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FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE MONUMENT

1934

St. Mary's City

Situated at the entrance to St. Mary's City, this monument, sculpted by Hans Schuler, was a gift of all 23 counties to the State of Maryland. It commemorates religious and civil freedom in Maryland.



FREEDOM
OF CONSCIENCE

RECTED BY

COUNTIES OF MARYLAND

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*There was a wind over England and it blew,
 Strong, restless the wind of the western star,
 The wind from the coasts of hope, from the barely-known,
 And, under its blowing, Plymouth and Jamestown sin,
 To the small, old towns, the towns of the oldest graves,
 Notable, remembered, but not the same.*
 —Stephen Vincent Benet, *Western Star*



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The Seventeenth Century as Prolo

CHAPTER I

Strong bonds of place and principle link St. Mary's College to the first Maryland settlement and capital at St. Mary's City. The seed of the present College, St. Mary's Female Seminary, was founded in 1840 to "cherish the remembrance of great events and sacred places . . . connected with the early history of our ancestors," and the legislature required that this Monument School be built on the very spot "where [European] civilization and Christianity were first introduced into our State." Maryland's original capital had begun its precipitous decline exactly 150 years before the creation of the Seminary and had long since disappeared by the time the school was built in 1845. It was the Monument School that brought new life to St. Mary's City and reawakened interest in the long-obscured legacy of the Calverts. Considering the timeless bonds that connect the young College to the ancient capital, it is essential that this sesquicentennial history begin with the significant seventeenth-century heritage of St. Mary's City.

In the "Beginning"

Although Southern Maryland had been visited by Indian bands and farmed by native villagers for thousands of years prior to English settlement, the wider world

first learned of the region when Captain Henry Fleet (1594-1635) sailed the Thames River in Chatham in 1606. Famous for its royal dockyard and the adventures of Sir Francis Drake, Fleet came to the Chesapeake Bay in 1606, his cousin, Virginia Governor Thomas Dale, six months after his arrival at Jamestown. The Indian Uprising of 22 March 1607, Maryland's only Southern colonial rebellion, Fleet was captured by other English ships sailing the Potomac River. He spent his living and learning among the Indians on the Anacostia River and the Potomac, and the Indian dialects and customs of the area.

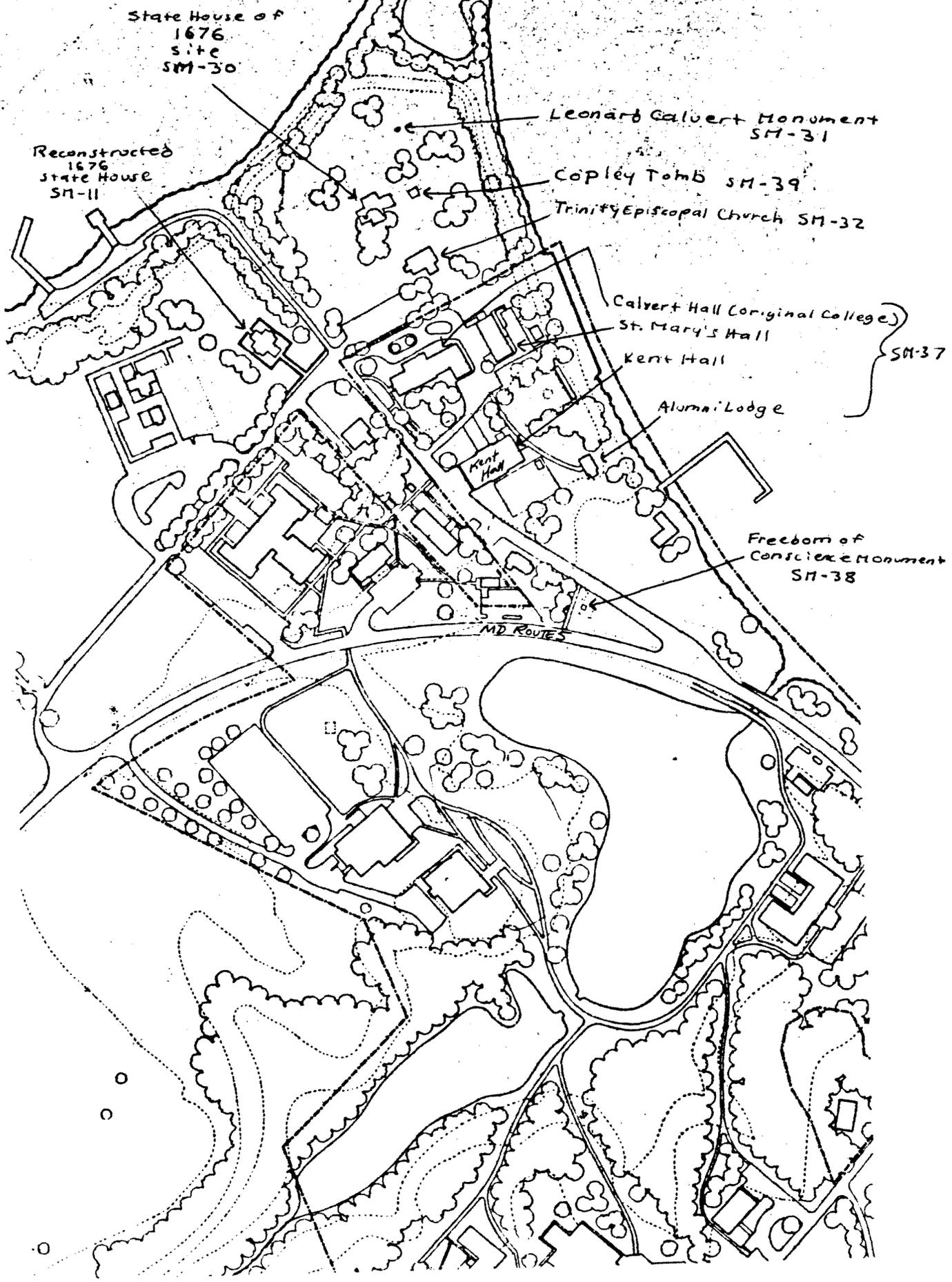
Captain Fleet was the first to reside at the future site of St. Mary's City for beaver pelts between 1606 and 1607. He brought him to the village of St. Mary's along both banks of the Anacostia River. Fleet's knowledge of the Indians for furs and of the Indian products made him the first to appear in the boardrooms of London. He built dams of the Chesapeake Bay and a Monument School. His activity in this region was significant on the site of St. Mary's City. Fleet the delicate etiquette taught these traditional

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*Freedom of Conscience Monument, St. Mary's College.
 Designed by sculptor Hans Schuler, this statue was erected
 for Maryland's Tercentenary in 1934 to commemorate the
 first practice of religious toleration in America.*



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St. Mary's College
1/2" = 100 ft.



State House of 1676 site SM-30

Reconstructed 1676 State House SM-11

Leonard Calvert Monument SM-31

Copley Tomb SM-39

Trinity Episcopal Church SM-32

Calvert Hall (Original College)

St. Mary's Hall

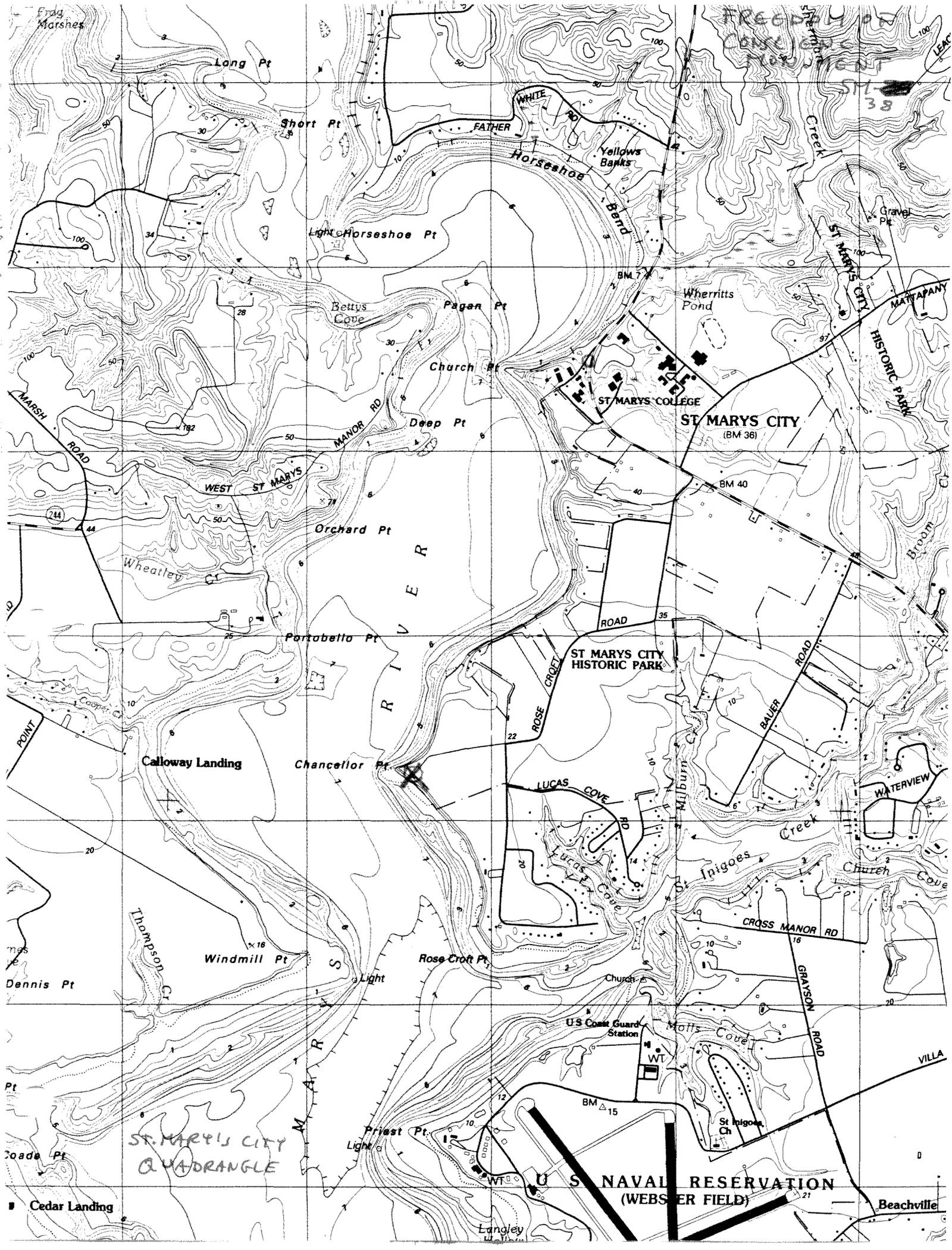
Kent Hall

Alumni Lodge

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MD ROUTES



Frog Marshes

Long Pt

Short Pt

FATHER

Yellows Banks

Horseshoe Bend

Light Horsehoe Pt

Bettys Cove

Pagan Pt

Wherritts Pond

Church Pt

ST MARYS COLLEGE

ST MARYS CITY (BM 36)

Deep Pt

WEST ST MARYS

Orchard Pt

ST MARYS CITY HISTORIC PARK

MARSH ROAD

R I V E R

ROAD

POINT

Calloway Landing

Chancellor Pt

LUCAS COVE

BAUER ROAD

Dennis Pt

Thompson Cr

Windmill Pt

Rose Croft Pt

LUCAS COVE

Inigoes Creek

WATERVIEW

Coada Pt

ST. MARYS CITY QUADRANGLE

Priest Pt Light

Rose Croft Pt

U.S. Coast Guard Station

Molls Cove

St Inigoes Ch

Cedar Landing

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION (WEBSER FIELD)

Beachville



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North Elevation

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South Elevation

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ERECTED BY
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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St. Mary's County, Md

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300TH ANNIVERSARY
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1634 — 1934

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