

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Nicholas Church (18 St 398)
(and Rectory)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number In Patuxent River Naval Air Station on Cedar Point Road not for publication

city, town Lexington Park 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: No use.

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

name Department of the Navy, U.S. Government

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. -- liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title See: Pogue, D.J. Patuxent River Naval Air Station Cultural Resources Survey,
Volume I: History and Archaeology.

date 1983 federal state county local

pository for survey records Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center

city, town St. Mary's City state MD

7. Description

Survey No. SM-362

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor				Church undisturbed; Rectory disturbed by pipeline construction.

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

8. Significance

Survey No.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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/
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 built 1795 **Builder/Architect** St. Nicholas Catholic Parish

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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Dederer, George F. Lore of the Patuxent Chapel. The Tester (1961).
 Beitzell, Edwin W. The Jesuit missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland. (1976)
 Hammett, Regina C. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland. (1977)
 Homeowner's Loan Association, Valuation Analysis and Conclusions (1942). Ms. or
 file, Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Com ,

10. Geographical Data

St. Mary's City, MD.

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale: 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

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organization	Patuxent River Naval Air Station	date	5-1-83
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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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St. Nicholas Church:

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The site of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church (18 St 398) is located on a level rise at approximately 60-foot elevation, less than 300 feet north of Cedar Point Road and less than 50 feet east of and facing the extant Naval Air Station Chapel. The Church was built in 1795, was replaced by the extant Chapel in 1916, and remained in use as a parish hall until demolished by the Navy in 1943.

The Church was a frame two-story, gable-roofed structure, with at least five windows in the facade of each long axis, and a doorway and two second-story windows in one (west) gable. A vestigial bell cupola was located astride the roof ridge line at the extreme west end just above the centered gable-end doorway. A small, detached wooden bell tower was located a few hundred feet southeast (according to an 1883 photograph).

A photograph of the structure as of 1942 shows the structure in its later function as a parish hall. The vestigial bell cupola has been removed and a one-story lean-to with four windows added to the south facade (with another addition possibly on the north side) and a one-story open porch along the west gable. The Church site was mapped in 1943 at the time of its demolition.

The site of an apparently associated rectory is located less than 300 feet northwest of the site of the Church, and 300 feet northeast of the extant Chapel. The site was discovered when construction of a hot water pipeline intruded the rectory's brick foundation -- virtually destroying one entire foundation wall and sections of two other walls. Associated artifacts and other data suggests the rectory was burned during the mid-19th century --

probably during the Civil War.

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The archaeological integrity of the site of the Church should remain high; its age (c. 1795) and role as one of the first ~~XXX~~ churches in the area make it a site of relatively high significance. The rectory would be similarly significant if it were in equally good condition, however, it has been extensively disturbed due to construction of two pipelines.

PATUXENT RIVER

Hog Pt

Fishing Pt

Pearson Creek

Harper Creek

PATUXENT RIVER
AIR TEST CENTER

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Towers

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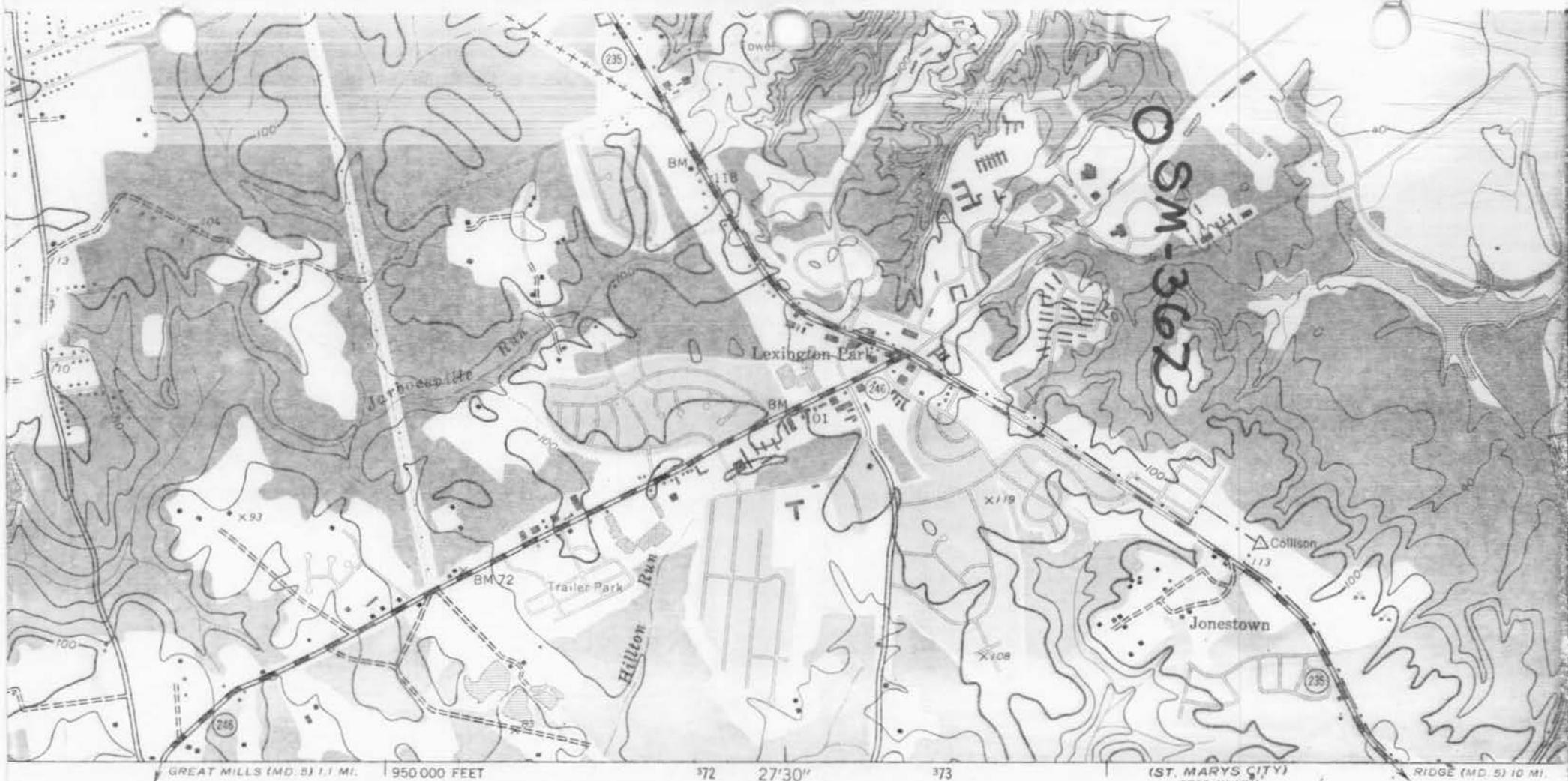
Pine Hill

Towers

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USGS and USC&GS

from aerial photographs by photogrammetric
and by planetable surveys 1944
aerial photographs taken 1938 and 1942

Projection, 1927 North American datum
grid based on Maryland coordinate system
Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
shown in blue

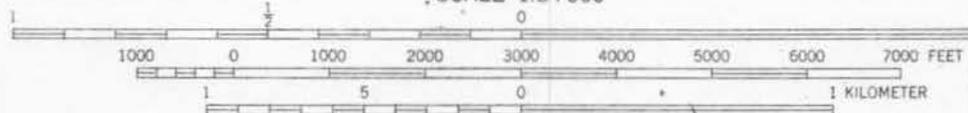
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aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked

indicates extension of urban areas



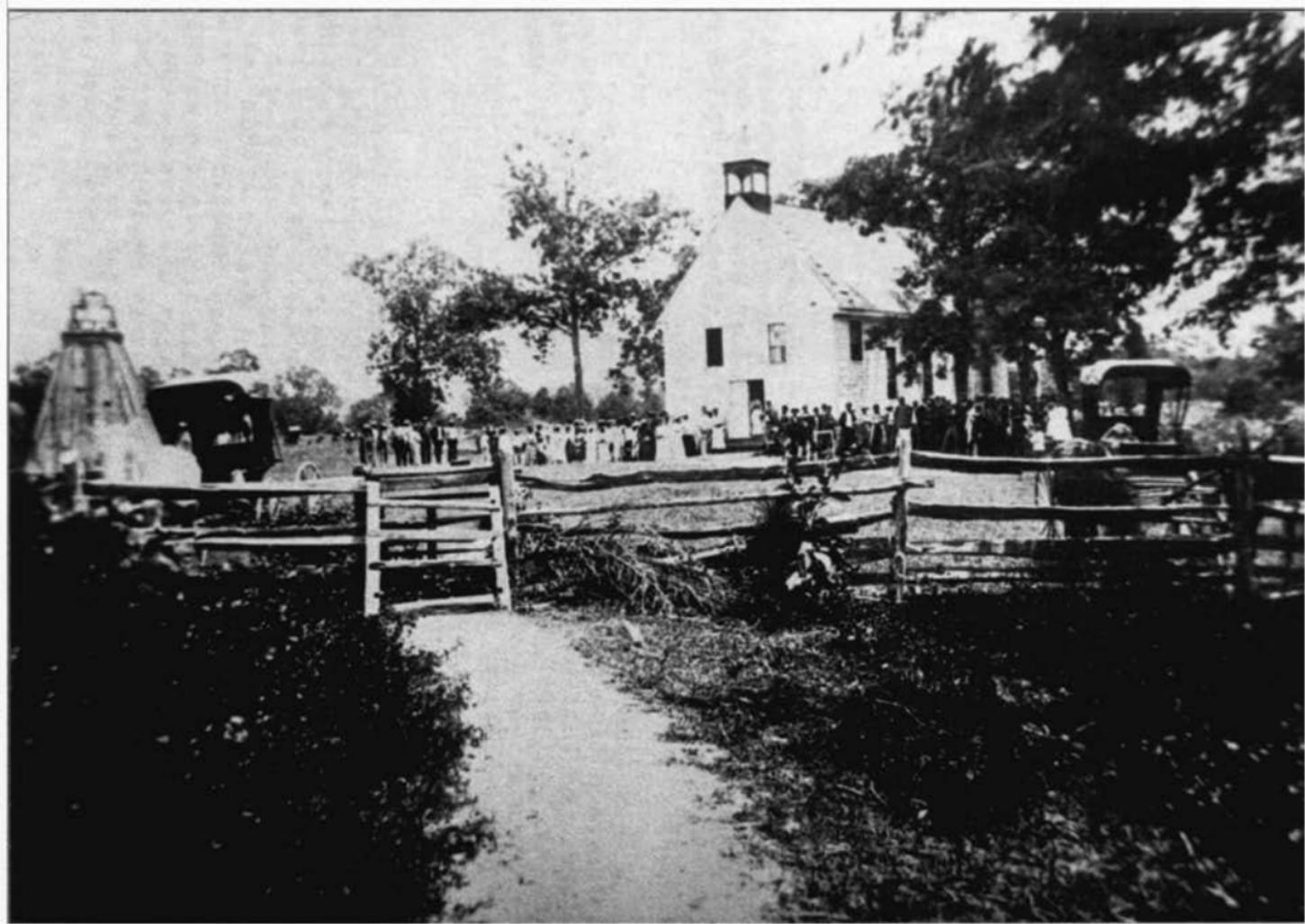
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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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St. Nicholas Ch.
Solomon's Island
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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St. Nicholas Church, 1883

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St. Nicholas Church, 1943

• as Parish hall

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