

Capsule Summary
SM-738
Alumnae Lodge
St. Mary's City
Public

1924

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-738

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Alumni Lodge

other

2. Location

street and number 47487 Trinity Church Road __ not for publication

city, town St. Mary's City __ vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name State of Maryland, St. Mary's College

street and number 47487 Trinity Church Road telephone N/a

city, town St. Mary's City state Md zip code 20686

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-63, P-3

city, town Leonardtown liber 123 folio 329

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Standing on a promontory with commanding vistas of the St. Mary's River is the Alumni Lodge of St. Mary's College. Situated on the west side of Trinity Church Road in St. Mary's City, Maryland, the Lodge is oriented on an east/west axis. Surrounded by a grassy sloping lawn that precipitously drops to the west, the lodge is approached via brick walkways from the south and east. Immediately around the lodge are a number of large boxwood and shrubs.

The lodge building, erected in the 1920s, is two story, three-bay, colonial-revival, brick building with a gambrel roof. The structural system is composed of a six-to-one common brick bond, and the roof is covered with slate shingles. The roof is pierced by a single, interior end brick chimney. A more modern, one story brick addition with a gambrel roof lies on the lodge's north side.

The east elevation, which faces Trinity Church Road, is pierced by three symmetrically aligned bays. These bays consist of a central door flanked on either side by six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The door is sheltered by a classically inspired porch consisting of a slender paired columns that support a closed, low pitched, pediment. The second floor is fenestrated by three shed roof dormers that each contain a three-over-three window. The one story wing, erected in an all stretcher brick bond, is also topped by a gambrel roof. It is pierced by a single six panel door.

The north elevation of the main block appears to be pierced on the first and second floors by two six-over-six windows. The attic is pierced by quarter-round fanlight. The addition's north elevation was not observed.

The other elevations were not observed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre around lodge
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre around lodge
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lodge is situated on a much larger tract that lies on the western bank of the St. Mary's River that is part of the St. Mary's College property. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 123, Folio 329.

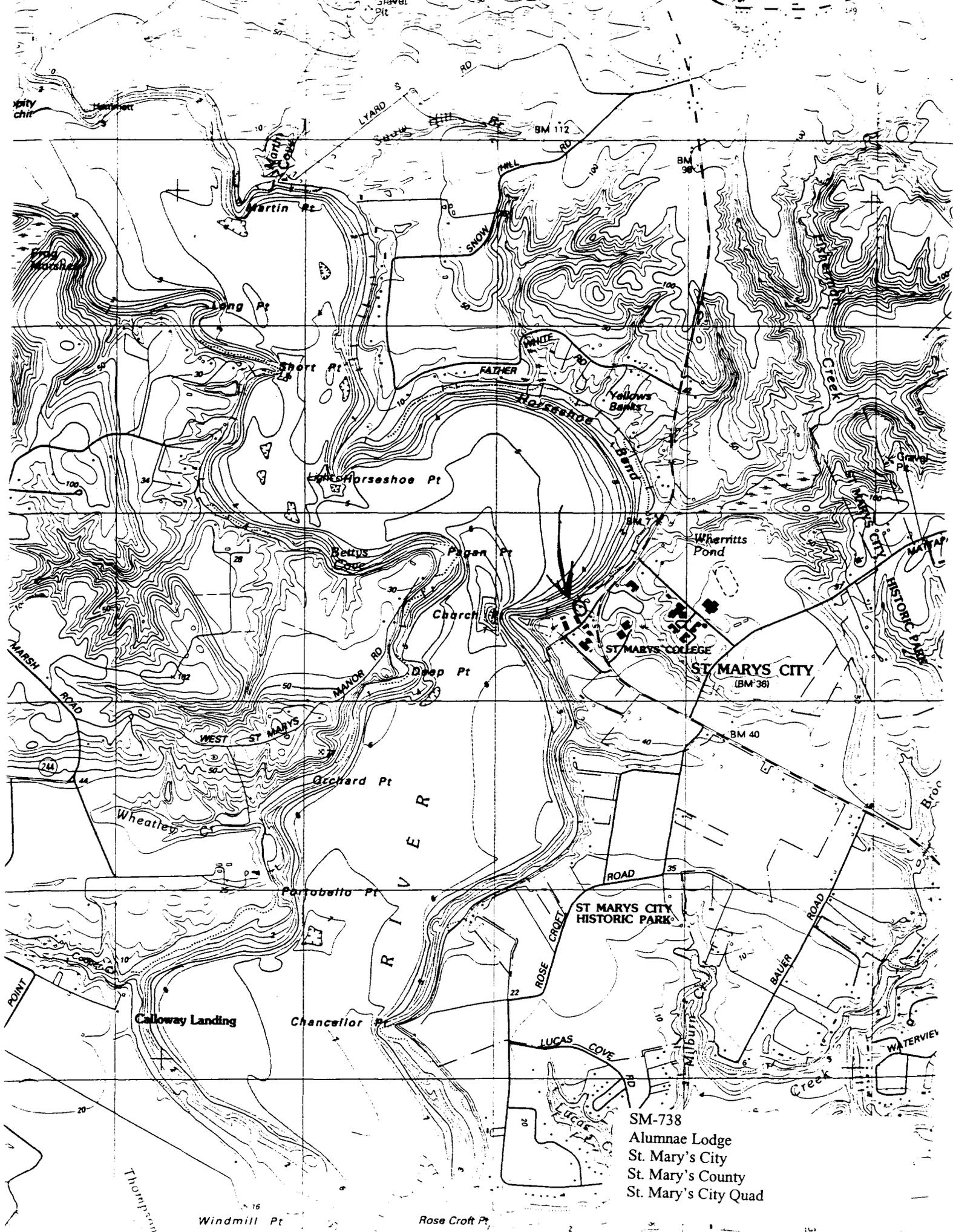
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad



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Alumni Lodge, St. Mary's College

St. Mary's College, Md

Gift Receipt

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