

.PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 82A-26 Date c. 1720Building Name BellefieldsLocation North side of Duley Station Rd., CroomOpen to Public yes no

BELLEFIELDS, an early example of a Maryland Georgian country house is composed of a central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two wings. Built circa 1720 by Dr. Patrick Sim who fled Scotland after the 1715 rebellion to settle in this county where, in 1718, he married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Dent Brooke, of nearby Brookefield Manor. Colonel Joseph Sim, their oldest son, born here, died on November 27, 1793. He was a justice of the Supreme Court, and one of the Annapolis Assembly which, June 22, 1774, denounced the British closing of Boston Harbor. He represented his county June, 1775, at the Annapolis Convention which framed the Association of Freemen of Maryland. He served in the Convention of Maryland which governed the state at the beginning of the Revolution, and on the first Privy Council of the state, 1777. He was also a member of the General Assembly, 1780.

Easement

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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Prince George's
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE:

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bellefields

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
north side of Duley Station Road (13104 Duley Station Road)

CITY OR TOWN:
Croom

STATE:
Maryland

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
24	Prince George's	033

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowling

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 3800 RFD #2

CITY OR TOWN:
Upper Marlboro

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
14735 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Upper Marlboro

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Prince George's
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 163 acre Bellefields estate is located on the north side of Dudley Station Road approximately three miles east of the intersection of Dudley Station Road and U. S. 301 which is roughly 6½ miles south of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Bellefields is composed of a central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two small wings attached on the ends, of which one flanker was originally a school room. Built of Flemish bond with random glazed headers, all of the windows have splayed lintels of gauged-brick. Raised on a brick base, there is a simple water table, and a four-brick belt course above the first story; there are brick steps before the main (south) entrance and a brick entranceway at the north. This appears recent but may actually be an instance of the towered or pavilioned north side, such as on the garden (north) facade of the Paca House in Annapolis. The most conspicuous features are four tall chimney stacks which are on the exterior of the end walls, and there is one bay of windows between the two chimneys at each end. The main facade has five bays, and the wings each have three windows, and a south and north doorway respectively. The wood shingle roof is steeply pitched.

The only alteration appears to be the addition of window shutters. Perhaps shutters were put on the house at the time of erection. If so this would have been an early instance of their use in Maryland.

Pictured in Henry Chandlee Forman's Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, Bellefields is lacking the original west wing which contained the kitchen pantry and service; thus the extant wing is recently built; also shown is the north entrance porch -- one story only in height.

This early example of a Maryland Georgian country house is symmetrical, of formal proportions but lacks ornamentation other than that formed by the brickwork (lintels, belt course, etc.). The main (south) doorway shows some evidence of change in the brickwork, but there are not indications of pilasters, dentiled cornices, etc. Due to fine condition, Bellefields represents a substantial Maryland house of about 1720.

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3. 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) c.1720 before 1718, after 1735

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>local history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications			_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bellefields, begun between 1718 and 1735, first belonged to Patrick Sim, a Scottish immigrant. He came to America in 1715 fearing retribution for his role in the unsuccessful Scottish rebellion aimed at returning the Roman Catholic Stuarts to the English throne. He abandoned his Scottish estate "Kilcairn" and took up the original 2000 acre Sim's Delight tract. When he died Patrick Sim willed the house and land to his son, Colonel Joseph Sim (-1793).

From 1769-1793, Colonel Joseph Sim was actively and ideologically sympathetic toward independence for the colonies in America. He joined such men as Charles Carroll of Carrollton -- in the protest against English tariffs, through an Anne Arundel County Association petition (1774), and the ensuing Boston Tea Party. He worked with Thomas Johnson, William Paca and Samuel Chase in their common purposes for the Convention of Maryland, the Maryland Committee of Correspondence (1774-1775), the Council of Maryland (1777); and enjoyed a close relationship with his nephew Thomas Sim Lee, twice Governor of Maryland (1779-1782; 1792-1794). In 1780 Colonel Sim had served a second term in the General Assembly while the Articles of Confederation governed the United States.

In 1779 Colonel Joseph Sim gave his grandson, Joseph Sim, a one-hundred-forty-one acre portion of "Sim's Delight." Patrick Sim, son of Colonel Joseph Sim (-1793), also had obtained another portion of "Sim's Delight" which he subsequently sold to Benjamin Oden in 1794. Five years later Colonel Joseph Sim's grandson, Joseph Sim, relinquished his share of "Sim's Delight" to Benjamin Oden. After assembling the original tract, Oden gave it a new name -- "Bellefields."

Benjamin Oden (1762-1828) made a fortune as the administrator of the mercantile interests of Stephen West, Senior. In 1822 he married, at Bellefields, his second wife Henrietta Waring. Oden's daughter from his first marriage, Eliza Oden, was married at Bellefields on February 8, 1825 to Colonel William Duckett Bowie. William and Eliza Oden Bowie were the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: William Morgan, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, June 1969.
 Beth Grosvenor, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, August 1969.
 Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, October 1969.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38°	44'	52.5"	76°	46'	49.5"			
NE	38°	44'	52.5"	76°	46'	29.5"			
SE	38°	44'	36.5"	76°	46'	29.5"			
SW	38°	44'	36.5"	76°	46'	49.5"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **64 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Mar. 24, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

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: Orlando Ridout IV
 Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland
 Date: APR 1 1971

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Prince George's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries.)

Bellefields

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Buildings Survey

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. code: 11

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

parents of Governor Oden Bowie (1826-1894, Governor of Maryland from 1869-1872), a member of the Maryland Jockey Club, one of the founders of the Dirner Party Stakes run at Pimlico Race Course (1870) and of the Preakness Stakes.

Eliza Oden Bowie (Mrs. William Bowie) died in 1849. Five years later the widower, William Bowie, remarried; his second bride, Mary Oden, the daughter of Benjamin Oden, was his first wife's half sister.

Shortly after his second wedding in 1854 William Bowie gave his house "Fairview" to his son Oden Bowie. William Bowie and his second bride then moved to Bellefields which Mary Oden Bowie had inherited from her father Benjamin Oden. William Bowie spent the remainder of his life at Bellefields and turned the twelve-hundred acre estate into a famous, productive, Southdown sheep and Hereford cattle farm.

The ownership of Bellefields passed, after William Bowie's death, to his three daughters. In 1891 they sold the property. From that date until the end of the Second World War, Bellefields had five owners. In 1945 John Dominic Bowling purchased Bellefields and one-hundred-sixty acres and maintains a horse farm at Bellefields.

#9. REFERENCES continued

Bowie, Effie Gwynn. Across the Years in Prince George's County. Richmond: Garrett and Massie, 1947.

Bowling, Mrs. John D. Interview and personal records.

Earle, Swepson. Chesapeake Bay Country. Baltimore: Thomas-Ellis, 1923.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Prince George's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

Bellefields

#9. REFERENCES continued

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland. Easton, Maryland: the author, 1934.

Prince George's County Schools. "A Research Action Project Devoted to Aspects of the History of Maryland and Prince George's County." typescript. Maryland State Library, Annapolis, Maryland. 1959.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Maryland From the Earliest Period to the Present Day. reprint. Hatboro, Pennsylvania: Tradition Press, 1967.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

MHT PG-77
PG:82A-26

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Prince George's	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Bellefields			
ALTERNATE HISTORIC: Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: north side of Du ley Station Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Croom			
STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	COUNTY: Prince George's	CODE: 033
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS 7.5 minute map; Brandywine Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1: 24 000			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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Maryland

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

COUNTY
Prince George's

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NHP
PG-79

1. NAME			
COMMON: Bellefields			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: north side of Dudley Station Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Croom			
STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	COUNTY: Prince George's	CODE: 033
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: William Morgan			
DATE OF PHOTO: June 1969			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College Avenue, Post Office Box 1704, Annapolis, Maryland 21404			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. south elevation			



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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bellefields

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Sims Delight

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Duley Station Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Croom

STATE: Maryland

CODE: COUNTY: Prince George's

CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mr. Mrs. John Bowling

STREET AND NUMBER:
RFD #3 Box 3800

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160

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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bellefields is composed of a large central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two small wings attached on the ends (one flanker was originally a school room). Built of Flemish bond with occasional glazed headers; all of the windows have splayed lintels of guaged brick. The house is raised on a brick base, there is a simple water table, and a four brick belt course above the first story; there are brick steps before the main entrance (south) and a brick entranceway at the rear (north; this appears recent but may actually be instance of the towered rear, such as that on the garden facade of the Paca House in Annapolis). The most conspicuous features are the four tall chimney stacks which are on the outside of the end walls, and there is one bay of windows between the two chimneys at each end. The main facade has five bays, and the wings each have three windows and a front and rear doorway. The wood shingle roof is rather steeply pitched.

Only alteration appears to be the addition of window shutters (perhaps shutters were put on the house at time of erection, but would have been an early instance of their use in Maryland).

Pictured in Forman's Early Manor Houses (pp 89-90) Bellefields is lacking the west wing which contained the kitchenpantry, and service, thus this wing must be a recent rebuilding; also shown is the north entrance porch — only one story in height.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca 1720 post 1718 - pre 1735

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Abariginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Palitical <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	lasaphy <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cammerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humon- <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communciations <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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

Patrick Sims came to America from Scotland in 1715 and probably built Bellefields sometime shortly after 1718 (no later than 1735 - Mrs. Bowling, records). An example of an early Georgian Maryland manor, or country house, Bellefields is symmetrical, of formal proportions, but lacks almost any ornamentation other than that formed by the brickwork (lintels, belt course, etc.). The main (south) doorway shows some evidence of change in the brickwork, but there are no indications of pilasters, dentiled cornices, etc. The wings appear to be almost hyphens for un-built additional wings making up the traditional five part house plan of the mid-Georgian period, but this is partly the result of the tallness of this early building, reflecting the earlier architecture of Maryland and Virginia before the advent of the Palladian country house, and best illustrated in the tall, exterior chimney stacks. Due to fine condition, Bellefields represents a substantial Maryland house of about 1720.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swepson Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country 1923
 Pamphlet prepared by Mrs. Bowling on "St. Thomas' of Croome"
 Henry Chandlee Forman, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland
 1934 pp 89-90

Mrs. John Bowling, Bellefields, Croom, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CDDE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CDDE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CDDE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: University of Delaware DATE: June 3, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of Art History

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: Delaware CDDE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE Md. COUNTY PG TOWN Duley VICINITY #79 STREET NO. Duley Station Rd. near Duley	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
ORIGINAL OWNER Sim & Duvall (?) ORIGINAL USE priv dwell PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE same WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2	2. NAME Bellefield DATE OR PERIOD orig. 1720 period STYLE (1735, Forman) ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Gutted by fire in 1720?
 Restored in 1840-1850.
 Double chimneys on each end, ~~t~~ one-half set in walls.
 Hal
 small wing on east and west ends.
 well in rear
 excell. cond.
 owner stated building not burned, but built in 1720, abandoned
 in early 20th, rebuilt 1930's
 wings had fallen down and were replaced with brick
 from Wmsbrg.

Also called "SIM'S DELIGHT" (DFR)

HABS - 3 photos

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

Color # 943

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)

INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Forman, 89 Early Major. 1934, pg 83, 89
 photo, floor plan
Earle
Bowie, 248, 605, 607, 763, 764,
766
Rinn, Survey, p 52

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND DETAILS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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(82A-26) Bellefields

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TRANSMISSION

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ROAD

DULEY



PG: 82A-26



BELLEFIELD

(Formerly "Sim's Delight")

About 1735

The builder of "Bellefield" was Colonel Patrick Sim. His tomb carrying his armorial bearings used to stand on this property. The mansion has changed since his day: its two long wings are in ruins, and the central part is tenanted by coloured folk.

The vestibule with its many great stone steps may be seen in the picture. The brickwork is made up of the Flemish bond of random black or burnt headers. Pieces of boxwood grow all about, indicat-

ing the fine garden in the days of Colonel Sim.

View: From Northeast.

Dimensions:

Overall, 125-2 by 36-2.

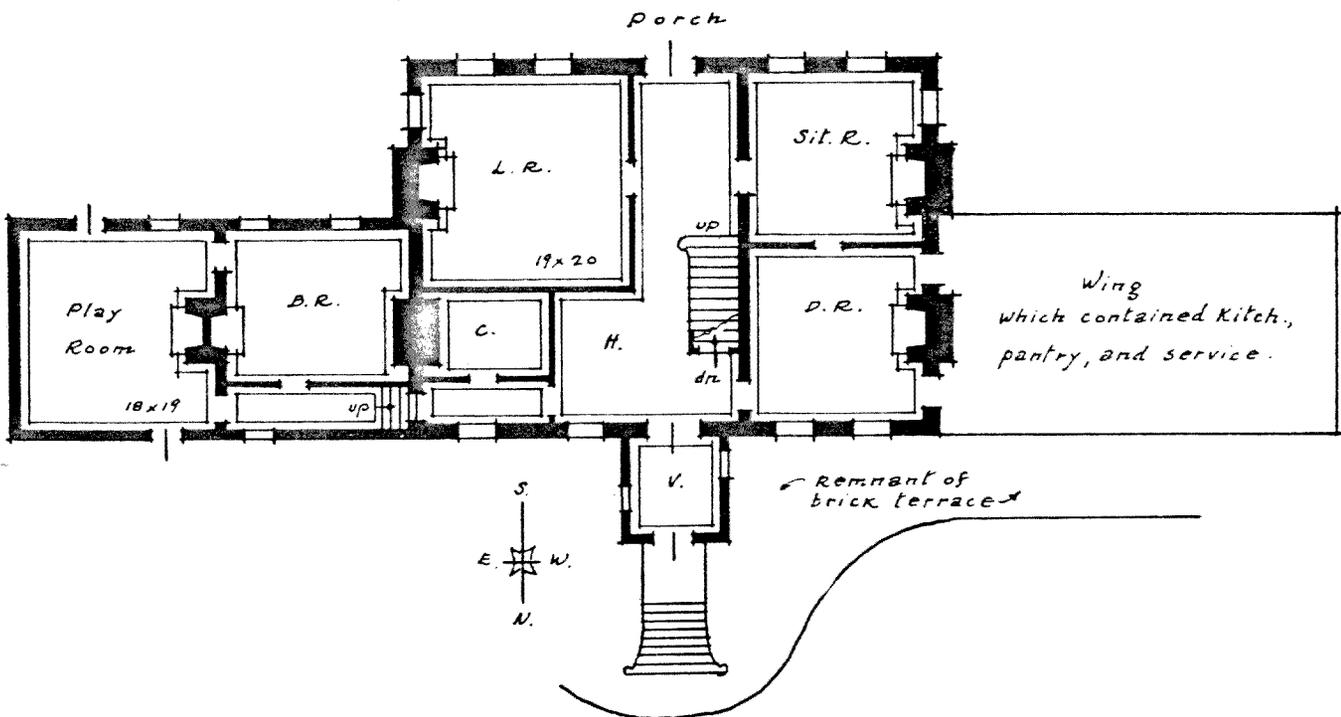
Grade to floor, 54.

Ceiling, 10-11.

Sill, 35.

Panes, 12½ by 19½.

Walls, 19.



EARLY MANOR AND PLANTATION HOUSES OF MARYLAND

An Architectural and Historical Compendium, 1634-1800,
with three hundred twenty photographs and one hundred
forty-five plans, details and sketches ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

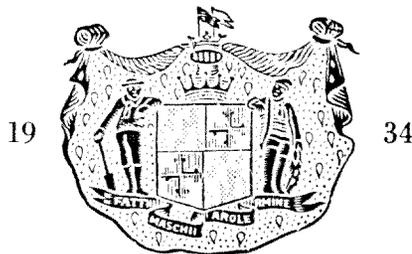
By H. CHANDLEE FORMAN, Art Educator, Architect
M. Arch., Ph.D. (Fine Arts), Litt.D. (History and Archaeology)

*Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; Fellow, Explorers Club, New York; George Barnard White Prize, Princeton University;
Carnegie Foundation fellow (creative painting); Calvert Prize, State of Maryland (historic preservation); Citation, Chesapeake Bay Chapter, A.I.A. (service).*

*Honorary Member, The Archeological Society of Maryland, The Townsend Society of America, The Nantucket Garden Club; One-time Editor of the
national records of the Historic American Buildings Survey, Library of Congress; Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities;
Chairman, Maryland Advisory Committee on Archeology, Johns Hopkins University.*

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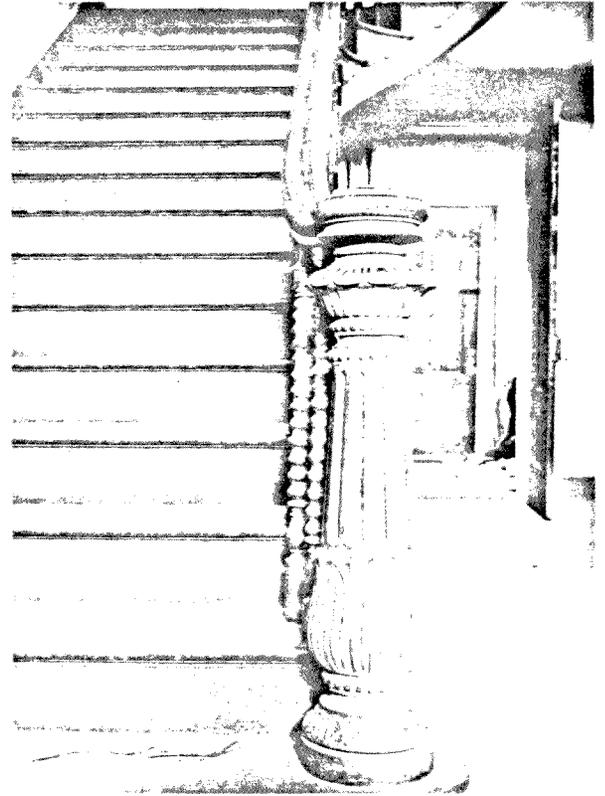
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View of BELLEFIELD taken from the boxwood approach side and showing the one remaining wing ready to collapse. This wing contained the playroom for the children and one bedroom.

The BELLEFIELD newel-post, of the main stair that winds its way to the attic, has leaves carved upon it. The balusters are Nineteenth Century work. "Bellefield" belonged to the Sim and Oden families.



This view shows the TAVERN AT QUEEN ANNE, now Hardesty, on the Patuxent River. George Washington records a number of visits here. The house has settled away from the chimney.

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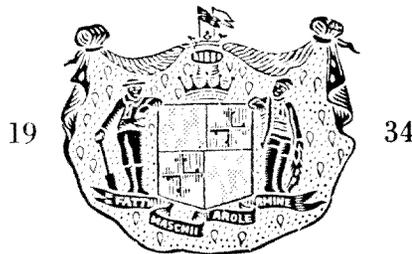
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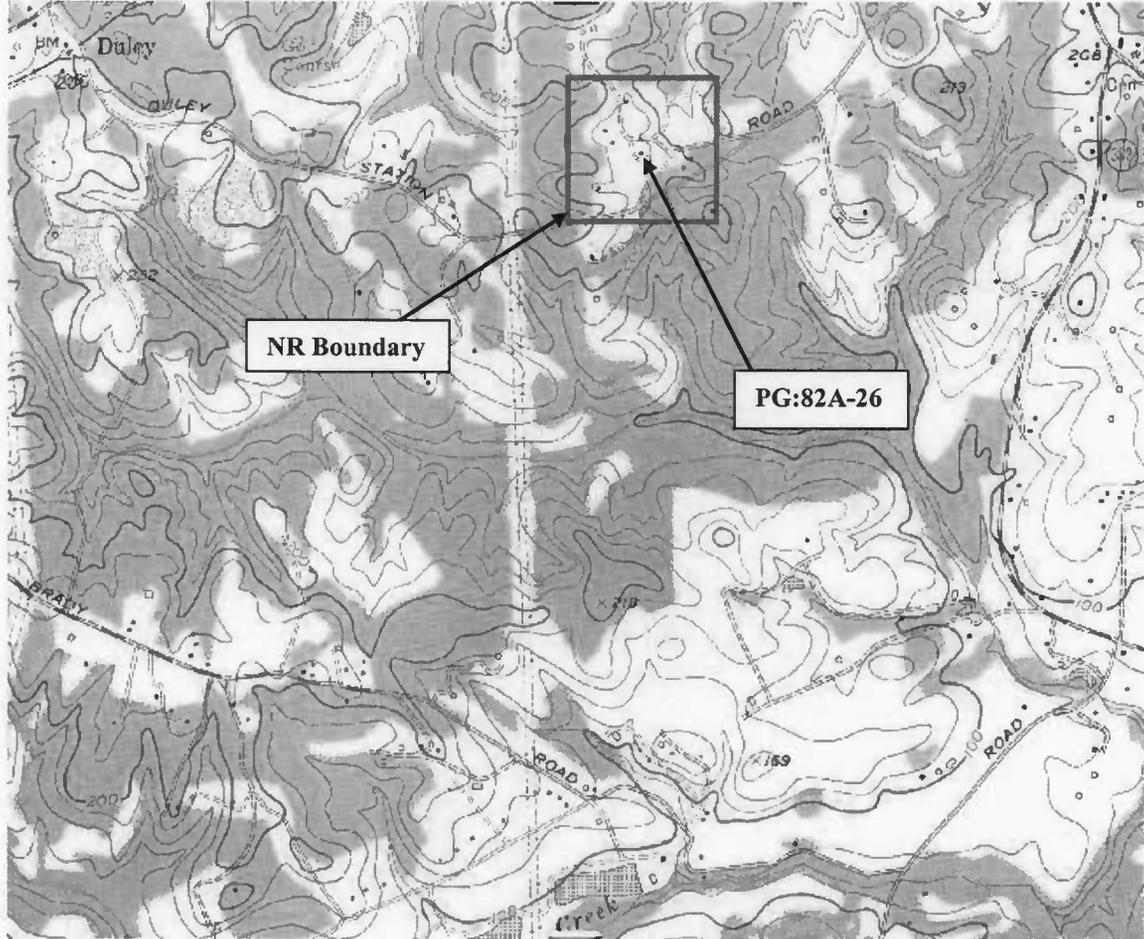


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Brandywine Quadrangle



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MARYLAND

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NE 1/4 BRANDYWINE 15' QUADRANGLE

47'30"

870 000 FEET

BM Duley

Lat. 38° 44' 52.5"

Lat. 38° 44' 52.5"

Long. 76° 46' 49.5"

Long. 76° 46' 29.5"

BELLEFIELD

St. Simon's Ch.

Lat. 38° 44' 36.5"

Lat. 38° 44' 36.5"

Long. 76° 46' 49.5"

Long. 76° 46' 29.5"

BRANDYWINE QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
Scale: 1:24,000
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NORTH KEYS-NAYLOR





Bellefields

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BELLE FIELDS

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BELLEFIELDS FORMERLY SIM'S DELIGHT

BUILT CA. 1720 BY DR. PATRICK SIM WHO FLED SCOTLAND AFTER THE 1715 REBELLION TO SETTLE IN THIS COUNTY WHERE, 1718, HE MARRIED MARY, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS AND BARBARA DENT BROOKE, OF NEARBY BROOKEFIELD MANOR.

COLONEL JOSEPH SIM, THEIR OLDEST SON, BORN HERE, DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1793. HE WAS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND ONE OF THE ANNAPOLIS ASSEMBLY WHICH, JUNE 22, 1774, DENOUNCED THE BRITISH CLOSING OF BOSTON HARBOR. HE REPRESENTED HIS COUNTY JUNE, 1775, AT THE ANNAPOLIS CONVENTION WHICH FRAMED THE ASSOCIATION OF FREEMEN OF MARYLAND. HE SERVED IN THE CONVENTION OF MARYLAND WHICH GOVERNED THE STATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REVOLUTION, AND ON THE FIRST PRIVY COUNCIL OF THE STATE, 1777. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1780.

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