

Capsule Summary  
SM-744  
St. Mary's Youth Memorial  
Great Mills  
Private

1902/1984

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-744

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Youth Memorial Park

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 20016 Point Lookout Rd.     not for publication

city, town Great Mills x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Thomas E. Tippet

street and number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone N/a

city, town Great Mills state Md zip code 20634

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-51, P-310

city, town Leonardtown liber 179 folio 1

### 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	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ sites
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          altered

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

The St. Mary's Youth Memorial is situated on a .2 acre tract on the north side of Point Lookout Road just east of its intersection with Great Mills Road. Oriented on a north/south axis the memorial is accessed via a parking lot situated immediately off of Point Lookout Road. The site also includes a non-contributing picnic shelter. The lot is bounded to the north and east by the stormwater retention pond of Bay Ridge Estates, to the south by Point Lookout Road and to the west by a commercial lot.

The memorial itself, begun in 1984, consists of a grotto flanked on either side by a series of granite markers aligned in a semicircle and immediately preceded by a concrete sidewalk. The grotto, initially created in 1902 at the St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown and moved to this site in 1984, is constructed of concrete but entirely faced with cobblestones of various dimensions. Larger stones are situated at the base of the grotto, while smaller stones of similar color are used to accent the central niche occupied by a devotional statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. The use of small stones of similar color is especially emphasized on the three pylons that top the grotto.

The granite markers that flank the grotto are filled with the names of beloved children who resided and died in the county from tragic circumstances. An informational plaque explaining the memorial's history is located on a granite marker near the parking lot.

# 8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1902

Architect/Builder

### Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .2 acres  
Acreage of historical setting .2 acres  
Quadrangle name St. Mary's City                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is bounded to the north and east by the stormwater retention pond of Bay Ridge Estates, to the south by Point Lookout Road and to the west by a commercial lot. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 179, Folio 1.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

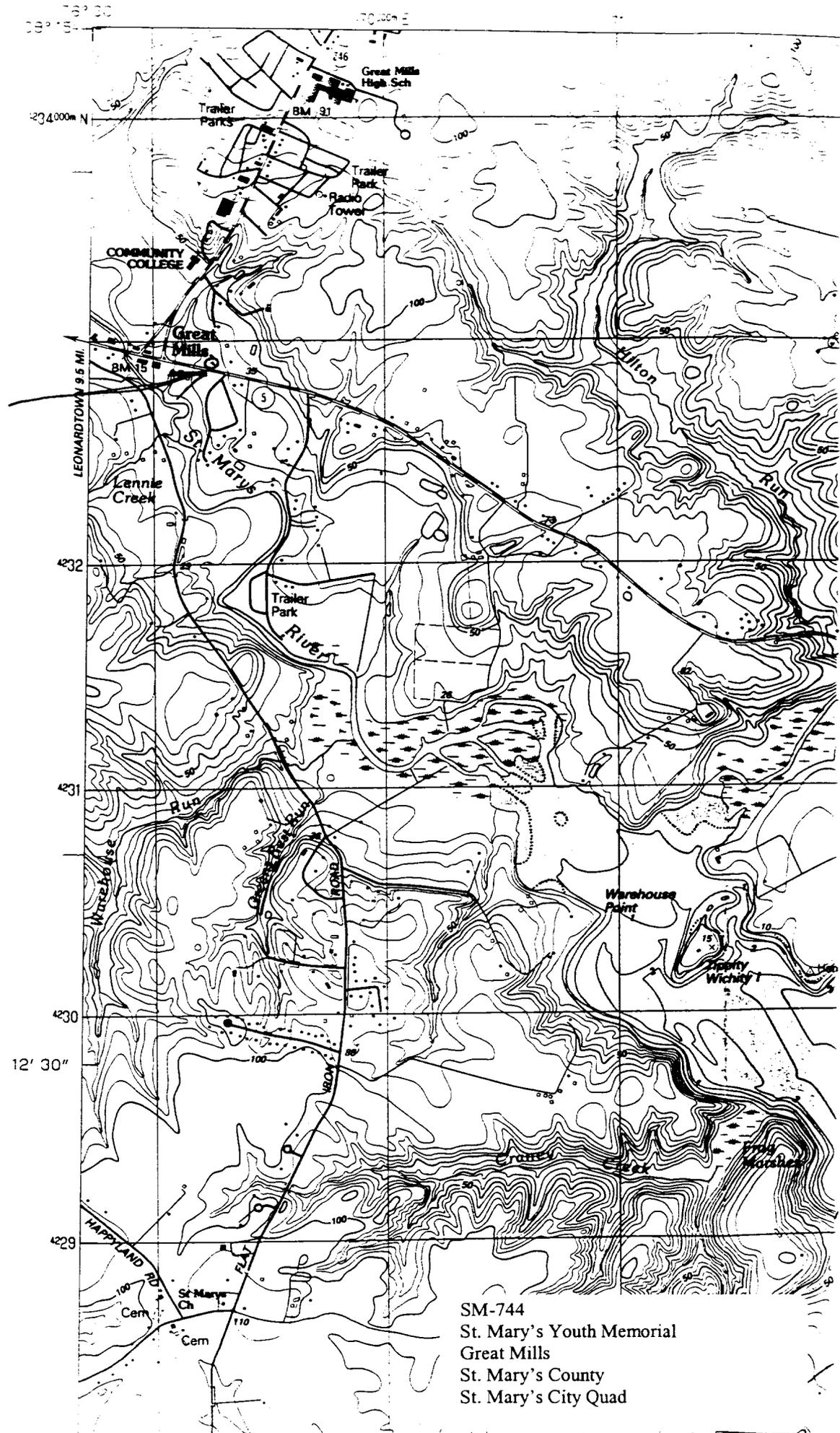
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



SM-744  
St. Mary's Youth Memorial  
Great Mills  
St. Mary's County  
St. Mary's City Quad



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St. Mary's Youth Memorial Park

St. Mary's County, MD

Yield 4000

1000

1000

1000

1000



ANDREW PAUL CAROLINE  
MAY 15 1963  
AUG 6 1980  
JAN 21 1923  
DEC 26 1991  
OCT 28 1991  
MAY 11 1975  
OCT 26 1994  
FEB 24 1974

JAN 12 1997  
DEC 21 1993  
MAY 3 1999  
NOV 14 1941  
OCT 2 1997  
JAN 18 1993  
JAN 12 1997  
MAY 16 1996

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