

Capsule Summary
SM-325
Clark Evans Tenant House
Indian Bridge Road
Private

Circa 1800 - 1825

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site is a private graveyard located about 75 yards south of the home. According to historian Regina Combs Hammett, this may be the burial place of Benjamin Tippett, his sister Susan H. Tippett, and his brother Zachariah H. Tippett. Although no gravestones are currently visible in the dense underbush, oral tradition substantiates the location of these sites.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680 -1815.

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

Survey No. **SM 325**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mill Manor

and/or common Evans Tenant House (pref); Benjamin Tippet House

2. Location

street & number Indian Bridge Road not for publication

city, town Great Mills vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 State of Maryland - Dept. of Natural Resources

street & number Tawes Office Building telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse library DBK 272

street & number folio 101

city, town Leonardtown 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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: 6

The Evans Tenant House is located at the end of a long unpaved drive on the east side of Indian Bridge Road within the boundaries of the St. Mary's State Park near California in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is in a very deteriorated condition and is overgrown with briars. A series of five outbuildings stand to the north of the house. A twentieth century dwelling, dating to about 1940, is located west of the house. Cultivated fields and woodland surround this site. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the early nineteenth century, the Evans Tenant House is a heavy timber framed, one-and-a-half story structure consisting of a main block with a hall/parlor plan and a two-room, western shed roof addition. The exterior form of the house resembles a New England saltbox. The main block is supported by a continuous brick foundation. The addition is supported by a series of concrete block piers. The exterior of the house is sheathed with circular sawn weatherboard siding attached with wire nails. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a gable end pierced by a partially glazed entrance door and a six-over-six sash window with narrow, beaded surrounds. A concrete pad, which probably served as a porch floor originally, extends across the south elevation of the house. The eave of the main block is pierced by two four-light windows with narrow surrounds.

The east elevation is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and an interior bead molding. Shutters originally flanked these windows. Now, only the hinges remain.

The north elevation of the main block is blind on the first floor. Two four-light windows pierce the eave of the gable end. An exterior brick chimney characterized by a varying bond pattern stands against the north side of the main block. The shed is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds.

The west elevation is pierced by a central four-panel entrance door covered by a vertical panel door on the exterior. The door is flanked by one six-over-six sash window on either side. An interior brick chimney pierces the shed roof slope.

The interior of the main block consists of a small southern hall and a large northern parlor. Located in the southeast corner of the hall is an open string, quarter turn stair. A small closet underneath the stair is fitted with shelves. The door to the closet was once fitted with a metal box lock. Exposed plaster lath in this section of the

8. Significance

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
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		<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.

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The Evans Tenant House stands on property that has been known over the years by a variety of names. In 1833, William P. and Jane Milburn sold the tracts "Charles Chance" and "Woolsey Manor," consisting of 165 acres, to James D. Sutton for \$275. In 1841, the Suttons sold 150 acres of this property to Elizabeth Hellen for \$325.

By 1856, the name of the property had changed although the acreage remained the same. Hellen transferred 106 acres of Mill Manor and 44 acres of Part of Mill Manor to James McK. Hammett for \$1000. Four years later, Hammett sold the property to John L. Hammett. In 1864, the tract, described as the land "whereon the grantors now reside," was transferred to Benjamin Tippett for \$1200.

Benjamin Tippett (1805-1876), the son of Benjamin Tippett, Sr., and Eleanor

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM 325

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 2 Acres

Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoning

date February 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
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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
 410-7600

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7.1 Description

house consists of both swan and riven lathing. The windows here have narrow muntins and are constructed with small wooden pegs. A four-panel door opens from the hall into the parlor. A mantel frames the firebox located against the north wall of the room. The mantel is relatively plain, but delicate. It consists of plain pilasters and a plain frieze. The underside of the mantel shelf is finished with a bed molding. The series of wire nails and square nail holes in the frieze suggest that the mantel was either salvaged from another site or simply reinforced at a later date. A plain baseboard finished with a molding located between the floor and the baseboard surrounds this room. Exposed ceiling joists here appear to have been whitewashed.

The first floor of the shed addition consists of two rooms and a small entry vestibule on the first floor. The southern parlor has a stove pipe and plain, blocky mantel located against the north wall. A four-panel door with a metal box lock provides access between this room and the hall of the main block. Exposed floor joists here consist of skinned logs. The ceiling is wainscoted. In the northern parlor, a stove pipe is imbedded in the chimney in the south wall. A closet, located behind a vertical panel door, stands east of the chimney in the northern parlor. The door and window surrounds in this room are beveled and attached with machine cut nails. The ceiling is sheathed with narrow wood planking. Exposed studs between this room and the northern parlor of the main block are reciprocal sawn. The top plate is hewn.

The second floor of the house is not accessible, but is partially visible from the first floor. The main block consists of a small hall and two plastered bedrooms behind vertical panel doors with horizontal battens. The door and window surrounds on this floor are beveled except for one which is finished with an interior bead. The rafters on the east slope of the main block roof are riven. Skinned logs act as the rafters under the shed roof. These rafter ends are mitred and rest on the ends of the first floor tie beams.

Six outbuildings which appear to date to the early twentieth century are located on the property. Closest to the house is a small shed roof wood shed sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with corrugated metal. Located about two hundred feet from the house is a cluster of agricultural outbuildings including two corn cribs, a stable, and two barns. These are supported by either cement block or wood piers, sheathed with vertical board siding, and roofed with either metal or asphalt shingles.

The tobacco barn faces north with the roof oriented on an east/west axis. It is rectangular in form, measuring twelve feet by thirty six and a half feet with a twelve foot shed on the south elevation. The organizational plan of the barn is a six foot structural bay system with four foot rooms. (See the 1984 Getty/Ridout report for more information on the barn.)

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8.4 Significance

Hayden Tippet, served for much of the nineteenth century as the St. Mary's County surveyor. His meticulously organized surveyor log books, which span the years 1836 to 1873, include plats which identify house, church, and school sites in addition to property boundaries. Tippet recognized the historical value of his records and consequently devised the books to the St. Mary's County Commissioners. The originals are kept in the vault at the St. Mary's County Courthouse while copies are available to the public both in the courthouse at Leonardtown and at the State Archives in Annapolis. These books remain an invaluable research tool for the contemporary historian.

At his death in 1876, Benjamin Tippet devised his real estate to his "connection and friend" John E. Carpenter for the use of Carpenter's daughter Mary. Mary E. Carpenter, later Mary E. Gough, continued to own the property until 1906 at which time it appears in the land records as "Hill Manor." In 1910, the Evans family purchased the property.

In addition to the house and series of outbuildings that are located on the Evans Tenant House site is a private graveyard located about 75 yards south of the home. According to Regina Combs Hammett, this may be the burial place of Benjamin Tippet, his sister Susan H. Tippet, and his brother Zachariah H. Tippet. Although no gravestones are currently visible in the dense underbush, oral tradition substantiates the location of these sites.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources
FROM: E. Madeline E. Bennett, also known as E. Madeline Evans Bennett, and A. Clarke Evans, also known as Andrew C. Evans.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 272, folio 101.
DATE: May 17, 1977.
NOTES: Transfer of 166.74524 acres being the residue of the land of A. Clarke Evans described in CBG 83/340 and being the remaining portion of land devised to A. Clarke Evans and E. Madeline Evans in the will RGC 2/499.

TO: A. Clarke Evans
FROM: E. Madeline E. Bennett and Richard M. Bennett
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 83, folio 340.
DATE: September 5, 1959.
NOTES: For the term of his life, a 1/2 undivided interest in the parcel "Hill Manor" being 117.31 acres, the remaining portion of land devised in RGC 2/499.

TO: Heirs
FROM: George W. Evans
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Liber RGC 2, folio 499.
DATE: October 25, 1957.
NOTES: Transfer of all his estate to his wife until her death, and after her death to his two children, Andrew C. Evans and E. Madalene Evans to share and share alike.

TO: G. Warren Evans
FROM: Emile Dohms and Minnie Dohms of Baltimore County, MD
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 9, folio 71.
DATE: October 11, 1910.
NOTES: Transfer of "Hill Manor" being 148 1/2 acres. Price: \$750.

TO: Emil Dohms and Minnie Dohms of Baltimore County, MD
FROM: J. Wesley Freeman and Mary A. Freeman
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 501.
DATE: October 5, 1907.
NOTES: Transfer of "Hill Manor" being 148 1/2 acres. Price: \$900.

TO: J. Wesley Freeman
FROM: Mary E. Gough, widow.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 131.
DATE: November 1, 1906.
NOTES: Transfer of "Hill Manor" being 148 1/2 acres. Price: \$300

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8.2 Significance

TO: Mary E. Carpenter

FROM: Benjamin Tippet

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Records, Liber JTMR 1, folio 413.

DATE: June 13, 1876.

NOTES: "I give and devise all my real estate to my brother Zachariah H. Tippet during his natural life with the remainder to my connection and friend John E. Carpenter in trust and for the use, maintenance, and education of his daughter Mary E. Carpenter."

TO: Benjamin Tippet

FROM: John L. Hammett and Mary E. Hammett

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 416.

DATE: August 19, 1864.

NOTES: Transfer of the tract "where said grantors now reside and the same tract lately owned and occupied by Elizabeth Hellen and more recently purchased by James McKelva Hammett and by him conveyed to John L. Hammett" being 150 acres.

Price: \$1200

TO: John L. Hammett

FROM: James McKelva Hammett and Emeline Hammett

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 438.

DATE: February 28, 1860.

NOTES: Transfer of two tracts: 1.) 160 acres of Mill Manor and 2.) 44 acres being part of Mill Manor. Price: \$1000

TO: James McKelva Hammett

FROM: Elizabeth Hellen

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 307.

DATE: April 24, 1856.

NOTES: Transfer of two tracts: 1.) being 106 acres of Mill Manor and 2.) 44 acres being part of Mill Manor. Price: \$1000

TO: Elizabeth Hellen

FROM: James D. Sutton and Elizabeth Sutton

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 12, folio 262.

DATE: November 13, 1841

NOTES: Transfer of part of two tracts called "Charles Chance" and "Woolsy Manor" being 150 acres "running with the lines of Nathaniel Combs to John Sanners with his line to the land of Mathias Sanner with his land as far as it is necessary so as by running a straight line eastward to intersect the line of James L. Biscoe's land, thence with Biscoe's line to the line of Nathaniel Combs and with his line to the beginning..."

Price: \$325

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8.3 Significance

TO: James D. Sutton

FROM: William P. Milburn and Jane Milburn

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 11.

DATE: October 8, 1833.

NOTES: Transfer of two tracts, Charles Chance and Woolsey Manor, being 165 acres.
Price: \$275.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Evans Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Now on Norris Road)

North side of Indian Bridge Rd., St. Mary's State Park

CITY, TOWN

Lexington Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtwn

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The Evans Tenant House, located on the north side of Indian Bridge Road in Saint Mary's State Park, is a small one-storey gable-roofed structure with pine weatherboard. A lower one-storey shed-roofed section has been constructed to the southern end which gives the building a saltbox appearance.

A screen door entrance is found in the older portion of the structure in its east gable end. Two four-light windows are located at the attic level. Simple timber surrounds with slightly projecting timber sills frame these window openings. A 6/6 sashed window is to the south of the entrance in the saltbox addition. It shares a similar wooden surround. A porch once sheltered this eastern gable. All that remains is the concrete cement floor.

Three 6/6 windows define the north facade. Again, plain wooden surrounds and projecting sills frame these openings. The asbestos shingled roof overhangs this facade.

An exterior brick chimney is located in the west gable end. A 6/6 sashed window defines the saltbox addition.

The south facade is characterized by a central doorway flanked by 6/6 sashed windows the entrance has a screened door and a four paneled door. The windows carry the same trim as the windows of the other three facades. Again, this portion of the structure has a slightly overhanging roof. A brick chimney is centrally located in the saltbox addition.

The interior has been totally gutted. On the first floor the older section is hall and parlor in plan. A boxed stair runs along the east wall. Access to the first floor of the saltbox addition wing is from a door in the south hall wall and the south parlor wall. The two doorways lead into the two rooms of the saltbox addition. A stove flue is located in the central partition wall. The second storey of the gable section is divided into two bedrooms with the crawl space of the saltbox wing reached from a doorway in the south wall of the east bedroom.

Various outbuildings surround the tenant house, including a post-in-the-ground tobacco barn which has been considerably altered over the years.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mr. Evans, who sold the property to the Department of Natural Resources, "The house was old in 1842". He learned of this information from a black woman, now dead, whose family lived in the house for many years.

Most likely this was a tenant dwelling on a tobacco farm.

Recommendations

The general appearance and more importantly the structural soundness of the structure are in very poor condition. Rehabilitation regrettably is almost non-existent.

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

DATE: February 28, 1980

FROM: Mark R. Edwards

RE: SM-325 Evans Farm Tenant House and Barn

Garry Stone called me today to report the findings of his field visit to this property. He reported that the barn, of the "post-in-the-ground" type, was probably built in the 20th century, utilizing older mid-19th century materials.

The tenant house was far more interesting, as inspection revealed the use of tilted false plates and riven oak rafters, indicating the 18th century rather than 19th century for a construction date.

Garry said that he would be sending a report to us on the property, and would request that we work with DNR to secure adequate funds to have the house measured and drawn, preferably by Ms. Merry Stinson. In addition, he suggested that monies be made available for the securing of wood samples for the dendrochronology project now being undertaken by the Trust and the St. Mary's City Commission. I told him that I would bring this up at our next meeting (March 12) with members of DNR.

cc: Mr. Wayne Clark
Ms. Bridget M. Deale



 Maryland Historical Trust

June 5, 1986

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 1986 regarding the Evans Tenant House. I am pleased to hear that the house is still standing and that you are interested in pursuing the matter further. While I do not like to see houses moved, this is clearly one building with little chance for survival otherwise.

The only information which we have is that which was prepared for DNR, which I assume Ross has sent to you. My own recollection of the house, based on a brief visit with Joe Getty about two years ago, was that it was somewhat unusual in plan and, despite some careful but relatively brief analysis, was difficult to fully explain. I do feel that the rear lean-to, though not original, was an early and important part of the house, and I would not encourage you to demolish that section, at least without a full understanding of when it was added and how it fits with the rest of the house. Because the house is somewhat unorthodox and due to the role you plan for it, I urge you to begin the project with a detailed analysis of the building in situ by a qualified architectural historian with prior experience with small vernacular Tidewater dwellings. I will also do what I can to offer assistance in the analysis and interpretation of the building, but regrettably I am heavily committed to other projects and only have limited time available. I do think this is a good building for your project, and there is no question that this represents the best likelihood of preserving the building from destruction.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please feel free to call me at 269-2438.

Sincerely,

Orlando Ridout V
 Historic Sites Survey
 Coordinator

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 CC: Mark Edwards ✓
 Ross Kimmel

Evans Farm
St. Mary's County
14 March 1984
Joe, Getty, Orlando Ridout

Description

The tobacco barn on the Evans Farm is located to the northeast of the dwelling house on high ground along the southwestern side of the upper reaches of the St. Mary's River. The barn forms part of a small complex of buildings that also includes a tobacco barn converted to a hay barn, a four-stall stable, a corn crib, and a small outbuilding that served as a potato storehouse and crib. All of these latter buildings appear to date to the very late 19th or early 20th century.

The tobacco barn is of frame construction and measures 36 feet long and 24 feet deep, with an original lean-to across the southwest facade that measures 36 feet long and 12 feet deep. The exterior of the barn is covered with vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof.

An examination of the interior of the barn reveals that it incorporates the framing of an early heavy timber frame tobacco barn. This early structure is of indeterminate date but almost certainly pre-dates the Civil War. This early structure measures 36 feet long and 12 feet deep and forms the northeastern half of the main barn structure. It consists of two 12 foot square pens separated by a 12 foot aisle. The framing members are hewn and pit sawn and the joints are mortise-and-tenon, secured with wooden pins.

While there is clear evidence that this early frame was previously part of a tobacco house, it is unusual in several respects. First, the posts are arranged in a six-foot bay system that conflicts with the four-foot room system almost universally used in tobacco barns in Southern Maryland. Second, the frame is extensively braced with two diagonal braces running from each post to the sill(s). Finally, the overall form and proportions of this structure are extremely unusual, this being the only known example that has been recorded.

This early frame was used to form half of a 24 by 36 foot barn that appears to date to circa 1860-90. The southwestern half of the barn and the original lean-to are constructed with posts in the ground and horizontal rails, in contrast to the post-and-sill construction of the older section. The common rafter roof dates entirely to the later period of construction.

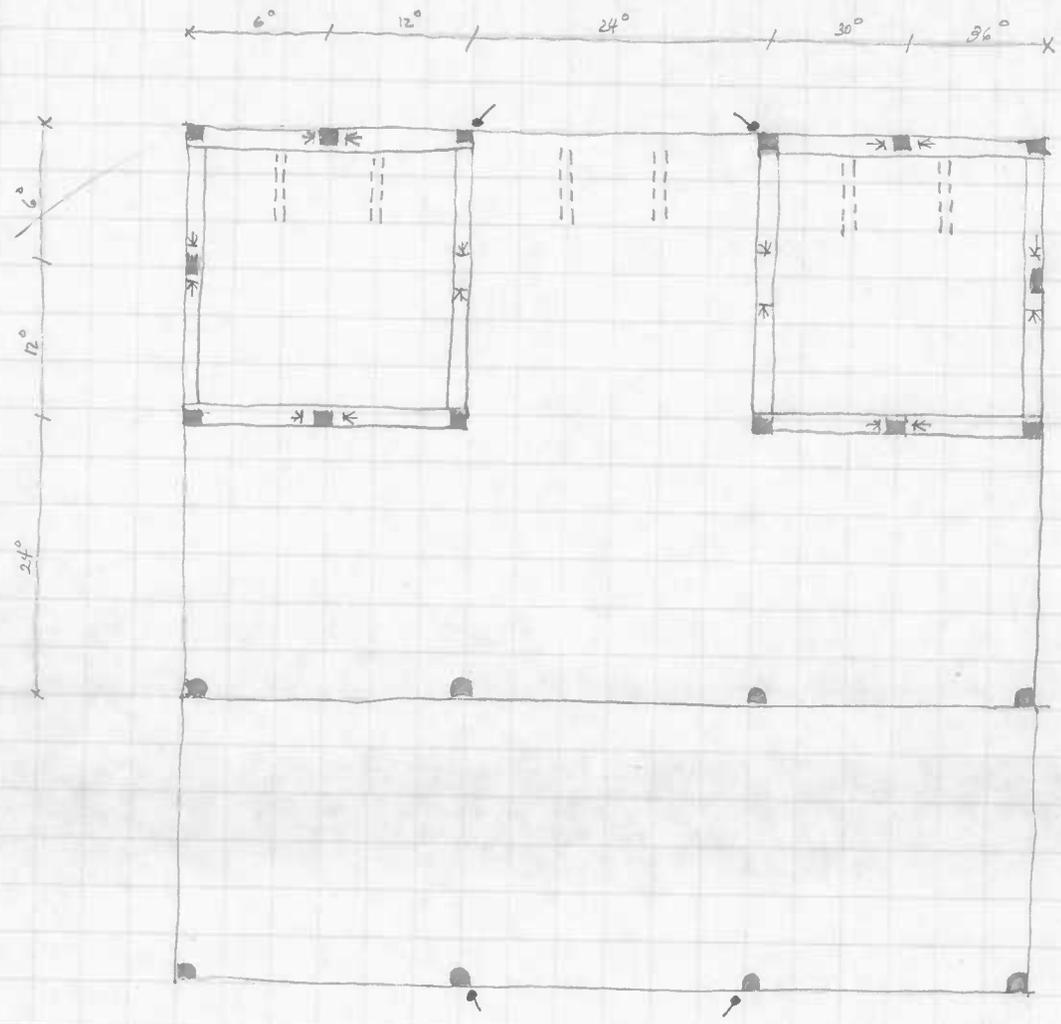
Significance

In overall form and appearance this tobacco barn is typical of one barn type widely found in Southern Maryland dating from the Civil War period into the early 20th century. This type is characterized by a rectangular block augmented by a lean-to that extends the full height and length of one facade. It is divided internally into a

central aisle with flanking bays and is divided into a four-foot "room" system to facilitate hanging the tobacco.

While the overall form is relatively common, a number of details are unusual. In particular, the building incorporates an earlier barn frame that consists of two 12 by 12 foot pens flanking a central aisle. The six-foot bay system and extensive use of diagonal bracing are certainly unusual and are unique among recorded examples.

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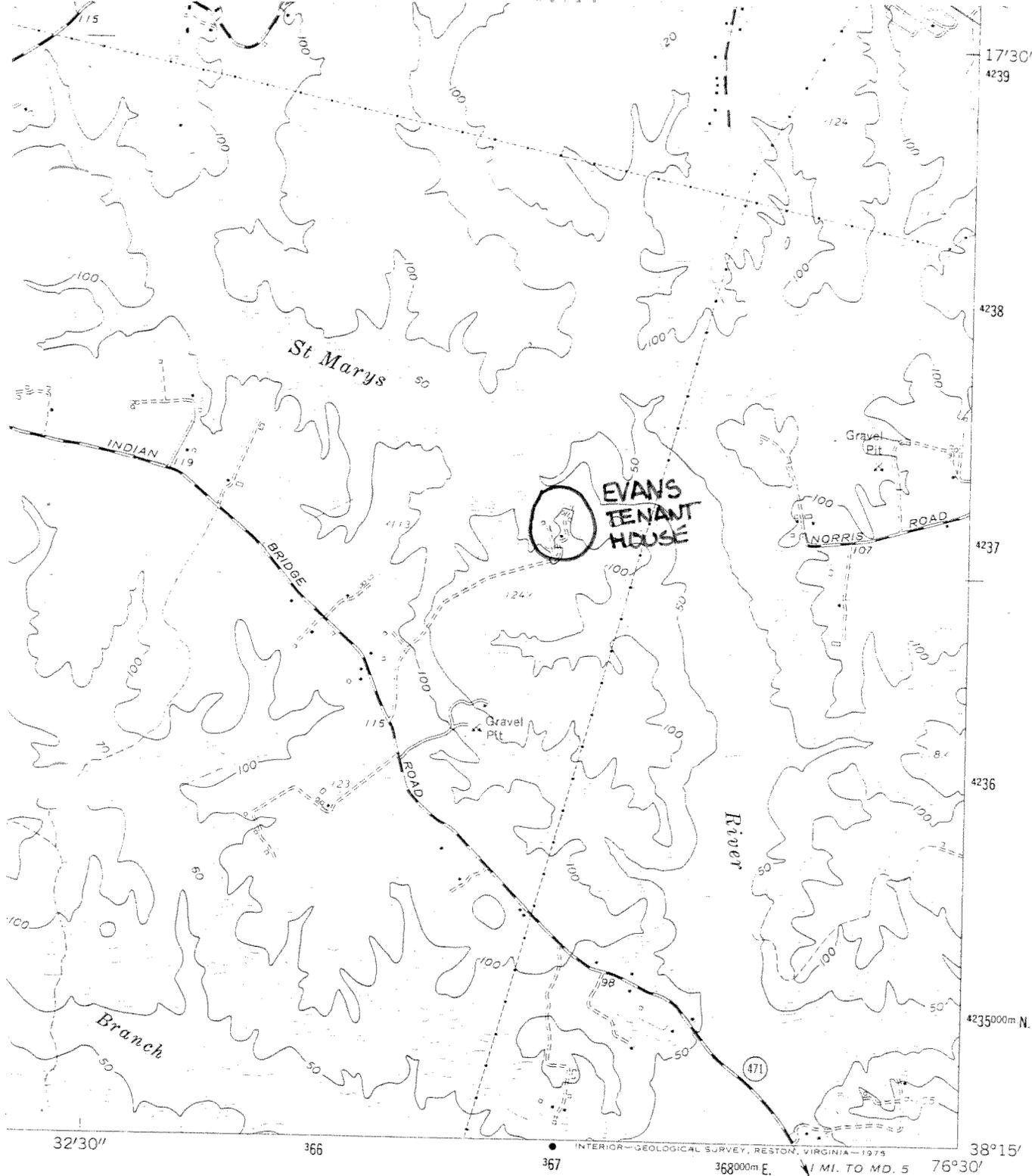


Heave timbers supported by lichen sills resting on round sections of log set in the ground. Posts are relatively light and both "pans" are heavily braced. (K)

Posts in the ground joined by horizontal rails.

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Medium-duty	-----	Unimproved dirt

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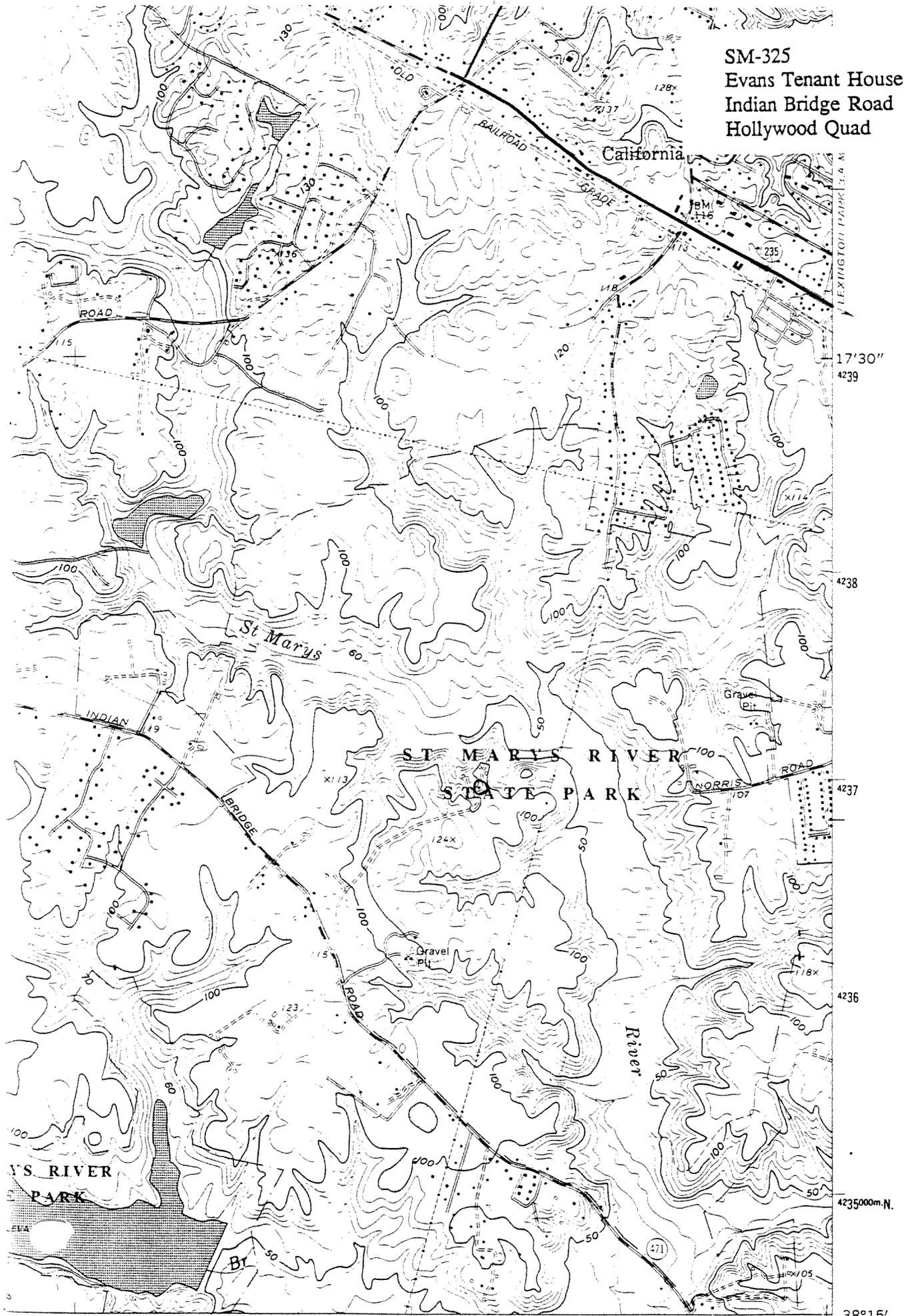


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Evans Tenant House
Indian Bridge Road
Hollywood Quad



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Evans Farmhouse
Lexington Park, Maryland
Saint Mary's River State Park

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Saint Mary's River State Park

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Evans Post-in-Ground Barn
Lexington Park, Maryland
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