Capsule Summary
SM-470
Millard B. Twilley House
St. George Island
Private

Circa 1920

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Notably, the Millard Twilley House is almost identical in form to a house located across the street which Brown and McKenny built for Raymond Twilley. A third house of the same design was built around the same time for Russell Henderson on a lot that faces the Island Creek. The Millard B. Twilley House has been occupied by a series of ten owners since its construction early in the century. During this period it was briefly used as housing by the Navy.

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 -1930.
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Millard B. Twilley House

2. Location

street & number Thomas Road ___ not for publication

city, town St. George Island ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

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

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

name Benedict P. and Judith A. Jarboe

street & number Box 281 telephone no.: (301) 994 0412

city, town Piney Point state and zip code Maryland 20674

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 356

street & number folio 8

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Contributing Resource Count: 2

The Millard B. Twilley House is located on the east side of Thomas Road on St. George Island in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The lot is bounded on the north and south by woodland. The eastern boundary of the property extends to the shore of the Island Creek. The house has been enlarged with the addition of a small one-story wing on the east side. Three outbuildings stand on the property. The house faces west and has a hipped roof.

Built around 1920, the Twilley House is a one-story, frame structure. It is supported by cement piers that have been infilled with cinderblocks. The exterior is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. Exposed rafter feet project from the roofline. All the original six-over-one sash windows have been replaced with modern one-over-one sash windows.

The west (main) elevation has a porch that extends across the first floor. The porch is supported by square posts with square bases and capitals that are trimmed with decorative moldings. The posts are also finished with scroll sawn brackets. The house is pierced by a central entrance door. While the six-panel door is a replacement, the transom is original. The door is flanked by a pair of one-over-one sash windows with louvered shutters on either side. The roofline of the house is broken by a cross gable sheathed with scalloped and square-butt shingles. A shuttered one-over-one sash window, which was probably inserted to replace an earlier diamond pane window, lights the cross gable.

The south elevation is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows and a modern entrance door. The two eastern bays of this elevation are obscured from view by an enclosed porch. To the east of the house, projects a one-story addition that was built in two stages. The earliest section of the addition was completed around the 1960s for use as a laundry, furnace, and bath room. The modern extension, pierced by a door and a shuttered tri-partite window, was built in 1987. A skylight pierces the roofslope of the addition.

The east elevation of the main block is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows with louvered shutters. The roofline of the east elevation is broken by a flush cross gable lighted by a pair of one-over-one sash windows. The gable may have been added in 1987. The gable end of the one-story addition is pierced by a shuttered tri-partite window.

The north elevation is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows with louvered shutters. A cinderblock chimney projects from the north roof slope. The rear addition

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates Unknown **Builder/Architect** Ed + Ben Brown ; David McKenny

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X local

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

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The property on which the Twilley House stands was purchased by Lewis Graves of Ennals Roszell in the 1860s. In 1886, Graves' land was sold to John W. Twilley, William J. Simpkins, and Sallie J. Hobbs. The share allotted to Sallie J. Hobbs, wife of carpenter and sailor Joseph C. Hobbs, was a fifty acre tract designated as "Lot No. 1." In 1919, the Hobbs family transfered a 1 4/5 acre portion of the property to Millard B. Twilley. Soon after this transfer, Twilley hired Ed and Ben Brown and David McKenny to erect a house on the lot.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Charles Moore, Personal Interview, December 1994

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 4/5

Quadrangle name St. George Island

Quadrangle scale 1: 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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 County Planning & Zoning date December 1994

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

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.

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is pierced by a tri-partite window.

The interior of the house originally consisted of a center hall, double pile plan with an unfinished attic. The house has been reworked, with the removal of the partition wall between the south parlor and the hall and the wall between the south parlor and the east kitchen. A stair to the attic, which is now finished, has been inserted into the hall. Except for the molded surrounds and cornerblocks that comprise the window architrave in the northwest room, most of the original interior finishes have been replaced. Some of the plaster walls remain intact.

There are three outbuildings on the property. The oldest of these is a milk house that dates to the construction of the dwelling. The milk house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis. This small frame structure stands on a cement pad and is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. A decorative louvered ventilation shaft projects from the center of the roof ridgeline. A door is located on the north side of the milk house.

The second outbuilding on the property is a rectangular structure sheathed with plywood and roofed with asphalt shingles. The third outbuilding is a two car garage and workshop built in 1987. The building is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles.

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Chain of Title

TO: Benedict P. and Judith A. Jarboe
FROM: Henry S. Bonner and Irma A. Bonner
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 356, folio 8.
DATE: June 3, 1987.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Henry S. Bonner and Irma A. Bonner
FROM: Administrator of Veterans Affairs
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 333, folio 499.
DATE: January 29, 1987
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Administrator of Veterans Affairs
FROM: Barbara A. Oosterhout and Deborah K. Curran, substitute Trustees.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 314, folio 368.
DATE: August 28, 1986.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres as a result of default on deed of Trust made by Ronnie D. and Susan Lloyd Sumler on August 19, 1983 to George A. Resta and Allan B. Bernstein.

TO: Ronnie Darrell Sumler and Susan Lloyd Sumler
FROM: Gerald E. Burroughs
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 154, folio 127.
DATE: August 19, 1983.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Gerald E. Burroughs
FROM: Howard S. Umphlet and Lucille C. Umphlet
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 61, folio 187.
DATE: December 14, 1979.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Howard S. Umphlet and Lucille C. Umphlet
FROM: Silverio Vitiello and Catherine Vitiello
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 176, folio 463.
DATE: March 17, 1972.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Silverio and Catherine Vitiello
FROM: Theodore Maggia and Yolanda Maggia

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RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 154, folio 371.
DATE: October 22, 1969.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Theodore Maggia and Yolanda Maggia
FROM: Venona T. Jones, widow.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 64, folio 74.
DATE: June 30, 1956.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres. George Herman Jones is now deceased.

TO: George Herman Jones and Venona T. Jones
FROM: John W. Nichols and Lois K. Nichols
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 24, folio 330.
DATE: March 18, 1950.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: John W. Nichols and Lois K. Nichols
FROM: Millard B. Twilley and Lillian M. Twilley of Washington, D.C.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 20, folio 527.
DATE: December 22, 1947.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 4/5 acres.

TO: Millard B. and Lillian M. Twilley
FROM: Joseph C. Hobbs and Mabel M. Hobbs
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 18, folio 115.
DATE: May 14, 1919.
NOTES: Transfer of "Part St. Georges Island" being 1 4/5 acres a portion of land of which Sallie J. Hobbs died possessed.

TO: Joseph C. Hobbs
FROM: J. Marshall Dent, Treasurer
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 5, folio 432.
DATE: March 24, 1906.
NOTES: Transfer of property formerly assessed in the name of Joseph Hobbs and sold at public auction on September 9, 1902 being 28 acres and also a tract of marsh land being 20 acres.

TO: Sallie J. Hobbs, wife of Joseph C. Hobbs
FROM: William J. Simpkins, Sarah M. Simpkins, John W. Twilley, Emma J. Twilley.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 9, folio 129.
DATE: May 29, 1886.
NOTES: Transfer of all that lot designated as Lot No. 1 beginning at a post set on the

bank of the Potomac River, a boundary of Arthur L. Johnson's land and running to a post on the north side of the causeway in the Island Creek Marsh, thence with the marsh to a post set in a ditch, thence running down said ditch and stream to head of Island Creek, thence with the west shore of said Creek to a post a boundary of Lot No. 3 thence with said Lot No. 3 to a post now set in a ditch a boundary of Lot No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, thence running up said ditch and Lot No.3 and No. 2 to a post now set in the center of said ditch, thence leaving said ditch and running to a post set on the shore of the Potomac River, thence running with said shore to the place of beginning containing fifty acres, more or less."
Price: $400

TO: John W. Twilley, William J. Simpkins, and Sallie J. Hobbs
FROM: Thomas Anderson and William Viers Bowie, Jr. of Montgomery County.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 9, folio 125.
DATE: May 5, 1886.
NOTES: Sale of real estate as the result of a decree in Circuit Court in Montgomery County on June 5, 1872 in the case of Catherine Graves et al vs. August L. Graves et al. The real estate "Being a part of St. George's Island in the Potomac River, near the centre of said Island, commencing at a stone on the river shore, adjoining the land of Otis Thompson and running to a stone at a Gum tree, thence running down to St. George's Island Creek, with Walter Crowder's land, thence running alon the middle of said Creek, until it reaches the line of the land belonging to Thomas Adams, thence with said Adams' line to the Potomac river, thence along said river to the place of beginning, except one acre of land attached to and surrounding the School House, and one-eighth of an acre reserved for a Grave Yard, containing one hundred acres of land, more or less." Being the same as JTB 4/414 and JAC 1/247. Price: $1200

TO: Lewis Graves of St. Georges Island
FROM: Ennels Rossell and Maggie Rossell
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 1, folio 247.
DATE: April 8, 1865.
NOTES: Transfer of land "Beginning at a stone planted at the Southwest corner of Lewis Graves's land and running thence with the Potomac River in a southerly direction to the Northwest corner of Robrecht's land and from thence with Robrecht's line in an easterly direction to a Stone planted at the corner of Walter Crowder's land from there with Walter Crowder's line in a Northwesterly direction to a stone planted on the Northwest corner of Walter Crowder's land from there in an easterly direction to a Gum tree standing on the line between Walter Crowder and Lewis Graves and being a corner tree of Lewis Graves's land from there in a Northwesterly direction with Lewis Graves's line to a stone from there in a westerly direction with Lewis Graves's line to the beginning, containing twelve acres of land more or less."
Price: $400

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TO: Lewis Graves of Montgomery County
FROM: Ennels Rossell and Maggie Rossell of Washington, D.C.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 414.
DATE: December 11, 1863.
NOTES: Transfer of property "Being a part of St. George's Island on the Potomac River near the center of said Island, commencing at a stone on the River shore adjoining the land of Otis Thompson, and running to a stone at a gum tree, thence running down to St. George's Island Creek with Walter Crowder's land thence running along the middle of said creek until it reaches the line of land belonging to Thomas Adams, thence with said Adams line to the Potomac River thence along said river to the place of beginning with the exception of one acre of land attached to and surrounding the School House, and 1/8 of an acre reserved forever for a grave yard." Being 100 acres more or less. Price: $3500

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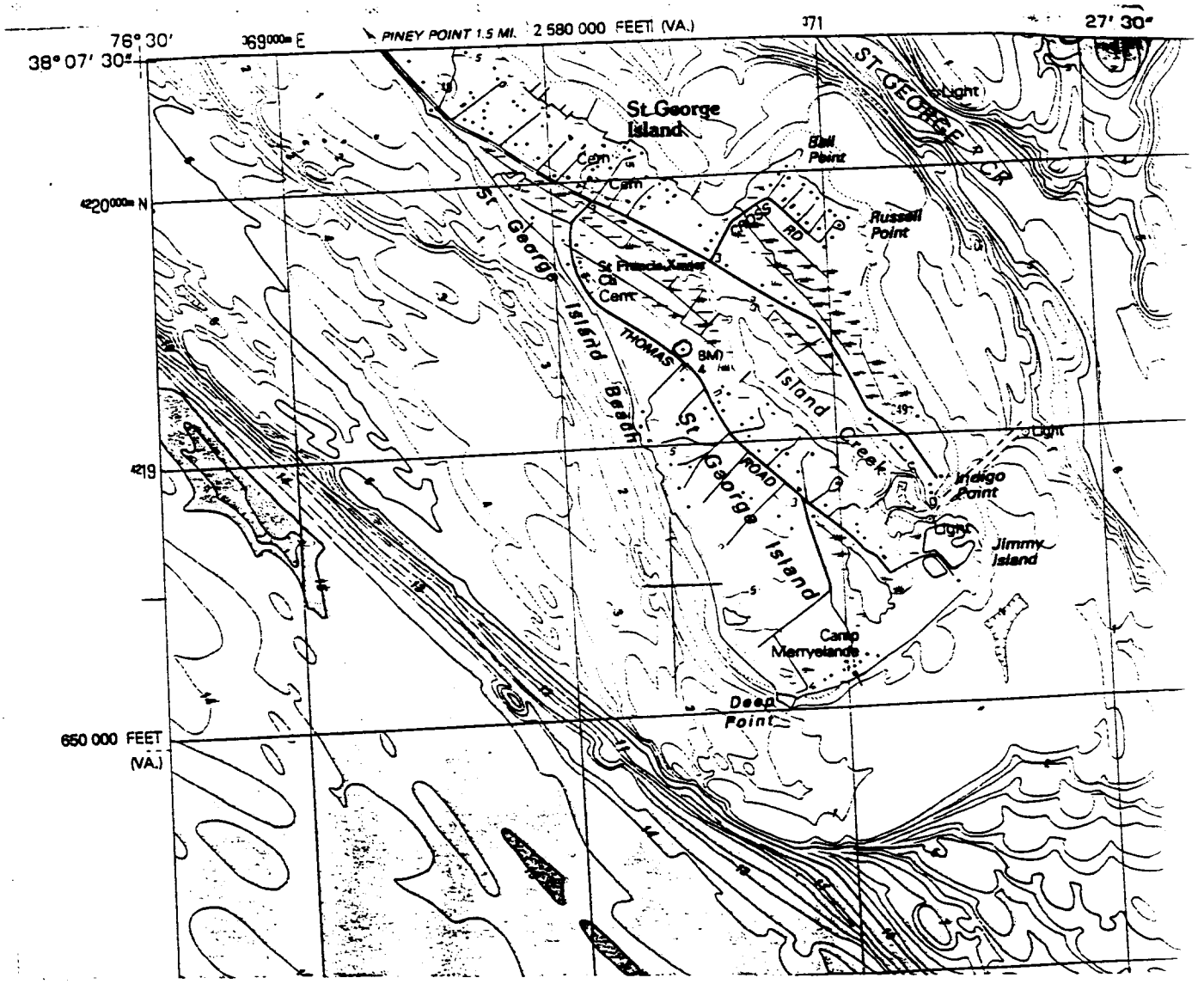
St. George Island Quad



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