

Capsule Summary
SM-660
Saw Mill at St. Inigoes
St. Inigoes
Private

c. 1970s?

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Modern Period, 1930-present
Historic Period Theme:	Industry Agriculture

Resource Type

Category:	Structure
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Open Air Saw Mill
Known Design Source:	None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIESMaryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Inigoes Farm, The Church Property

and/or common Saw Mill at St. Inigoes (pref.)

2. Locationstreet & number E side of Beachville Rd. approx. 0.1 mile S of Webster Field Back Gate not for publicationcity, town Beachville vicinity of congressional district 1

state Md county St. Mary's TM-67, G-20, P-31

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 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 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 Roman Catholic Clergy c/o Reverend and William K. McGroarty, S.J.

street & number 5704 Roland Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Md 21210-1334

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 134

street & number folio 475

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-660

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 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: 1

The Saw Mill at St. Inigoes is located on the east side of Beachville Road approximately 2.3 miles southwest of the intersection of Beachville Road and Maryland Route 5 near St. Inigoes, Maryland. The mill is oriented on a north/south axis and is situated at the edge of a wooded tract, near a soybean field. The mill is approached via a small driveway that extends to the east of Beachville Road.

The ephemeral nature of the Saw Mill at St. Inigoes is communicated by its lack of a permanent shelter. Shaded only by a large deciduous tree, this open air saw mill consists of a large vertical saw blade, an engine, a lumber track, a sawdust pit, and a lumber rack. The large, approximately 3 foot in diameter, circular saw blade is operated by a belt driven engine. Lumber is drawn across the blade by a lumber track. The lumber track consists of two wooden rails topped by metal strips. These strips guide a series of metal wheels that support a wooden undercarriage. A system of levers, pulleys, and cables are built into the track and undercarriage. When the saw mill is in operation, this system moves the undercarriage past the blade. Three clamps attached to the undercarriage hold the lumber steady.

The actual process of milling begins on the south side of the structure. Here, ten to twenty foot sections of logs are rolled off the rack and onto the undercarriage where they are then held steady. A lever located on the north side of the undercarriage is then pulled and the undercarriage rolls along the track and slowly past the blade. The resulting dust then falls into a pre-dug pit. The sawed plank is then placed on a crude table located near the north side of the mill. The mill is still in periodic operation.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-660

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

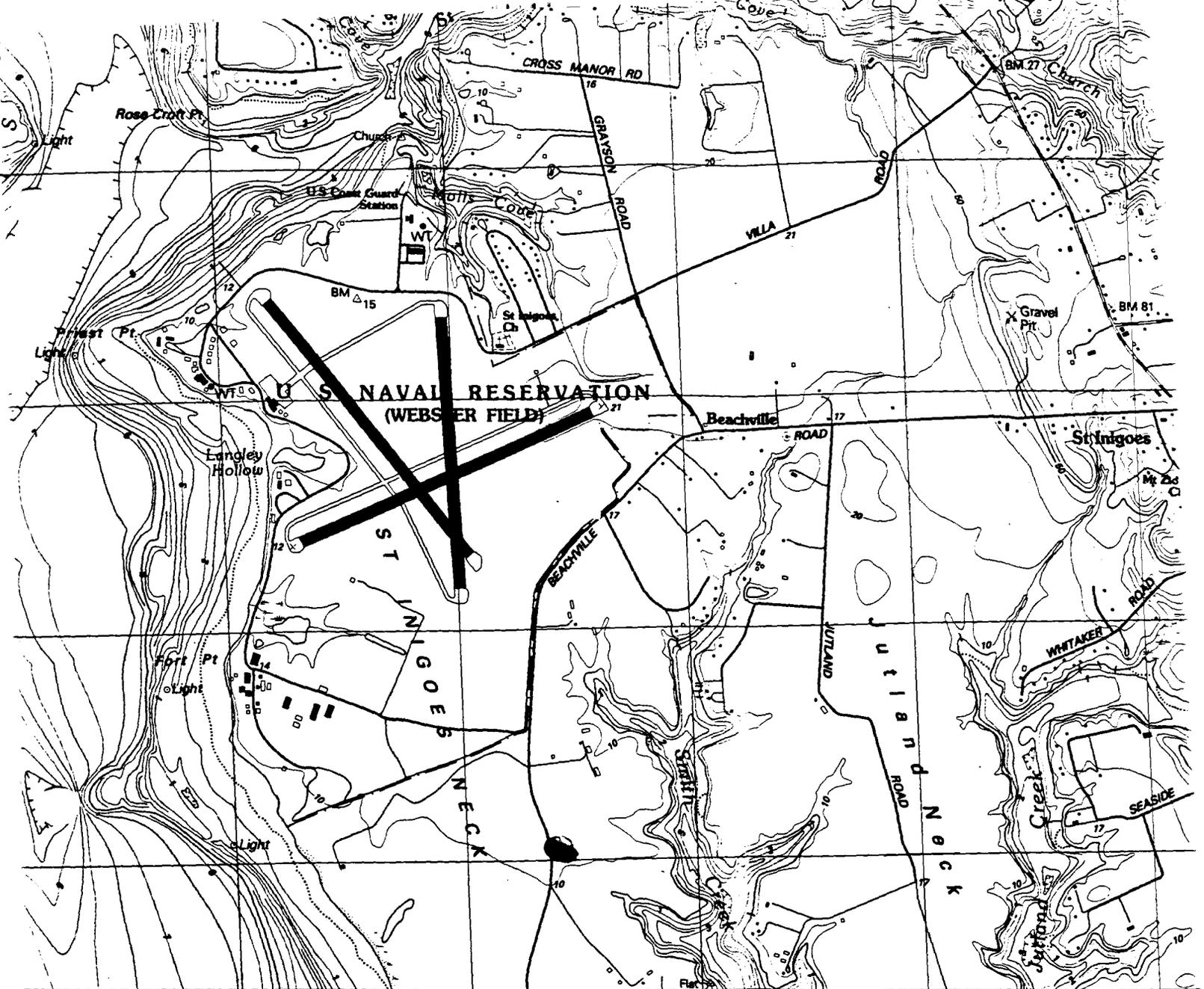
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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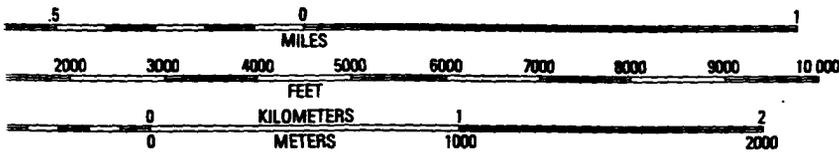
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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

The Saw mill at St. Inigoes lies on property that has been owned by the Jesuit Order since between 1634-1638. Originally patented for 2000 acres, the property presently contains just over 900 acres. (For more information concerning the chain-of-title for the property see Edward Beitzell's The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland (Abell, Md: n.p., 1976). The saw mill was erected during their ownership.



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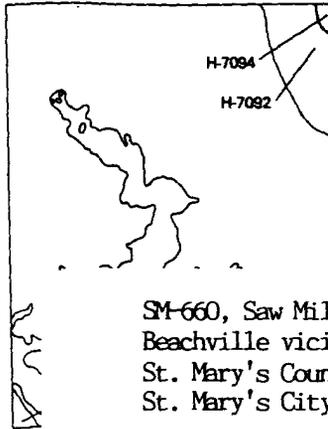


CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ORTHOMETRIC CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY
0.5 METER CONTOURS-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX



SM-660, Saw Mill at St. Inigoes
Beachville vicinity
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad

ROAD

- Primary highway,
hard surface ————
- Secondary highway,
hard surface - - - - -
- Interstate Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
METRIC SURVEY DATA COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC
SURVEYING (IHO) SPECIAL PUBLICATION 44 ACCURACY STANDARDS
AND/OR STANDARDS USED AT THE DATE OF THE SURVEY
NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852
DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

SURVEY NUMBER	DATE	SCALE	(NAUT. MILES)
H-7092	1946	1:10,000	02-15
H-7094	1945-46	1:20,000	04-18
H-8547	1959-60	1:10,000	03-10
H-8548	1960	1:10,000	02-07



SM-66A

Sewer Mill at St. Turgoes

St. Mary's County

Kirk Hancock

July/97

Mid SHMS

Looking N

1 of 2



SM-660

Saw Mill at St. Tiggars

St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

July/97

old SAPO

Looking S

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