

Capsule Summary  
SM-740  
St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance  
St. Mary's City  
Public

1934

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-740

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number W side of Trinity Church Road, near Kent Hall and Alumnae Lodge     not for publication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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>   </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>   </u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>   </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
				<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Picturesquely placed on the eastern bank of the St. Mary's River, stands the St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance. Located on the west side of Trinity Church Road just south of the Alumnae Lodge (SM-738), but west of Kent Hall (SM-739), the garden is positioned on a plateau that descends steeply into the St. Mary's River to the west.

Created in 1934, this colonial revival garden is primarily focused upon the river views that virtually surround it. The primary visual axis of the garden lies just southwest of Kent Hall and looks westward towards the river. From this perspective, the garden follows an axial plan that consists of four essential parts; an entrance patio, a long grass panel, a circular fountain and pool, and lastly a walkway shaded by a brick, column-lined pergola.

The entrance patio is paved with bricks laid in a basketweave pattern and features a semicircular planting bed adorned with an ornamental planter. The garden then moves westward, between a pair of brick posts and onto a grassy panel. The panel is lined with a number of mature boxwoods, holly trees, crape myrtles, azaleas, and other assorted trees and shrubs. A number of benches, facing north and south, oppose one another as the panel proceeds west. The panel then leads to a circular fountain that lies against the backdrop of the expansive St. Mary's River. The aforementioned pergola represents the physical and visual terminus of the garden. It is constructed of a number of plain brick columns that support a wooden latticework that is seasonally engulfed by vines.

# 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 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 checked="" 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:

<b>Specific dates</b>	June 10, 1934, dedicated	<b>Architect/Builder</b>
<b>Construction dates</b>	1934	

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.

Fausz, J. Frederick. Monument School of the People. St. Mary's City: St. Mary's College, 1990.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1 acre around garden</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>1 acre around garden</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>St. Mary's City</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The garden is encompassed by a larger property that is part of St. Mary's College on the eastern shore of the St. Mary's River. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 123, Folio 329.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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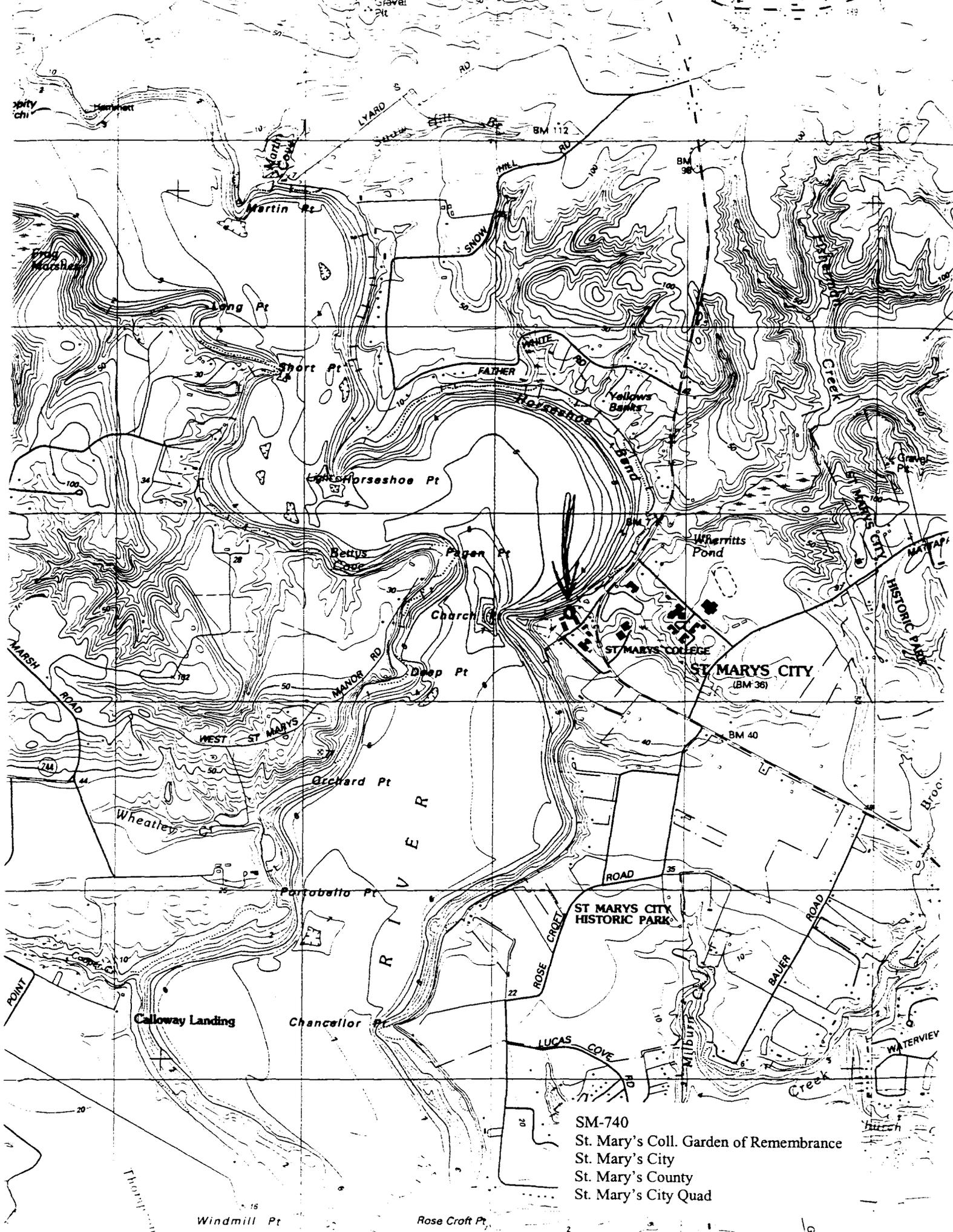
name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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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.

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