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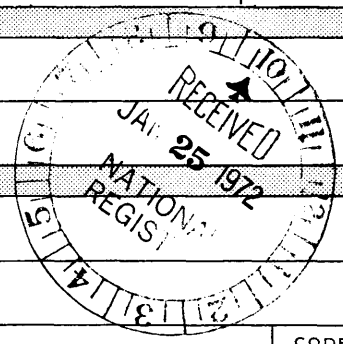
Form 10-300 (July 1969)

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:	St. Mary's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
APR 26 1972		



1. NAME

COMMON: Porto Bello

AND/OR HISTORIC: Porto Bello

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Route 244 (east of Drayden)

CITY OR TOWN: Drayden

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	St. Mary's	037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 checked="" 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) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Estate of Laura Kennedy Coad (Mrs. Emory Barbour, resident)

STREET AND NUMBER: Porto Bello

CITY OR TOWN: Drayden

STATE:	CODE
Maryland	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	CODE
Maryland	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE:	CODE
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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

Porto Bello is on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is within the boundaries for the St. Mary's City Historic District as submitted by the Maryland Historical Trust. The decision to accept the extended boundaries requested of the National Historic Landmarks program is pending as of December 1971.

Located on the west bank of the St. Mary's River on Porto Bello Point, the driveway entrance is two miles east of Drayden on the south side of Maryland Route 244. Set on an exposed promontory, the house has a view of the St. Mary's River, the site of the old State House and West St. Mary's Manor.

Built during mid-eighteenth century, and a 1971 part of a 478-acre working farm, Porto Bello is a brick, gambrel-roof, Maryland "manor house" type to which has been added two smaller gambrel-roof structures, c. 1910, to the west in "shot-gun fashion." The main block is painted and laid in Flemish bond brickwork. Of the four chimney stacks, the two on the east end are on the exterior of the wall. The house has five bays including a central doorway which has a flat brick arch similar to the arches used over the windows. There are three shed-dormers in the gambrel roof, the roof of each dormer an extension of the upper pitch. The roof below the lower pitch-break angles out to form a front (south) porch running across the main block; this and a similar porch on the rear (north) give the house a bell-cast profile when viewed from the east. Besides the twentieth-century additions the house has been continuously altered over its long history.

An altered example of an early St. Mary's-Southern Maryland manor house type, it still retains its basic characteristics. The interior reflects changes in taste on the part of the owners: the nineteenth-century molding in the dining room is an example. The hallway has retained some mid-Georgian carving.



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3. 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) after 1742

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Porto Bello is located on a portion of the first grant of land recorded in the province of Maryland: West St. Mary's Manor, one of the nine original Maryland Manors.

Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, was named after Admiral Edward Vernon (1684-1757), commander of the Caribbean fleet of the Royal Navy in the War of Jenkin's Ear (1739-1741), therefore William Hebb II named his property after Vernon's most famous victory, the Battle of Porto Bello (1739).

J. Allan Coad (1885-1963), three times Maryland State Senator from St. Mary's County, lived at Porto Bello in the 1930's and restored the house with which his family had earlier ties. Edwin Coade of Carthagen, also named for a battle, had gone to the Caribbean during the War of Jenkin's Ear with William Hebb II and Laurence Washington, half-brother of George Washington.

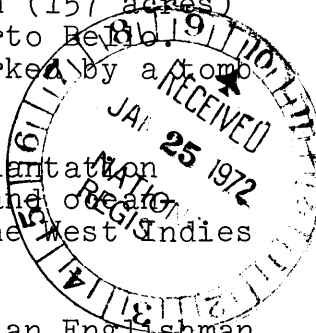
West St. Mary's Manor tract, commanding a view of the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River, was granted to Captain Henry Fleet, a Virginia adventurer, who guided Leonard Calvert on his first exploratory trip in March 1634 to the future site of St. Mary's City. Fleet lived on the Manor tract and became a delegate to the Maryland Assembly until he returned to Jamestown in 1639. In 1648 the property reverted to Cecilius Calvert (1605-1675), the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1742 William Hebb II patented a portion (157 acres) of the tract and later built his residence, Porto Bello. He died there in 1758. His burial place is marked by a tomb in the garden.

The Hebbs, in addition to maintaining a plantation operated locally, constructed river schooners and other going vessels for cross-Atlantic trading and the West Indies export and import trade.

Although a sister, Elizabeth, had married an Englishman, the Hebb family's shipping activities were threatened by the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Interviews: Charles Fenwick, Senior, Historical Society of St. Mary's County, Leonardtown, Maryland; Mrs. Emory Barber, Porto Bello, Drayden, Maryland.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

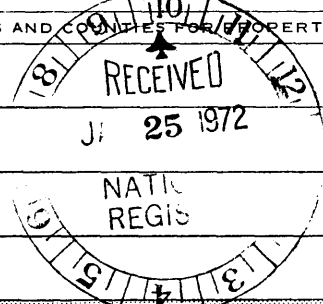
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See map
No

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 826.5 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: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Dec. 20, 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
 Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland
 Date: December 20, 1971

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
 Date: APR 26 1972

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

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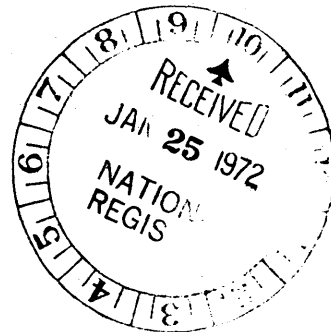
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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

enforcement of the Navigation Acts by Great Britain. These threats precluded their involvement in the American Revolution.

British activity in the Chesapeake Bay area centered around a naval blockade which forced Vernon Hebb and other planters to trade in Baltimore. The Royal forces made numerous raids on American plantations. To defend the St. Mary's County shoreline from British attack Thomas Johnson, Governor of Maryland, sent Vernon Hebb thirty guns on February 8, 1778. In spite of these precautions the British pillaged plantations, including Porto Bello, and destroyed tobacco crops, including that of Vernon Hebb.



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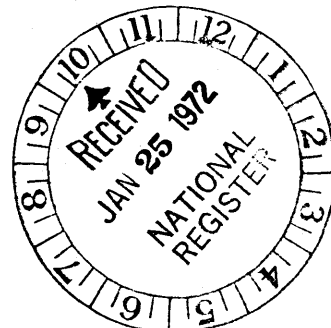
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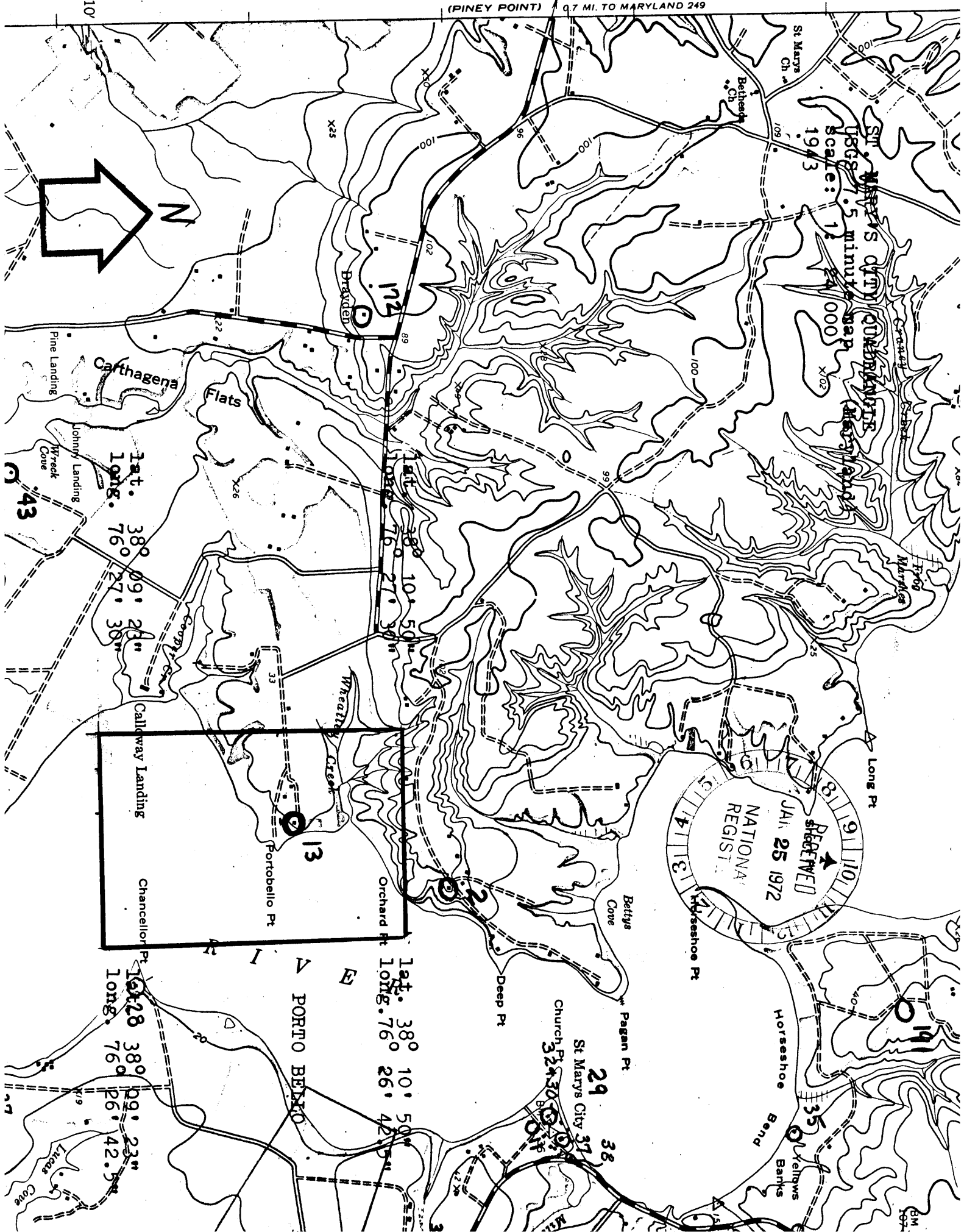
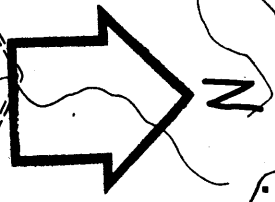
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