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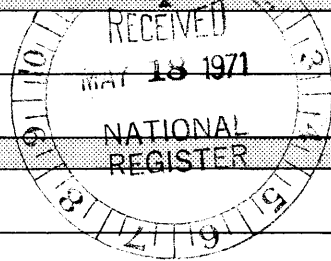
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Calvert	
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ENTRY NUMBER 716240010	DATE 6/1/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Maidstone

AND/OR HISTORIC: Maid Stone, Canaan

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Chesapeake Beach Road

CITY OR TOWN: Owings

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Calvert	CODE 009
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Earl Hicks

STREET AND NUMBER: Maidstone

CITY OR TOWN: Owings

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. Johns College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

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: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(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

Maidstone is located on Chesapeake Beach Road on the southwest side of Maryland Route 260 approximately two miles northwest of Owings, Maryland. The house is one eighth mile due west from the intersection of Maryland Route 260 and the Anne Arundel County-Calvert County line.

This house is picturesque and medieval with its steeply (58 degrees) sloping roof. The roof extends out over the north and south facades of the house to form a porch in traditional Maryland colonial style. The main house is four bays wide and two deep. The door occupies the second bay from the west. All of the windows are six over six. There are three six over six peaked dormers on both the north and south roofs. A medieval T-shaped chimney is enclosed within the west end of the house containing a brick dated 1678. This chimney is so heavy that it has slowly been pulling the house to one side as it tilts with age. The house is noticeably leaning to one side. Maidstone was originally three bays wide; the fourth bay on the west and the one and one half story kitchen on the west were added around 1800.

The kitchen has its own chimney on the west end. There are two out-buildings with old beams and rough hewn horizontal siding. The steeply pitched roofs of the out-buildings have a similar degree of pitch as the main building.

The grounds are well maintained and there are stands of very old boxwood plants.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

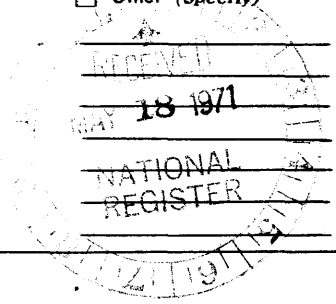
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) after 1683 & probably before 1699

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |                                              |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                                 |                                              |                                          |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Maidstone, one of the few extant architectural examples of the seventeenth-century medieval influence in Maryland, was owned by three successive generations of the Chew family over a span of more than sixty years, after which time the Chew family became of interstate importance through Benjamin Chew (1722-1810), the son of Samuel Chew of Maidstone (1693-1743), through Benjamin's affiliations with Delaware.

Samuel Chew, in order to distinguish himself from relatives of the same name, signed "of Maidstone" after his name; he grew up at Maidstone. The house was probably built after 1683 and before 1699 when his father died. Samuel Chew's inheritance, Maidstone, did not, however, hold him in Maryland. Chew turned instead to Delaware. Public records indicate his presence in Kent County, Delaware, as early as 1730, although he did not sever all of his ties with Maryland until the end of that decade. Chew settled in Dover and by 1741 had become Chief Justice of Sussex, Kent and New Castle Counties, Delaware.

Benjamin Chew (1722-1810), one of the nine children of "Samuel Chew of Maidstone," was born and raised at Maidstone and was its owner after his father's death in 1743; however he did not choose to live in Maryland. Instead he left Maidstone and went to Philadelphia where he held the offices of: Attorney General of Pennsylvania (1754-1769); member of the Pennsylvania Provincial Council (1754-1769); Chief Justice

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Recorders: Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland, June 1970

Paul Brinkman, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland, July 1967

Land Records, Patents, Chancery Records, Rent Rolls, Wills, Warrants, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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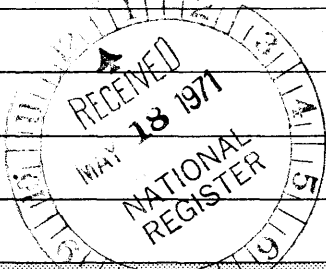
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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° 44' 14.5"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 76° 37' 47.5"	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		
NE	38° 44' 14.5"	76° 37' 27.5"				
SE	38° 43' 58.5"	76° 37' 27.5"				
SW	38° 43' 58.5"	76° 37' 47.5"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 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: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: April 22, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u> Orlando Ridout IV Title: <u>State Liaison Officer for Maryland</u> Date: <u>APR 27 1971</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connolly</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation JUN 21 1971 Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST: <u>William Montague</u> Keeper of the National Register Date: <u>MAY 27 1971</u></p>

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Maidstone

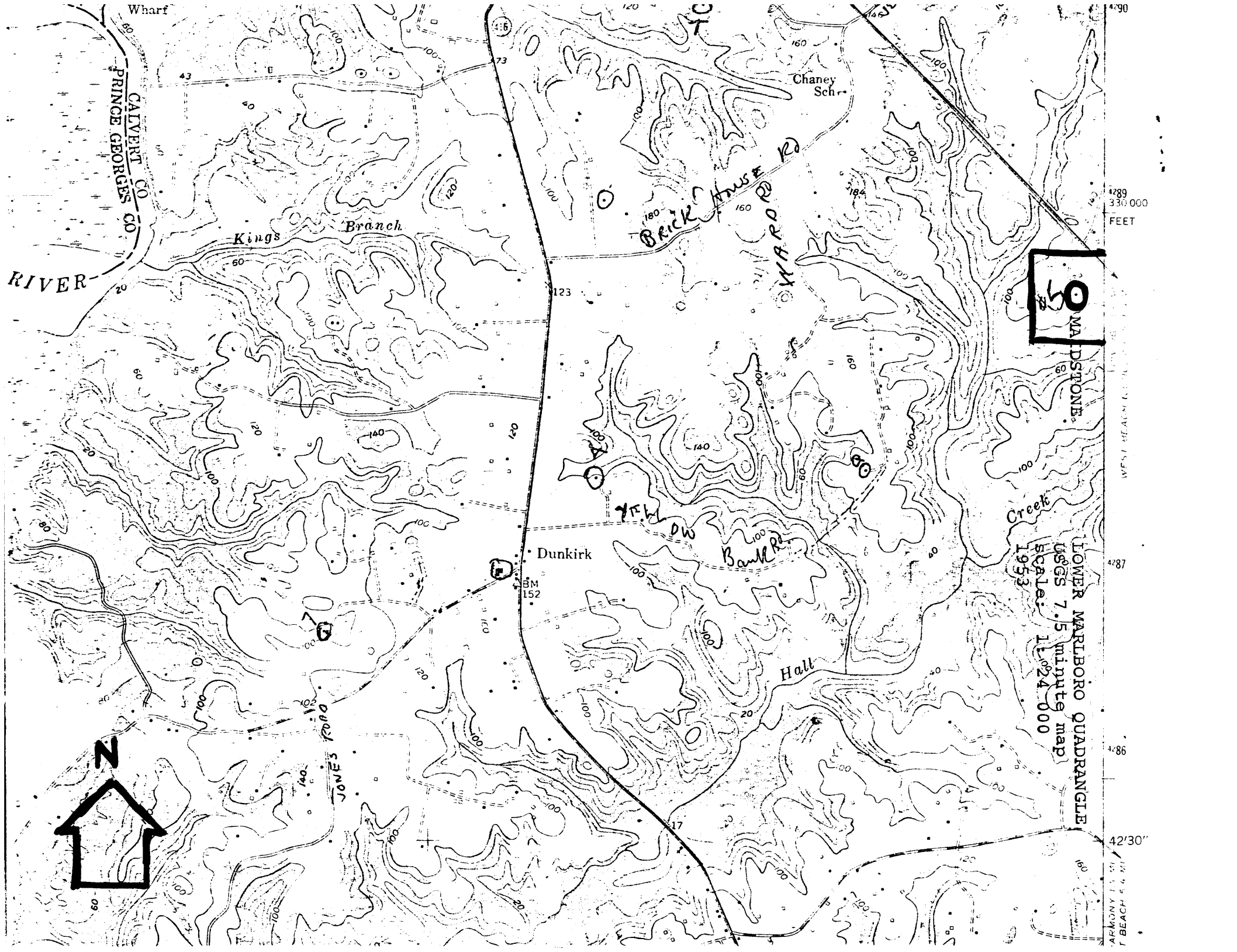
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of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1774-1776); and Judge and President of the High Court of Errors and Appeals (1791-1806). Before moving to Philadelphia (1754) (even before beginning to practice law after 1746), Chew had abandoned connections with Maryland by selling Maidstone (1745) to an Anne Arundel County farmer, Lewis Lewin. Chew's architectural interest centered, not on his seventeenth-century birth place, but on Clivden (1761) (Chew House), his mid-eighteenth-century, Georgian-style house in Germantown, Pennsylvania, which became a National Historic Landmark (January 20, 1961).

Ownership after 1745 included the Lewin, the Weems and the Wilson families. During the past two centuries only a few events brought the house into the limelight, such as a Chancery Court case (1820) and the relocation of the Anne Arundel-Calvert Counties boundary along the 1663 patent lines of Maidstone.

## #9. REFERENCES continued

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- Francis B. Culver, "Chew Family," Maryland Historical Magazine, XXX, (June 1935), 157-182.
- Leon de Valinger, Jr. (comp.), Calendar of Kent County Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800, Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1944.
- Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture From the First Colonial Settlements to the National Period, New York: Oxford University Press, 1952.



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LOWER MARLBORO QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7.5 minute map  
Scale: 1:62,500  
1953

4290  
330 000  
FEET  
4287  
4286  
42'30"

ARMONY 1.5 MI  
BEACH 5.4 MI