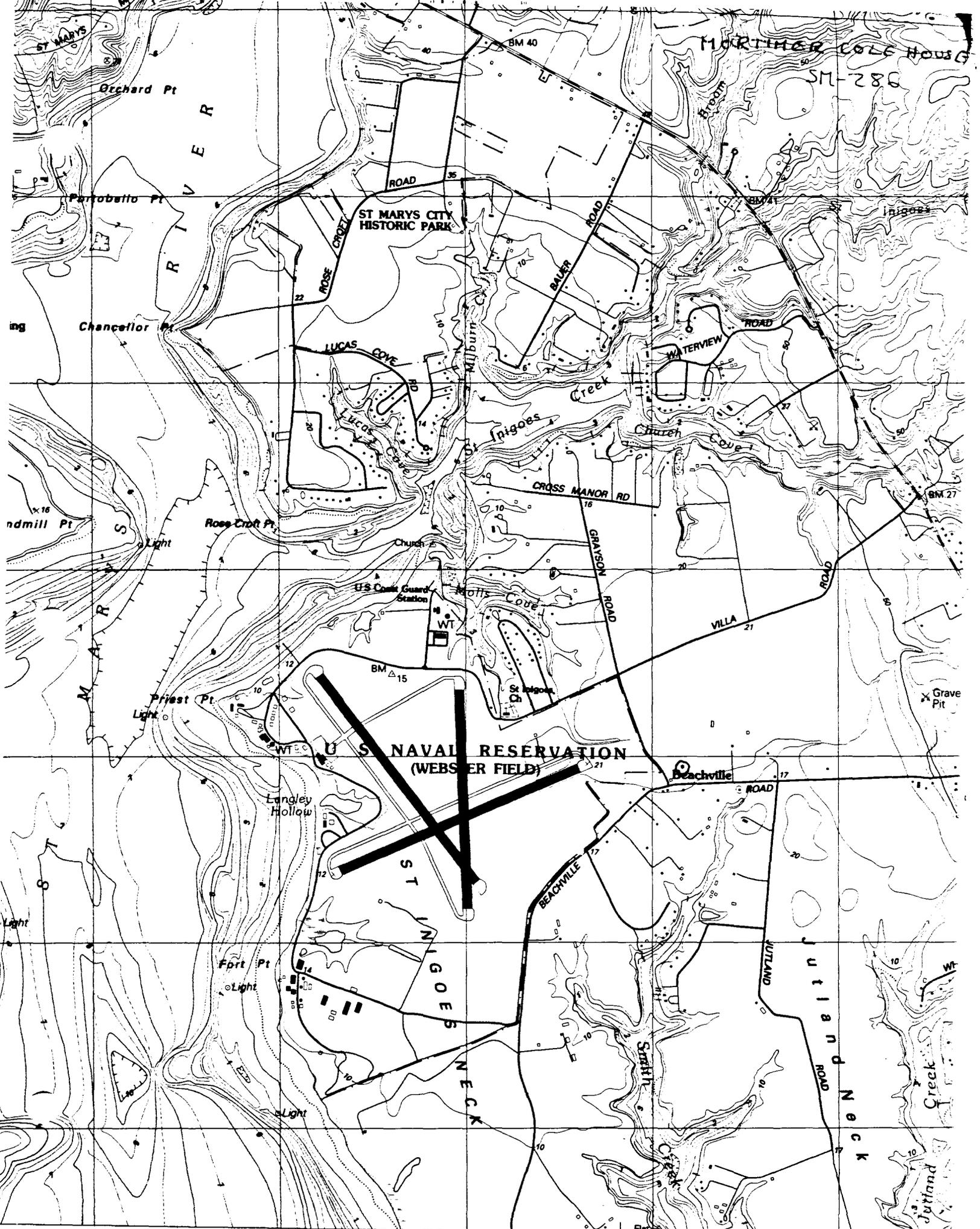
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ST MARYS CITY HISTORIC PARK

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION
(WEBSTER FIELD)

ST INIGOES NECK

Beachville

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