

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Matthew's Folly Inventory Number: SM-134

Address: 22283 Chancellors Run Road City: California Zip Code: 20634

County: Saint Marys USGS Topographic Map: Solomons Island

Owner: Joe Travis & Dixie Marilyn Horton Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 523 Tax Map Number: 43 Tax Account ID Number: 098808

Project: MD 237 from MD 235 to Pegg Road Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by MHT staff: no ___ yes Name: ___ Date: ___

Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: ___

NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: ___

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___ yes no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
Matthew's Folly was constructed circa 1856 and is a two-story, side-gable vernacular farm cottage. Extensive modifications to the exterior have occurred, most notably the one-story brick wings that were added on each side and along the front façade of the house. The most notable visual historic feature remaining are the chimneys. Matthew's Folly is considered not eligible for the National Register due to a lack of historic integrity and original building materials.

Prepared by: Becky Kermes Date Prepared: 10/10/2002

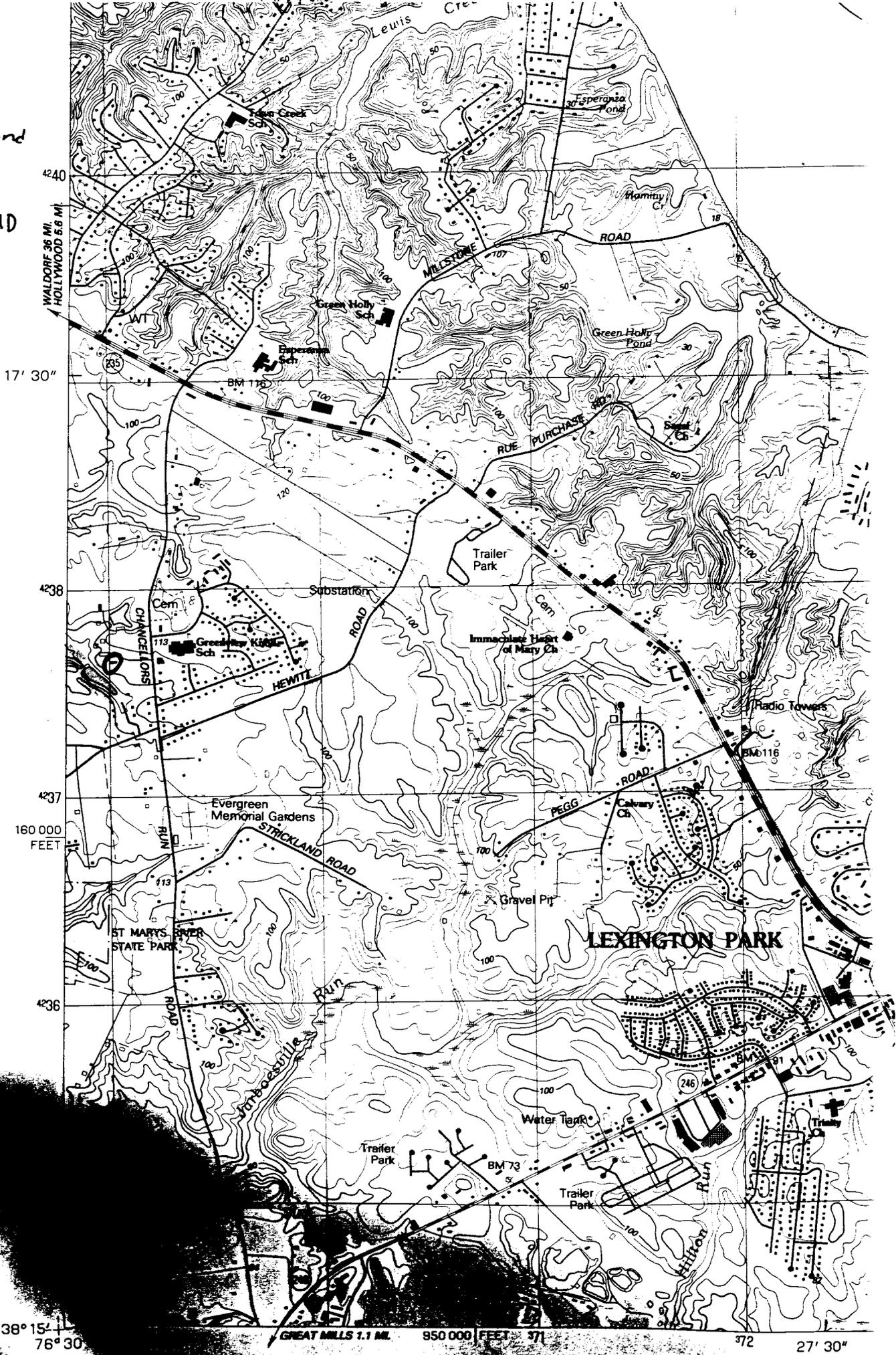
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>1/24/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>2/27/03</u> Date

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SM-134
Matthew's Folly

Solomons Island
US quad

St Mary's Co., MD



38° 15' 76° 30' GREAT MILLS 1.1 MI. 950 000 FEET 371 372 27° 30'



Capsule Summary
SM-134
Matthew's Folly
Chancellor's Run Road
Private

Circa 1850

Matthew's Folly is significant as an example of mid-nineteenth-century domestic architecture in St. Mary's County. Based on the architectural features of the main block, the house appears to have been built around 1850 during the ownership of the Cullemer family. The house has been significantly altered with the sheathing of the exterior in aluminum siding and the construction of a series of modern additions.

Matthew's Folly, originally part of Woolsey Manor, was surveyed in 1790 for Matthew Wise and patented to James Hopewell in 1796. According to a description of property included in Benjamin Tippet's Surveyor Log Books, Matthew's Folly was owned by Joshua Cullemer by 1820. Cullemer, also spelled "Cullumber," possessed the property until his death in 1856.

In 1867, Cullemer's daughter, Elizabeth Norris, sold the property to John A. B. Shermantine. John Shermantine died in 1921, devising the parcel to his daughters Maria Shermantine and Helen B. Hayden. Helen Hayden and her husband Frank continued to own the property until 1956.

SM-134, Matthew's Folly
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agricultural Intensification, 1815-1870.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Matthew's Folly

2. Location

street & number Chancellor's Run Road not for publicationcity, town Great Mills vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Joe Hortonstreet & number P.O. Box 370 telephone no.: (301) 863-6563city, town Lexington Park state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liberMRB 515street & number folio 135city, town Leonardtwn state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

Matthew's Folly is located on the west side of Chancellor's Run Road near California in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Formerly surrounded by cultivated fields, the dwelling is now flanked by a modern housing development on the north and south. One modern outbuilding stands on the property. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1850, the main block of Matthew's Folly is a two-story, frame structure with a center hall, single pile plan. Modern, brick, one-story wings were added to the north and south elevations of the house in the 1970s. The original foundation is not visible. The exterior of the main block is sheathed with aluminum siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation is pierced by a central twelve-light-over-one-panel entrance door flanked by a bank of four eight-light windows with louvered shutters to the south. A shed roof porch extends across the full width of the main block elevation. The northern section of the porch has been enclosed with brick and pierced by one six-over-six sash window on the south, two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters on the west and one six-over-six sash window on the north. The second floor of the main block is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and louvered shutters. The southern one-story brick addition is pierced by a bank of three six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof. The northern one-story, gable roof addition is pierced by a bank of three six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters.

The north elevation of the main block first floor is obscured by the modern one-story addition. The second floor is blind, although an exterior brick chimney stands against this flush gable-end elevation. The brick addition is pierced by a nine-light-over-three-panel door with wide surrounds and a small six-over-six sash window. A gable roof portico supported by turned posts shelters the entrance. This addition serves as an efficiency apartment.

The west elevation of the northern brick addition is pierced by a bank of two eight-over-eight windows and one two-light window. A modern shed roof addition extends across the first floor of the main block. This addition is pierced by a door and four windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof slope. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and louvered shutters. The southern one-story brick addition is obscured by a one-story addition that projects to the north. This section of the house serves as an efficiency.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-134

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Unknown **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

Matthew's Folly is significant as an example of mid-nineteenth-century domestic architecture in St. Mary's County. Based on the architectural features of the main block, the house appears to have been built around 1850 during the ownership of the Cullemer family. The house has been significantly altered with the sheathing of the exterior in aluminum siding and the construction of a series of modern additions.

Matthew's Folly, originally part of Woolsey Manor, was surveyed in 1790 for Matthew Wise and patented to James Hopewell in 1796. According to a description of property included in Benjamin Tippet's Surveyor Log Books, Matthew's Folly was owned by Joshua Cullemer by 1820. Cullemer, also spelled "Cullumber," possessed the property until his death in 1856.

In 1867, Cullemer's daughter, Elizabeth Norris, sold the property to John A. B. Shermantine. John Shermantine died in 1921, devising the parcel to his daughters Maria Shermantine and Helen B. Hayden. Helen Hayden and her husband Frank continued to own the property until 1956.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-134

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 Acres

Quadrangle name Solomon's Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification
Acreage immediately surrounding house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoning

date January 1995

street & number 328 Washington Street

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
-514-7600

SM-134, Matthew's Folly
St. Mary's County
7.1 Description

The south elevation of the main block first floor is obscured by the one-story brick addition. This addition is pierced by modern windows and sliding glass doors. The second floor of the main block is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters. An exterior brick chimney stands against this flush gable end.

The interior of the main block consists of a center hall with an open string stair leading to the second floor. The stair has square balusters and a simple turned newell post. A storage space located underneath the stair was formerly accessible by means of a door from the south parlor. That door has been enclosed. The storage area can be viewed today after removing an air vent on the north side of the stair. Here, reciprocal sawn wood and machine cut nails are visible as part of the stair construction. Except for the stair, few original interior finishes survive on the first floor. The second floor consists of two bedrooms and a bathroom.

SM-134, Matthew's Folly
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Joe Travis Horton and Dixie Marilyn Horton
FROM: James Dobry
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 515, folio 135.
DATE: January 10, 1990.
NOTES: Transfer of Lot One being "Hayden Manor." See plat 31/52.

TO: James Dobry
FROM: William James Marek and JoEllen Ann Marek
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 314, folio 458.
DATE: September 18, 1986.
NOTES: Transfer of 17.376 acres.

TO: William James Marek and JoEllen Marek
FROM: James Dobry
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 189, folio 82.
DATE: April 10, 1973.
NOTES: Transfer of 17.376 acres being part of CBG 63/20.

TO: James Dobry
FROM: Frank D. Hayden and Helen S. Hayden
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 63, folio 20.
DATE: May 1, 1956.
NOTES: Transfer of 213 acres of "Matthew's Folly" with certain exceptions.

TO: Frank D. and Helen S. Hayden
FROM: Mary R. Fowler
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 18, folio 82.
DATE: January 28, 1946.
NOTES: Transfer of 213 acres of "Matthew's Folly" with certain exceptions.

TO: Mary Fowler
FROM: Helen and Frank Hayden
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 18, folio 82.
DATE: January 28, 1946.
NOTES: Transfer of 213 acres of "Matthew's Folly" with certain exceptions.

TO: Maria D. Shermantine and Helen B. Hayden
FROM: John A. B. Shermantine
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber BC 1, folio 192.
DATE: March 14, 1921.

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St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance

NOTES: Transfer of the farm "Matthew's Folly" to his wife Maria and at her death to his daughter Helen Hayden.

TO: John A. B. Shermantine

FROM: William J. Norris and Elizabeth A. Norris

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 335.

DATE: July 22, 1867.

NOTES: Transfer of property lately belonging to Joshua Cullember known as "Matthew's Folly" and part of "Long Fields" subject to the widow's dower. Price: \$500

TO: Heirs

FROM: Joshua Cullumber

RECORD: St. Mary's County Administration Accounts, Liber GC 6, folio 275.

DATE: 1856

NOTES: Distribution of estate to widow Mary, 1/3 part; to daughter Mary M., 1/2 of 2/3; to daughter Elizabeth A. Norris, 1/2 of 2/3.

There is no deed listed in the land record index that shows the transfer of "Matthew's Folly" to Joshua Cullumber. However, a survey of "Long Field" in the Benjamin Tippet Surveyor Log Books (page 153) notes that by 1820, "Cullember" was already possessed of the tract. Further, a survey describing the metes and bounds of "Matthew's Folly" notes that it was originally surveyed on June 24, 1790 for Matthew Wise and patented on November 11, 1796 to James Hopewell.

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St. Mary's County
8.4 Significance

The boundaries of "Matthew's Folly" as copied from the patent by Benjamin Tippett.

Source: Benjamin Tippett Surveyor Log Books, St. Mary's County Courthouse.

Matthew's Folly Surveyed the 26th Day of June
1798 for Matthew Wise, and Patented Nov. 11th 1796 to James Hopewell.
Lying in Saint Mary's County, in Woolsey Manor. Beginning at a
bounded Oak the Original beginning and Running thence 1. S. 15° 22' 5 1/2
ft. To a bounded Hick Oak, a boundary of Hammett's land, thence 2. N.
69° E. 67 ft. to a Locust post of said land, thence 3. N. 3° W. 35 ft. thence
4. N. 68° E. 145 ft. to the end of the N. N. W. course of William Bryan's land.
(Bryan's Purchase), thence 5. North 26 ft. (note). thence 6. N. 15° W. 124 ft. 7.
S. 49° W. 69 ft. 8. S. 30° W. 51 ft. 9. W. S. W. 1 ft. thence 10. by a straight
line to the beginning containing 114 1/4 Acres.
Copied from the Patent by B. Tippett

Note In an old plat of Matthew's Folly, without signature or date, the 5th c.
is stated to be 26 instead of 24 ft. in length.

SM-134, Matthew's Folly
 St. Mary's County
 8.5 Significance

Plat of Matthew's Folly and deed reference noting ownership of parcel in 1820 by Joseph Cullemer.

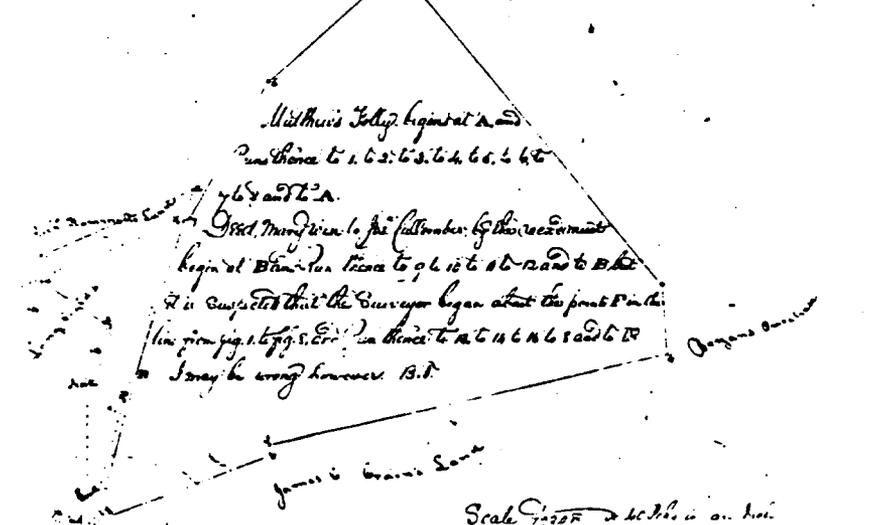
Source: Benjamin Tippett Surveyor Log Books.

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Long Fields, in Woolley Manor
 Part conveyed on the
 2nd Day of March 1820 by Mary Wise to Joshua Fullenber
 Beginning on the given line at the distance of 51 ft and 3
 links (?) from a Red Oak Tree known as the beginning of Matthew's Folly
 belonging to and in the possession of the said Joshua Fullenber, and running
 thence 1. N. 43° W. 21 ft. 2. N. 57° W. 24 ft. 3. N. 1/2° W. 92 ft to a White Oak stump
 known as the beginning of Richard Hammett's land. 4. N. 61/2° E. 57 ft and
 5. S. 1/2° W. thence 5. by a straight line to the beginning containing 9 1/2 acres
 Copied from the Deed by Benjamin Tippett

Note: The links I set out are 79 links in length or 79 inches. Such are those
 of a Four Pole Chain of 100 links (The Four Pole Chain of 50 Links was not com-
 mon at the above date).

There appears to be some serious error in the foregoing Deed. It appears to have been
 surveyed for that part of Long Fields, bounding upon the given or closing line of Matthew's
 Folly, which is also the closing line of this Survey. Now the given line of Matthew's
 Folly cannot, according to my calculations, be more than 106 Perches in distance, and the
 closing line of the foregoing Survey cannot be less than 67 Perches long. Add this to 51 ft
 the distance from the beginning of the Deed to the beginning of Matthew's Folly, and
 we have a closing line of 118 1/2 instead of 106 Perches long.

I suspect that the 2nd bound Tree of Matthew's Folly, cannot be considered as the
 beginning, it being a Red Oak and (near by), and that the foregoing Survey began
 about 40 Perches from this tree, on this erroneous hypothesis, as shown in the Plan below



ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

S' M -134
MATTHEW'S FOLLY
(Greenview Knolls)
Lexington Park
Private

early 19th century

Local tradition identifies the location and name of this site.
Requires further study.

Matthew's Folly Sm-134
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Matthew's Folly (~~Greenview Knolls~~)
AND/OR HISTORIC: ~~Greenview Knolls~~ Greenview Knolls

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Chancellor's Run Road
CITY OR TOWN: California
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input 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)		
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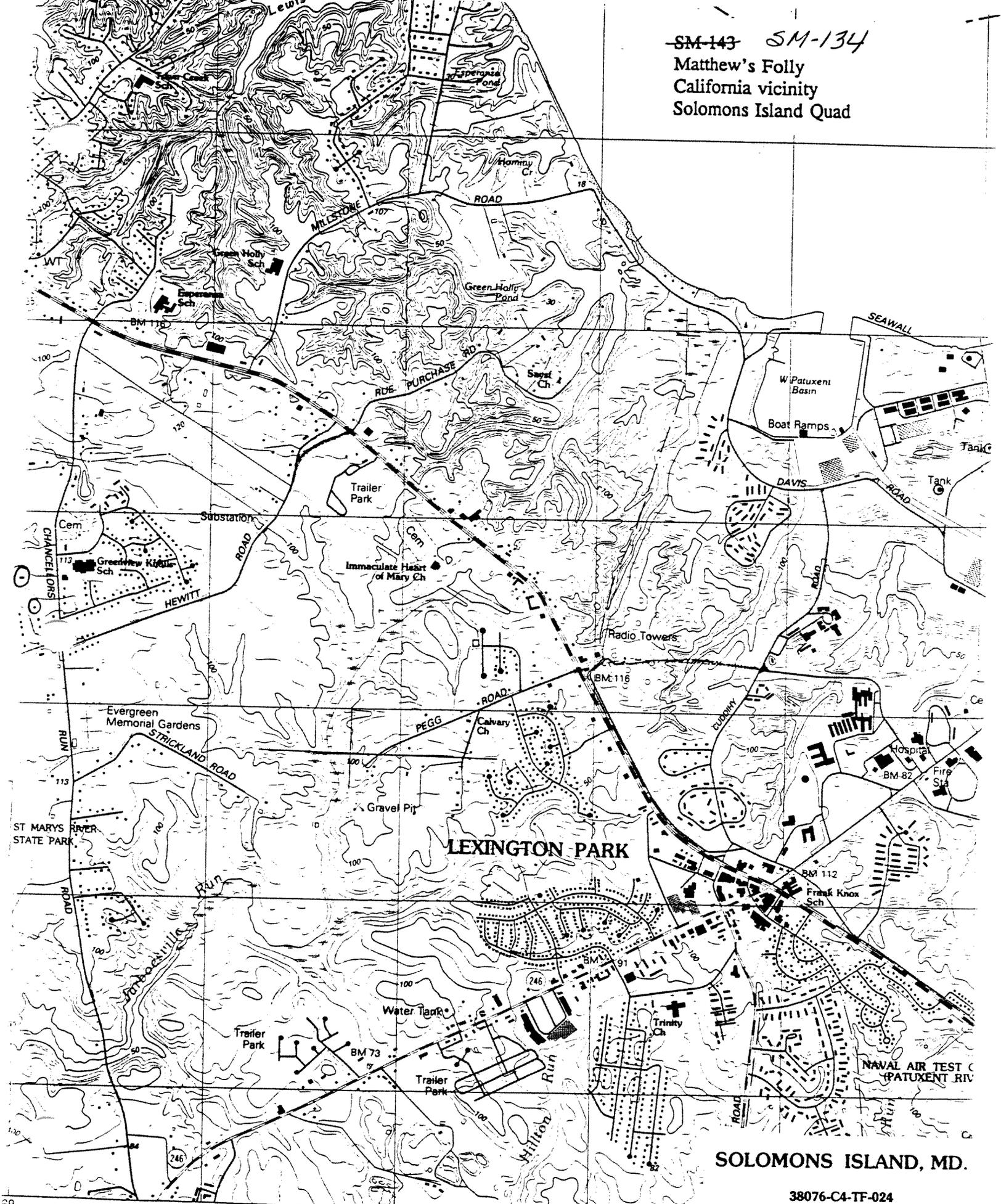
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Matthew's Folly
California vicinity
Solomons Island Quad



SOLOMONS ISLAND, MD.

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by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and DMA

GREAT MILLS 1.1 MI. 950 000 FEET 371

372 27' 30"



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Matthew's Folly

St. Mary's County, MD

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IID SHPO

SE Elevation

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Matthew's Folly

St Mary's County, MD

January 1995

E. Hughes

MD VHPD

NW Elevation

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Mathew's Folly

St. Mary's County, MD

E. Hughes

January 1975

MD SHPD

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