

Capsule Summary

SM-441

Pride of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 1120

Callaway

Private

c. 1940

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern Period, 1930 - .

Historic Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Fraternal Organization

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common **Pride of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 1120**

2. Location

street & number **Piney Point Road (Rte. 249)** not for publicationcity, town **Callaway** vicinity of congressional district **5**state **Maryland** county **Saint 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Social

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

name **Pride of St. Mary's Lodge No. 1120 of IBPOEW**street & number **Box 407, Piney Point Road** telephone no.:city, town **Valley Lee** state and zip code **Maryland, 20692**

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **St. Mary's County Courthouse** liber **CBG 17**street & number folio **266**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 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

The Pride of St. Mary's Lodge is located on the east side of Piney Point Road (Route 249). Unpaved roads flank the Lodge lot, extending from Piney Point Road to houses located in the wooded area beyond the Lodge. The Lodge building stands alone except for a new gable roofed picnic shelter located on its east side. The Lodge faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in the 1940s, the Lodge is a two-story, frame building sheathed with artificial shingles. The foundation consists of cinderblock piers which are obscured by metal sheeting. The shallow pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the west roof slope. The longitudinal ends of the roofline are finished with exposed rafter feet.

The west (main) elevation has a central six-panel entrance door flanked on either side by a pair of six-over-six sash windows. The door is sheltered by a gable roof portico. A wheelchair ramp extends from the north side of the Lodge along the west elevation to the entrance door. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows. All windows have wide, plain surrounds with drip moldings.

The north elevation is pierced by a five-panel door and a window covered by plank shutters on the first floor. The second floor of this gable end is lit by one two-over-two and one six-over-six sash window.

The east elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a four-light-over-three-panel entrance door. The door is sheltered by a gable roof portico. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows.

The south gable end elevation is lit by two six-over-six sash windows on both the first and second floors.

Although the interior was not seen, Edward Smith explained that there is a meeting room and small kitchen area on the first floor and a second meeting room on the second floor.

A gable roofed picnic shelter, constructed in 1994, is located in the yard behind the Lodge building.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM 441

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 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 checked="" 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.

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According to Edward Smith, the building which houses the Elks Lodge was built by Joseph Bennett for use as a bar in the early 1940s. The Elks purchased the property in 1945. Membership began to decline in the 1960s, and currently averages somewhere between 35 and 50 members. Meeting space in the Lodge is also shared with members of Masonic Temple No. 782.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM 441

Smith, Edward A. Personal Interview, August 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 Acre

Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Acre Surrounding Lodge Building.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoning date August 1994

street & number 328 Washington Street telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtwn 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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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Pride of St. Mary's Lodge No. 1120 of the Improved Benevolent Order of the Elks of the World.

FROM: J. Horace Hewitt, unmarried, Joseph Edward Bennett, Gladys Briscoe Bennett.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 17, folio 266.

DATE: July 16, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of Parts of Parish Beedle 1.) 2.14 acres, part of CBG 15/357.
2.) .15 acres being part of JMM 7/137.

TO: J. Horace Hewitt

FROM: Mary R. Fowler

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 15, folio 357.

DATE: September 30, 1943.

NOTES: Transfer of "Part of Parish Beedle" or "The Home Farm of the late Benjamin Hewitt" being 98 1/2 acres more or less.

TO: Mary R. Fowler

FROM: Herman Walter Hewitt, Jr., Elizabeth Regina Hewitt, J. Horace Hewitt.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 15, folio 356.

DATE: September 29, 1943.

NOTES: Transfer of property described in CBG 12/407.

TO: Herman W. Hewitt, Jr., and J. Horace Hewitt

FROM: Alberta Hewitt, single.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 12, folio 407.

DATE: January 16, 1941.

NOTES: Transfer of her 1/7 interest in 296 acres being "Part of Parish Beadle," or "The Home Farm of the late Benjamin Hewitt" being the same as JFF 7/438. Also the same as EBA 13/118 except JMM 2/89 and JMM 3/140.

Alphonso Harris died intestate in January of 1926 leaving as his heirs at law, J. Horace Hewitt, Alphonso Hewitt, Irving Hewitt, Herman W. Hewitt, Jr., Alberta Hewitt, Joseph Kermit Hewitt, and Katherine Hewitt.

TO: Alphonso Harris

FROM: William Harris and Clara Harris of Laramie in the county of Albany in Wyoming.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 13, folio 118.

DATE: October 28, 1914.

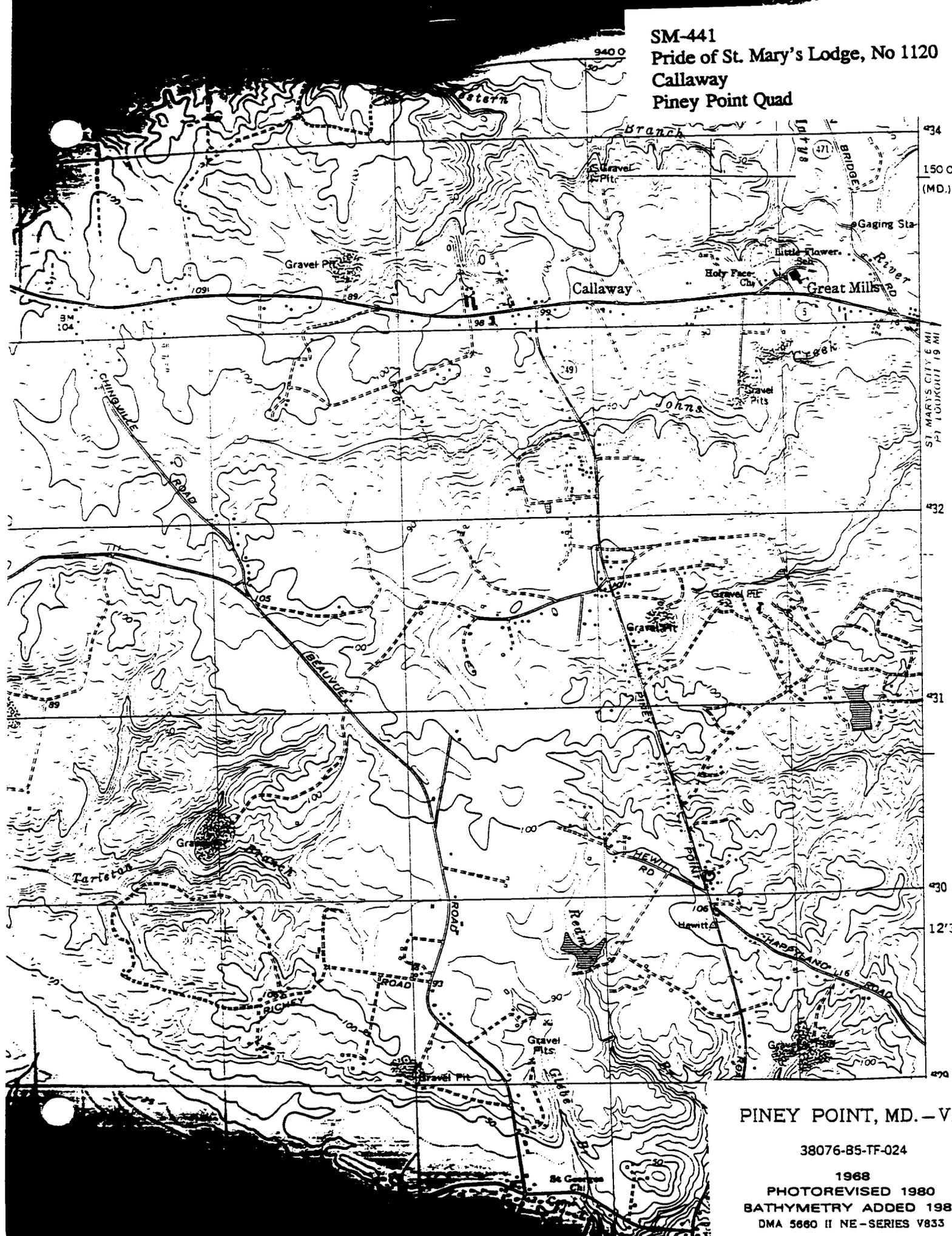
NOTES: Transfer of 296 acres of "Part of Parish Beadle" or "The Home Farm of the late Benjamin Hewitt" being the same as JFF 6/121 and JFF 7/438.

Price: \$2500.

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Piney Point Quad

1:5'



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(MD.)

ST. MARYS CITY 6 MI
PT LOOKOUT 19 MI

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12'30"

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PINEY POINT, MD.-VA.

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