Capsule Summary
SM-743
White Plains Farm
Great Mills vicinity
Private 1940s

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-743

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	White Plains Farm
other	

2. Location

street and number	19599 Point Lookout Road	__ not for publication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	Patuxent Development Co. Inc., C/o J. Laurence Millison				
street and number	81 Millison Lane			telephone	N/a
city, town	Lexington Park	state	Md	zip code	20653

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-51, P-402	
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	MRB 154	folio 307

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
_____public
_x_private
_____both

Current Function
_x_agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_x_domestic
_____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

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
x__ 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.

Commanding picturesque vistas of the St. Mary's River headwaters is White Plains Farm. The house lot, subdivided from a much larger farm, consists of 10.85 acres perched on a ridge overlooking the river. The lower part of the farm is not visible from the road. The house is oriented on a north/south axis and is approached via a long dirt drive that extends southward from Point Lookout Road. The drive is flanked on either side by pasture and mowed grassland.

The main dwelling at White Plains Farm is a two-story, three bay, brick dwelling erected circa 1940s. Covered with asphalt shingles, the gable roof is pierced by two interior brick chimney flues.

The front or north elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located door flanked on either side by paired windows replete with louvered shutters. The main door is accentuated with a colonial revival portico supported by two classical columns. The porch also features and open bed pediment with a semicircular arch ceiling. The second floor is fenestrated by three windows, each of which feature louvered shutters.

Other elevations were not observed. The lower portion of the property was also not visible from the road.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	x agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ 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	10.85 acres		
Acreage of historical setting	Subdivided from larger farm		
Quadrangle name	St. Mary's City	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

White Plains Farm is a subdivded tract from a much larger farm that extends well to the north to the headwaters of the St. Mary's River. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 154, Folio 307.

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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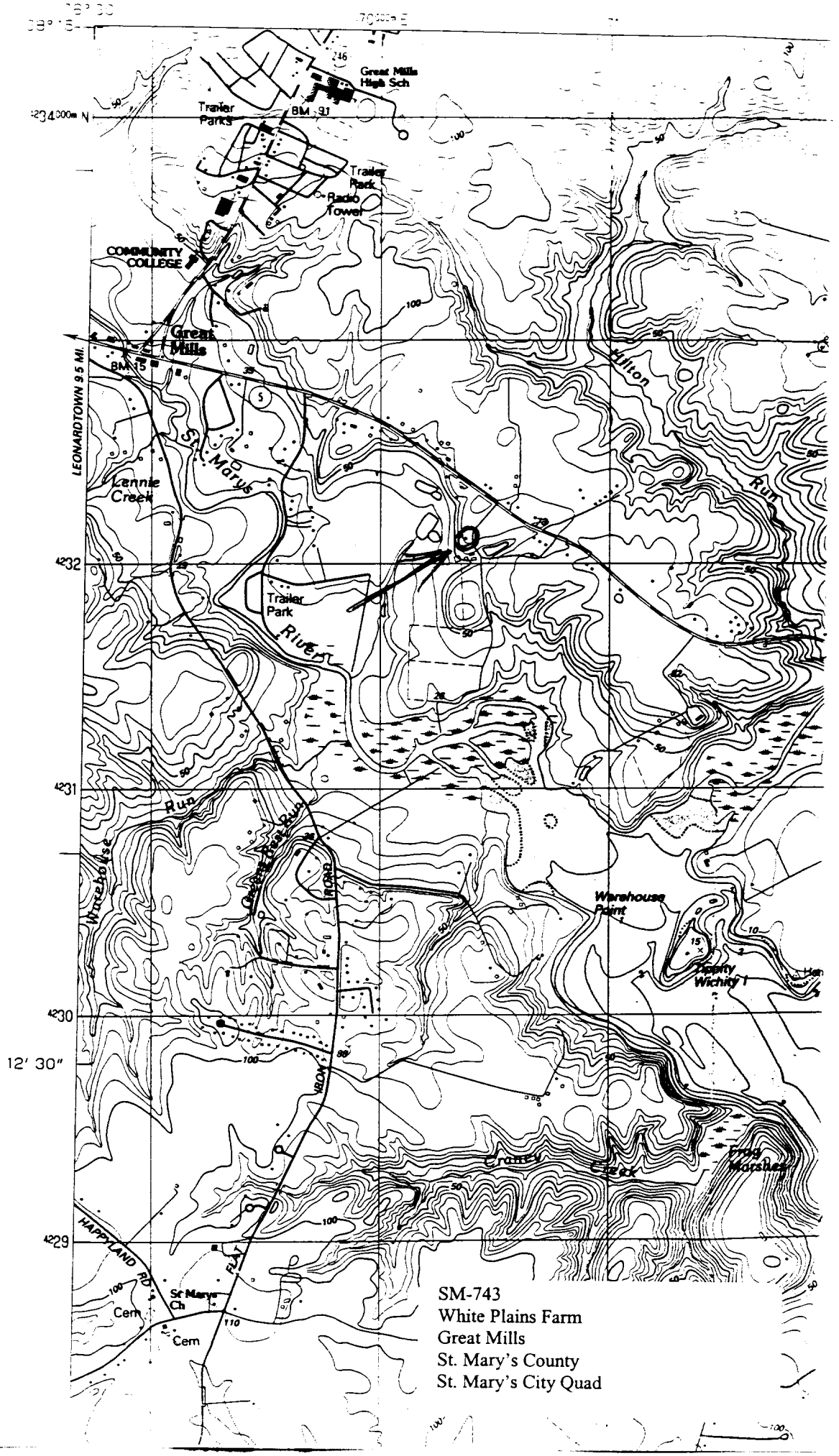

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