

Capsule Summary  
SM-477  
J. Clarke Cawood House  
Park Hall  
Private

Circa 1870 -1885

The J. Clarke Cawood House is significant as a well-preserved example of a St. Mary's County farmhouse built in the Queen Anne style of architecture. The exterior of the house is well-preserved, retaining its original windows, decorative wrap-around porch, and weatherboard sheathing. According to the owners, many of the interior finishes, including highly decorative mirrored mantles, survive as well. Although a series of modern trailers are located on the north side of the house, the formal cedar-lined approach to the house remains intact.

The Cawood House stands on a 20.45 acre tract that was originally part of the 276 acre tract "Part Park Hall." Hezekiah B. "Caywood" purchased this tract for \$2500 in 1881. Two years later, he sold it to J. Clarke Cawood for the same amount. Cawood died in 1896, by which time it appears that a residence already stood on the property. Cawood's widow continued to own the property until her death in 1938. In 1938, the property was improved by a dwelling, hay barn, stable, corn house, granary, two joined tobacco barns, a meat house, three hen houses, a garage, and a dairy. None of these outbuildings survive on the site today.

SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Transition, 1870-1930.

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-477

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Clarke Cawood House (pref)

and/or common Breezy Acres Farm

2. Location

street & number Route 5

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Park Hall

vicinity of

congressional district 5

state 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Paul A. Lloyd

street & number Route 1 Box 378

telephone no.: (301) 862-2427

city, town Park Hall

state and zip code Maryland 20667

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber MRB 297

street & number

folio 442

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

Survey No. SM-477

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 J. Clarke Cawood House is located on the north side of Route 5 near Park Hall in St. Mary's County, Maryland. A semi-circular drive flanked by cedar trees is located between the house and Route 5. A series of modern outbuildings are located on the east side of the house while trailers stand to the north. The house faces south.

Probably built in the 1880s, the Cawood House is a substantial two-story, Queen Anne style frame dwelling. The house has a continuous brick foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation consists of a five-panel entrance door and two two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The door has sidelights and a five-light transom. A porch extends across the full width of this elevation and wraps around to the east and west sides of the house. The porch is supported by turned posts with decorative sawn brackets and retains the wood flooring and wainscoted ceiling. A small cross gable breaks the porch roofline above the entrance bay. The second floor consists of two shuttered two-over-two sash windows and a multi-sided tower as the eastern bay. The tower is capped by a pyramidal roof and lit by narrow one-over-one sash windows with louvered shutters. A cross gable pierced by a semi-circular arch two-over-two sash window.

The west elevation is dominated by a central three-sided projecting bay capped by a gable roof. On the first floor, this bay is pierced by a central two-over-two sash window with louvered shutters. The southern side of the bay consists of a tall and narrow glass window with shutters that originally provided access to the porch from the interior of the house. The northern side of the bay is pierced by a narrow, shuttered one-over-one sash window. The second floor of the projecting bay consists of a central two-over-two sash window flanked by one-over-one sash windows, all of which are shuttered. The gable roof is pierced by a semi-circular arch two-over-two sash window. To the south of the central bay, the west elevation of the house is pierced by a two-over-two sash window on the second floor. To the north of the central bay, both the first and second floors are pierced by two-over-two sash windows. A slightly shorter two-story wing extends to the north of the main block. It is pierced on both the first and second floors by one six-over-six sash window.

The north elevation of the slightly shorter, two-story wing is pierced by an entrance door on the first floor and two six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. A shed roof porch supported by chamfered posts extends across the first floor of this elevation. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline of the wing. An interior brick chimney pierces the north roof slope of the house main block.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-477

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 type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

The J. Clarke Cawood House is significant as a well-preserved example of a St. Mary's County farmhouse built in the Queen Anne style of architecture. The exterior of the house is well-preserved, retaining its original windows, decorative wrap-around porch, and weatherboard sheathing. According to the owners, many of the interior finishes, including highly decorative mirrored mantles, survive as well. Although a series of modern trailers are located on the north side of the house, the formal cedar-lined approach to the house remains intact.

The Cawood House stands on a 20.45 acre tract that was originally part of the 276 acre tract "Part Park Hall." Hezekiah B. "Caywood" purchased this tract for \$2500 in 1881. Two years later, he sold it to J. Clarke Cawood for the same amount. Cawood died in 1896, by which time it appears that a residence already stood on the property. Cawood's widow continued to own the property until her death in 1938. In 1938, the property was improved by a dwelling, hay barn, stable, corn house, granary, two joined tobacco barns, a meat house, three hen houses, a garage, and a dairy. None of these outbuildings survive on the site today.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-477

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 Acres

Quadrangle name St. Mary's County

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

  
 Zone Easting Northing

B 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

  
 Zone Easting Northing

C 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage immediately surrounding dwelling

### 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 January 1995

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.

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

return to: ~~Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438~~

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

SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
St. Mary's County  
7.1 Description

The east elevation of the slightly shorter two-story wing is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters on both the first and second floors. The main block is pierced by a five-panel entrance door with a single light transom. The door is sheltered by a small side porch supported by turned posts. A two-over-two sash window is located above the door on the second floor. A two-story, three-sided projecting bay capped by a gable roof identical to that on the west elevation dominates the east side of the house. To the south of this bay the first floor is blind and the second floor is pierced by a rectangular multi-light window.

The interior was not seen.

SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
St. Mary's County  
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Paul A. Lloyd and Sherry G. Lloyd  
FROM: D. Maurice Dixon  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 297, folio 442.  
DATE: July 15, 1986.  
NOTES: Transfer of 20.45 acres.

TO: D. Maurice Dixon  
FROM: Jeremy J. H. Gilliam  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 105, folio 240.  
DATE: September 25, 1981.  
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels, Parcel 1 being all the remainder of the tract known as "Part of Park Hall" and being all of parcel 2 conveyed in 214/270 with certain exceptions.

TO: Jeremy J. H. Gilliam  
FROM: D. Maurice Dixon and Kathryn H. Dixon  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 214, folio 270.  
DATE: July 25, 1974.  
NOTES: Transfer of Parcel 2 being "Part of Park Hall" 243 acres.

TO: D. Maurice Dixon and Kathryn H. Dixon  
FROM: Daniel B. Dixon  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 68, folio 376.  
DATE: April 18, 1957.  
NOTES: Transfer of several parcels that now comprise one farm being "Part of Park Hall" 243 acres. (Annie G. Dixon, widow of John E. Dixon, quits claim of the property in CBG 68/373. Remaining heirs at law transfer their 3/4 interest in the property in CBG 68/372.)

TO: John E. Dixon and Nannie Y. Dixon  
FROM: Edna S. Cawood and Charles M. Cawood  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 16, folio 462.  
DATE: December 19, 1944.  
NOTES: Transfer of three parcels. Parcel 3 being Park Hall or Part of Park Hall at 219 acres.

TO: Edna S. Cawood  
FROM: John H. T. Briscoe and Philip H. Dorsey, Jr., Trustee.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 12, folio 310.  
DATE: September 30, 1940.

SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
St. Mary's County  
8.2 Significance

NOTES: Sale of property as a result of judgement in Circuit Court case Nellie Dunbar vs. Mary J. W. Cawood et al on October 14, 1939. Four parcels are sold, parcel 4 being "Park Hall" or "Part of Park Hall" at 219 acres. According to the interrogatories in the Decree Record for this case (CBG 9/56) the parcel was improved by a dwelling, hay barn, stable, corn house, granary, two joined tobacco barns, a meat house, three hen houses, a garage, and dairy all grouped close together.

TO: Heirs

FROM: Hattie A. Shade

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber ACM 1, folio 238.

DATE: January 25, 1938.

NOTES: Devision of 1/2 estate to daughter Nellie Dunbar and the remaining half to be equally divided among grandchildren Mary J. W. Cawood, Gloria J. Cawood, Charles R. Cawood, children of Charles M. Cawood.

TO: Hattie A. Cawood

FROM: J. Frank Bohanan and Daniel E. Hammett

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 4, folio 164.

DATE: December 15, 1896.

NOTES: J. Clarke Cawood died intestate in February of 1896. His property was later sold following the decree in Circuit Court dated September 21, 1896 in case No. 817, Ignatius W. McKay vs. Hattie A. Cawood, admin. of J. Clark Cawood, et al. At this time, George B. Dent surveyed the property, setting aside 1/3 part of the real estate including all the buildings and improvements as the widow's dower. (See Decree Record JFF 7/223) "Park Hall" or "Part of Park Hall" being originally 276 acres and now 234 acres, a portion of the property of which J. Clarke Cawood died possessed, was sold to Hattie Cawood for \$2305.

TO: J. Clarke Cawood

FROM: Hezekiah B. Cawood and Joanna Cawood.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 6, folio 349.

DATE: May 7, 1883

NOTES: Transfer of "Part Park Hall" being 276 acres. Price: \$2500.

TO: Hezekiah B. Caywood

FROM: Robert M. Bean and Julia Bean

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, JFF 5, folio 140.

DATE: August 18, 1881.

NOTES: Transfer of "Part Park Hall" being 276 acres. Price: \$2500.

TO: Robert M. Bean

FROM: John M. Brome and Susan M. Brome

SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
St. Mary's County  
8.3 Significance

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 1, folio 335.

DATE: January 11, 1875.

NOTES: Transfer of "Part Park Hall" being 276 acres. Price: \$3200.

TO: John M. Brome

FROM: J. Parran Crane, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 1, folio 247.

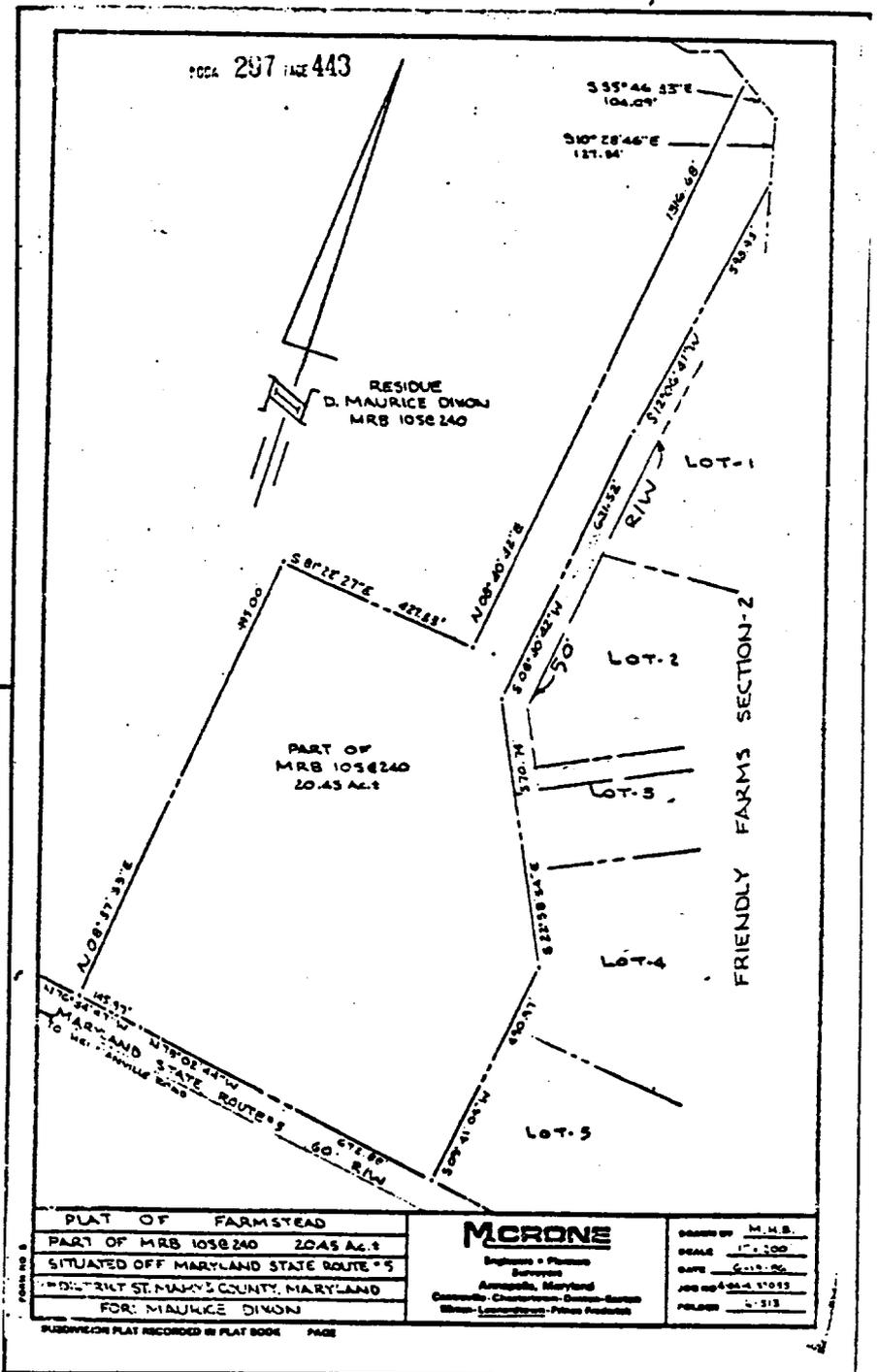
DATE: October 9, 1874.

NOTES: Sale of "Part Park Hall" being 276 acres as a result of decree in Circuit Court dated June 29, 1870 in the case Benjamin McKay vs. James L. Biscoe and John M. Brome.

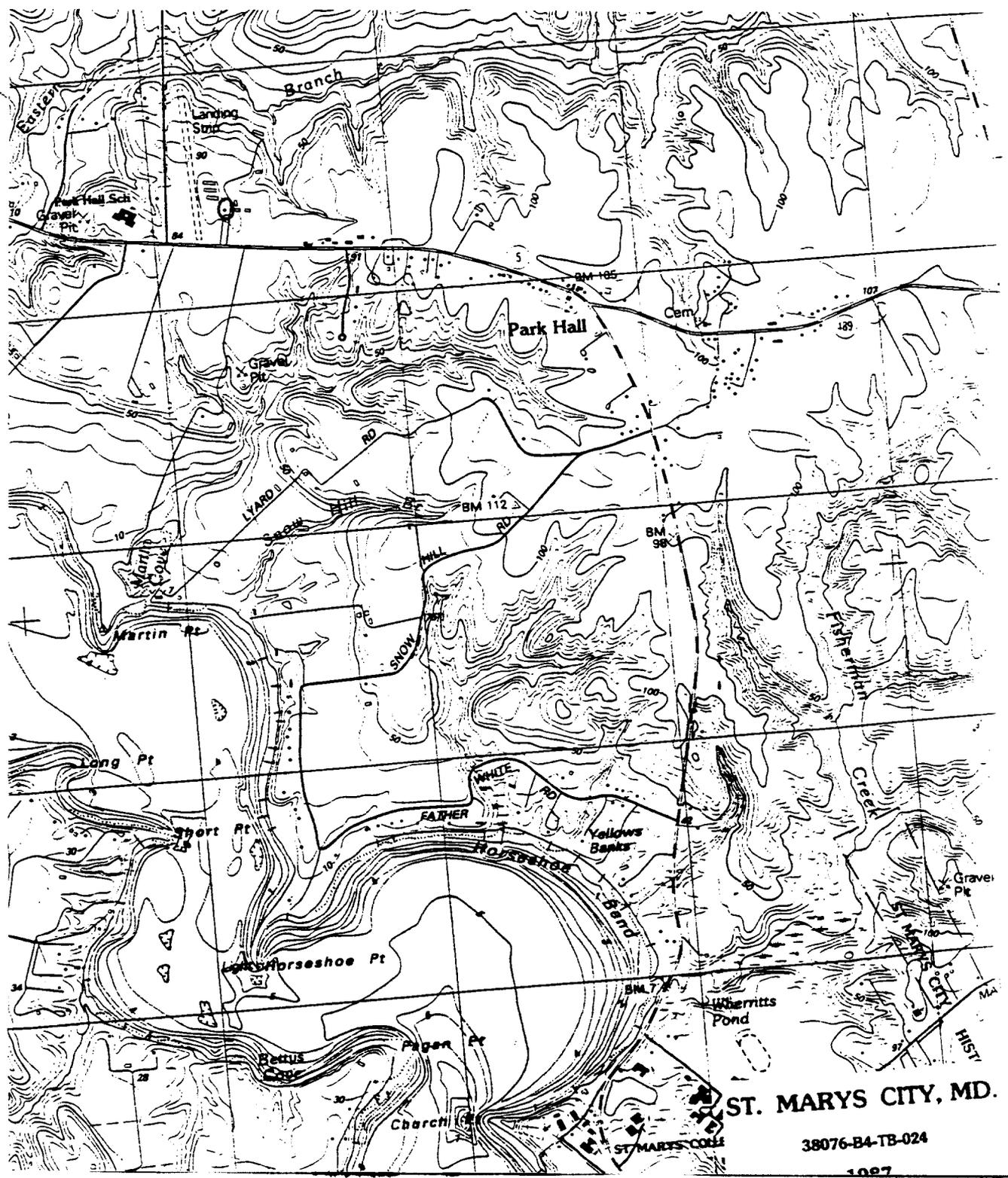
SM-477, J. Clarke Cawood House  
 St. Mary's County  
 10.1 Geographical Data

Plat of Farmstead for D. Maurice Dixon dated June 19, 1986.

Source: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 297, folio 443.



SM-477  
J. Clarke Cawood House  
Park Hall  
St. Mary's City Quad



ST. MARYS CITY, MD.

38076-B4-TB-024

1987



