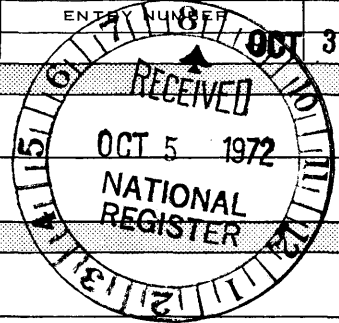


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1. NAME

COMMON NAME: Cornhill Cornehill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Parran Road

CITY OR TOWN: Parran

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Calvert	009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Richard G. Sinclair

STREET AND NUMBER: Cornhill, Parran Road

CITY OR TOWN: Parran STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Calvert County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Prince Frederick STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>4 Located on the south side of Parran Road, about one mile southeast of Parran, Maryland, Cornhill is set on a high ridge which divides the waterflow of the county. The northeast side of this flows to the Chesapeake Bay and the southwest side flows to the Patuxent River.</p> <p>The five bay long brick house has a steeply-pitched roof with an exterior chimney at each gable end. All the windows have six-over-six sashes and segmental arches. Simple fluted pilasters and a segmental wooden arch surround the central door. A molded wood cornice follows the roofline. There is a water table of simple square brick. One brick on the southwest corner contains the date 1786 and the initials "T. F." The brick is laid in Flemish bond with random glazed headers.</p> <p>The east wing, a one-and-one-half-story frame building, was restored in 1941. Outbuildings include slave quarters (one building) to the south of the house and a tobacco barn with oak framing.</p>	
	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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) 1786

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cornhill is an imposing Georgian house. A brick in the southwest corner dated 1786 lends the house added significance by providing a reference point for dating comparable Maryland structures.

The initials "T. F.," located with the date, purportedly refer to Thelbert Freeland, a member of an influential family in northeastern Calvert County. The lack of any Calvert County records before the late nineteenth century makes it impossible to determine if Thelbert Freeland built Cornhill. In fact, the entire history of the property before the 1890's is a mystery. The earliest known owner was Thornton Dorsey.

Colonial Maryland records not damaged by the Calvert County Courthouse fires reveal that in 1663, the proprietor patented a 350-acre tract of land called Cornhill to Francis Billingsly. This tract was described as being ". . . upon the main ridge betwixt the branches of Plumpoint Creek and the branches of Hunting Creek . . . ." During the majority of the eighteenth century, the Mackall family, large Calvert County landowners, held Cornhill.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRIMARY SOURCES, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland

- Debt Books
- Patented and Unpatented Certificates of Survey
- Patent Records
- Probate Records
- Rent Rolls

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 38° 35' 30"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 76° 33' 25"	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		
NE	38° 35' 25"	76° 33' 05"				
SE	38° 35' 08"	76° 33' 16"				
SW	38° 35' 16"	76° 33' 38"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **61 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Nancy Miller, Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust**      DATE: **July 28, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland 21401**      CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
**Orlando Ridout IV**

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date August 4, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert Van Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/31/72

ATTEST: William M. Stuebel  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-30-72

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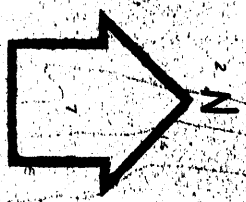
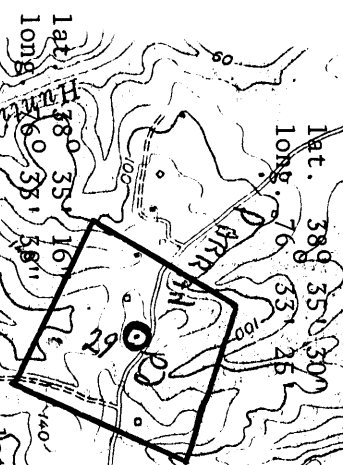
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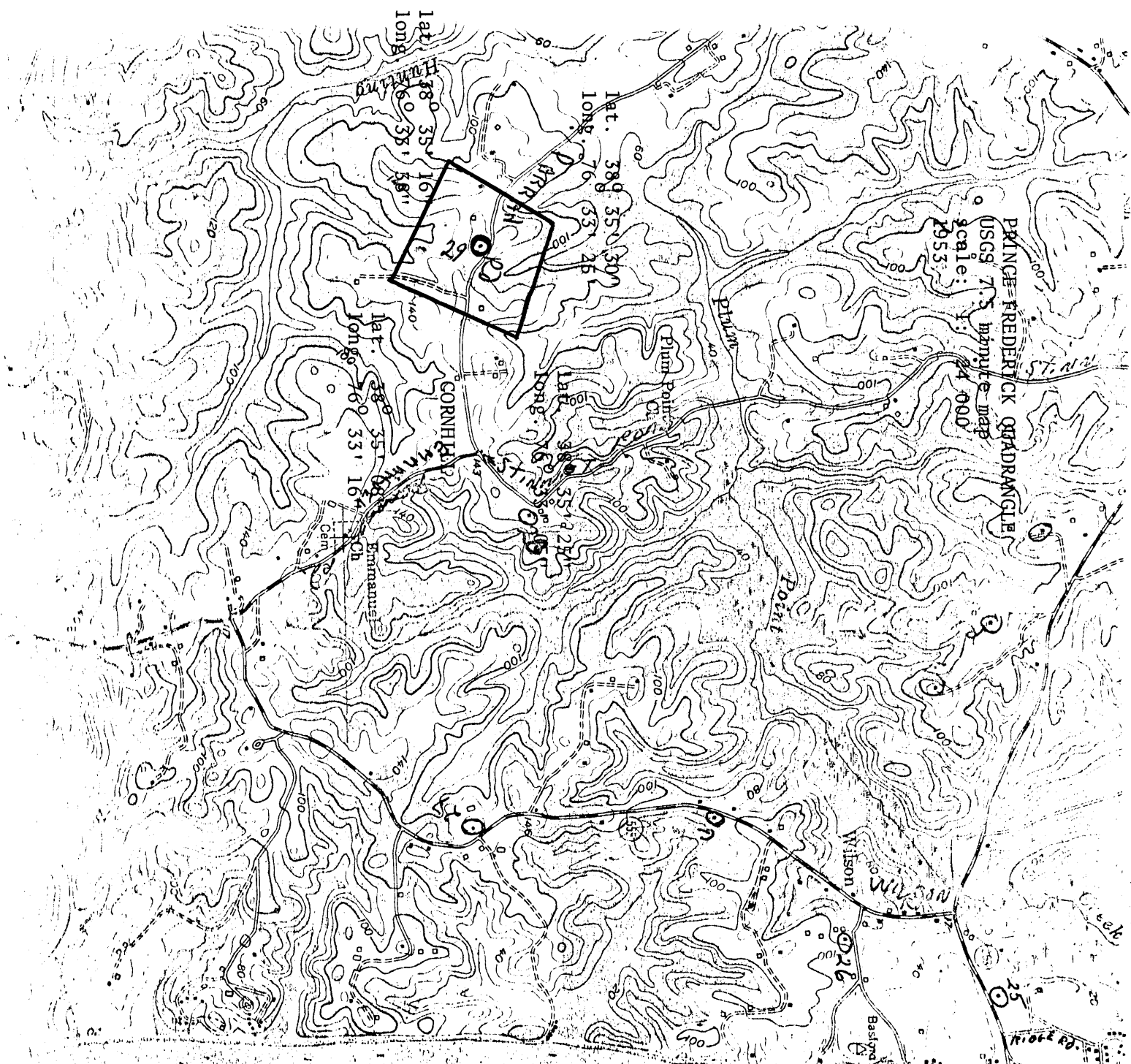
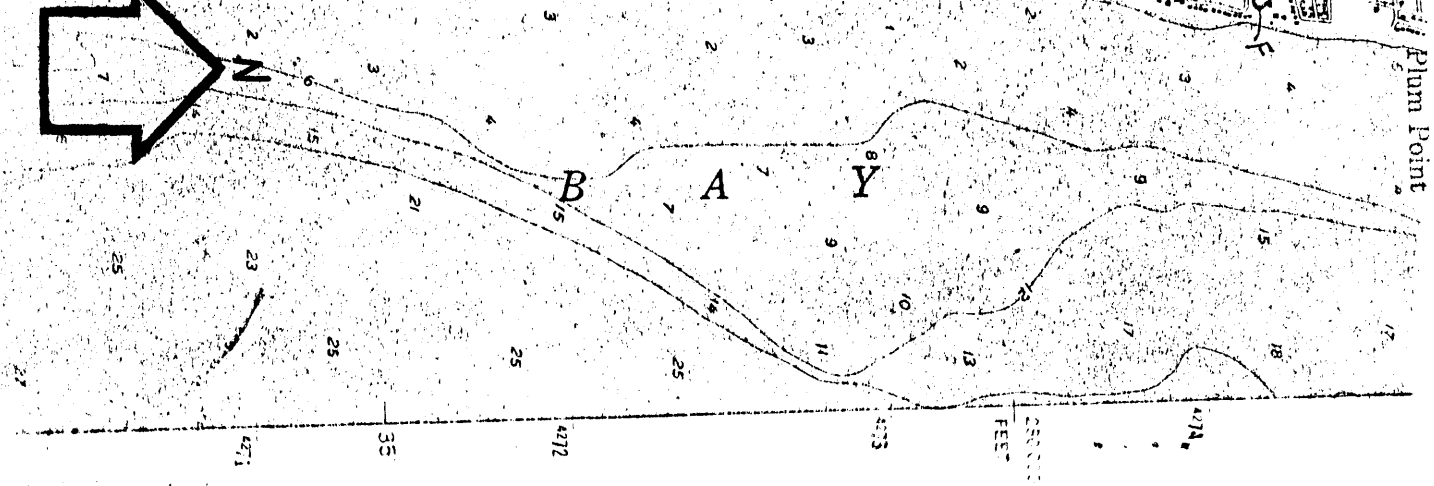
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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

for Keeper Accept Patrick Andrews 7/10/89

MARYLAND  
HISTORICAL



TRUST

William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Jacqueline H. Rogers  
Secretary, DHCD

22 May 1989

Ms. Carol Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
P. O. Box 37127  
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127

re: Cornhill (Cornehill)  
Calvert County

Dear Carol:

When the Cornhill property was nominated to the National Register in 1972, the wrong name of the road was listed on the application. Cornhill is located on Emmanuel Church Road, not Parran Road as given in the documentation. The location on the map is correct. Just the wrong road name was typed.

Sincerely,

J. Rodney Little  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JRL/RLA/pc

cc: Mr. Joseph Showalter  
Ms. Sallie McGrath

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