

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Calvert	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 26 1972	

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Grahame House

AND/OR HISTORIC: (Graham House, Mansion House, Graeme House, Patuxent Manor, Patuxent Manor House)

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: one-fifth mile northeast of the intersection of Maryland Route 262 and Maryland Route 523

CITY OR TOWN: Lower Marlboro

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 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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> 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**

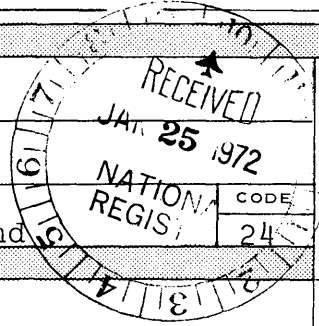
OWNER'S NAME: Mary Whitall Clevenger

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 22, Lower Marlboro Road

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. John's 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 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

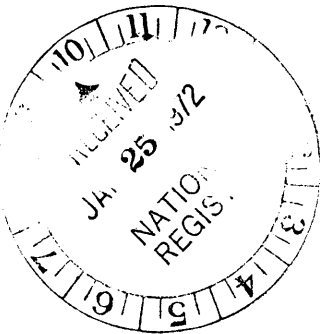
The Grahame House is located near Lower Marlboro, Calvert County, Maryland. The house is approximately one-fifth of a mile north of Maryland Route 262, one-fourth mile northeast of the junction of Route 262 and Maryland Route 523.

This is an eighteenth-century original one-and-one-half-story brick shell with a steeply pitched "A" roof. The house, over a high basement, is five bays long and three bays deep constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond with all the headers glazed. All the windows have segmental arches consisting of two rows of header brick. The window sills are molded brick as is the water table cap. The two windows high in the basement have segmental arches and have vertical iron grille bars built into the brickwork. The central entrance door has a transom. A chimney is built into each gable-end wall. The three peaked dormers on the roof appear to be recent at this time (1970). The one-and-a-half-story, two-bay-wide addition to the right of the house with exterior walls of beaded clapboard and a single peaked dormer appears of early construction.

The alterations have included the purchase and removal of the fine paneling throughout the house to the Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum, Delaware, and the absence of the original entrance door and window frames.

The present (1971) owners have installed modern sashes and have filled the old openings with brick. They are attempting to reconstruct the interior paneling.

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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) c. 1740

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

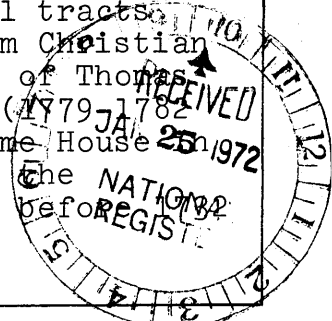
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The late eighteenth-century owner of the Grahame House, Charles Grahame, was associated with Frederick Calvert, sixth Lord Baltimore, through Grahame's brother and with Thomas Johnson, first elected Governor of the State of Maryland, through Grahame's son. Grahame's brother, David Grahame, married Charlotte Hyde, cousin of the sixth Lord Baltimore. She became a widow in 1754 and Baltimore appointed Charles Grahame to two lucrative patronage jobs--Naval Officer of the Pocomoke and Surveyor General of the Eastern Shore--so that he could support his sister-in-law. Baltimore acting through Governor Horatio Sharpe replaced Grahame a year later when Charlotte Hyde Grahame remarried.

Charles Grahame's son, John Colin Grahame, married Ann Jennings Johnson the daughter of Thomas Johnson, first elected Governor of the State of Maryland, which strengthened the association between the two men. They served together in the Lower House of the Maryland General Assembly. Rose Hill, north of Frederick, was a wedding present from Governor Johnson to his daughter and son-in-law. After settling at Rose Hill and establishing himself in Frederick County, John Grahame sold his father's Calvert County holdings.

Charles Grahame's political career which included helping to draft Maryland's first constitution (1776) and the province's protest to the Stamp Act (1765), as well as his election to the first session of the Maryland Senate (1777), brought Grahame into contact with the leaders of Maryland politics including two Signers of the Declaration of Independence: Samuel Chase and William Paca.

Sometime after 1755 Grahame purchased several tracts of land near Lower Marlboro in Calvert County from Christian Smith who, by a previous marriage, was the mother of Thomas Sim Lee, the second elected Governor of Maryland (1779-1782 and 1792-1794). Grahame may have built the Grahame House in the 1750's or he may have used a house already on the property. Evidence suggests that a house existed on the same tract as the present (1971) building.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

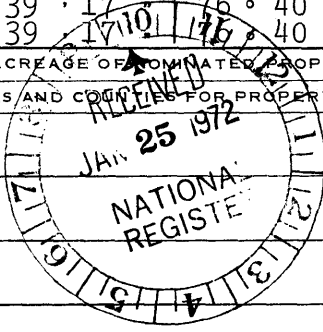
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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38	39	33	76	40	54			
NE	38	39	33	76	40	34			
SE	38	39	17	76	40	34			
SW	38	39	17	76	40	54			

No. 4117

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: sixty-four 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: Dec. 13, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
94 College Avenue

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date 4/26/72

ATTEST:

William M. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

APR 26 1972

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Form 10-300a  
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## #6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Building Survey  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C. Code: 11

1970 Federal

## #9. REFERENCES continued

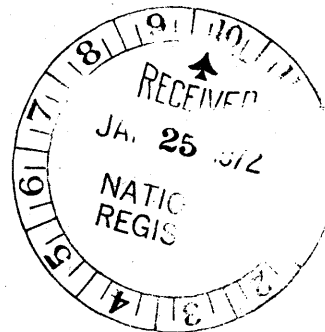
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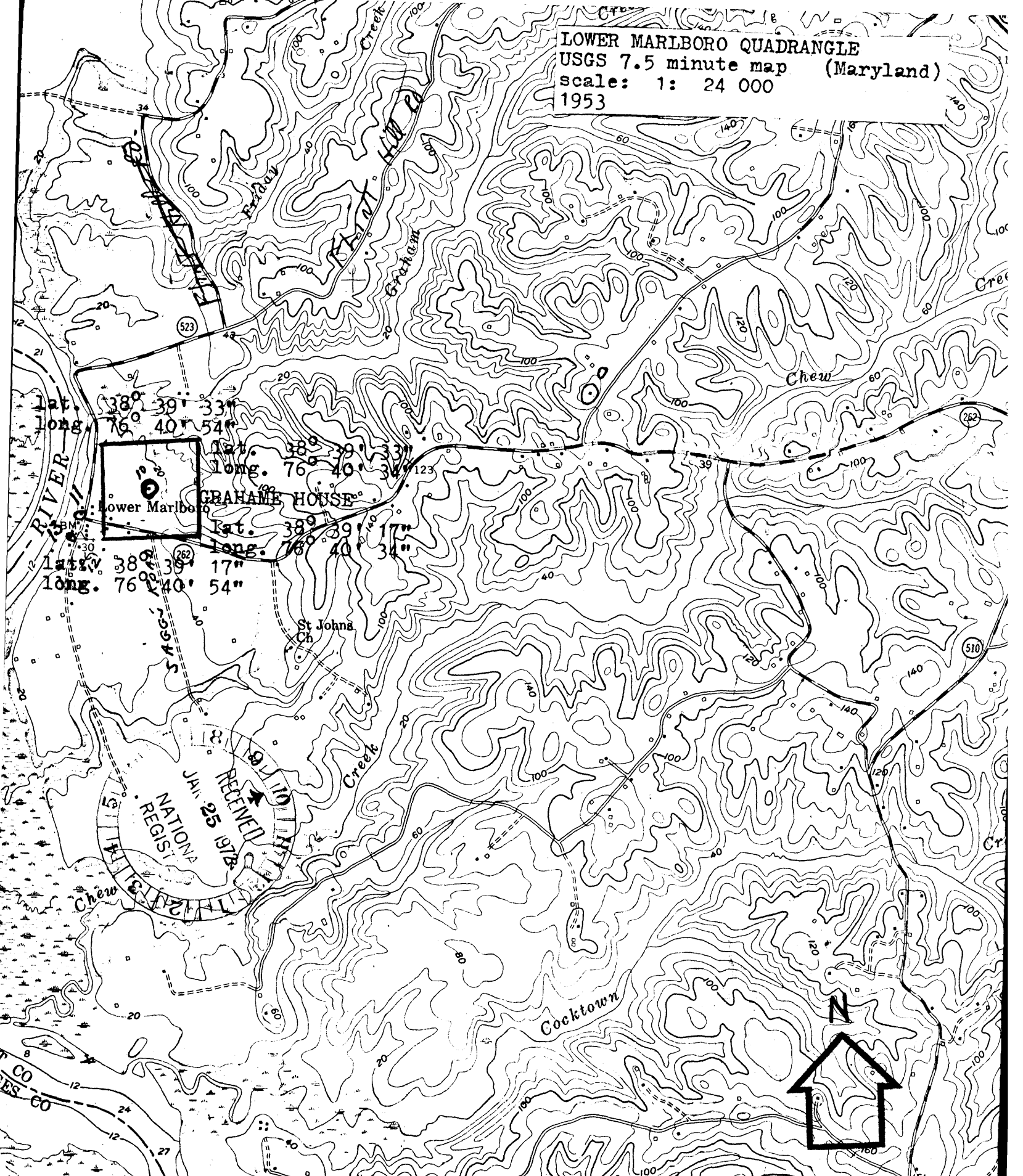
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LOWER MARLBORO QUADRANGLE  
 USGS 7.5 minute map (Maryland)  
 scale: 1: 24 000  
 1953



INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1966  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty   
 Medium-duty

