historic	Market Overton, The Clagett House						
other	Strawberry Hill (preferred)						
2. Location							
street and number	14300 John Clagett Drive					not for	publication
city, town	Accokeek					vicinity	
county	Prince George's County						
3. Owner of	Property (give na	mes and mailing a	ddresses of al	l owners)			
name	Bryan Chapman						
street and number	14300 John Clagett Drive				telephone		
city, town	Accokeek	S	state MD		zip code	20607-97	762
4 Location	of Legal Descrip	tion					
					14025 6010	()(
	y of deeds, etc. Prince Geor	ge's County Courth	nouse	liber	14025 folio	020	

- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- _____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- X Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

6. Classification

Category district		nt Function agriculture	Resource Count	Contributing	Noncontributing
X building(s) structure site object	public <u>X</u> private both	commerce/trade defense domestic education	landscape recreation/culture religion social transportation	Contributing	Noncontributing <u>2</u> buildings <u></u> sites <u></u> structures <u></u> objects
		funerary government health care industry	work in progress unknown vacant/not in use other:		2 Total

7. Description

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Condition

excellent	deteriorated
good	ruins
<u>X</u> fair	altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Strawberry Hill, also known as Market Overton and the Clagett House, was moved from its original location in Charles County in 1965 and reconstructed at 14300 John Clagett Drive in Prince George's County. The two-story, three-bay wood-frame vernacular structure was built c. 1785.¹ Late nineteenth century shed-roofed porches on the façade and rear were removed and Colonial Revival-style details were added to the dwelling c. 1965. An outbuilding, also relocated from Charles County, is sited north of the house. A smokehouse/storage shed, hipped roof barn, carriage house, and several barns and quarters, constructed between c. 1785 and c. 1820, were not relocated to the Prince George's County property.² The current site is located on a peninsula at the head of the Piscataway Creek. The property has mature trees and bushes and a circular gravel driveway.

DWELLING

The two-story, three-bay single dwelling was built c. 1785. Set on a stretcher-bond brick foundation, the wood-frame structure is clad in wide weatherboard siding. Double exterior-end corbelled brick chimneys are located on the north and south (side) elevations of the rectangular plan. The chimneys feature one-story single chimney pents. The building has a steeply pitched side gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. Currently, the house has Colonial Revival-style features including a boxed and denticultated cornice on the façade (west elevation) and east (rear) elevation. A one-story, one-bay Colonial Revival-style portico is asymmetrically located on the façade. The denticulated portico is covered by a front-gabled roof supported by wood posts. Fenestration consists of 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds.

Currently, the first story of the façade (west elevation) is fenestrated by an off-set single-leaf wood door with a 3-light transom. The door has a square-edged wood surround. Standard-size 6/6 windows flank the entry door. Four asymmetrically placed smaller 6/6 windows are on the second story. Operable louvered wood shutters are located on the façade.

¹ Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1 states the construction date c. 1785 while J. Richard Rivoire, "Strawberry Hill, site," (CH-127) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1980), 8:1 states the construction date c. 1780. Both forms indicate the dwelling was built for Richard Clagett who purchased the property in 1781, so the construction date is most likely c. 1785.

² J. Richard Rivoire, "Strawberry Hill, site," (CH-127) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1980), 8:1.

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The chimney pent on the north (side) elevation includes a 4-light window. The chimney pent on the south (side) elevation has a single-leaf wood door. There is a single small 6/6 window in the gable end of both the north and south (side) elevations.

A centrally placed single-leaf wood door is located on the first story of the east (rear) elevation. The paneled door has a square-edged wood surround. Standard-size 6/6 windows flank the door. Three asymmetrically placed small 6/6 windows are located on the second story.

Prior to its move from Charles County and reconstruction in Prince George's County, the dwelling was not ornamented in the Colonial Revival style.³ The two-story, three-bay structure had a central-hall plan. The wood-frame structure was clad in narrow weatherboard siding on the first story and wide weatherboard siding on the second story. The entrance, asymmetrically placed on the façade, was a double-leaf paneled wood door. A 4-light transom window was located above the door. Fenestration consisted of 6/6 windows with wood sills and lintels and no surrounds. A full-length, three-bay shedroofed porch was added to the façade and rear elevation in the late nineteenth century. The porches were supported by wood posts set on a wood floor. A partially enclosed hyphen on the side elevation of the main block, led to a one-story semi-detached wood-frame kitchen. The kitchen featured an exterior-end chimney of brick construction set on a fieldstone base.⁴ A Charles County MIHP form written in 1980, fifteen years after the buildings had been moved to Prince George's County, shows the original central-hall plan, shed-roofed porches, hyphen, and kitchen. The removal of the porches, hyphen, and kitchen most likely occurred c. 1965 prior to the move to Prince George's County. The Colonial Revival-style features were present at the time of the 1985 on-site survey.

The interior of the dwelling was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

³ The historic form and style of the dwelling is based on a c. 1941 photo located in the Strawberry Hill folder at the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Offices in the M-NCPPC Planning Department and the 1980 Charles County MIHP form (CH-127) that was written based on the dwellings form when it was in Charles County prior to 1965.

⁴ J. Richard Rivoire, "Strawberry Hill, site," (CH-127) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1980), 8:1.

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OUTBUILDING

A one-story, one-bay outbuilding is located north of the dwelling. Based on its form and materials, the outbuilding appears to have been constructed in the late eighteenth century. Set on a brick foundation, the wood-frame structure is clad in weatherboard siding. An exterior-end brick chimney is located on the north (rear) elevation. The building is capped by a side gable roof. The roof features a boxed cornice and is covered in asphalt shingles. A single-leaf paneled wood door is located on the façade (south elevation). Single 4-light casement windows are located in the gable end above the door. A 4-light casement window is placed on the east and west (side) elevations.

The 1985 Prince George's County *Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form* states that this building was used as a summer kitchen, but was historically a grainery.⁵ The 1980 Charles County *Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form* also states that this building's historic function was as a grainery.⁶ Due to the fact that the summer kitchen from the c. 1941 photo has different fenestration than the extant outbuilding and a grainery would not have had a chimney, it is doubtful that this outbuilding is the original summer kitchen from Charles County. The interior of the outbuilding was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

INTEGRITY

The overall integrity of Strawberry Hill has been compromised. Materials, design and workmanship have been compromised by its reconstruction in Prince George's County when the foundation and chimneys were rebuilt and the building was clad in wide weatherboard siding. The addition of square-edged window surrounds, replacement doors, Colonial Revival-style features, and the removal of the full-length porches, hyphen, and summer kitchen also compromises the building's integrity. In 1965, to save the dwelling from demolition, a member of the Clagett family moved the structure, built by their ancestors, from Charles to Prince George's County. The relocation compromised its integrity of location, setting, and feeling. The site on which Strawberry Hill was reconstructed is a rural site that has been owned for over a hundred years by members of the Clagett family, therefore, preserving the

⁵ Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1.

⁶ J. Richard Rivoire, "Strawberry Hill, site," (CH-127) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1980), 8:1.

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building's integrity of association with the Clagett family. However, the dwelling and outbuilding do not retain sufficient integrity to convey the characteristics for which they are significant.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. PG: 83-006
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and just	stify below	
1600-1699 <u>X</u> 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	 agriculture archeology architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation 	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	 health/medicine industry invention landscape archite law literature maritime history military 	performing arts philosophy politics/government ecture religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	c. 1785		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	tes c. 1785, late nineteen	th century, 1965		
Evaluation for:				
	National Register	Ma	ryland Register	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally built in Charles County, Strawberry Hill was relocated to 14300 John Clagett Drive in Accokeek in 1965. The building was an excellent example of a late eighteenth century vernacular plantation house with double chimneys. The building was constructed for Richard Clagett and has been associated with various branches of the Clagett family, a prominent Charles and Prince George's County family, for almost two hundred years.⁷ The relocation and reconstruction of the dwelling, which included rebuilding and altering portions of the house, has compromised Strawberry Hill's integrity.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Bryan's Road, Maryland, the original location of Strawberry Hill, is a rural community located in the northern portion of Charles County near the Potomac River. The original site, located to the east of Marshall Hall Road (MD 227), was developed as Strawberry Hill Estates in the late 1960s. Accokeek, Maryland, the present site of Strawberry Hill, is located in the southwestern portion of Prince George's County, directly across the Potomac River from Mount Vernon. The two sites are approximately 4.5 miles from each other.

Richard Clagett, the great grandson of Captain Thomas Clagett, acquired part of a tract of land known as Market Overton in 1781 from William Tyler.⁸ Soon after purchasing the 376-acre tract, Clagett constructed Strawberry Hill.⁹ After Richard Clagett's death in 1799, his wife Mary Marshall Clagett inherited the property; the property was then passed down to one of their six children, Thomas Dorsey Clagett.¹⁰ At the time of the 1840 census, Thomas D. Clagett was living in the Bryan's Road area (District 3) of Charles County with his family of five.¹¹ Clagett and his wife Rebecca Harrison Clagett had two sons and two daughters.¹²

⁷ Members of the Clagett family have owned Strawberry Hill from 1781-1843, 1858-1944 and 1965-present.

⁸ William Tyler to Richard Clagett, Charles County Land Records, V 3:557 and Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1.

⁹ Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1.

¹⁰ Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree," http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

¹¹ 1840 U.S. Federal Census, District 3, Charles County, Roll 163, Page 142, Thomas D. Clagett.

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In 1843, Thomas D. Clagett sold the property to William B. Stone.¹³ Stone, not a confirmed member of the Clagett family, owned the property for fifteen years, selling it in 1858 to William H. Clagett, Thomas D. Clagett's son.¹⁴ William Harrison Clagett was born in 1813 at Strawberry Hill. After purchasing the house from Stone, he lived there with his wife E. Caroline Hanson and their five children until his death in 1890.¹⁵

In 1891, William H. Clagett's sons conveyed their portion of Strawberry Hill, including the dwelling, to their sister Ella H. Bryan and her husband Alexander M. Bryan.¹⁶ At the time of the 1900 census, Alexander and Ella Bryan were residing in the Nanjemoy area of Charles County, Maryland, with their ten children. Four of the children were away at school while the others worked the farm with their father.¹⁷ It was not until the 1910 census that Alexander Bryan appears to be living at Strawberry Hill. By that time, his wife had passed away and seven children remained at home.¹⁸ In 1939, twenty-five members of the Clagett, Bryan, and Chapman families (all relations) sold their interest in Strawberry Hill to Alexander M. and Ella H. Bryan's daughter Ella Bryan Hupp, who had been born at Strawberry Hill.¹⁹

In 1944, when Hupp and her husband John Brady Hupp sold Strawberry Hill, then consisting of 302 acres, to Christian and Ruth Nielson, the historic association of the property with the Clagett family ended.²⁰ The property went through four owners in the mid-twentieth century until it was sold to the American Builders & Developers Corporation.²¹ Their intent was to demolish the structures and build a residential subdivision.

Alexander Bryan Clagett and his wife Camillus L. Clagett paid to have the dwelling and one outbuilding from Strawberry Hill moved to a site they owned in Prince George's County when they heard of the pending demolition of their ancestral home in Charles County.²² In 1965, the structures from Strawberry Hill were moved by barge from Charles County to the Accokeek area of Prince George's County.²³ The property in Prince

¹³ Thomas D. Clagett to William B. Stone, Charles County Land Records, IB 25:332.

¹² Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree," http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

¹⁴ William B. Stone to William H. Clagett, Charles County Land Records, RHM 1:555 and Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree," http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

¹⁵ Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree," http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

¹⁶ William T. and Hattie R. Clagett, G. Marshall Clagett and James J. Clagett, heirs of William H. Clagett, deceased, to Alexander Bryan, Charles County Land Records, JST 4:514 and Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree,"

http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

¹⁷ 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Nanjemoy, Charles County, Maryland, Series T623, Roll 621, Page 14A, Alexander Bryan.

¹⁸ 1910 U.S. Federal Census, District 7, Charles County, Maryland, Series T624, Roll 563, Page 17B, Alexander Bryan.

¹⁹ Evelyn M. Clagett, et all to Ella Bryan Hupp, Charles County Land Records, WMA 51:473 and Ancestry.com, "Clagett Family Tree," http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=16604457 (accessed 7/26/07).

²⁰ Ella B. Hupp and John Brady Hupp, Jr. to Christian R. and Ruth I. Nielson, Charles County Land Records, WMA 80:24.

²¹ Robert D. and Ruth C. Hayes to William P. and Roma Lee Beard, Charles County Land Records, PCM 150:145.

²² Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1. I was not able to connect A.B. and Camillus Clagett to the Richard Clagett branch of the Clagett family tree.

²³ James C. Wilfong, Jr., "Strawberry Hill," *The Prince George's Post* (October 10, 1968) p. 17.

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George's County, known as Cedar Hill, was originally the site of the Piscataway Indian Fort.²⁴ The towering double chimneys with pent roofs were rebuilt at either end of the wood-frame dwelling.²⁵ After reconstructing the dwelling, the Clagetts renamed the property in Prince George's County Strawberry Hill, after its original location.

Camillus L. Clagett died in 1991 and willed Strawberry Hill and other land in Piscataway, Maryland, to her heirs, Bryan and Michael Chapman.²⁶ Currently, Bryan Chapman owns Strawberry Hill.

²⁴ James C. Wilfong, Jr., "Strawberry Hill," *The Prince George's Post* (October 10, 1968) p. 17.

²⁵ Marina King, "Strawberry Hill," (PG: 83-6) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1.

²⁶ Citizens Bank of Maryland, Trustee for the Estate of Camillus L. Clagett, to Citizens Bank of Maryland, Prince George's County Land Records, 8485:429.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	3.59	
Acreage of historical setting	376	
Quadrangle name	Mount Vernon	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Stawberry Hill is sited on a 3.59-acre lot at the head of the Piscataway Creek in Prince George's County. The lot is bounded on the west by John Clagett Drive and on the north and east by the Piscataway Creek. The structures were originally sited on a 376-acre parcel called Market Overton in Charles County prior to 1965. Today, the house is associated with Parcel 75 as noted on Tax Map 141.

11. Form Prepared by

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Chain of Title

Charles	County:
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Deed L 3:612 February 22, 1765	Thomas and Elizabeth Brooke to John Tyler. (106 pounds sterling money)
Deed V 3:557 August 13, 1781	William Tyler to Richard Clagett. (100 pounds sterling money, 376-acres)
Deed IB 25:332 August 28, 1843	Thomas D. Clagett to William B. Stone. (Tract called "Market Overton")
Deed RHM 1:555 February 22, 1858	William B. Stone to William H. Clagett. (Tract called "Market Overton")
Deed JST 4:514 December 14, 1891	William T. and Hattie R. Clagett, G. Marshall Clagett and James J. Clagett, all heirs of William H. Clagett, deceased, to Alexander Bryan. (\$2,450)
Deed WMA 51:473 November 9, 1939	Evelyn M. and George M. Clagett, Claude B. and Elizabeth W. Clagett, V. M. Clagett, Jr. and his wife Florence W. Clagett, Albert A. Clagett - unmarried, Vivian M. and Leslie Clagett, and Josephine B. and James O. Bealle, Richard O. and Ethel G. Bryan, John B. and Josephine G. Bryan, Robert E. and T. C. Bryan, Rebekah B. and John G. Chapman, Alexander M. and Ellen I. Bryan, George K. Bryan – unmarried, William E. Bryan – unmarried, Carrie B. and John H. Clagett to Ella Bryan Hupp as heir of Alexander M. and Ella H. Bryan, deceased. (\$2,000)
Deed WMA 80:24 April 13, 1944	Ella B. Hupp and John Brady Hupp, Jr. to Christian R. and Ruth I. Nielson (\$10, 302-acres commonly called "Strawberry Hill" in the original tract known as "Market Overton")
Deed TBM 82:203 September 21, 1945	Christian R. and Ruth I. Neilson to Floyd H. and Margaret Gates Kramer. (\$10, 302-acres commonly called "Strawberry Hill" in the original tract known as "Market Overton")
Deed TBM 83:136 April 5, 1946	Margaret G. and Floyd Kramer to Ruth G. Hayes. (\$10, 302-acres commonly called "Strawberry Hill" in the original tract known as "Market Overton")

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Deed PCM 150:145 August 16, 1960	Robert D. and Ruth C. Hayes to William P. and Roma Lee Beard. (Approximately 259.6-acres being in Charles County and approximately 56.7-acres in Prince George's County, commonly called "Strawberry Hill" in the original tract known as "Market Overton".)
Deed PCM 189:600 June 6, 1967	William P. and Roma Lee Beard, Joseph R. and Gerrie D. Winslow, Wilbert Richard and Bettie Jane Ridder, trading as Strawberry Hill Holding Company to American Builders & Developers Corporation. (236-acres)
Structures moved to Prince G	eorge's County 1965:
Deed 2146:51 September 19, 1957	John H. Clagett, widower, to Alexander Bryan and Camillus L. Clagett. (9-acres along the head of the Piscataway Creek)
Deed 8485:429 August 16, 1992	Citizens Bank of Maryland, Trustee for the Estate of Camillus L. Clagett, whom died May 31, 1991, to Citizens Bank of Maryland. Parcel One - land in the Village of Piscataway (later deeded to heir Michael Chapman) and Parcel Two - land at the head of Piscataway Creek (later deeded to heir Bryan Chapman).
Deed 11941:675 January 30, 1998	Citizens Bank of Maryland, Trustee for the Estate of Camillus L. Clagett, to Bryan and Michael Chapman. Whence Bryan reaches age 25 and Michael reaches age 21, they may take possession. Division of property notated in Liber 8485 at folio 429 was created as the division of the estate of Camillus L. Clagett and intended to be conveyed to the heirs in accordance with Section 24-107(c)(2) of the Prince George's Subdivision Regulation.
Deed VJ 14025:626 August 10, 2000	Citizens Bank of Maryland, Trustee for the Estate of Camillus L. Clagett, to Bryan Chapman, having reached the age of 25.

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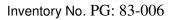




Photo: Strawberry Hill, view from driveway, looking east.

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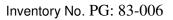




Photo: Strawberry Hill, southwest corner, looking northeast.

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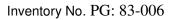




Photo: Outbuilding, southwest corner, looking northeast.

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Photo: unaccredited c. 1941 photo located in the Strawberry Hill folder at the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Offices in the M-NCPPC Planning Department.