

Soil Conservation District Supervisors

George H. Godfrey, *Chairperson*, 1990; Charles R. Patterson III, 1987; C. Frank Boyle, 1989; J. Tilghman Bishop, 1991; Royden N. Powell III (County Appointee); Paul L. Gunther, *Extension Agent, Secretary (nonvoting)*. Thomas Heisler, *District Conservationist*. Robert Tabisz, *District Manager*.

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

County Seat: Leonardtown 20650

Origin: Here the passengers on the *Ark* and the *Dove* landed at St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634. St. Mary's, the first Maryland county, was established in 1637, probably by an order of the Governor.

Name: Named in honor of St. Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Form of Government: County Commissioners

County Code: See *Code of St. Mary's County, State of Maryland* (1978) with supplements.

Area: 410.22 sq. miles (372.54 land, 37.68 water)

Population. 1900: 17,182; 1950: 29,111; 1960: 38,915; 1970: 47,388; **1980: 59,895.**

Principal Incorporated Places (1980 census): Leonardtown (1,448)

Principal Unincorporated Places (1980 census): Lexington Park (10,361), California (5,770), Golden Beach (2,098)

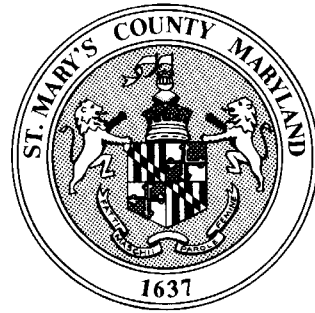
Voter Registration, Oct. 6, 1986. Democrat: 18,711; Republican: 5,638; Other Parties and No Party Affiliation: 1,625; Total: 25,974.

Per Capita Income, 1985 (estimated): \$11,148

State Parks: Greenwell (607 acres), Point Lookout (526 acres), St. Clements (1 acre), St. Mary's River (2,056 acres)

Colleges/Universities: St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City

Museums/Historical Societies: St. Mary's County Historical Society, 11 Courthouse Dr., Old Jailhouse Museum, Leonardtown 20650; Historic St. Mary's City (outdoor history museum), P.O. Box 24, St. Mary's City 20686; St. Clements Island—Potomac Museum, Colton's Point 20626



**JUDICIAL OFFICES**

Circuit Court  
P.O. Box 508  
Courthouse  
Leonardtown 20650

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ext. 505, 506, 507

District Court  
P.O. Box 339  
Courthouse Dr.  
Leonardtown 20650

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Court Terms:

Circuit Court—Grand Jury and Petit Jury, third Monday in March and September.

Orphans' Court Days—Second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Circuit Court Resident Judge  
John H. Briscoe, 1988

Circuit Court Clerk  
Mary R. Bell, 1990

Master of Chancery  
Marvin S. Kaminetz

District Court Judge  
C. Clarke Raley, 1993.  
Dennis T. Fean, *Administrative Clerk*; Joanne Bissett, *Clerk*.

Orphans' Court Judges  
John L. Alvey, *Chief Judge*, 1990; Lawrence R. Garner, 1990; Dorothy R. Raley, 1990.

Register of Wills  
Norma I. Dawson, 1990