

S' M. -9  
CLOCKER'S FANCY  
St. Mary's City  
Private

*late 17th or early 18th*  
~~late 17th century~~

It is generally believed that this small, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-story frame house with later wings may be the oldest house still standing within the site of the 17th century settlement of St. Mary's City. Construction of the house is attributed to Daniel Clocker who arrived in St. Mary's City in 1636 as an indentured servant to Thomas Cornwaleys. Extensive 20th century renovations have left little of the original fabric intact.



Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Clocker's Fancy

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Daniel Clocker's House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rose Croft Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
St. Mary's City

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: St. Mary's County 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"/>	Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <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 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:  
Mrs. L.M. Heagy & Mrs. A.C. McKenney

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Clocker's Fancy

CITY OR TOWN: St. Mary's City STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
MHT-HABS Inventory (M. Bourne)

DATE OF SURVEY: March 15, 1968 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" 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 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

Clocker's Fancy is a Maryland Manor house (of modest size) of 1½ stories with frame sides and brick end walls. The east end chimney is within the wall, while the stack on the west end is free-standing. The facade is three bays with two small windows and a narrow door. There are two peaked dormers on each side of the wood shingle roof. River, or south side has a covered porch, the roof of which breaks at an angle from the main roof (uncluttered view, p 39 Forman, Early Manors). Additions to the east and west were added in 1917, when the front porch (north side) was added and the interior brick nogging was removed. Wing furthest to the east was added in the late 1950s. The interior of the early section of the house is two rooms (one slightly larger than the other), there is no entrance hallway, and some panelling remains.

To the west of the house is a square, frame smoke house with a pyramidal roof. (The smokehouse, a plan, and a drawing of the probably appearance of Clocker's Fancy appear on page 6 in Forman's Maryland Architecture 1968).

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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) Mid- to Late-17th C. (Forman: c.1658)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

Clocker's Fancy, along with the nearby Leigh House, is believed to be one of the oldest houses in the county and in the state. Although the house now appears to be generally early 18th century, everything, such as the smallness of the windows, the irregular two room plan lacking a central hallway, and the size, all suggest an early date, probably mid-17th century. Clocker's Fancy is similar to other Southern Maryland manor houses with its frame sides and brick ends, however, if we judge by Forman's drawing of the house's original appearance (Maryland Architecture p 6), it is of the same general type as contemporaneous houses in Virginia, such as the Adam Thoroughgood House, 1636-40 and the Warburton House, c1680, and must therefore be classified one of the few remnants of the early Colonial (or late 'Medieval') style in America.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

H.C. Forman, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland 1934  
 p 39  
Maryland Architecture 1968 p 6

Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture 1952 Chapter on Southern  
 Colonial Architecture for similar houses and plans

Mrs. L.M. Heagy, Clocker's Fancy, St. Mary's City, 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	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: University of Delaware DATE: June 6, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Department of Art History

CITY OR TOWN: Newark, STATE: Delaware COOE:

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clocker's Fancy is a Maryland manor house of modest size, of 1½ stories with fram sides and brick gable ends. The east end chimney is within the wall while the west end stack is free standing. The facade is three bays long with two small windows and na narrow door. There are two peaked dormers on the wood shingle gable roofs(each side). The river (south) side has a porch with the roof breaking from the main roof. Additions to the east and west were added in 1917, when the front porch was added and interior brick nogging removed. The wing to the far east was built in the late 1950s. The interior of the earliest part has two rooms, no hall, and panelling.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE			
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
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<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>Although Henry C. Forman gives a mid-18th century date for Clocker's Fancy, the house is at least early 18th century and is similar to other southern Maryland manor houses with its frame sides and brick ends. The smallness of the windows, irregular plan with a lack of a central hall, and the size of the house suggest an early date, although generally it appears to be early 18th century. It is believed to be, with Leigh House, one of the oldest in the county.</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16 acres

Acreege Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: June 6, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>St. Mary's County</b> TOWN <b>St. Mary's City</b> STREET NO. <b>St. Mary's City</b> VICINITY	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>SM - 9</b>
ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Daniel Clocker</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Mrs. L. M. Heagy</b> PRESENT USE <b>Dwelling</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Frame</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>1-1/2</b>	2. NAME <b>Clocker's Fancy</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>17th century</b> STYLE <b>Colonial</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

Clocker's Fancy is a 1-1/2 story house with brick gable-ends and frame facades. It is three bays long with central door on each facade. There are 2 peaked dormers on the roof. The west gable is laid in Flemish bond and has a free-standing chimney and a small casement window south of the chimney on the second floor. The east chimney is within the building. There is a small porch over the center, north door and a screened porch across the entire south facade. There have been later additions attached to each gable.

To the east of the house stands an out-building with a pyramidal roof.

Good condition

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered	Interior	Exterior
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

**Forman, Henry Chandlee**  
Early Manor and Plantation Houses  
of Maryland, 1934 - page 39

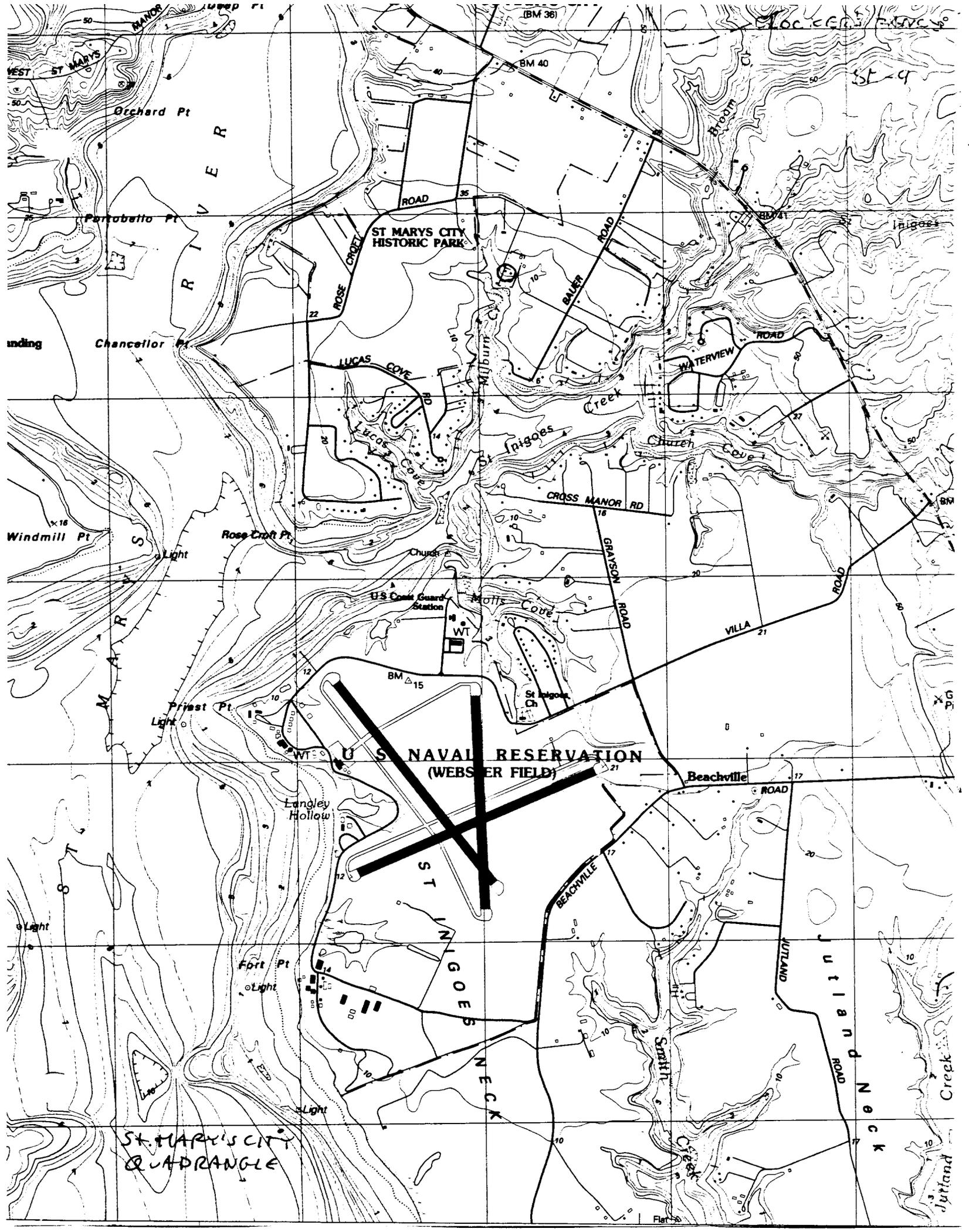
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

**Michael O. Bourne**  
**Maryland Historical Trust**

DATE OF RECORD **March 15, 1968**

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





MANOR

WEST ST MARYS

Orchard Pt

Pertubello Pt

Chancellor Pt

Windmill Pt

Priest Pt

Light

ST. MARYS CITY QUADRANGLE

ST MARYS CITY HISTORIC PARK

LUCAS COVE

Lucas Cove

U.S. Coast Guard Station

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION (WEBER FIELD)

ST INIGOES NECK

(BM 38)

BM 40

ROAD 35

ROSE CROFT ROAD

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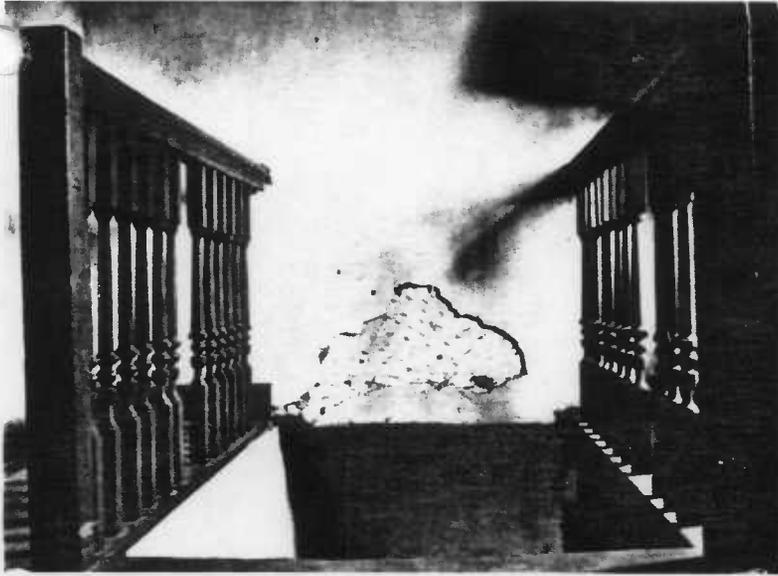
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ROAD 35

RIVER



The balusters at BACHELOR'S HOPE have spiral markings, and line both sides of a small narrow stairway, leading to the two bedrooms on the second floor.

Detail of the inset portico of BACHELOR'S HOPE showing rosettes and triglyphs in the frieze, and the main stairs that run out-of-doors.



CLOCKER'S FANCY which probably dates from the middle of the Seventeenth Century has brick gable-ends and frame clapboarded sides. Two types of chimneys are visible. This was the home of Daniel Clocker.



CLOCKER'S FANCY, ST. MARY'S COUNTY SM-9  
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