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## Sotterley Gate Houses

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S M -7B    SOTTERLEY GATE HOUSES    18th century  
Hollywood  
Private, open to the public

These two single-unit frame structures stand on either side of the entrance into the grounds at Sotterley. The structure to the south is a replacement, while the other is thought to date from the 18th century, although it has been substantially renovated. Slave families who worked in the main house or on its grounds probably lived in the gate houses.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

SOTTERLEY: HOUSE SERVANTS' QUARTERS

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hollywood

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Mary's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Sotterley Mansion Foundation, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hollywood

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

St. John's College Campus

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

H.A.B.S., Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

DATE

Md. Register of Historic Sites

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These two structures stand opposite one another and face the walkway leading to the west facade of the main house. They stand just inside the wall and were probably built to serve as gatehouses. Their location and identical design reinforce the symmetry of the composition of the environs of the main house.

According to the guides at the Sotterley Mansion, the structure to the south is a replacement of an earlier one. The structure on the north side of the walkway is, according to the guides, 18th century. However, it has been so thoroughly renovated that no definitive evidence remains to establish their estimate. If it were 18th century in construction, it would be among the significant few that remain from that period.

The front porch on the older (northern) structure is modern, as are the weatherboards.

The facade of older structure consists of two bays, a door and a window, which, though of modern materials, may be replacements of earlier forms. The southern house is identical.

The floor plan of the interior consists of one room downstairs, and one room upstairs connected by a small enclosed stairway.

According to one of the guides, this house was last occupied by a mother and her thirteen children.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This frame house represents a significant contrast to the log dwelling of the field hands at Sotterley, and suggests the differences and similarities in the material culture and physical environment of slaves of different status on the same plantation.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George McDaniel, Surveyor

January 1976

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12 West Madison Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

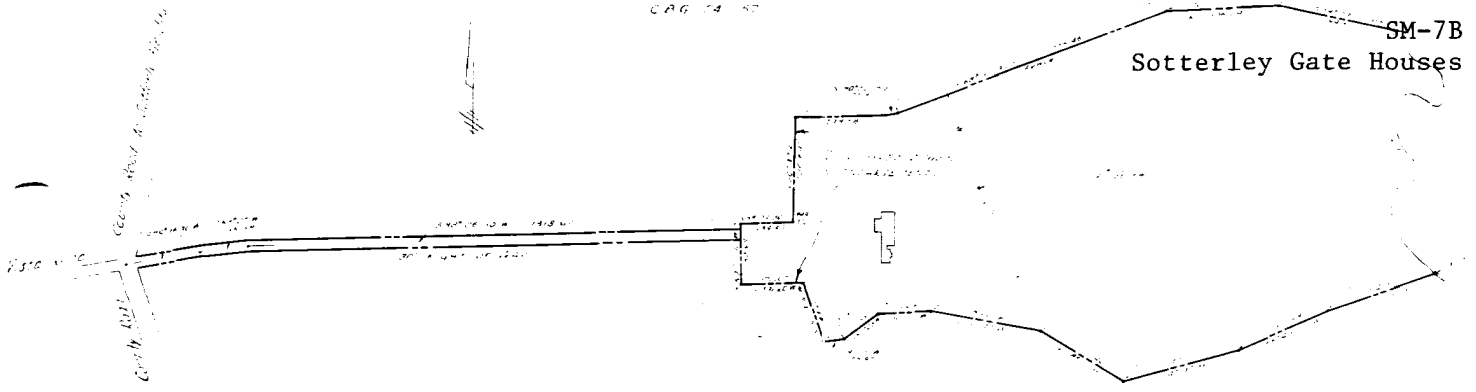
STATE

Maryland

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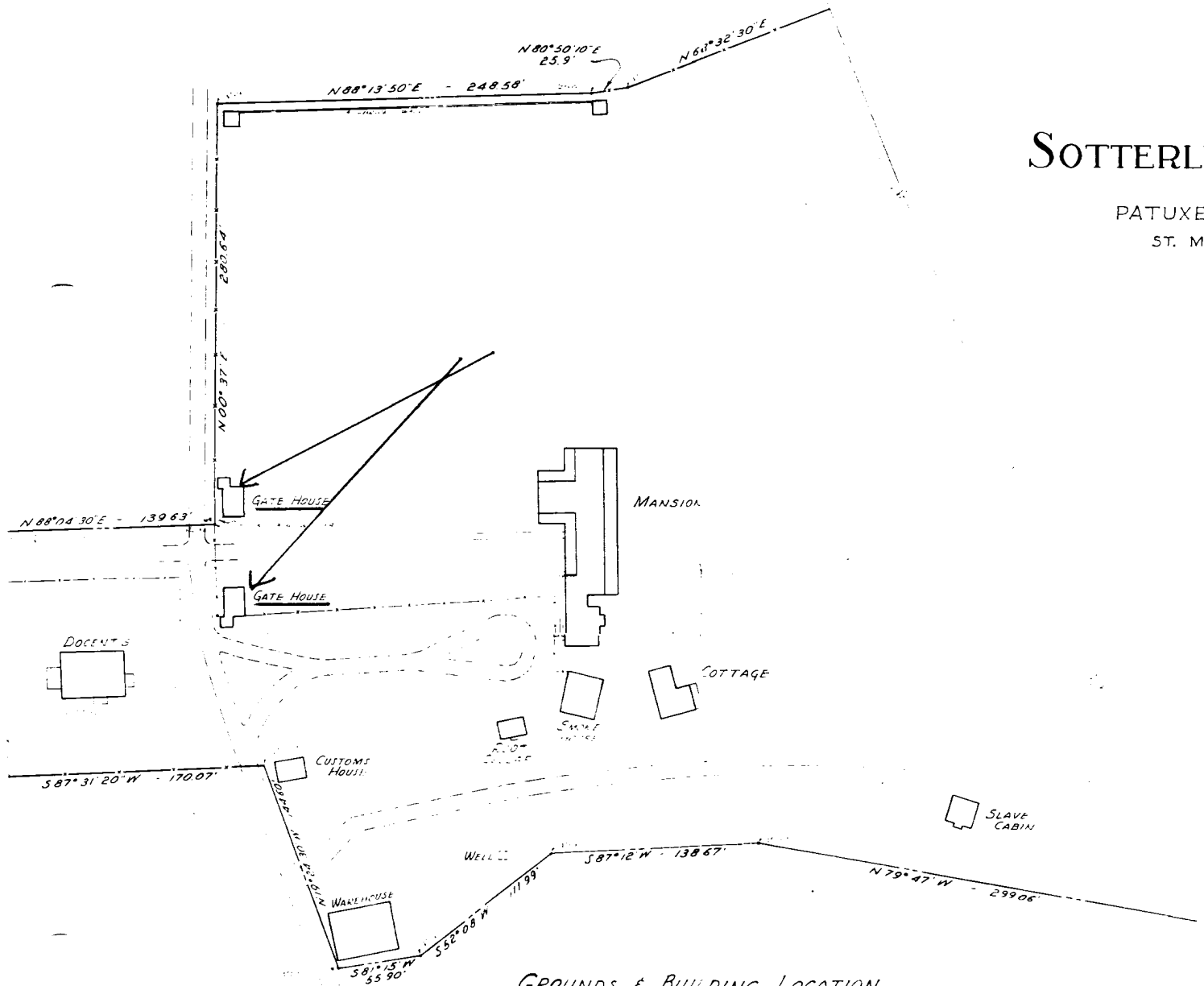
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ST. MARY'S C

MARCH 1



GROUNDS & BUILDING LOCATION

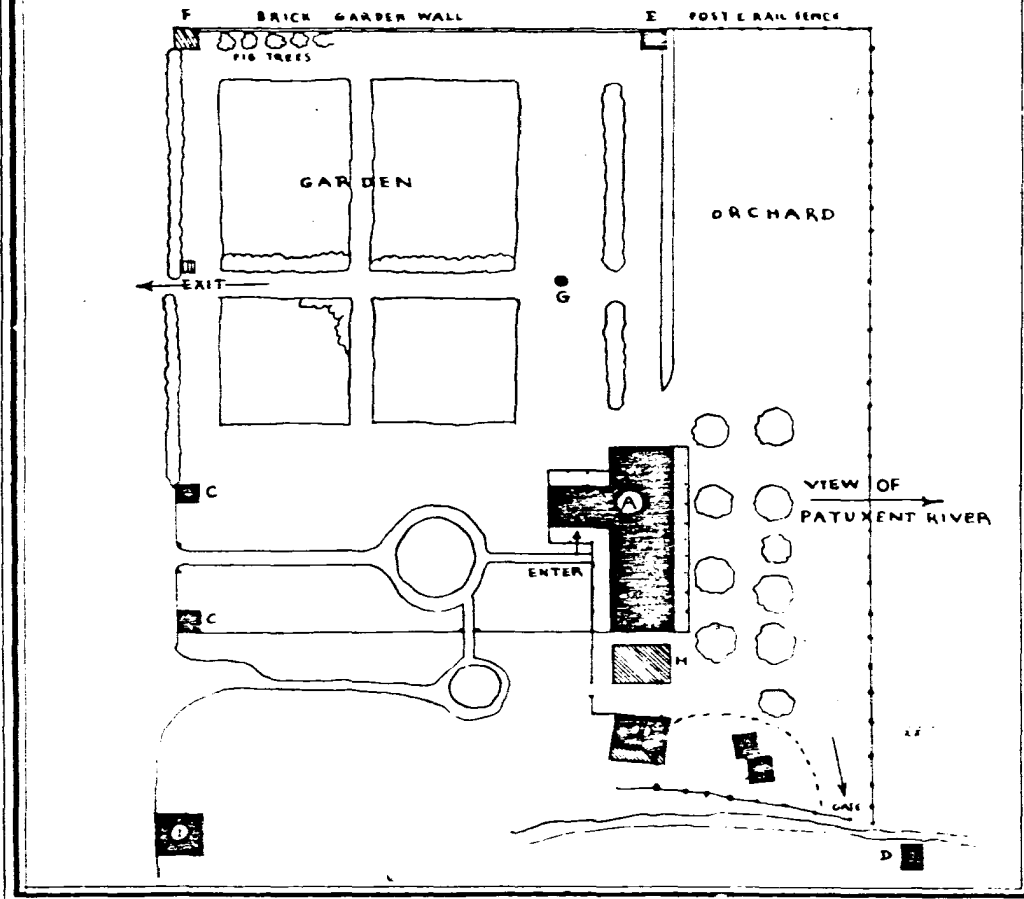
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# SOTTERLEY and its dependencies... ST. MARYS CO. MARYLAND

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## IDENTIFICATION

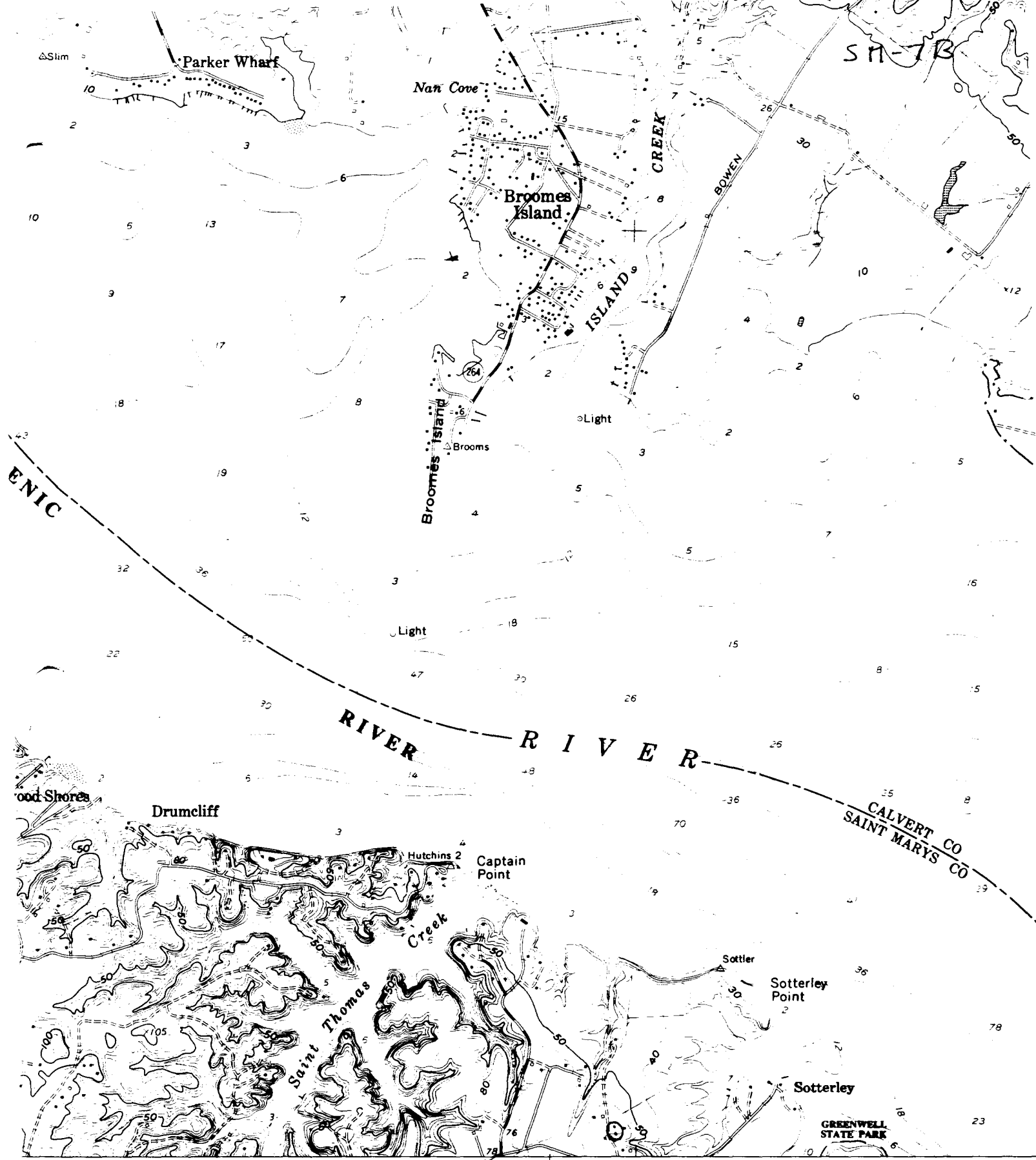
- A - MANSION
- B - SMOKE HOUSE WITH ANCIENT BRINE TROUGH
- C - GATE LODGES
- D - SLAVES QUARTERS
- E - NECESSARY
- F - GARDEN HOUSE
- G - SUN DIAL - INITIALS OF OWNER IN 1929 SHOWS ROOM & MIDNIGHT PLACES AROUND WORLD
- H - MODERN KITCHEN
- I - STABLE - 1757



A. Mansion and oldest part dates from about 1717. Outbuildings such as a custom house, spinning house, etc. were located nearby on the south and west. Many of these have disappeared, but some remain.  
 B. Smoke house — here hams are still smoked every year and hung for 18 months till ready for cooking. The brine trough is hollowed from a tree trunk.  
 C. The north gate house is original, the south one had burned and was reconstructed in 1914. Formerly used as quarters for household slaves, a family of 10 was known to have lived in the north gate house.

~~D~~ This log cabin was still inhabited in 1910 by a woman who had been born there a slave.  
 E. Necessary — outdoor toilet in use before the introduction of modern plumbing.  
 F. Modern house for garden tools.  
 G. Sundial — English, made of slate. The pedestal made about 1925 has the Plater, Briscoe and Satterlee coats-of-arms.  
 H. Modern kitchens — built in 1914 approximately where an early kitchen probably stood.  
 I. Stable — in all probability this was a brick warehouse. Glaze ended bricks in west end show, 1727.





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POTOMAC RIVER

Drumcliff  
Hutchins 2  
Captain Point  
Creek  
Saint Thomas  
Sotterley  
Sotterley Point  
GREENWELL STATE PARK

363 (HOLLYWOOD) 5660 I SE 364 2.4 MI. TO MD. 235 32'30" 366 367

SCALE 1:24000

0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

1 5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 10 FEET

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Sotterley Gate Houses

Broome's Island Quad

Heavy-d  
Medium

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Sotterley

House Servants' Quarters

(Gate Houses)



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Sotterly, House SERVANTS QUARTERS

George McDaniel

1976



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Sutton, House SERVANTS QUARTERS

George M<sup>r</sup> Durrill

1996