

SM-48, Nuthall's Folly  
St. Mary's County  
Addendum

Nuthall's Folly represents a significant two-and-a-half story, side-passage, double-parlor brick dwelling with a series of telescoping gable end additions and subtle Greek-Revival detailing located on the banks of the Potomac River near Piney Point, Maryland. Erected in the 1840s by William Nuthall, the dwelling represents one of the most deliberately and extensively decorated houses in St. Mary's County in the mid-nineteenth century. Approached via a long, straight road periodically lined with cedar trees, the setting around the dwelling as well as the house itself retains much its original character.

The front (west) and rear (east) elevation of the dwelling and one-and-a-half story wing features an all stretcher brick bond laid with thin paste mortar joints. These elevations feature a three step brick cornice, windows and doors with gauged brick jack arches and open bed pediment gable roof dormers. The gable end of the main house features two chimneys connected by a parapet. The gable end of the wing features a chimney that was originally one large false chimney. The emphasis of the west elevation is most obvious in the doorway which exhibits a pair of three panel French doors flanked on either side by sidelights with a leaded transom overhead.

The interior, while recently renovated by Steuert Patroleum, retains much of its decorative hierarchy. The staircase, located in the passage, features a turned newel and banisters as well as scroll sawn stair brackets. Every door and window architrave features paterae corner blocks and molded trim. The windows also feature a distinctive paneled apron. Circular, plaster, ceiling medallions decorate the ceilings of the passage and two parlors. These same parlors feature mantles ornamented with Tuscan columns that rest on plain square blocks. The columns support a three-part frieze and molded shelf. A pair of large nine panel doors connect the two parlors of the main section of the house. The interior of the one-and-a-half story wing consists of two rooms.

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Historical photos reveal that the wing was once attached to a four bay frame addition with a central brick chimney. This addition, which resembles a common building form for slave quarters, was demolished in the early-twentieth century and replaced with the present two bay frame addition.

A brick dairy covered by an earthfast gable roof shelter is located immediately to the south of the dwelling. A slave quarter was also located on the property near the Potomac River, but no longer survives.

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Piney Point  
Private

mid-19th century

Constructed circa 1840-1850, Nuthall's Folly is the finest house of this period in St. Mary's County. Built of the best materials and exhibiting the finest workmanship, the house has woodwork in the latest style of the 1840's on the interior and very fine brickwork on the exterior. On the front and rear facades, the bricks were rubbed and color-selected. The door and window heads are of gauged bricks and the transoms are glazed and leaded in detailed designs. The main facade is laid in all stretcher bond and the other walls in common bond. To the south is a one-story, two-room wing. A frame kitchen beyond this was removed in alterations of the 1960's. There is a brick dairy on the property.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Nuthall's Folly AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Stuart Road CITY OR TOWN: Piney Point STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY (Check One), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for Building, Private, Occupied, etc.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Stewart Investment Co. STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: DATE OF SURVEY: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Nuthall's folly is a brick house.

The facade is all stretcher with thin mortar joint; other sides are common bond. It has wide-angle arches, a leaded rectangular transom, ~~the~~ 3-stepped brick cornice, + 6 over 6 sash windows. There are 2 dormers.

The interior walls are furred. There are plaster medallions on the ceilings, + fireplaces on all 3 floors.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c.1840**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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Historic Photo - circa 1930 - of an early building used for "school"

South of Lees Grove



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NATHAN'S 1924

ST. MARKS CEMETERY, MS

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1924 CAPS

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Historic photo - South 1 - 1924



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