

Capsule Summary
SM-642
Grave Site of Truman Greenfield
Golden Beach vicinity
Private

c. 1726

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Contact and Settlement, 1570-1750
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type

Category:	Site
Historic Environment:	Suburban subdivision
Historic Function and Use:	Cemetery
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old House Landing Farm, Indian Creek with Addition

and/or common Grave site of Truman Greenfield (pref.)

2. Location

street & number 39720 White Feather Lane XXX not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-2, G-23, P-100, Lot 56

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mike O'Mealy

street & number 39720 White Feather Lane telephone no.: 301-290-1915

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md 20659

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EWA 1215

street & number folio 57

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-642

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Grave Site of Truman Greenfield is located off of Golden Beach Road near Golden Beach, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the grave is one of three partially visible table tombs that were recently uncovered during clearing in a modern residential subdivision. Only a few feet from a modern house, the grave is situated on hill top near Indian Creek.

The most prominent of the three graves is that of Major Truman Greenfield. An inscription on the nine to ten foot long marker reads

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Clustered near the head of the stone, the inscription is not accompanied by any other burial iconography like that found on the stone of Dryden Forbes Gordon (See SM-637) that was also recently documented.

Another large stone was located immediately to the south of Truman Greenfields. Unfortunately, the stone has been broken up and a name is not discernable. The visible portions of the inscription reads

Here Lyeth.....the wife of....who D....in the 4?th....Age...Alfo....the M.....of three?
Child.....M.....John...

Unlike the grave of Truman Greenfield, the edge of the stone has been beveled, but again no iconography appears.

A small portion of a third stone located to the east of the two previous markers does not have a legible name but does relate the following information.

.....April....of her.....ace.....Lies 4....viz) Benj.....John.....

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-642

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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SM-642, Grave of Maj. Truman Greenfield
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 1215, Folio 57

Grantee: Michael and Tina O'Mealy

Grantor: Federal National Mortgage Association

Date: July 28, 1997

Notes: The property consists of Lot #56 of Indian Creek Estates and is recorded in Plat Record Liber 29, Folio 63.

Reference: Liber EWA 1196, Folio 504

Grantee: Federal National Mortgage Association

Grantor: Edward S. Cohn, et al

Date: April 23, 1997

Notes: The property is sold at a public sale.

Reference: Liber EWA 967, Folio 133

Grantee: Elaine Grimes Diggle

Grantor: George Edward Diggle

Date: June 15, 1995

Notes: The conveyance notes that it is a quitclaim deed.

Reference: Liber EWA 841, Folio 441

Grantee: George Edward Diggle

Grantor: Joseph F. and Pamela M. Ford

Date: November 19, 1993

Reference: Liber EWA 530, Folio 88

Grantee: Joseph F. and Pamela M. Ford

Grantor: Ken Cross Construction Inc.

Date: April 16, 1990

Notes: The property is subdivided as drawn in Plat Record MRB 29, Folio 63.

Reference: Liber 411, Folio 337

Grantee: Ken Cross Construction

Grantor: Accent Mobile Homes, Inc.

Date: May 11, 1988

Notes: The property is listed as containing 14.771 acres.

Reference: Liber MRB 18, Folio 479

Grantee: Accent Mobile Homes, Golden G. Uphole

Grantor: Golden G. Uphole, et al

Date: August 1, 1978

Notes: Orval B. Uphole dies, leaving Golden G. Uphole as the executor of his estate (see Estate No. 5085).

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8.2 Significance

Reference: Liber DBK 182, Folio 13

Grantee: Orval B. Uphole

Grantor: Elizabeth B. Kahl, personal representative of N. Eva Turner's estate (Will Record GMN 12, 443)

Date: September 25, 1972

Notes: The property, called Old House Landing Farm, is listed as containing 223.0778 acres as seen on a plat by J. R. McCrone, Jr. dated June, 1972 (plat could not be found).

Reference: Will Record ACM 1, Folio 241

Grantee: Naomi Eva Turner

Grantor: Eva Harrison Turner

Date: November 28, 1929

Notes:

Reference: Liber JFF 11, Folio 266

Grantee: Eva Turner

Grantor: Spencer Harrison, et al (heirs of Theophilus Harrison)

Date: July 5, 1889

Notes: The property is listed as containing three tracts. The first contains 217 acres and is called Indian Creek with Addition. The second contains an unknown amount of acreage and is also called Indian Creek with Addition. The third tract contains 60 acres and is called Indian Creek.

Reference: Liber JFF 3, Folio 292

Grantee: Theophilus Harrison

Grantor: David S. Briscoe

Date: December 4, 1878

Notes: As a result of a circuit court case the property is sold at a public sale

Reference: Decree Record Liber JFF 2, Folio 237

Benjamin F. Bowling and George F. Adams, (adms. of Maria P. Morton) v. Joseph F. Shaw, Fannie Thomas, and James W. Thomas

Date: September 19, 1877

Notes: Joseph and Elizabeth Shaw provide a mortgage to Maria P. Morton. Morton died, however, before she could repay the balance. The property was then ordered to be sold at a public auction. Unfortunately, it is not clear how the Shaws obtained the property from members of the Thomas family.

Note: Due to a broken chain-of-title, the following deeds represent some early transactions involving "Indian Creek."

Reference: Liber JH 12, Folio 4

Grantee: Pricy Thomas

Grantor: George Forbes and Mary E. Forbes

Date: January 11, 1840

Notes: The property still consists of three tracts with identical acreage as seen in Liber JFF 11, Folio 266. It is not known how the Forbes obtained the property.

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Reference: Liber JH 8, Folio 510

Grantee: Richard Henry Marshall and Hanson Marshall

Grantor: Thomas Greenfield (Joseph Gough, Sheriff)

Date: August 7, 1830

Notes: Indian Creek is listed as containing 217 acres. Apparently the property was involved in an Circuit Court case and had to be sold at public auction. Unfortunately, it does not provide the litigants nor the reference for the case. A date of April 14, 1812 is given. Thomas Marshall and John Forbes were the highest bidders. After Forbes died, however, Hanson Marshall was given partial ownership.

Reference: Liber JH 9, Folio 47

Grantee: Pricy Thomas

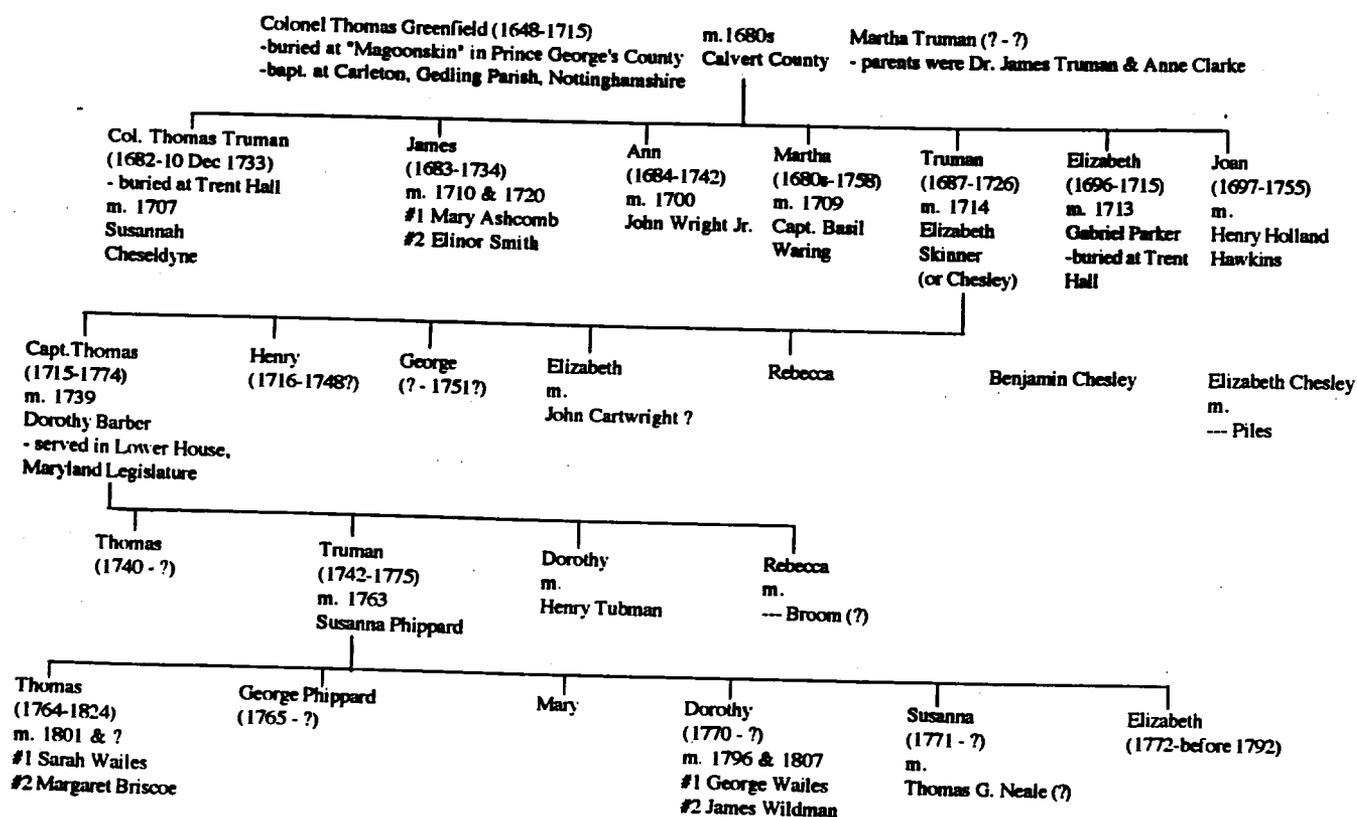
Grantor: John Truman Hawkins

Date: December 20, 1830

Notes: Here "Indian Creek with Addition is listed as containing 757 3/4 acres.

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 8.4 Significance

Truman Greenfield and his Progeny (From the Notes of James Andrew Vick)



Genealogy of the Greenfield Family. From the notes of James Andrew Vick, Greenfield Family, St. Mary's County Genealogy Files, Leonardtown, Maryland.

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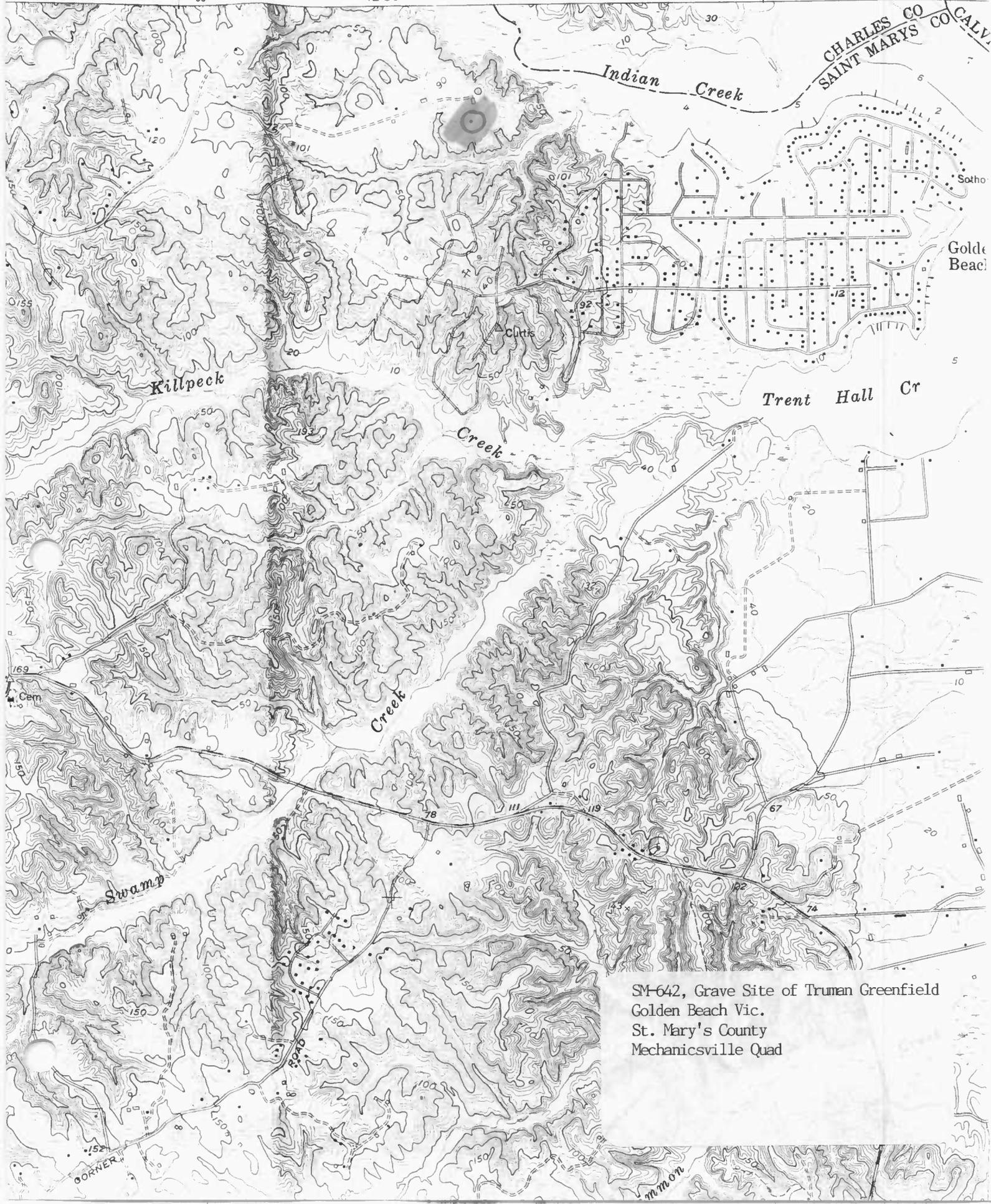
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Golden Beach

Killpeck

Creek

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Swamp

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Golden Beach Vic.
St. Mary's County
Mechanicsville Quad

CORNER

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