

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Woodlawn
Part Trinity Manor; Woodlawn

AND/OR COMMON

WOODLAWN (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S of St. Marys off MD 252
South side of Maryland Route 252, 1 mile west of
Maryland Route 5

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Marys
St. Inigoes

VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

St. Mary's

CODE

037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cox

STREET & NUMBER

8033 Strauff Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Maryland

20650

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Carnegie Institute Survey of Architecture of the South

DATE

1936

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL Regional

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

20540

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodlawn is located on the south side of Maryland Route 252, one mile west of Maryland Route 5, near St. Inigoes in St. Mary's County. A Federal-style, two-story, five-bay frame house with brick ends, it is two rooms deep and has a gable roof. Each brick end contains a large double exterior chimney with two-story pent. The house is set on a raised brick foundation and has a water table capped with molded bricks on the north and south ends. A modillioned cornice circles the building. Windows on the east and west facades have 12/12 sash; those in the gable have 6/6 sash. Handmade nails were used in construction of the exterior, and cut nails on the interior. The joints of the frame are numbered with roman numerals.

The east facade has a central doorway with two windows on each side and five windows spaced evenly across the second story. This symmetrical arrangement, the modillioned cornice, and the window and door trim are all typical of the Federal style. The windows have simple architrave trim; the door trim is more elaborate with a three-part architrave and a reeded band with a curious "x" shape in the center just above the door. The circa 1930, one-story, five-bay porch will be removed.

The north end is brick laid in Flemish bond with a row of closers at the corners. Most of the end is covered by the huge double chimney and pent. There is a window in the attic story between the chimneys and a small casement one in the pent at first story level.

The west facade is similar to the east, except the center bay of the second story contains a door; this probably led onto a porch originally. In the foundation between the two north bays is a small basement window, between the south bays is a basement door reached by a set of outside steps. These openings are additions, as the basement does not appear to be original.

The south end is similar to the north end, although vestiges of a later wing (recently demolished) are still visible. There are three doors to the wing and an original door in the first story on the east side of the chimney; all are boarded over. A new wing will be constructed on the site of the earlier one.

The balanced exterior belies the asymmetrical interior plan. The first floor plan consists of two rooms of unequal size across the front (west) and two rooms with a central stair hall in the rear (east). This basic plan is a common one in St. Mary's County throughout the 18th and into the 19th century. The two rooms in the south end are of equal size.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> _INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Woodlawn is a large and fully developed Federal period house exhibiting one of the most important characteristics of Southern Maryland's 18th century architecture: brick ends with frame facades. This concept allowed a measure of fire-resistance to the structure. While such a concept would seem to have been valid in any region, its occurrence is particularly characteristic of Southern Maryland. This example is one of the largest of this type, and its four chimneys are especially noteworthy. Here the chimneys project and are linked by two -story pents, a very early feature which persisted in rural Southern Maryland into the early 19th century.

Woodlawn is a finely crafted, well preserved structure retaining almost all of its original detailing, far more than most houses of its age. These details are typical ones for the period, adapted from English pattern books of the 18th century, of a class commensurate with the class of this house, which is one of the largest in the region. Particularly noteworthy is the abundance of fretwork on the mantels and the overmantels of the two river front parlors. Unusual features include brick nogging in the interior walls and the contrast of an asymmetrical interior with the very symmetrical exterior.

HISTORY

The land on which Woodlawn stands was part of Trinity Manor, granted to Governor Leonard Calvert in August 1634. (Patent I#I/218 and 122.) In the Assessment of 1783 Matthias Clarke is shown owing 250 acres of the original 600-acre grant. He held this property through the assessment records of 1829. The present structure was erected during his ownership. (Tax records at the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, microfilm reel 610). These tax records are the major record of ownership in St. Mary's before 1831, the date of a disastrous fire in the St. Mary's County Courthouse.

Matthias Clarke was a planter. He owned twelve slaves. He served in the militia during the Revolution, as Justice of the Peace in 1795, on the Levy Court from 1801 to 1808, and as postmaster of Ridge from 1809-1829. He was the owner and captain of the schooner pilot boat Republican (home port, Calvert Creek). In 1829 he found himself "in his bailiwick" financially, and the property was exposed to public sale. It was purchased by James Kirk and thereafter known as Woodlawn.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See continuation sheet #4)

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11.66 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME St. George Island

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See continuation sheet #5)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers; Thomas & Virginia Cox

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust;-----

1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle; 8033 Strauff Road

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis; Towson

Maryland 21401; 21204

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Signature]

1-8-80

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/2/80

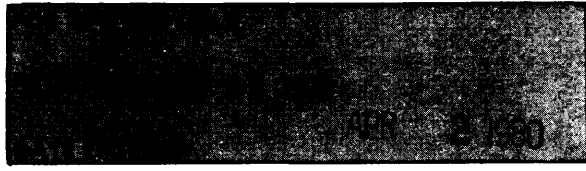
ATTEN:

[Signature]
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
Regional Coordinator

DATE 3-31-80

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

All walls, both interior and exterior on both floors, have brick nogging up to chair rail height. The original floorboards have been covered with later floors. Most rooms have original six-panel doors; all windows and doors have architrave trim. Every room (except the first floor southwest) has a fireplace in the end wall with a wooden mantel, each of a different design. The fireplace in the first floor southwest room has been blocked up.

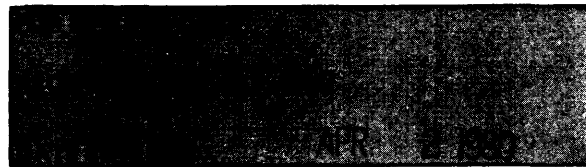
Each of the south rooms has two windows. The southeast room fireplace is flanked on the east by an exterior door and on the west by a cupboard. The mantel piece consists of a mantel shelf, a plain frieze en ressaut with two decorative bands--one of a simple "x" design and the other of reeded squares set vertically in the center section and diagonally on the sides, and a two-part surround crossetted on the outside and double crossetted on the inside. The jamb of the outside door is paneled, and the wall between the mantel and door is paneled to mantel shelf height. The full-length cupboard has a two-panel door in the top section, a single panel door in the bottom, and butterfly shelves inside. The entablature above the cupboard consists of a molded cornice with reeded frieze, fluted architrave and fluted trim around the doors, and floral knobs in the corner blocks. The room has a molded ceiling cornice; later molding has been added to the baseboard. In the west wall a door opens into the southwest room, and in the north wall one opens into the hall.

The fireplace in the southwest room is blocked-up, though the overmantel, consisting of architrave trim double-crossetted at each corner and decorated with two tangential rows of semicircles, has survived. A door to the pent closet is to the east of the fireplace. This room has original beaded baseboard and a ceiling cornice like that in the southeast room. A door on the north leads to the northwest room, and another opposite once opened into the wing and will again when the new wing is built.

The largest and most elaborate room in the house is the northwest room. This has paneled wainscoting and a wide molded ceiling cornice. The fireplace in the center of the north wall is the focus of the room. The mantelpiece consists of a molded cornice with two bands, one beaded and one fret; a frieze en ressaut with two bands of decorative cutwork, one tangential semicircles and one latticework. Flanking the opening is a shouldered architrave and panels of horizontal cutwork ovals. The overmantel is identical to that in the southwest room. A six-panel door to the east of the fireplace leads to the pent closet. The doorway to the hall has been removed and the wall taken out making a tall, wide
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opening between the two rooms.

In the northwest room, the mantelpiece is simpler than the others on the first floor: the molded shelf with molded cornice is supported on end blocks, and the fireplace opening has a shouldered surround. The cupboard is like the one in the southeast room. The doorway leading into this room is located under the stair in the hall. The door itself is a four-panel one, not original.

Underneath the stairs is a door leading to the basement. The space may originally have been a closet or an entrance to a root cellar.

The stair begins in the northwest corner of the hall with a flight of several steps on a north-south axis, turns west with four winders for the main flight, and at a landing near the top turns north-south again for several steps. It is an open-string stair with a roostertail scroll on the step-ends, square balusters, and square reeded newel posts at each turn. The portion at the top of the stairs has been replaced. The wall below the stringer is paneled.

The second floor plan has a central hall, a stair to the attic on the north wall and two rooms on each side. The plan is symmetrical here, unlike the first floor, causing uneven window placement in the rooms. A rectangular arch divides the hall, which has paneled wainscoting on the east wall and a baseboard that continues around the stairwell. A door from each chamber opens into the hall.

Each north room on the second floor has one window. The northeast room fireplace is flanked on the west by a four-panel door that leads into the pent, which is open to the next room. The simple mantelpiece has a molded shelf and a shouldered architrave.

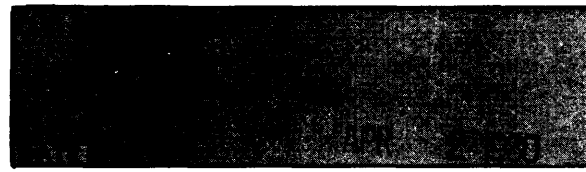
The northwest room is arranged like the east room, with a fireplace in the center of the north wall and a door to the pent to the east of it. The mantelpiece is very plain, with a molded shelf and wide, flat surround.

On the south side of the hall, the rooms are the same size as those below. In the southeast room the fireplace is in the center of the south wall; to its west is a door to the pent, which goes through to the next room. The mantelpiece has a shelf decorated with modillions and a plain architrave. In the southwest room is a more elaborate mantel with astrigal bed molding, a center block, and paneled pilasters.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #3.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

The open-string stair to the third floor has simple scrolled step-ends and the same square balusters and newel post as the main staircase. There is a half-closet beneath the stair, and the wall below the stringer is paneled.

The central hall of the third floor has two closets in the east side. There is a single room on either side of the hall. The hand-hewn rafters are pegged together and rest on flat false plates.

A double row of boxwood extends from the east side of the house to the drive. No outbuildings survive.

ACREAGE JUSTIFICATION

The eleven acres included with the nomination of Woodlawn to the National Register of Historic Places constitutes the last parcel of the original 600 acre tract. The proximity of the house to the water indicates the large role of water transportation from the 17th to the 20th century. From the perspective of view, both from and to the building, and of historic dependence on water transportation inclusion of the shore line is essential. The commanding location at the terminus of the point of land justifies including enough of the shore line to indicate a peninsula. The level ground of the point indicates no natural land boundary on the northeast. Therefore the legal boundary of the property was chosen.

NOTE: The outbuilding indicated on the U.S.G.S. map does not, in fact, exist.

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Maryland

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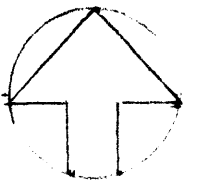
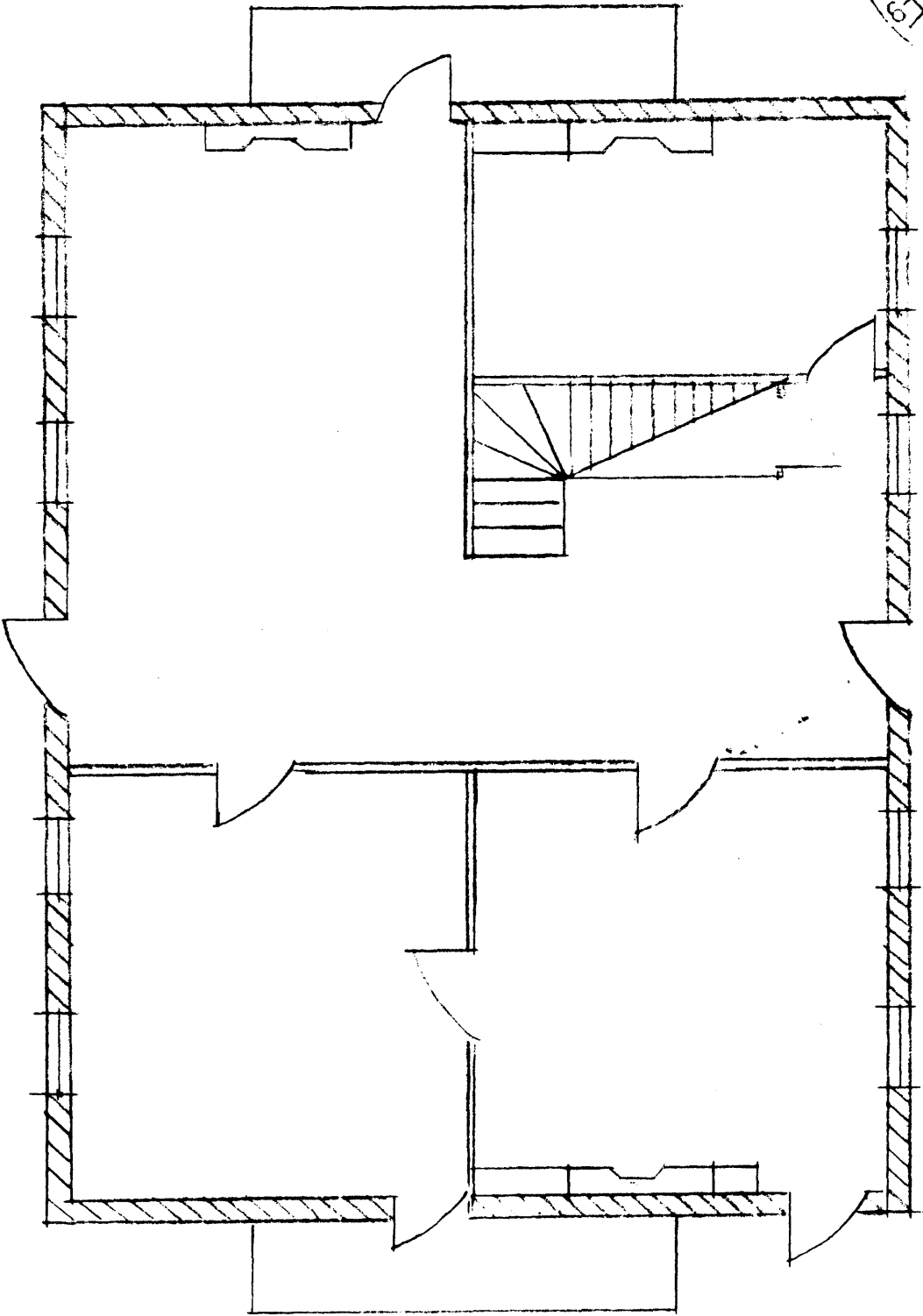
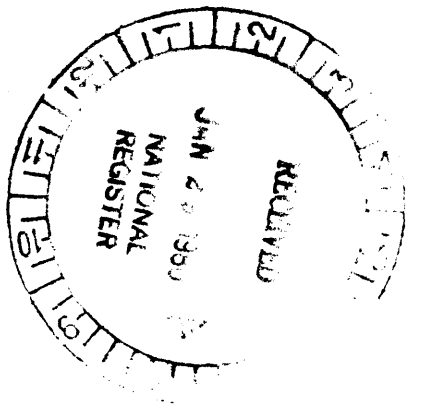
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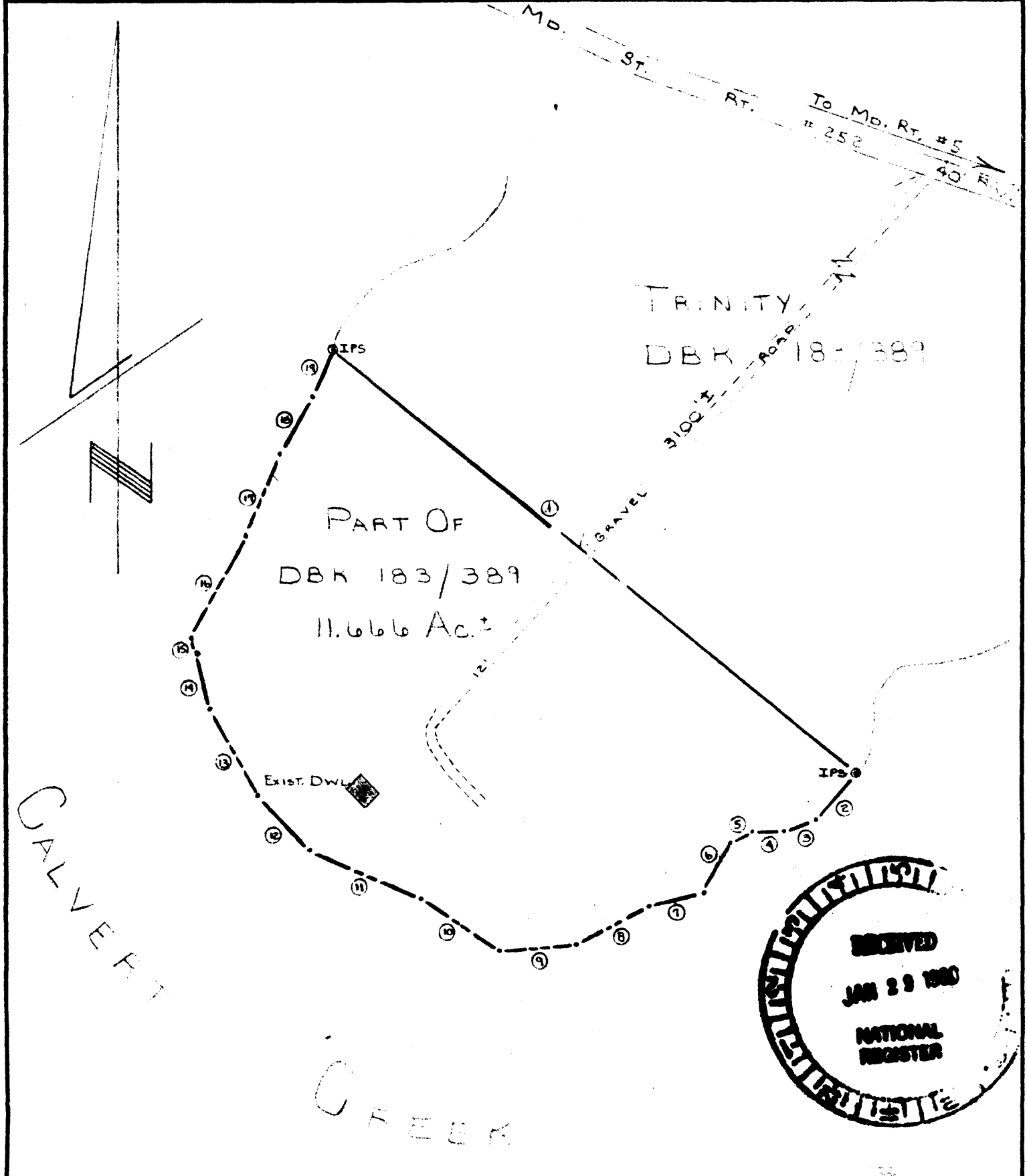
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING for the same at a point in the mean high water line of the southeasterly side of Calvert Creek. Said point being further located as bearing South 21°02'20"W 43.41 feet from the end of the North 21°02'20"E 118.41 foot course, as shown on an outline survey of the entire tract containing 181.666 acres, more or less, by J.R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., Register Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, of which the herein described is a part. Said beginning point being even further located as being the most Northerly corner of the herein described. Thence leaving the beginning point so fixed and passing through the lands of the Grantor herein, (1) South 41°44'28" E 1,043.69 feet to a point in the mean high water line on the Northeast side of the aforementioned Calvert Creek. Thence, running and binding on said mean high water line of Calvert Creek, as surveyed by J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., Register Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the following eighteen (18) courses and distances, (2) South 39°35'10"W 93.55 feet, (3) South 68°04'30"W 50.94 feet, (4) South 38°33'20"W 52.02 feet, (5) South 68°23'40"W 38.59 feet, (6) South 30°13'40"W 90.89 feet, (7) South 75°59'50"W 84.03 feet, (8) South 61°14'50"W 129.11 feet, (9) South 85°53'50"W 118.1 feet, (10) North 57°21'00"W 151.17 feet, (11) North 66°24'20"W 186.60 feet, (12) North 44°24'20"W 115.62 feet, (13) North 27°45'10"W 156.52 feet, (14) North 17°07'50"W 87.50 feet, (15) North 14°51'30"W 20.97 feet, (16) North 29°40'30"E 143.58 feet, (17) North 21°39'40"E 169.76 feet, (18) North 32°42'30"E 105.32 feet, (19) North 21°02'20"E 75.00 feet to the point and place of beginning containing a total of 11.666 acres of land, more or less.



WOODLAWN, St. Mary's County, Maryland

NS 8178



CALVEET

CREEK



Charles R. Moore #5810

BEARINGS & DISTANCES					
1.	S 51 44' 28" E	1043.69'	10.	N 57 21' 00" W	151.17'
2.	S 39 35' 10" W	93.55'	11.	N 66 24' 20" W	186.60'
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7.	S 75 59' 50" W	84.03'	16.	N 29 40' 30" E	143.58'
8.	S 61 14' 50" W	129.11'	17.	N 21 39' 40" E	169.76'
9.	S 85 53' 50" W	118.97'	18.	N 32 42' 30" E	105.32'
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PART OF "WOODLAWN"
 A SURVEY OF 11.666 ACRES
 OF LAND ± LOCATED
 IN THE 1ST ELECT. DIST. OF
 MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
 FOR: THOMAS E. COX

J. R. McCRONE, JR., INC.
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
 AND SURVEYORS
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
 PRINCE FREDERICK CHESTERTOWN
 EASTON LEONARDTOWN DENTON

DRAWN BY: Beck
 SCALE: 1" = 200'
 DATE: 8-6-79
 JOB NO.: L-4532
 FOLDER: L-1997

FORM NO. 2