

Capsule Summary  
SM-45  
Herring Creek  
Valley Lee  
Private

circa 1790 - 1820

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SM-45, Herring Creek  
St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680 - 1815.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Herring Creek (Pref)

and/or common Duke's Retreat

## 2. Location

street & number South Side of McKays Beach Road  not for publication

city, town Valley Lee  vicinity of congressional district 5

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 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 Steuart Investment Co.

street & number 4646 40th Street N.W. telephone no.: (202) 244 9714

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20016

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRF 143

street & number folio 225

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 of move _____
<input 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 6

Herring Creek is located at the end of an unpaved road on the west side of McKays Beach Road near Valley Lee in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The one-and-a-half story house stands on a substantial tract of land which is bordered by Herring Creek on the west side. A small brick outbuilding, probably a smoke house, is located on the south side of the house, while four frame agricultural outbuildings stand to the west of the house. The house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built sometime between 1790 and 1820, the main block of Herring Creek was originally a one-story, five-bay, frame structure with brick end walls and a basement. The end walls are of a 5/1 bond and have a pair of massive chimneys with a central pent. The main block of the house was later expanded with the addition of an upper half story lit by dormer windows. A one-story kitchen wing is attached to the east end of the house. The roof of the house is covered with slate. The exterior is now covered with beaded aluminum siding. The foundation appears to be continuous brick sealed with cement. A full basement is located underneath the house. Here a series of cement piers give the structure added support.

The north (main) elevation is pierced by a central entrance door flanked on either side by a pair of six-over-six sash windows. The entrance door surround consists of fluted pilasters which support a plain frieze. This Colonial Revival detail is not original to the house. A cement pad porch extends across the north elevation. The poured cement floor extends up to the exterior wall of the house except where three two-light windows pierce the house foundation, illuminating the basement. The porch roof is supported by a series of Doric columns. The upper half story of the main block is pierced by four dormers lit by six-over-six sash windows. To the east of the main block is a one-story, kitchen wing lit by two pairs of six-over-six sash windows. The roof is pierced by one dormer lit by a six-over-six sash window.

The east elevation of the main block is mostly obscured by the one-story kitchen wing. The gable end of the wing is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows on the first floor and one six-over-six sash window in the eave. An exterior brick chimney stands against the east wall of the wing. The eave of the main block is pierced by two narrow six-over-six sash windows flanked by exterior brick chimneys.

The south elevation of the wing is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows and one four-light-over-three-panel door. The roof of this wing is pierced by a dormer window lit by one six-over-six sash window. The main block of the house has a central entrance door flanked by two six-over-six sash windows on either side. The door is

# 8. Significance

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input 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**  Unknown **Builder/Architect**  Unknown

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.

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Herring Creek does not appear to be included in the Federal Direct Tax of 1798. The list does describe a house of "48' by 26' one story of wood and brick" occupied by William Hebb Junior. The true dimensions of Herring Creek are 47 1/4' by 28,' very close to those of the structure described in the tax list. Yet, the Hebb house is located in St. George's Hundred on the St. Mary's River. Herring Creek would have been described as located in the Poplar Hill Hundred and on the Potomac River or on the creek.

The architectural evidence exposed at Herring Creek suggests no conclusive building date. No wrought nails are visible, although a wrought metal spike employed to reinforce a down brace and sill connection can be seen from the basement. From the attic, the rafters appear to rest on a flat false plate, rather than a titled one. The bond of the brick outbuilding and the gable ends of the dwelling are 5/1 bond, suggesting a date somewhere between the late eighteenth century and 1840. From the west gable end elevation a seam in the brickwork shows that the house was enlarged from one-story to one-and-a-half stories at some point in its history.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 Acres

Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreeage Surrounding House.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoning

date September 1994

street & number

telephone (301) 475 4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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finished with a Colonial Revival style surround with four-light sidelights. A screened porch with a cement pad floor extends across the full width of this elevation. The porch roof is supported by Doric columns. The upper half story of the house is pierced with three dormers lit by six-over-six sash windows.

The west elevation of the main block is finished with a pair of exterior chimneys with a one-story pent between them. Two six-over-six sash windows pierce the upper half story of the elevation. A seam in the brick, visible on this elevation, shows where the house was raised in height from one-story to one-and-a-half stories. A modern shed roof addition is located to the south of the southern chimney. The addition is pierced by a door on the west side which provides access to the basement.

The basement of the house reveals that many of the original floor joists have been replaced over time. Some of the floorboards bear reciprocal saw marks. A pair of substantial hewn beams bisect the house, extending from the north to the south elevation. These beams have been pegged together. A down brace which probably supports a corner post is half lapped and pegged into one of these beams. The brace is also held in place by a wrought metal spike.

The interior of the main block was originally constructed with a center hall, double pile plan. Entrance doors on both the north and south elevations of the house open onto the central entrance hall. A dog-leg stair is located in the northeast corner of the hall. The open string stair has rectangular balusters, a molded handrail, and an octagonal newel post. A pattern of wood panels with beaded surrounds decorates the exterior of the stair and a six-panel door opens to a closet underneath the stair. A pair of French doors open off of the central hall to the large parlor on the west side of the house. The wall which originally divided this large room into two smaller rooms has been removed. Two alcoves of varying sizes, now fitted with shelves, project into the the west wall of the room. These alcoves were originally closets which opened into the chimney pent. A second pair of French doors open from the hall into the southeast parlor. From this room, the northwest parlor is accessible. Most of the first floor woodwork, including the mantels, have been replaced.

The hall stair consists of one flight which leads to a landing, and a second flight which leads from the landing to the second floor hall. Both flights are finished with the same finely worked baluster. The woodwork which composes the stair's wall stringer and skirting is original, consisting of a plain panel surmounted by an astragal. The landing is finished with a boldly molded chair rail. The chair rail consists of a fascia surmounted by a large astragal and an ogee

The attic reveals circular sawn rafters which are mitred at the apex of the roof. Both machine cut and wire nails are in evidence here. The rafters appear to rest on a

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7.2 Description

flat false plate. A series of boards, some of them old beaded weatherboards, extends vertically from the apex of the roof to the tie beams below. A second series of boards extends diagonally from the center of the rafters to the tie beam. Some of these boards are old beaded weatherboards as well.

The kitchen wing consists of one room on the first floor and one room on the second floor. Currently, there is no access from the first floor of the kitchen to the bedroom above. According to one of the previous owners, access to the bedroom over the kitchen was only possible by means of an exterior stair.

The outbuilding located on the south side of the house is an eleven foot square brick building with a 5/1 bond. The building has a pyramidal roof covered with wood shingles. The floor and foundation consist of a cement pad. The exterior walls are capped by a corbeled cornice and a six light window pierces both the east and west elevations. The windows and a door opening on the north side are surmounted by jack arches. The interior walls and ceiling of the building are covered by modern materials.

Two granaries and two barns are located to the west of the house. The barn closest to the house is sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with corrugated metal. The second barn, used to house livestock, is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The north wall of the barn has been infilled with cinderblocks. The first floor of the barn is divided into stables while the loft is filled with hay. The two granaries are both sheathed with vertical boards and supported by concrete piers. The roofing material consists of metal and asphalt shingles. The lumber in all of these outbuildings is circular sawn. A dilapidated wood water tower supported by a metal frame is located in the center of this cluster of structures.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Steuart Investment Co.

FROM: John M. and Rosine C. Hodges

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRF 143, folio 225.

DATE: July 29, 1968.

NOTES: Transfer of the farm "Duke's Retreat" made up of the tracts "Bushel's Rest" or "Bushel's Retreat" being 150 acres; "Part Parish Beadle" being 100 acres; "Watt's Lodge" and "Jenkins Purchase" and "Other Lands" being 124 acres, excepting CBG 24/128. The entire tract consisting of 342.29 acres more or less and being the same as CBG 52/472 with certain exceptions.

TO: John M. and Rosine C. Hodges

FROM: J. Allen Coad

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 52, folio 472.

DATE: September 15, 1954.

NOTES: Transfer of property described above.

TO: J. Allen Coad

FROM: W. Bernard Duke Jr. and Mary Payne Duke

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 24, folio 417.

DATE: April 27, 1950.

NOTES: Transfer of property listed above, Duke having acquired a 1/2 interest in JMM4/224, a 2/6 interest in the will of W. Bernard Duke Sr. JWG 1/325, and a 1/6 interest from Eleanor May Turner Duke in CBG 20/105.

TO: W. Bernard Duke Jr.

FROM: Eleanor May Duke, widow of W. Bernard Duke.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 20, folio 105.

DATE: April 15, 1947.

NOTES: Transfer of all my interest in Duke's Retreat being the same as JMM 4/224.

TO: W. Bernard Duke Jr.

FROM: W. Bernard Duke

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JWG 1, folio 325.

DATE: October 8, 1946.

NOTES: Transfer of "all the rest of my estate, real and personal..." No specific mention of real estate in will, nor of a division of interest into sixths.

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8.2 Significance

TO: W. Bernard Duke and W. Bernard Duke as Trustee for W. Bernard Duke Jr.

FROM: E. McClure Roujer

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 4, folio 224.

DATE: August 23, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of Bushell's Rest or Bushell's Retreat being 150 acres, of Part Parish Beadle being 100 acres, of Watts Lodge, Jenkins Purchase, and Other Lands being 124 acres. These tracts compose one farm known as Duke's Retreat comprised of 374 acres.

TO: E. McClure Roujer

FROM: Katherine Marie Duke and W. Bernard Duke

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 4, folio 222.

DATE: August 21, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of the property listed above being the real estate of which Mary M. Lynch, widow of Thomas A. Lynch, died possessed, containing in the aggregate 374 acres. Being the same conveyed by Caroline P. Hebb, Trustee, to Thomas A. Lynch and Mary M. Lynch in JTB 4/89; a half interest of which T. Hooper Lynch inherited from his mother Mary M. Lynch. The other half interest being conveyed in JJG 5/279.

TO: Katherine Marie Duke

FROM: W. Bernard Duke

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 12, folio 487.

DATE: August 7, 1914.

NOTES: Transfer of property described above being "the farm on which the said T. Hooper Lynch resides."

TO: W. Bernard Duke

FROM: T. Hooper Lynch and Emma Hooper Lynch

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 5, folio 1.

DATE: April 29, 1905.

NOTES: Transfer of property described above. Price: \$10,000.

TO: Thomas Hooper Lynch

FROM: Derby A. Lynch

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JJG 5, folio 279.

DATE: August 9, 1898.

NOTES: Transfer of a half interest in the above described property. (There are no testamentary records in St. Mary's County for Mary Lynch or Thomas A. Lynch.)  
Price: \$1650

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TO: Mary M. Lynch  
FROM: Frank L. Hooper and Mary Hooper  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 2, folio 209.  
DATE: August 20, 1894.  
NOTES: Transfer of above described property. Price: \$3500

TO: Frank L. Hooper  
FROM: Leo M. Wathen, Sheriff.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 2, folio 209.  
DATE: August 13, 1894.  
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of a Circuit Court Decree in the case of Frank L. Hooper by H. Clay Dallam Guardian and next friend vs. Derby A. Lynch and T. Hooper Lynch, heirs at law of Thomas A. Lynch.

TO: Thomas A. Lynch and Mary M. Lynch  
FROM: Caroline P. Hebb, Trustee.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 89.  
DATE: December 26, 1862.  
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of a Circuit Court Decree in the case of Caroline P. Hebb executrix of William H. Hebb vs. Joseph H. Maddox and Laura Maddox. This is a mortgage foreclosure. Transfer of "Bushel's Rest" sold to William H. Hebb by Ann Watts, part of a tract of land called "Watts Lodge" deeded by John S. Guyther to the late William H. Hebb, and part of a tract "Jenkins Purchase" deeded by John J. Allston to the late William H. Hebb. In all, the property consists of about 360 acres. Price: \$12,000.

TO: Joseph H. Maddox  
FROM: William H. Hebb  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 325.  
DATE: February 23, 1860.  
NOTES: Transfer of above described property. Price: \$14,000

It remains unclear which of the three parcels listed below is occupied by the house.

Parcel 1

TO: William H. Hebb  
FROM: John J. Allston  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 550.  
DATE: February 6, 1858.  
NOTES: Transfer of part of "Jenkin's Purchase." No acreage or prior deed given. However, Benjamin Tippett's Survey Book A describes a part of Jenkins Purchase laid

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off by John J. Allston to William H. Hebb in November 15, 1856. The description makes no mention of Herring Creek in its metes and bounds. None of the deeds indexed under Allston in the surviving land records list a "Jenkin's Purchase."  
Price: \$3000

Parcel 2

TO: William H. Hebb

FROM: John S. and Sarah M. Guyther

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 337.

DATE: August 11, 1856.

NOTES: Transfer of part of a tract "Watt's Lodge" and also a part of a tract originally granted to Thomas Bushell. There is no prior deed extant in the land records which assigns this property to John Guyther. Price: \$862

Parcel 3

TO: William H. Hebb

FROM: Ann Watts

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 9, folio 84.

DATE: April 9, 1831.

NOTES: Transfer of "Bushel's Rest" being 150 acres and the same as that deeded to Watts by her father John Armstrong and that patented to Thomas Bushel on July 24, 1647. Price: \$3210

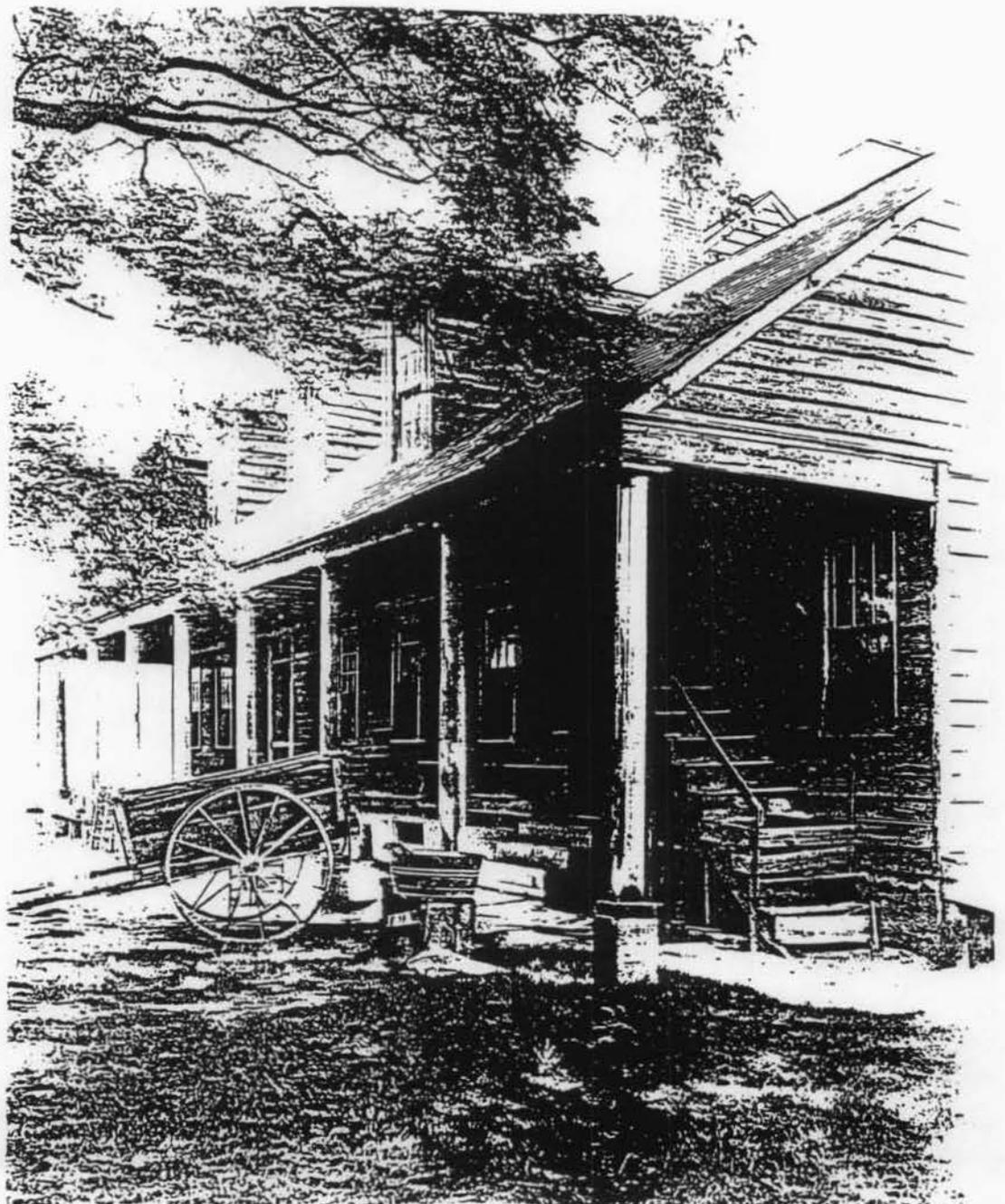
Research conducted by Hope Grace has shown that John Shadrick purchased the interest of James Hopewell, Anna Hebb, and Thomas Lane Emory Junior in 100 acres of Herring Creek and 22 acres of Guyther's Addition during the year 1815. In each of the three deeds to Shadrick, the property purchased is described as property formerly owned by Pollard Hopewell. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax lists Pollard Hopewell's heirs as owning and occupying a one-story frame dwelling house.

A deed to Henry Watts from Robert Crane in 1801 describes a transfer of 100 acres of Herren's Creek and 31 acres of Smoots Marsh (TH 25/246). A deed of 1799 to Henry Watts from John Crane (TH 25/163) describes a transfer of 100 acres of Herring Creek and 30 acres of Smoots Marsh. In both deeds the property is described as that formerly owned by Thomas Crane. Crane does not appear in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax.

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8.5 Significance

This photo shows the southeast elevation of Herring Creek prior to the enclosure of the eastern wing's porch. It was taken by Frances Benjamin Johnston as part of the Carnegie Survey of the Architecture of the South conducted in 1935 and 1936.

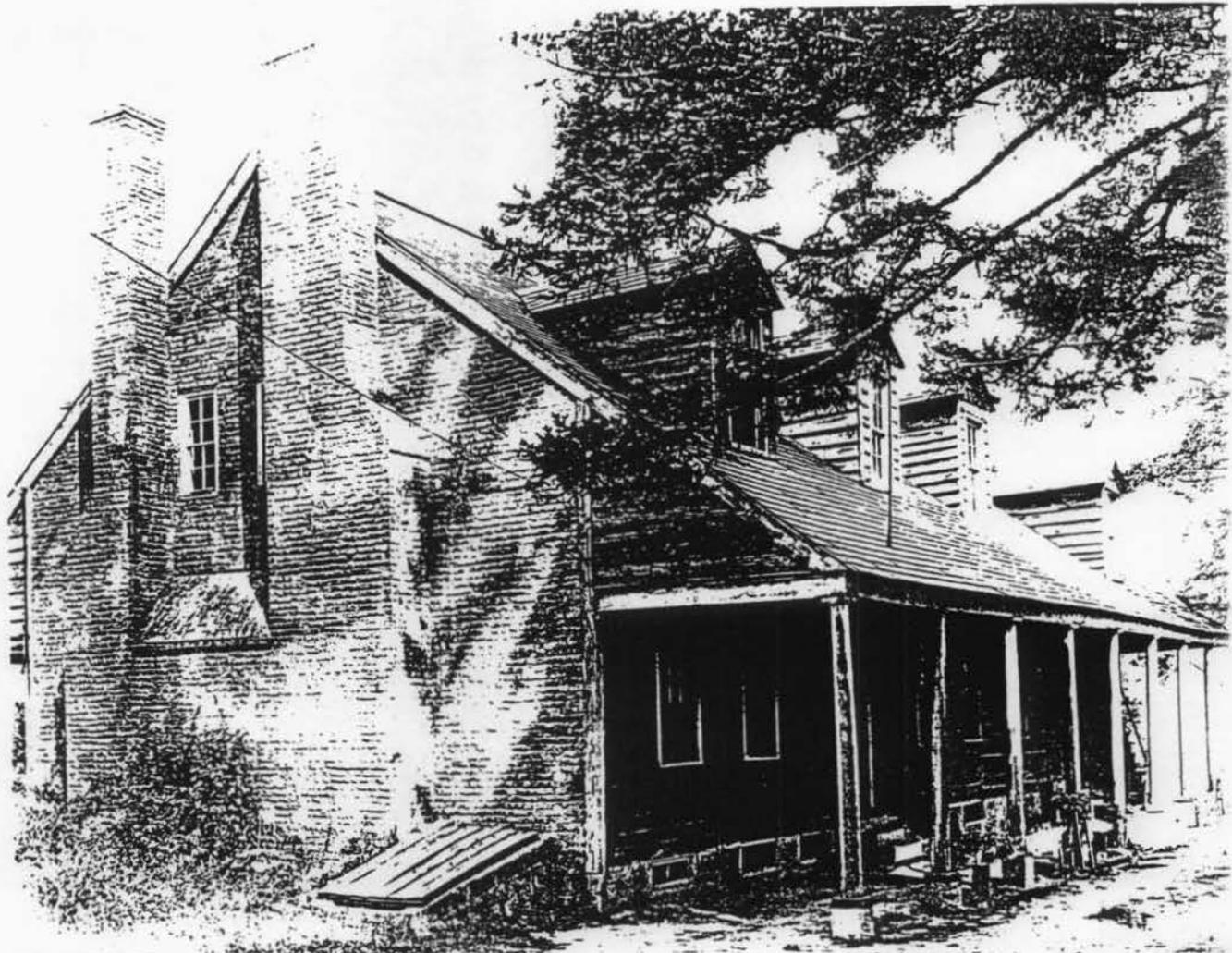
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This photo shows the southwest elevation of Herring Creek. It was taken by Frances Benjamin Johnston as part of the Carnegie Survey of the Architecture of the South conducted in 1935 and 1936.

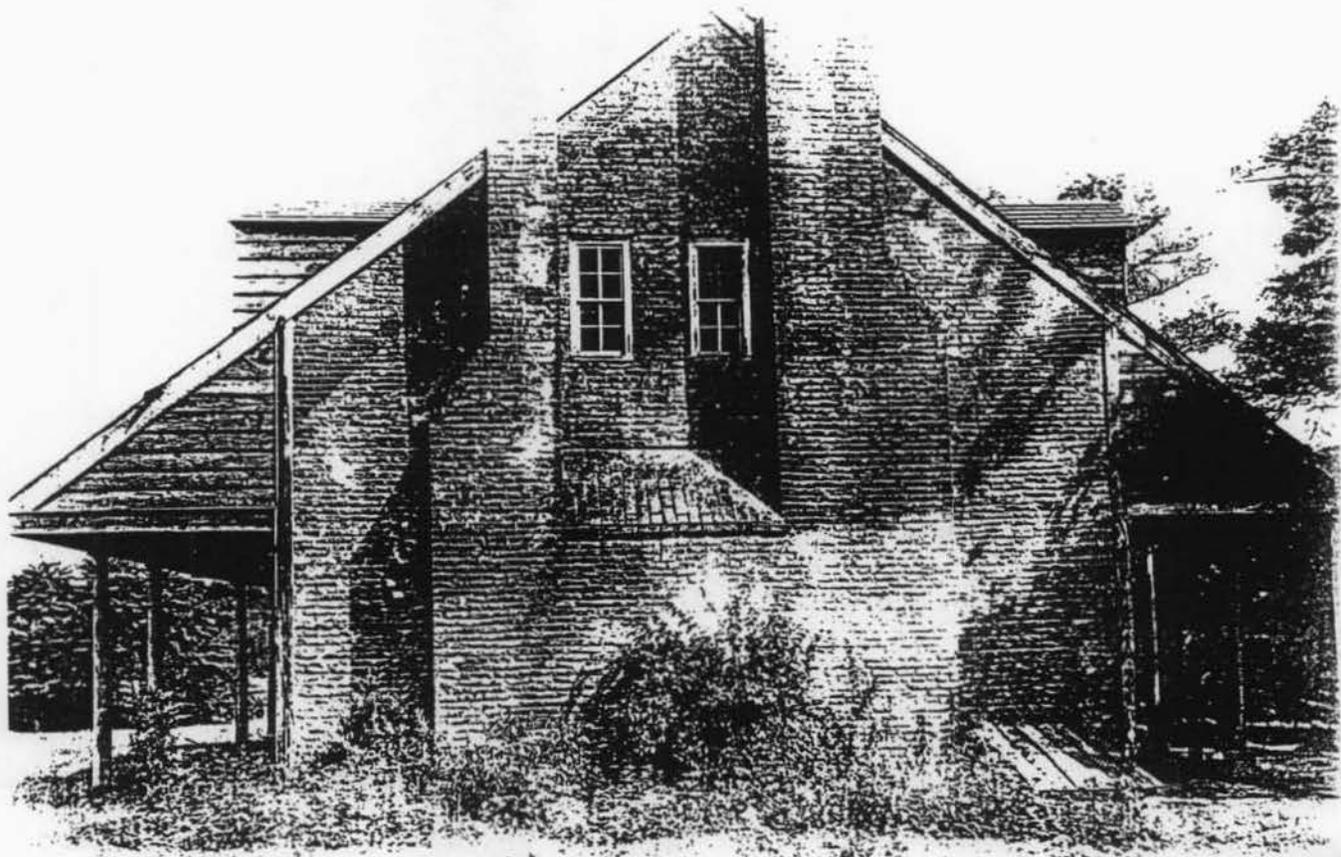
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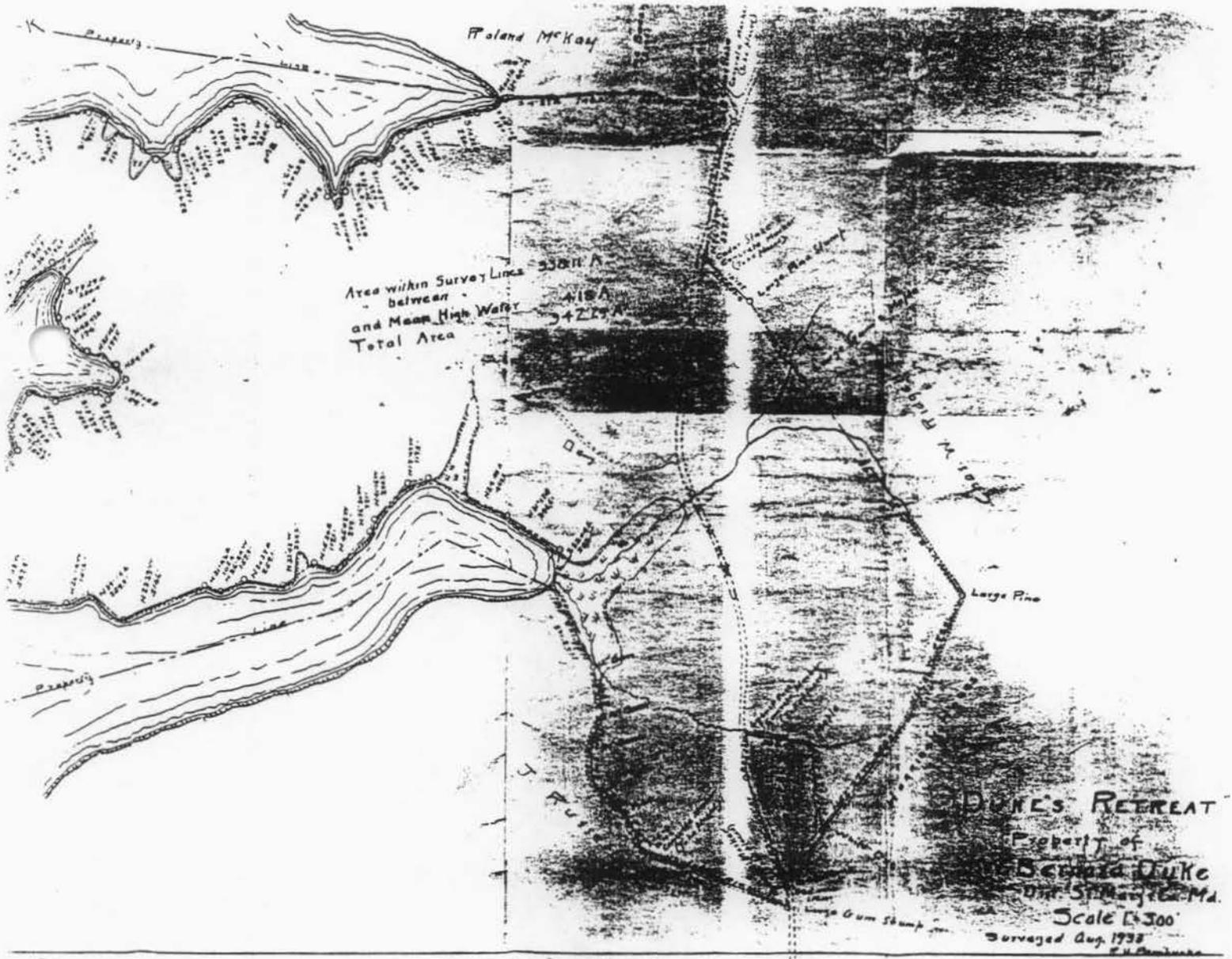
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Plat of Duke's Retreat, surveyed in 1933.

Source: St. Mary's County Mortgage Records, Liber JMM 5/519A.



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late 18th century

This is one of the group of houses in St. Mary's County whose architecture resembles West St. Mary's Manor (STMA-2). It is a 1½-story frame house with brick gable ends ~~each of which has~~ exterior chimneys.

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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Herring Creek / Bushell's Rest, - Duke's Retreat.

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3/4 mile west of Valley Lee on

CITY OR TOWN:  
Mc Kay Beach Rd.

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: St. Mary's CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
Stewart Investment Company

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
St Mary's County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Md. CODE: 20650

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Herring Creek is a 1 1/2 story house. Both gables are brick with two large chimneys on the outside thereof. A porch roof juts out over the frame facade. The house is similar to St. Mary's Manor and almost as well cared for.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> | 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>  | 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 19th Century <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal                              | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>           | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  |  |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Mrs. and Mrs. John M. Hodges, Michael Bourne*

ORGANIZATION: *Former Owner* DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: *Star Route Box 66*

CITY OR TOWN: *Leonardtown* STATE: *Maryland* CODE: *20658*

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

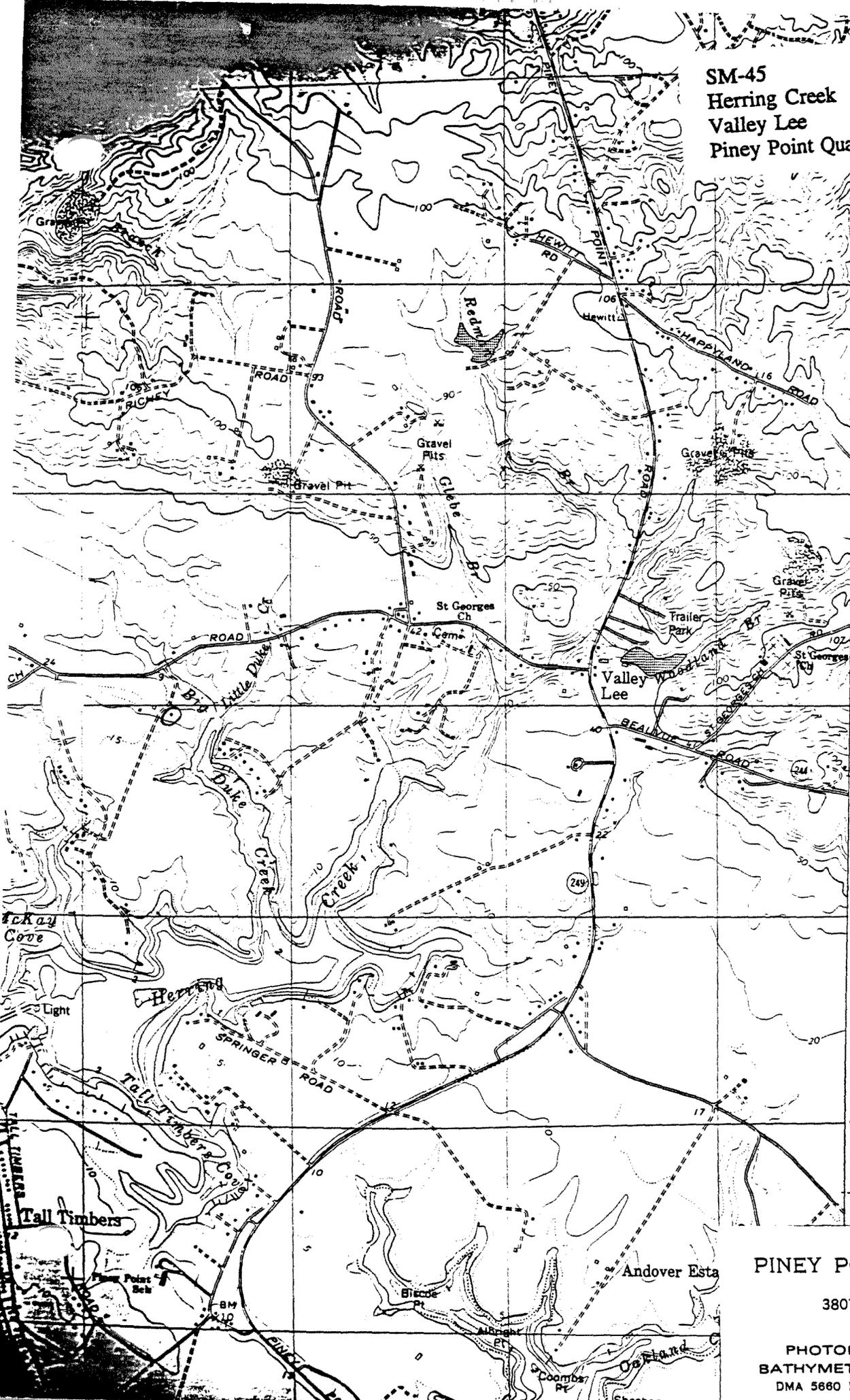
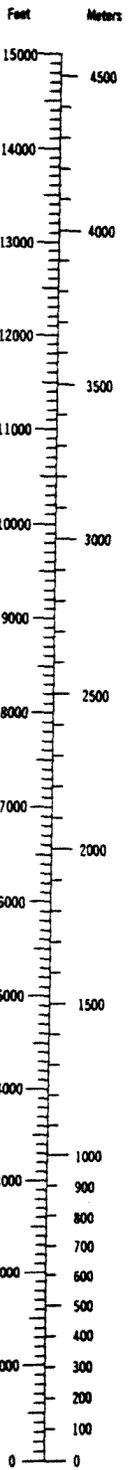
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Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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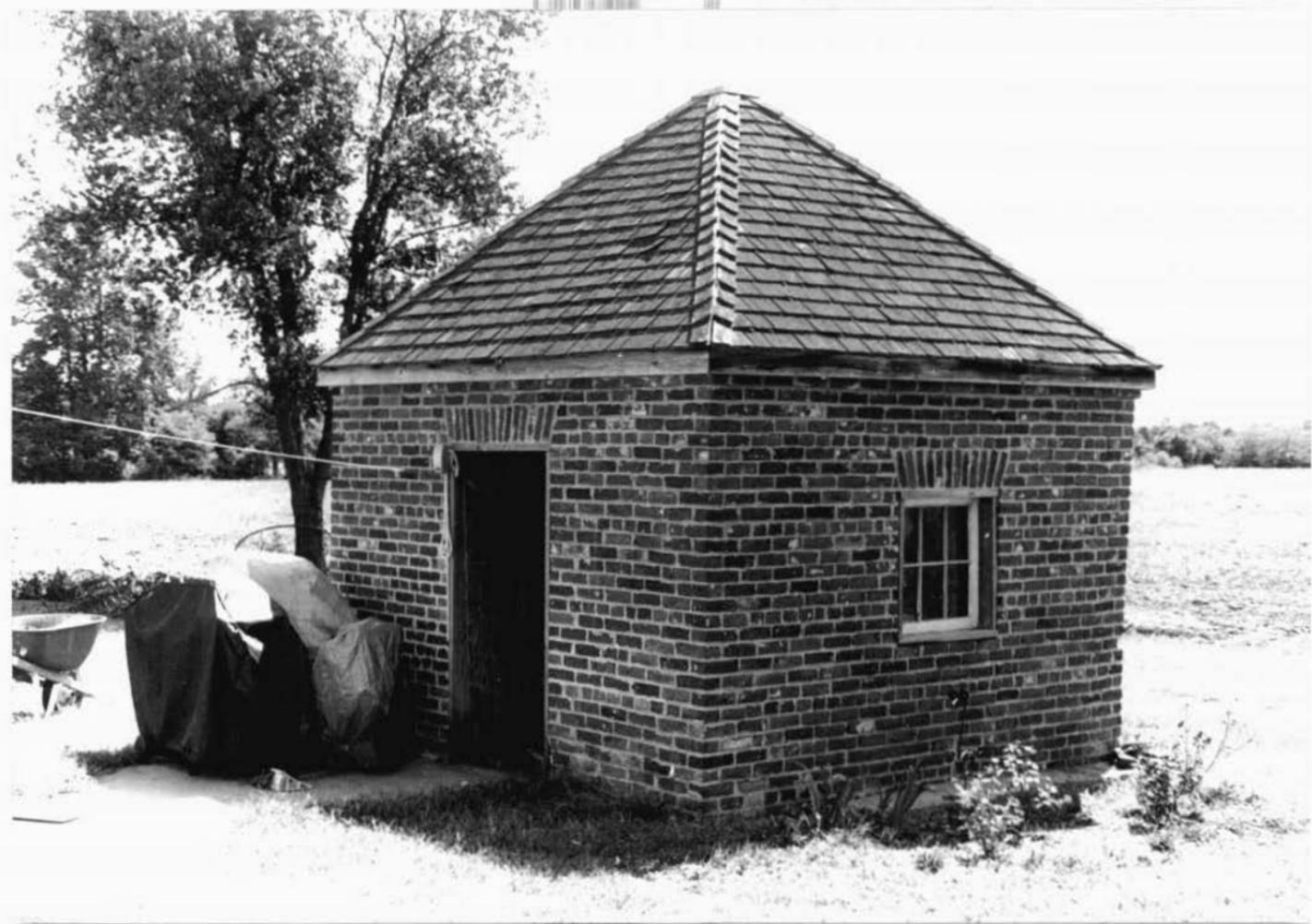
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MD SHPD

Interior - Parcelled Slab

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Having report

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Interior - Stair rail at second floor.

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Historic photo - source: Hist. Society of St. Mary's  
County.

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