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WILLIE CARROLL HOUSE  
Beachville  
Private

late 1890's

This substantial frame house, enlarged and modernized over the years, was originally built in a design similar to other houses of the black farmers/watermen in Beachville, i.e., a two-story main block with one room downstairs, two upstairs and a kitchen attached to a gable end. According to George S. Carroll, a life-long resident of Beachville, this house was built in the late 1890's by John Woodland, one of the few black farmer<sup>s</sup>/watermen to build his own house rather than hiring a local carpenter. Later the house was purchased successively by two sons of Samuel E. Carroll, whose property was adjoining.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC JOHN WOODLAND -- WILLIE CARROLL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of unmarked dirt road (Gum Landing Rd.) whose Jct. with St. Inigoes Rd. is 200 yds. west of Jct. of St. Inigoes and Grayson Rd.

CITY, TOWN

St. Inigoes

VICINITY OF Beachville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

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

Willie Carroll

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Star Route (St. Inigoes Rd.)

CITY, TOWN

St. Inigoes

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: J.J.G. 5  
Folio #: 67

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

Md.

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This large handsome house is today the largest house in the Beachville community. It faces west toward the dirt drive (that was once known as Gum Landing Rd.) that leads to the Richard Medley House (STMA-289). According to George S. Carroll (STMA-283), this house was originally similar in size and plan to the other one and a half story, balloon frame houses built in the 1890's as part of the settlement of black families. In fact, it was smaller than the Butler House (STMA-283). It had one room downstairs (sitting room) and a gable end kitchen, with sleeping quarters for the parents and girls in the upstairs of the principal block and for the boys above the kitchen.

The house has been considerably enlarged. A shed screen porch has been added along the entire facade of the original house, and a small shed room (bathroom) attached to the northern gable end. The kitchen and the roof of the principal block have been raised to two stories, and a two story L attached to the northern side of the rear length. The weatherboards have also been covered by tar paper siding in the design of tan bricks. As at the Richard Medley House, the result of the changes is that the living space within the house has been more than doubled, illustrating the trend in houses from the 19th into the 20th centuries of an increase in the amount of space within the house, and an increase in the division of that space into separate rooms for specific functions, such as cooking, dining, sleeping, working, and socializing formally or informally.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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			

Black History

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SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1890's      BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Woodland

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to George S. Carroll, this house was first built as the residence of John Woodland, who was the first of the black settlers to build his home in this area. The deed for the property was recorded in 1897 (J.J.G. 5/67); this is later than that of Richard Medley's land (1890). Woodland's deed, however, may not have been registered until some years after the land purchase, so Carroll may be correct. In the first quarter of the 20th century (according to Carroll), the property was purchased by Willie Carroll, the son of Samuel Carroll whose property is adjacent (STMA-284), and the house was considerably enlarged by him.

This house and its improvements reflects the upward mobility and prosperity which some blacks who were able to find a suitable occupation and income were able to enjoy. Interestingly enough, this house, according to Carroll, was originally smaller than the Christopher Butler house.

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**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

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CITY OR TOWN

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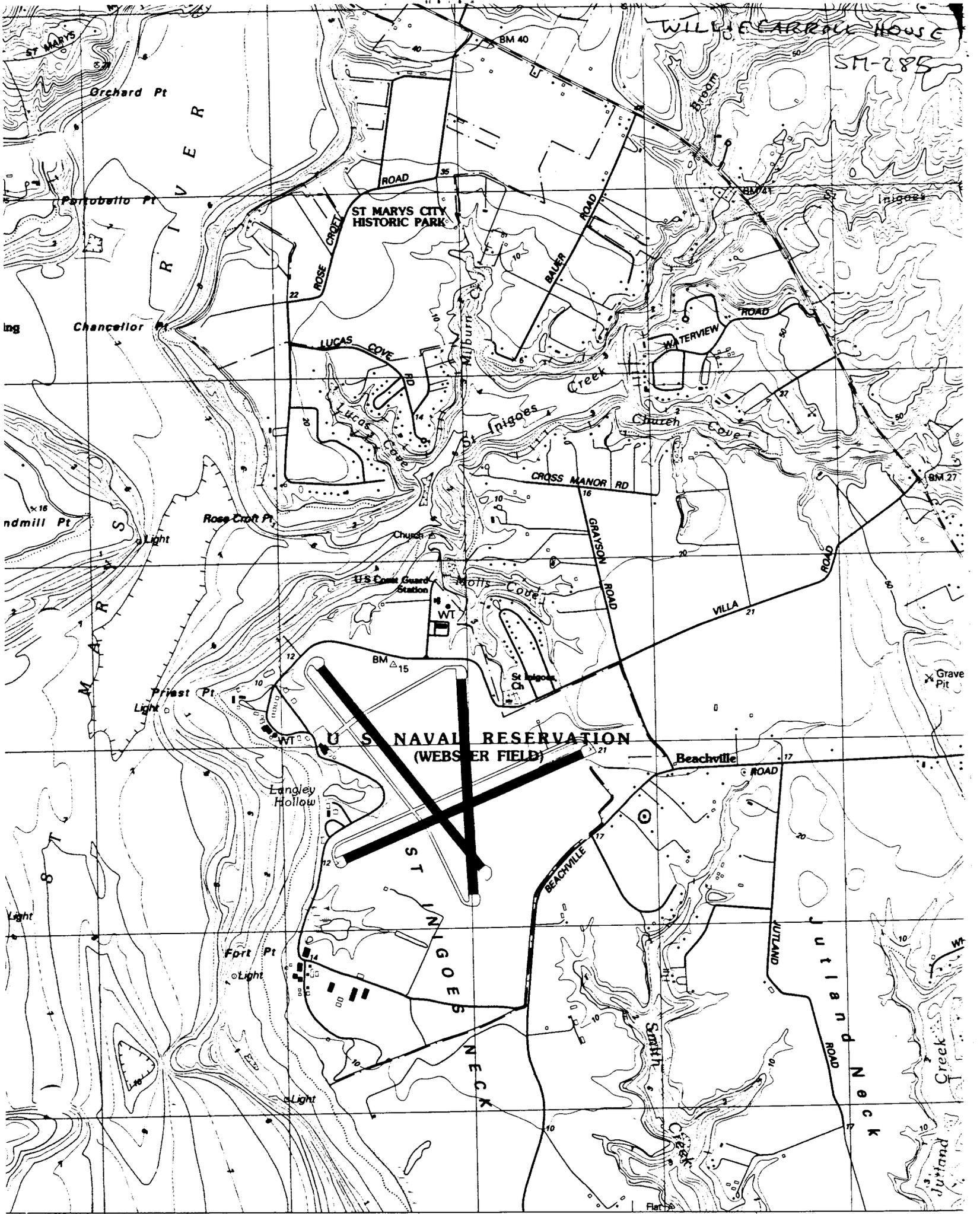
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ST. MARYS CITY QUADRANGLE

25'

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WILLIE CARROLL HOUSE

(WOODLAND - CARROLL  
HOUSE)

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E. VIEWS

BEACH VIEW, MD.

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