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ST. JOSEPH'S MANOR HOUSE  
California  
Private

17th century

The foundations of St. Joseph's Manor House, circa 1642-1650, 33 feet by 60, have been identified, as well as those of the kitchen, well house and other dependencies.

The owners have completed a fine new house (1974-1975) directly behind the original foundations. The center portion of the new house follows the exact dimensions of the original and parallels <sup>its</sup> foundations.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: St. Joseph's Manor House site. AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Patuxent Lane CITY OR TOWN: Town Point, California vicinity STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): District, Building, Site, Structure, Object OWNERSHIP: Public, Private, Both Public Acquisition: In Process, Being Considered STATUS: Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: Restricted, Unrestricted, No PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: DATE OF SURVEY: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | osophy                                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA SOLOMON ISLANDS

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

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ORGANIZATION DATE

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STREET AND NUMBER:

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CITY OR TOWN: STATE

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12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature

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**Name of Property:** St. Joseph's Manor Site

**MIHP Number:** SM-129

**Location:** Town Creek Road, California, Saint Mary's County, Maryland

**Surveyor:** Maria Gissendanner

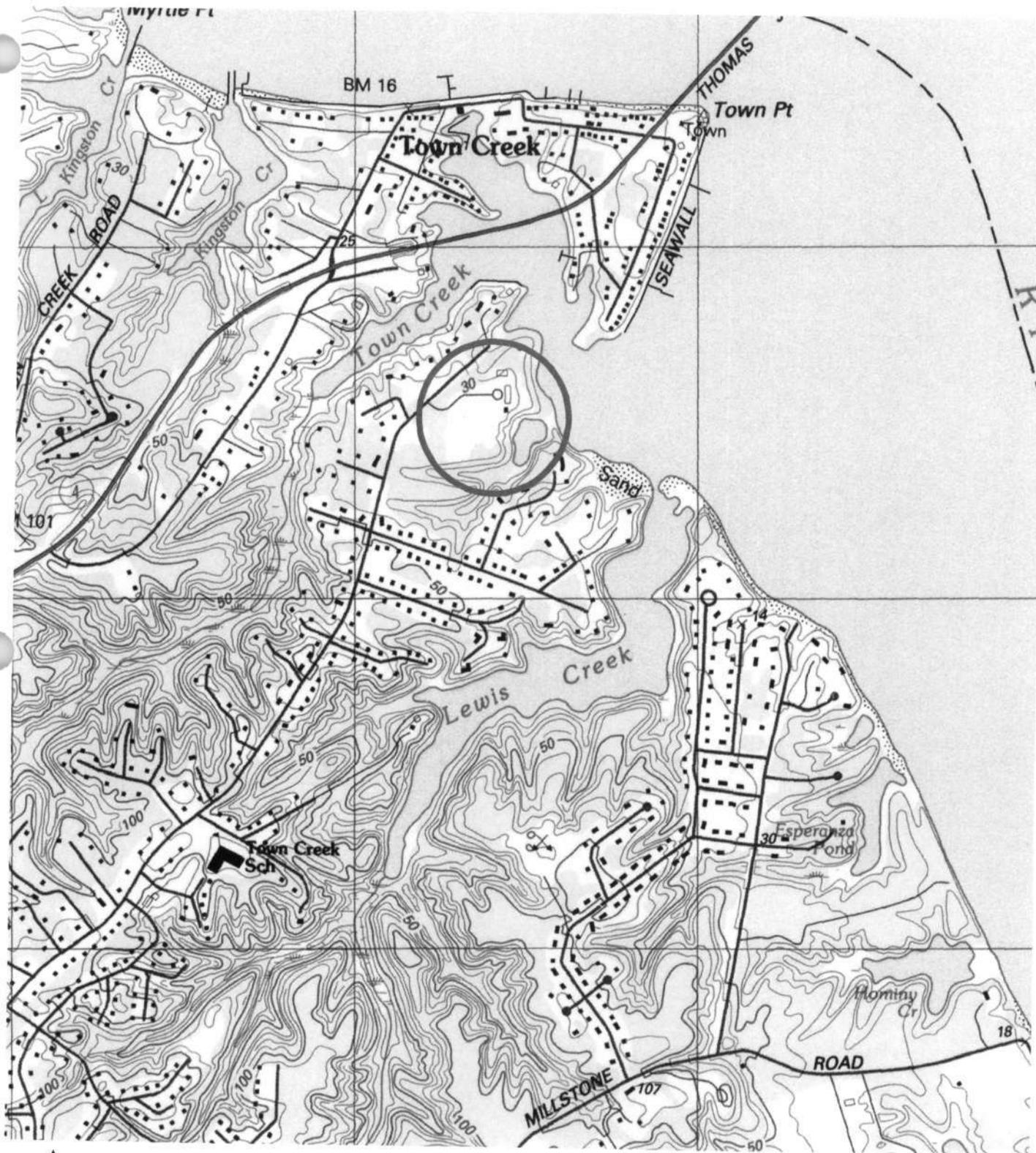
**Date:** May 26, 2009

### **Addendum**

St. Joseph's Manor House is an archaeological site. The original house was built ca. 1642-1650 and burned in 1880. In the 1970s, a new house was constructed at the site, directly behind the ca. 1642-1650 house. The central block of the house follows the original dimensions of the old structure. In 1986, the owners of the property hired archaeologists to excavate and research the site. Since no building exists, the property is not eligible under National Register criteria A-C. Extensive archaeology has already been done for the site but no DOE was prepared, the current survey did not evaluate the property under Criterion D.

According to research and archaeology performed by Patricia J. McGuire and Glyn Furgurson Pogue and recorded in *Archaeological Investigations at "St. Joseph's Manor" (18 ST 550)*, St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1986, St. Joseph's Manor was established as a 1000-acre property in 1642 by Nicholas Harvey. The property was divided and sold upon his death and passed through several owners. In 1798, the property was listed as being owned by James Hopewell, and included a brick dwelling, granary, barn, lodge house, and meat house. By 1876, the property was known as the "Town Creek Farm" and owned by the Waters Family. In 1880 the St. Mary's Beacon reported that the house and associated outbuildings were burned.

In the 1970s, when a new house was being constructed at this site, a brick chimney base, partial brick foundation, a brick floor, and a separate brick foundation were uncovered. In 1986, archaeological investigations discovered a brick foundation with an enclosed brick floor and fireplace base, and a brick foundation with a corner fireplace and full cellar below. These are thought to be evidence of the former dwelling described in 1798 as being owned by Hopewell.



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SM-129  
Solomons Island Quadrangle, Maryland  
USGS 7.5' topographic series, 1987