

Capsule Summary
SM-743
White Plains Farm
Great Mills vicinity
Private

1940s

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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.

Commanding picturesque vistas of the St. Mary's River headwaters is White Plains Farm. The house lot, subdivided from a much larger farm, consists of 10.85 acres perched on a ridge overlooking the river. The lower part of the farm is not visible from the road. The house is oriented on a north/south axis and is approached via a long dirt drive that extends southward from Point Lookout Road. The drive is flanked on either side by pasture and mowed grassland.

The main dwelling at White Plains Farm is a two-story, three bay, brick dwelling erected circa 1940s. Covered with asphalt shingles, the gable roof is pierced by two interior brick chimney flues.

The front or north elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located door flanked on either side by paired windows replete with louvered shutters. The main door is accentuated with a colonial revival portico supported by two classical columns. The porch also features an open pediment with a semicircular arch ceiling. The second floor is fenestrated by three windows, each of which feature louvered shutters.

Other elevations were not observed. The lower portion of the property was also not visible from the road.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<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 10.85 acres
Acreage of historical setting Subdivided from larger farm
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

White Plains Farm is a subdivided tract from a much larger farm that extends well to the north to the headwaters of the St. Mary's River. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 154, Folio 307.

11. Form Prepared by

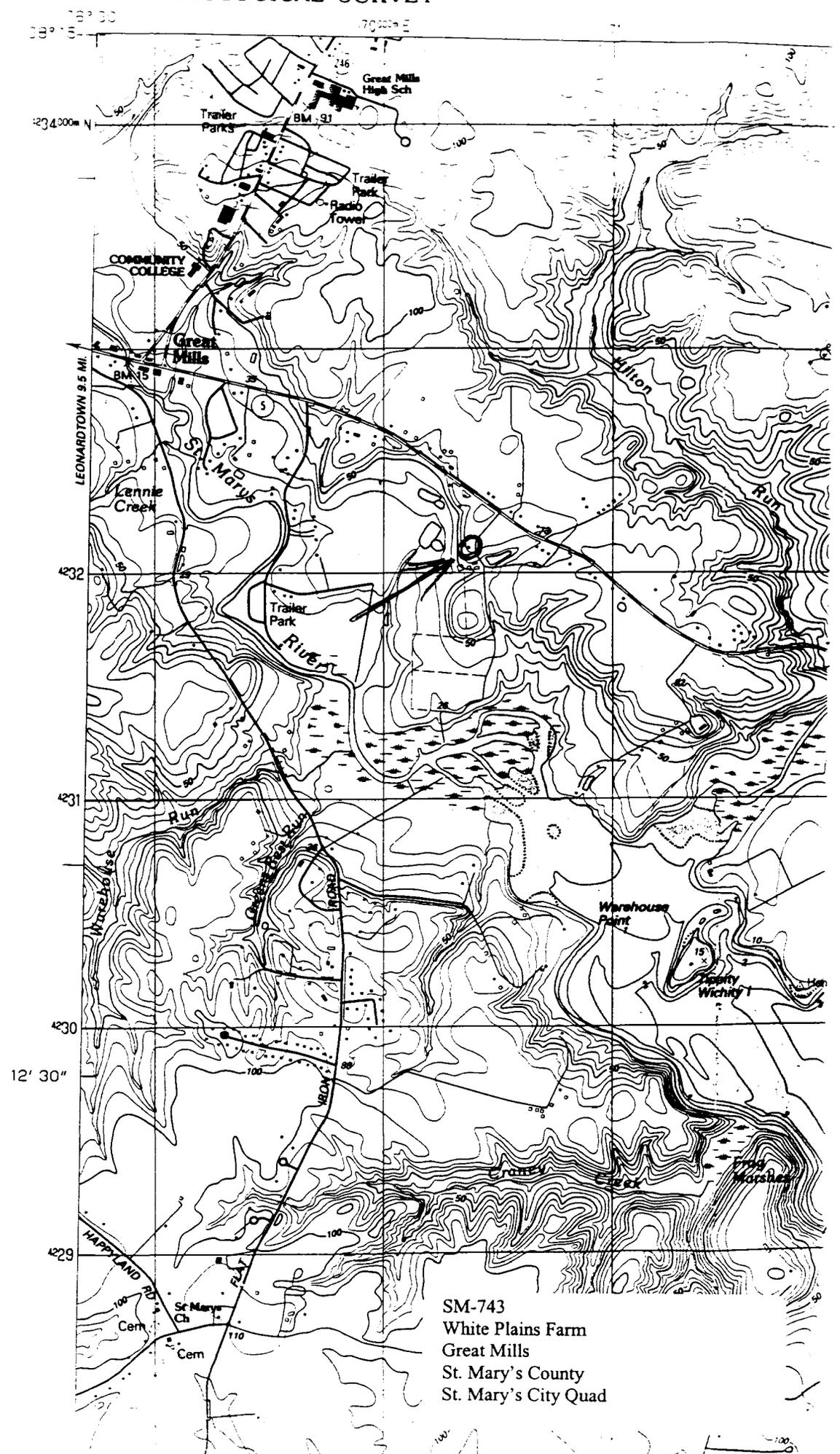
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



SM-743
White Plains Farm
Great Mills
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad

73° 30'
73° 15'
73° 00'
700000 E
23° 4' 30" N
LEONARDTOWN 9.5 MI.
42° 32'
42° 31'
42° 30'
12' 30"
42° 29'

LEONARDTOWN 9.5 MI.

12' 30"

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White Plains Farm

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White Plains, N.Y.

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