

Capsule Summary  
SM-525  
Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe  
Hollywood Vicinity  
Private

c. 1830-1840s

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe is a significant 1830-1840s braced-frame, one-and-a-half story, side-passage dwelling. The exterior-end chimneys with a central pent and the interior trim were removed in the mid-twentieth century. The overall form and plan remain intact; distinguishing this dwelling as a significant example of a second quarter of the nineteenth century building type. While architecturally significant, the dwelling also has noteworthy associations with several locally prominent families and the Parish of St. Andrews.

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe was constructed by William Ford soon after he purchased two tracts of land totalling 108 acres in 1841. Ford died, however, soon after. In 1848, the property was sold to the Vestry of St. Andrews by Ford's executors Henry and Lucretia Ford. The glebe farm proved unproductive as the St. Andrews Register notes that the land was immediately sold to Colonel Chapman and Lydia C. Billingsley on May 9, 1848 for \$1,100. Chapman Billingsley, who served a variety of offices such as Orphan's Court Judge and State Senator, did not receive a deed for the property until May 18, 1852. The dwelling remained in the Billingsley's hands until 1877 when it was sold by Lydia C. Billingsley's executor Thomas Barber to Georgeanna Burroughs for \$705.

SM-525, Part Fenwick's Manor/The Glebe  
St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
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-525

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Part Fenwick's Manor

and/or common Glebe (pref.)

## 2. Location

street & number Vista Road, 1 mile from the intersection of Vista Road and Route 235  
not for publication

city, town Hollywood vicinity of congressional district 3

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert Ignatius Ferguson, c/o Charles S. Martin, Sr.

street & number Rt. 3, Box 410 telephone no.: no telephone

city, town Hollywood state and zip code Md 20636-9527

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 98

street & number folio 195

city, town Leonardtown state Md

## 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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<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 resources: 1

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe is located 1.2 miles north of the intersection of Old Three Notch and Vista Roads and 0.1 miles north on a dirt track from Vista Road. The house is situated on a small, wooded knoll that sharply drops down to a nearby creek. While on a 6+ acre tract, the building is surrounded by smaller tracts containing modern houses.

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe, constructed in the 1830-1840s, is a frame, one-and-a-half story, dwelling with a side-passage, double-pile plan, gable roof, and an interior, brick chimney flue. The entire house rests on a brick pier foundation and is covered with circular sawn clapboard attached to the braced frame with wire nails. The first floor is supported by cedar logs that lie perpendicular to the primary elevation and only extend to the mid-portion of the house where they are laid on a large, square hewn girt. While its original dual, exterior end chimneys with a pent were removed in the mid-twentieth century, the dwelling retains its overall floor plan and form as there has not been any modern additions made.

The west or primary elevation consists of three symmetrically placed bays on the first floor--a panelled door and two, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The raised-seam, metal roof is pierced by two gable dormers; each dormer exhibiting a four-over-four, double-hung sash window. The roof terminates in a plain box cornice.

The south elevation or gable-end features two, centrally located, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows--one each on the first floor and attic story. This elevation also exhibits vertical boards that have been placed on parts of this elevation as the clapboard has begun to deteriorate.

The east elevation is similar to the west elevation. Its fenestration also consists of a panelled door and two, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with plain fascia board trim. This elevation does not exhibit any dormers, but a an interior, brick stove flue pierces the roof near its peak.

The north elevation currently exhibits a modern door and a six-over-six window on the first floor and two, six-over-six windows on the second floor. According to the present owner, this elevation once contained two, exterior end, brick chimneys with a pent in between the stacks. Underneath this pent a door permitted entry into the interior.

While the interior was inaccessible at the time of the visit, the current owner explained the basic plan and interior ornamentation. The passage for the house extends its entire depth and permits entry into all spaces of the house. Two rooms are located immediately to the north of the passage, and a small winder stair, located immediately to the south of the main entrance climbs to an attic story that contains three rooms. The door and window surrounds once exhibited corner blocks decorated with paterae and the entire interior exhibited plaster and lath. All of this decorative detail as well as the mantles have been removed.

# 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
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<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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe is a significant 1830-1840s braced-frame, one-and-a-half story dwelling. Originally, the dwelling exhibited a pair of exterior-end, brick chimneys with a pent located between them. The interior consists of a side-passage plan with an enclosed stair to the half-story above. The interior windows and doors once contained molded trim and corner blocks decorated with paterae. While the chimneys and interior trim were removed, the overall form and plan remain intact--distinguishing this dwelling as a significant example of a second quarter of the nineteenth century building type. While architecturally significant, the dwelling also has noteworthy associations with several prominent families and the Parish of St. Andrews.

Part Fenwick's Manor/Glebe was most likely constructed by William Ford soon after he purchased two tracts of land totalling 108 acres in 1841. Ford died, however, soon after. In 1848, the property was sold to the Vestry of St. Andrews by Ford's executors Henry and Lucretia Ford. The glebe farm, usually a source of income for the parish, proved unproductive as the St. Andrews Register notes that the land was immediately sold to Colonel Chapman and Lydia C. Billingsley on May 9, 1848 for \$1,100. Chapman Billingsley, who served a variety of offices such as Orphan's Court Judge and State Senator, did not receive a deed for the property until May 18, 1852. The property and dwelling remained in the Billingsley's hands until 1877 when it was sold by Lydia C. Billingsley's executor Thomas Barber to Georgeanna Burroughs for \$705.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-525

Saint Andrews Parish Register. St. Andrews Church Office, Saint Andrews Church Road, California, Md.

St. Mary's Beacon. 15 Feb. 1877, v 14, p 2, c 6.

Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge Md: Regina Combs Hammett, 1994.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 6.27 acres

Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

## 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

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning date October 1996

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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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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 98, Folio 195

Grantee: Robert Ignatius Ferguson

Grantor: James F. Ferguson, Clara Rosetta Joy, Catherine Elizabeth Suite, Agnes Marie Higgs

Date: June 8, 1981

Note: This deed refers to a plat by McCrone in Liber 20, Folio 61 completed on May 25, 1983.

Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 197

Grantee: Robert Dittman Ferguson

Grantor: James A. and Rose Catherine Ferguson

Date: June 29, 1920

Note: This deed refers to property as called "Part of Fenwick's Manor" or the "Glebe." This tract is listed as containing 53 1/2 acres.

Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 196

Grantee: James A. Ferguson

Grantor: Max L. and Lena H. Millison

Date: July 9, 1918

Note: The property was purchased for \$615.

Reference: Liber EBA 13, Folio 522

Grantee: Max L. Millison

Grantor: Joseph H. Ching, trustee

Date: December 10, 1915

Note: The property was sold to Millison at a public sale. Curiously Millison had defaulted on the property's mortgage precipitating the sale.

Reference: Liber EBA 12, Folio 10

Grantee: Max L. Millison

Grantor: Frank Kirchner

Date: August 13, 1914

Note: This mortgage for \$400 is purchased from the Grantor.

Reference: Liber EBA 10, Folio 467

Grantee: Max L. Millison

Grantor: Vonder G. Gatton

Date: January 13, 1914

Note: The property is still listed under the above names and acreage.

Reference: Liber EBA 8, Folio 473

Grantee: Vonder G. and Julia P. Gatton

Grantor: George Anna Burroughs

Date: July 15, 1910

Note: The property is listed as containing 108 acres and was purchased for \$610.

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8.2 Significance

(cont.)

Reference: Liber JFF 2, Folio 483

Grantee: Georgeanna Burroughs

Grantor: Thomas Barber, executor of Mrs. Lydia C. Billingsley's estate

Date: November 15, 1877

Note: The deed confirms that the tract still contains 108 acres but it now called "Part of Fenwick's Manor" or more commonly "The Glebe." It also mentions that the parcel is "the same land that the late Col. Chapman Billingsley purchased from the Vestry of St. Andrews Church adjoining that part of "Sotterley."

Reference: Liber JTB 1, Folio 123

Grantee: Chapman Billingsley

Grantor: Vestry of Saint Andrews Parish

Date: May 18, 1852

Note: The members of the vestry are Benjamin G. Harris, Hezekiah Dent, James R. Thompson, L. I. Gilliam, and James G. Blackistone. The Reverend James A. Buck and the wardens William Dent and George E. Hammett are also listed. The property was purchased for the rather large sum of \$1,200.

Reference: Liber WTM 1, Folio 426

Grantee: Vestry of Saint Andrews Parish

Grantor: James T. Blackistone, trustee for William Ford (deceased)

Date: June 20, 1848

Note: The sale of the property was agreed on by Henry Ford who was acting for Lucretia Ford. Even here the property is listed as containing 108 acres. No previous deed is listed.

Reference: Liber JH 12, Folio 272

Grantee: William Ford

Grantor: Henry and Martha Cofman and Mary Beckwith

Date: October 22, 1841

Note: This deed notes the combination of two parcels. Both are named "Part of Fenwick's Manor" but one contains 100 acres and the other 8 acres. The Cofmans and Mary Beckwith represent the executors of Nelson Beckwith.

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7.1 Description

A tract of land called and known  
by the name of the  
**GLEBE,**  
containing  
**108 acres,**  
more or less. The improvements con-  
sist of a quantity of DWELING  
houses, excellent BARNs and other OLD  
HOUSES.

St. Mary's Beacon, 15 Feb. 1877, v 14, p. 2, c. 6



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