Capsule Summary
SM-738
Alumnae Lodge
St. Mary's City
Public 1924

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-738

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Alumni Lodge
other	

2. Location

street and number	47487 Trinity Church Road	__ not for publication
city, town	St. Mary's City	__ vicinity
county	St. Mary's	

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

name	State of Maryland, St. Mary's College				
street and number	47487 Trinity Church Road			telephone	N/a
city, town	St. Mary's City	state	Md	zip code	20686

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-63, P-3		
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	123	folio	329

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
____district
_x_building(s)
____structure
____site
____object

Ownership
_x_public
____private
____both

Current Function
____agriculture
____commerce/trade
____defense
_x_domestic
_x_education
____funerary
____government
____health care
____industry
____landscape
____recreation/culture
____religion
____social
____transportation
____work in progress
____unknown
____vacant/not in use
____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

x excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

Standing on a promontory with commanding vistas of the St. Mary's River is the Alumni Lodge of St. Mary's College. Situated on the west side of Trinity Church Road in St. Mary's City, Maryland, the Lodge is oriented on an east/west axis. Surrounded by a grassy sloping lawn that precipitously drops to the west, the lodge is approached via brick walkways from the south and east. Immediately around the lodge are a number of large boxwood and shrubs.

The lodge building, erected in the 1920s, is two story, three-bay, colonial-revival, brick building with a gambrel roof. The structural system is composed of a six-to-one common brick bond, and the roof is covered with slate shingles. The roof is pierced by a single, interior end brick chimney. A more modern, one story brick addition with a gambrel roof lies on the lodge's north side.

The east elevation, which faces Trinity Church Road, is pierced by three symmetrically aligned bays. These bays consist of a central door flanked on either side by six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. The door is sheltered by a classically inspired porch consisting of a slender paired columns that support a closed, low pitched, pediment. The second floor is fenestrated by three shed roof dormers that each contain a three-over-three window. The one story wing, erected in an all stretcher brick bond, is also topped by a gambrel roof. It is pierced by a single six panel door.

The north elevation of the main block appears to be pierced on the first and second floors by two six-over-six windows. The attic is lit by quarter-round fanlight. The addition's north elevation was not observed.

The other elevations were not observed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	x education	__ industry	__ philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ___x___not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1 acre around lodge		
Acreage of historical setting	1 acre around lodge		
Quadrangle name	St. Mary's City	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lodge is situated on a much larger tract that lies on the western bank of the St. Mary's River that is part of the St. Mary's College property. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 123, Folio 329.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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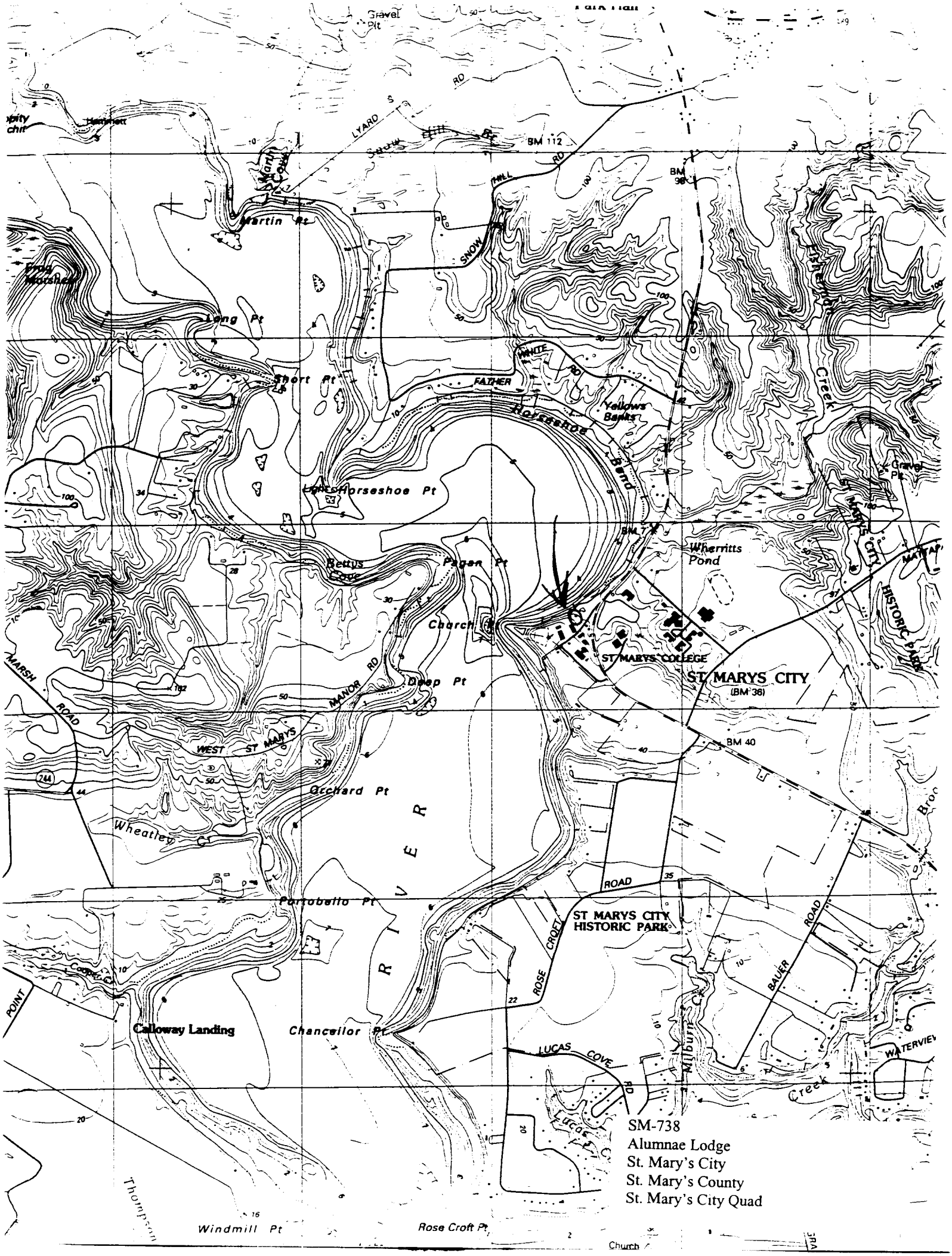

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Alumni Lodge, St. Mary's College

St. Mary's County, MD

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