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(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: Saint Mary's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Tudor Hall

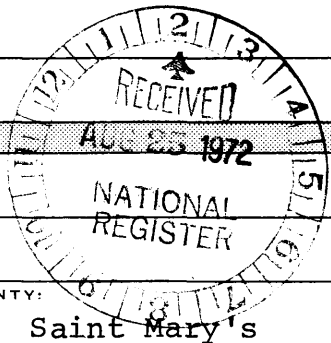
AND/OR HISTORIC:
America Felix Secundus

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tudor Hall Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Leonardtwn

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Saint Mary's CODE: 037



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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>library</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: contact: Miss Elizabeth Hill, Librarian
St. Mary's County Memorial Library Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tudor Hall Road

CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

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:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: St. Marys

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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)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tudor Hall is located in Leonardtown, Maryland, encircled by Tudor Hall Road, which is two blocks south of Maryland Route 5 and one block east of the St. Mary's County Courthouse. The south facade of Tudor Hall overlooks Breton Bay.

Tudor Hall is a large 190 feet by 30 feet, rectangular, two story plus attic, brick building presently used as the St. Mary's County Memorial Library. The building has undergone extensive change. The form of the extant structure is largely the result of a nineteenth century enlargement and a twentieth century remodelling of an eighteenth century structure.

In 1798, Tudor Hall consisted of a one and one half story wooden house (46 X 22) with two brick wings (30 X 32), one at each (east and west) end.¹ Since that time, the one story brick wings have been raised to two stories and the wider center section was replaced with a two story brick central block. These alterations can easily be seen on the south facade where the end sections of the wall at the first story are laid in Flemish bond, whereas the entire center section and second floors of the ends are laid in American bond (four rows of stretchers and one row of headers).

Tudor Hall has a hip roof with a centrally placed square balustrade or "widow's walk." Four chimneys jut out of the roof marking the juncture of the ends and the central block.

One of the outstanding features of the south facade is the one story recessed loggia. Centrally placed, the loggia is defined by four columns which support a wooden lintel. A brick arch spans the loggia.

A nineteenth century owner covered Tudor Hall with yellow stucco into which eight by fourteen inch rectangles were incised. In 1950, Gertrude Sawyer, a Washington, D. C., architect, remodelled Tudor Hall and removed the stucco.²



¹Federal Direct Tax Assessment, 1798, St. Mary's County, New Town Hundred, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

²[Mary Sprigg Poole], "Tudor Hall," Chronicles of St. Mary's, II (December 1954), 77-79.

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SIGNIFICANCE

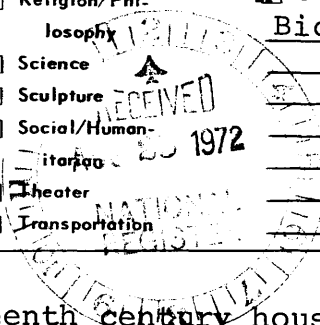
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) before 1798, 19th century, 1950 (restoration)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Bicentennial</u> |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
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| <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

Tudor Hall is an important eighteenth century house in St. Mary's County, Maryland. It is one of the oldest buildings in Leonardtown, which was created by the Maryland Legislature in 1720. Tudor Hall is a 1950 example of preservation through adaptive use: it is used as the St. Mary's County Memorial Library [1972].

The Barnes family owned the property in the eighteenth century. Abraham Barnes, who may have built Tudor Hall, amassed a 1,096 acre estate around the site of the house which he called America Felix Secundus. A successful tobacco planter, Barnes served in the Maryland assembly, joined Benjamin Tasker in representing Maryland in the Albany Congress of 1754, and served on the St. Mary's County Committee of Observation during the first years of the Revolution. Barnes spent part of the 1760's in England. He advertised his St. Mary's house for rent in the Maryland Gazette, which could have been Tudor Hall. Unable to find a tenant, Barnes' son-in-law, John Thompson Mason, lived in his house. John T. Mason was the brother of George Mason, author of the Bill of Rights.

In 1778, Richard Barnes inherited America Felix Secundus from his father, and according to the 1798 federal direct tax assessment, lived in Tudor Hall. Richard Barnes followed his father's example as a leader during the Revolution. He attended the 1775 convention that sent delegates from Maryland to the Continental Congress. He served as the lieutenant for St. Mary's County, which involved the responsibility for defending the county from British raiders who frequently plundered American property on the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. In 1781, Barnes organized a flotilla of local vessels that transported troops from the Head of Elk in Maryland to Virginia for the Yorktown campaign. Barnes also was a member of the Maryland convention that ratified the Constitution in 1788.

John Thompson Mason, Jr., son of John Thompson Mason, inherited Richard Barnes' estate in 1804. The property was sold to Philip Key, an uncle of Francis Scott Key. For several years the ownership of the estate was under question in various

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: William D. Morgan, Maryland Historical Trust,
2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
June 1969

Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust,
February 1972

Bibliography:
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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° 17' 21"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 76° 38' 09"		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	38° 17' 21"	76° 38' 02"				
SE	38° 17' 08"	76° 38' 02"				
SW	38° 17' 08"	76° 38' 09"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 19.5 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:
Arthur Townsend, Associate Director, and staff

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: June 15, 1972

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CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

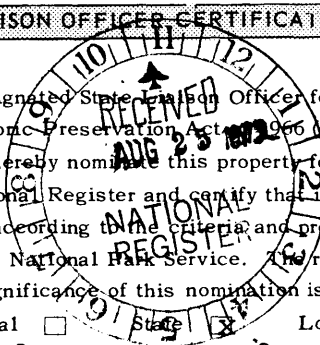
As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended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

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date June 15, 1972



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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/26/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 26 73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Maryland courts. The first Key to hold undisputed title to the property was Philip Key's son, Henry Greenfield Sothoron Key. He remodeled the Barnes' house, adding the coat of yellow stucco, and changed the name to Tudor Hall.

Key, in keeping with his family's tradition of public service, was a judge of the St. Mary's County Orphans Court and chairman of the commission that settled the dispute with Delaware and Pennsylvania over the northeast boundary of Maryland.

The Key family owned the house until 1917. Then it was empty for thirty years. In 1947, a real estate company was considering the property for a subdivision. At the instigation of Mrs. Mary Patterson Davidson, Tudor Hall was preserved. Mrs. Davidson arranged for the renovation of the house as a memorial to those who died in service during World War II and the Korean War.

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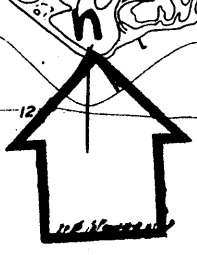
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