

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

S 14 -90
ORPHAN'S GIFT or THE PLAINS
Golden Beach
Private

18th century

This interesting structure was bulldozed in 1958 and the property is now being developed.

Of interest for its unusual variation of a typical 18th century floor plan and its French-influenced gambrel roof with hips, the house was of brick construction (later stuccoed). ^{It} was three bays ^{long} at the south facade with the lower ^{roof} slope [^] pierced ^{by} three pedimented dormers. A single chimney was enclosed ⁱⁿ each end wall. A two-story brick kitchen originally stood detached but was later connected to the main block by a one-story frame hyphen.

A cemetery dating from the early 18th century remains on the property.

The Plains site SM 90

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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National Historical Trust
94 College Ave.
Annapolis, Md. 21401

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: The Plains site

AND/OR HISTORIC: Corphaus Gift

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Beach Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Golden Beach

STATE: MD. CODE: COUNTY: St Marys CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>housing development.</u>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Marys County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: MD. CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house once known as The Plains was torn down about 10-15 years ago.

Of interest for its unusual variation of a typical ^{18th} 18th c. floorplan and its French influenced gambrel roof with hips. The house was of brick, one story in height, three bays in length with a dormered roof. At each end was an interior, flush gable chimney.

A two story detached kitchen wing of brick appears to have been of late 18th c. but probable 19th c. date.

Two later additions (frame?), one made to the N. end of the main block and the other set between the main block and the kitchen gave the plan a V shape.

Surveyed from photographs.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape		Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Architecture	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

MECHANICSVILLE 2440

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Rivard

ORGANIZATION: MHT DATE: 2/72

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



THE PLAINS

(Formerly, "Orphan's Gift")

Before 1720

"The Plains" was built by a Frenchman, hence the French "hips" on the gambrel roof and French doors in the rooms. The panelling was taken out by the "Yankees" during the Civil War; and misfortune had overtaken the place in 1812 when the British came.

The newel is a fat baluster with an ivory knob at the top. Note how the later wings made the plan in the shape of a "U".

The Jowles and the Sotheron families

are connected with the mansion. Col. Henry Peregrine Jowles died here in 1720 leaving to his wife Dryden, this dwelling plantation "Orphan's Gift".

View: From Southwest.

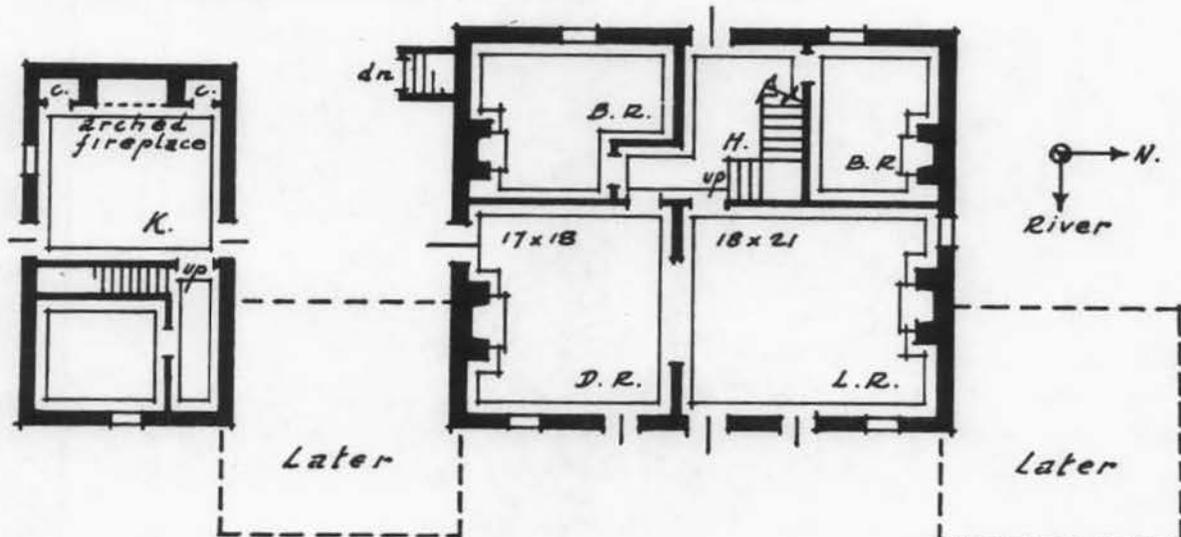
Dimensions:

Overall, main wing, 42-0 by 34-0.

Ceiling, 10-9.

Sill, 32.

Wall, 15.





~~Spocot - Ratcliffe Lane~~

SM-90

"The Plains"

St. Mary's Co., Md

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~~Spencer - Ritchie~~

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"The Plains"

St. Mary's Co.,
Md.

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