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DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
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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
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 2 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Charlotte Hall Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Coole Springs

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mi. East of Hughesville on Md. Route 5

CITY OR TOWN:
~~Charlotte Hall~~ *Hughesville vic.* First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

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

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" 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:
Multiple

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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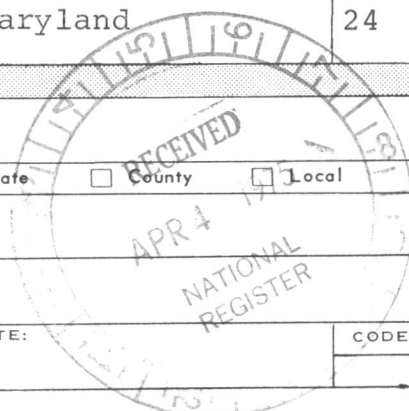
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7. DESCRIPTION

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 Charlotte Hall Historic District encompasses a small village located on the south side of Maryland Route 5, three and one-half miles southeast of Hughesville and one-fourth mile northwest of New Market, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The district is bounded on the north end by a line running east to west approximately five hundred yards north of the Briscoe House, on the east side by new Maryland Route 5, on the south end by Md. Route 6, and on the west side by a line running north to south five hundred yards west of the rear wall of the Academic Building.

The district is intersected by "Old Route 5" which runs east to west through the town and along which many of the existing buildings and sites are situated. Contained within the historic district boundaries are thirteen recorded buildings and sites of historic and/or architectural interest, as well as the main campus of the Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Charlotte Hall has managed to preserve much of its aesthetic charm and its basic original plan and, with the exception of two mid-twentieth century dormitories and a gymnasium on the school campus, there has been no twentieth century development. All of the houses are attractively situated on commodious, tree-shaded lots and are, for the most part, in good repair. The village is bounded on its perimeter by open, uncultivated meadows and woodland and its age and continuity is readily apparent to one entering the town from either end. The campus of the academy figures predominately in the townscape. Fortunately, almost all of the newer school facilities are concentrated toward the rear of the campus and are almost completely sheltered from view by a great number of large trees and expanses of lawn.

While many of the buildings within the district were initially built in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, most were renovated in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Exceptions to this would be the Briscoe House, which is a fairly plain Federal house of Flemish bond construction and with an unusual "U" shaped plan. This house was built about 1825, although it is commonly referred to locally as "Kilgore's Tavern," dating circa 1690. For many years it served as both a private residence and boarding house for young men attending the academy. Of particular interest are its matching one and one-half story rear wings and the remarkable carvings of its Federal-style parlor mantles. Another significant structure is the Chesley House, said to date from the late eighteenth century, which is attractively quaint in appearance and immaculately maintained. It is a small frame house, situated close to the side of the road, and has a two room main block with a sharply pitched gable roof. Close to its south side is a detached frame kitchen or wash house with a large external chimney. A third privately owned dwelling deserving of notation is a Victorian

(See continuation sheet No. 1)

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Charlotte Hall Historic District

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

frame house, initially built about 1800 but extensively remodeled in the latter part of the nineteenth century. It has a one story farm porch extending the width of the two story facade and four evenly spaced cross gables on the front slope of the roof. This particular house is attractively situated in a small grove of trees and faces onto what was once the village green from the south side.

On the college campus is the White House, built in 1803 for the dual purpose of serving both as the President's residence and classrooms. It is a pleasant five bay, one and one-half story, gambrel roofed brick structure, fairly typical in plan of many late eighteenth century tidewater buildings. Although "restored" in 1938 it still retains nearly all of its original exterior and interior features. This house is particularly interesting since detailed builder's specifications for it survive.

The Colonial-revival Academic Building, erected in 1897 and also situated on the academy grounds, is another building of interest, recognizable for its clean free lines. It is a commodious "T" shaped stuccoed brick structure, with a two-story inset portico at the end facade. Toward the front of the hipped roof is a large open belfry.

One of the most significant structures in Charlotte Hall is the Dent Memorial Chapel, a Victorian Gothic stone church built in 1884. It is a fine example, albeit retarditaire, of its form and the only noteworthy example of Victorian Gothic architecture in Southern Maryland. Its exterior treatment, consisting of carved bargeboards and exposed rafter ends, and belt courses and trim of molded brick tiles, (the latter contrasting with the irregularly coursed cut granite walls), is especially attractive. This small chapel, serving both the school and the village, was erected to the memory of the Reverend Hatch Dent, a Revolutionary War figure active in local political affairs, who served as the school's first president.

Known historic sites in Charlotte Hall include "Ye Coole Springs," now a small memorial park, where five natural springs flow within a short distance of each other, converging at a point now marked by a colonial-revival spring house erected during the Maryland Tercentenary. "Ye Coole Springs" is the reputed site of one of the earliest sanitariums in the English colonies. A hospital was built there between 1698 and 1703 to serve Southern Marylander's who believed that the fresh spring water possessed medicinal healing qualities. The springs, which furnish most of the water to the school, are maintained by that institution.

6. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <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 Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charlotte Hall is perhaps best known in Maryland as the home of the Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Founded in 1774 the school was initially conceived as a consolidation of all of the free schools in the four Southern Maryland counties. Continuously active since 1796 it is the oldest military preparatory school in Maryland and one of the oldest in the nation. Although Charlotte Hall has remained a relatively small institution its archives show a varied and interesting history. Throughout much of the nineteenth century it was recognized as one of the finest schools of its type in the country. Past alumni and trustees include Roger Brooke Tawney, fifth Judge of the U.S. Supreme Court; the Right Reverend Thomas John Claggett, First Episcopal Bishop consecrated in America; John Marshall Scott Causin, notable Congressman during the administration of John Quincy Adams; George Watterson, the first Librarian of Congress; Edward Bates, Attorney General during the Lincoln administration; and three Maryland Governors; Robert Bowie (1803-06 and 1811-12), Thomas King Carroll, (1830-1831), and James Thomas, (1833-1836). During the one hundredth anniversary of the school in 1874 the celebrations were attended by forty members of Congress, all of them alumni.

However, the history of the village of Charlotte Hall, referred to in late seventeenth and eighteenth century archival records as "Cool Springs," extends back to at least the end of the seventeenth century. In 1697-98 Southern Maryland suffered a severe outbreak of pestilence and it is recorded that the inhabitants of the region often visited the fresh water springs located here, believing that the water possessed medicinal qualities. At about the time of the turn of the eighteenth century a hospital was built near the site of the springs, thus becoming one of the first sanitariums in the English speaking colonies.

Unfortunately, little research has been accorded Charlotte Hall and the history of its development throughout the eighteenth and early nineteenth century remains largely unknown. It is, however, fairly certain that it has always been a sparsely settled area, even though it enjoyed an obviously convenient location on the post road from St. Mary's to

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives of the Charlotte Hall Military Academy, Charlotte Hall, Maryland.
 Klaphthor, Margaret Brown and Brown, Paul D., History of Charles County, Md. La Plata, Charles County Tercentenary Commission. 1958.
 Pogue, Robert E. T., Old Maryland Landmarks, Bushwood, Maryland, privately printed. 1972.

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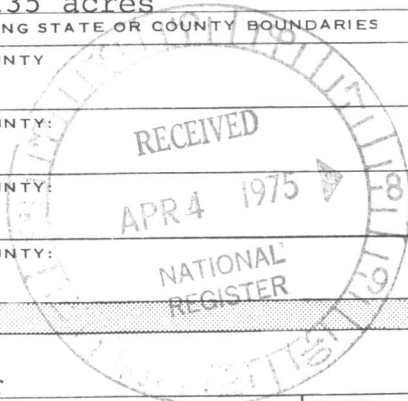
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 28' 52"	76° 46' 51"		°	'	"
NE	38° 28' 56"	76° 46' 32"		°	'	"
SE	38° 28' 22"	76° 46' 30"		°	'	"
SW	38° 28' 21"	76° 46' 45"		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 135 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:
J. Richard Rivoire, Field Surveyor

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: February 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

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: Arthur C. Townsend
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: April 2, 1975

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

Arthur C. Townsend
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/2/75

ATTEST:
Charles H. Herring
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-1-75

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Charlotte Hall Historic District

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

A second recorded site is that of the first school hall at Charlotte Hall, built in 1793 and for which a complete record of its original specifications remain as part of the school archives. It was a two story brick structure with a full cellar that contained various classrooms. It served as the main campus building until its destruction by fire in 1897. It was replaced by the existing Academic building.

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Alexandria and Washington. Today it has the distinction of being the largest surviving eighteenth century village in lower Southern Maryland. While other towns in this immediate region may have at the most four of five surviving structures dating before the Civil War--such as Chaptico or Port Tobacco--Charlotte Hall has about thirteen, with the further possibility that others exist behind later facades. The association of the military academy to the village, the existence of its several notable historic sites and examples of architecture, easily establish the significance of this small community to the social history of Southern Maryland.



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There are no modern intrusions that could be considered to have an adverse impact on the integrity of the Charlotte Hall Historic District. Railroad tracts abandoned.

Photo Coverage: Buildings spaced too far apart and irregularly situated. Street scapes impossible, as are overviews of wooded campus.

Other: Boundaries only include north half of campus which takes in original academy grounds. Boundary description corrected.



PROPERTY Charlotte Hall Historic District STATE md.

WORKING NUMBER 5.13.74.750

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 7
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW
OK

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519
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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Photos insufficient - what does campus look like; how do bldgs. relate to one another?? RR tracks?
How many intrusions?
Return Hys and
7/31/74

ARCHEOLOGIST
Not all the areas of sig. are discussed in #8. Verbal boundary description does not correspond to USGS map - Rt. 5 is on east, not south, e.g.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Looks like it may have possibilities but needs more work, esp. map.
Return Cole
9/12/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 10.4.74

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit 4.4.75

Entered _____ MAY 2 1975

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- 1. Name. _____
- 2. Location. _____
- 3. Classification. _____
- 4. Owner of Property. _____
- 5. Location of Legal Description. _____
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- 7. Description. How many intrusions are there within district? Are railroad tracks still used?
- 8. Statement of Significance. Each area of significance checked should be discussed here. Please include something on the area of "religion/philosophy." - omit category
- 9. Bibliography. _____
- 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. _____
 - b. Acreage. _____

- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. _____

Photographic Coverage. Please send photos of Military Academy campus; also several streetscapes showing relationship of one bldg. to another.

Map Coverage. Please use a map bearing an identified system of coordinates, preferably an original USGS, which allows us to check latitude-longitude.

Other. Do boundaries include ^{NO} all of Military Academy campus? It would appear that the map was inadvertently turned on its side when the boundary & location descriptions were written.
Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Thanks
SIGNED: Charles Atteridge

Other: Please compare the description given in the 18th paragraph of #7 with what is shown on the USGS map - Rt. 5 is on the east, not the south side, and so on. Please check all the geographic locations given in the nomination - for example, are the "several hundred acres" of the campus on the southeast, or was this affected by the turned map, too? Thanks -

Property Charlotte Hall Historic District
State Md. Working Number 5.13.74. 750

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St. Marys

TECHNICAL

Photos 8
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.7.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
4-22-75

Definitely appears to be significant historically and architectural, although Ward's point about the sketch map and inventory list is a very valid criticism.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

An improvement over first nomination, but no sketchmap or inventory of structures. Since this was prepared pre "How to..." I don't see how we can ask for more.

ACCEPT-Hazard
4/15/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-23-75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____
Federal Register Entry 7-1-75 Re-submit _____

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ST. MARY'S CO.

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: J. R. Rivoire

DATE OF PHOTO: 12/73

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

N.E. Elevation





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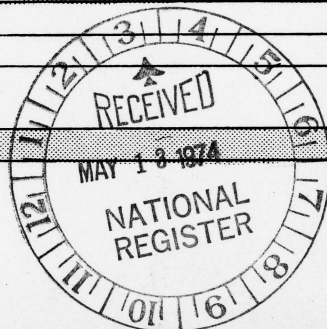
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Dent Chapel

Maryland

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Northeast elevation





Charlotte Hall Historic District - Whitehouse
Maryland

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Southeast elevation





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Academy building, north facade





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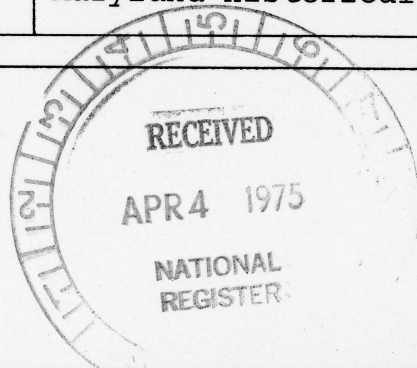
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Tenant House (to Briscoe House)





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Briscoe House, southeast elevation





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VICTORIAN HOUSE. CHARLOTTE HALL. ST. MARV'S CO., MD. 12/10/41

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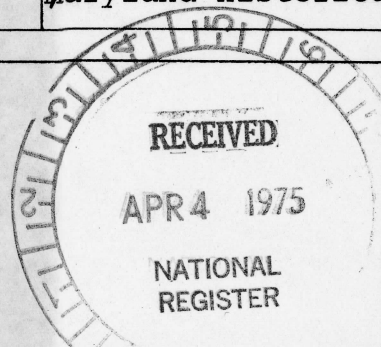
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Northeast elevation, Victorian House



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SOURCE:
U.S.G.S 7.5 minute map (Charlotte Hall Quadrangle)

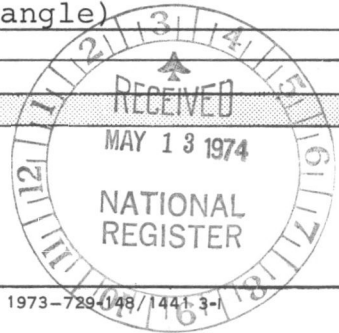
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.





Charlotte Hall
Historic District

- Briscoe House 88
- Chesley House 89
- Dent Chapel 87
- White House 86
- Ye Coles Springs 84
- Charlotte Hall Military Academy 85
- Military Academy 92

lot 38° 08' 52" N
long 76° 46' 51" W

lot 38° 28' 21" N
long 76° 46' 45" W

lot 38° 08' 52" N
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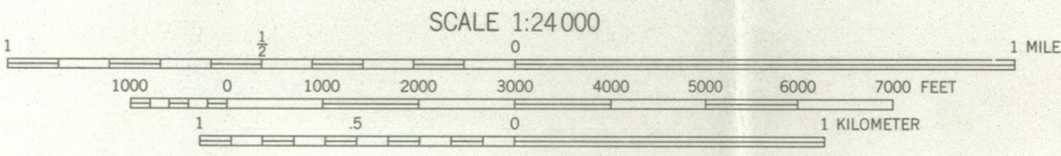
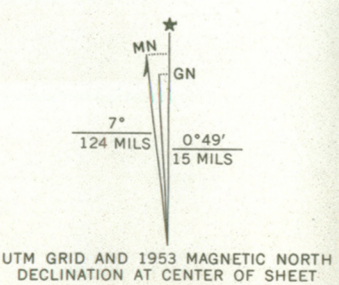
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Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
Topography by plane-table surveys 1943
Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt

U.S. Route (circle with number)
State Route (circle with number)

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.
NE/4 WICOMICO 15' QUADRANGLE
N3822.5-W7645.7/5

1953

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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STATE MARYLAND

Date Entered MAY 2 1975

Name

Location

The Elliott-Bester House

Hagerstown
Washington County

Charlotte Hall Historic District

Charlotte Hall
St. Mary's County

Also Notified

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Regional Director, Mid Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Arthur C. Townsend
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Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

AUG 27 1981

Ms. Gjore Mollenhoff
Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Construction
Veterans Administration
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Ms. Mollenhoff:

The Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed VA grant for the construction of a new veterans home affecting the Charlotte Hall Military Academy in St. Mary's County, Maryland, has been ratified by the Chairman of the Council. This document constitutes the comments of the Council required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and completes compliance with the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

In accordance with Section 800.6(c)(2) and 800.9(e) of the regulations, a copy of this Memorandum of Agreement should be included in any environmental assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and should be retained in your records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Council appreciates your cooperation in reaching a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jordan E. Tannenbaum
Chief, Eastern Division
of Project Review

Enclosure

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
BRIEFING STATEMENT

Date: 5/1/81

To: Executive Director

Through: Chief, EDPR, and Director, OCRP

From: M. Ibach

Subject: MD/Charlotte Hall Military Academy/VA/Construct Vet's Home

1. Undertaking. GSA proposes to grant the Maryland Veterans Home Commission 65% of construction costs of a State Veterans home at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

2. Dates.

a. Date of First Contact: December 17, 1980.

b. Comments Requested: March 2, 1981.

c. Adequate Documentation Received: March 2, 1981. Additional info received May 22, 1981.

3. Property. The site of the proposed veterans home is in the center of the Charlotte Hall Military Academy, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Composed of various administrative buildings of varying age, the Academy dates from early Colonial times, and stands where the first hospital in the United States had been built. The Administration Building, built in 1927, is the existing visual focus of the Academy. The complex is at present sensitively landscaped and laid out in a concentrated complex in the southeast part of the campus, where construction will take place.

4. Effect. Demolition of the Administration Building, the Post Exchange, a watertower, and a warehouse/garage will have an adverse effect on the academy. New construction on the site of the Administration Building will visually impact the complex. Nine buildings in the front of the campus will be affected by this project.

Buildings relatively unaffected by the project are the White House (1803) to be used as a museum, the Dent Memorial Chapel (1884) to remain in use, and the Academic Building (1897), for which a use has not yet been assigned.

5. Agency Proposal. The Maryland Veterans Home Commission, acting for the State of Maryland, will have the Administration Building, the Canteen and water tower, and a garage demolished in order to construct a large residential facility on the foundations of the Administration Building. All the demolished buildings will be recorded to NAER standards and research will be done to document previous land use of property and archeological remains. In addition, the VA proposes to screen the new construction with landscaping.

6. Alternatives. The most obvious alternative is the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Administration Building, the 1927 Colonial revival building whose foundation dates back to 1897. The 1969 dining addition at the back could be removed to accommodate more space. A feasibility study had been made by Walton, Madden and Cooper, Inc., on January 22, 1979, which determined that the Administration Building is basically sound and could be adapted to meet veterans' needs if numerous additions and partial demolition were made. The primarily wood construction of the building has decayed considerably.

7. Policy Consideration. Exact significance of the Administration Building to the National Register Historic District was assessed at an onsite inspection made May 22, 1981. The two documents submitted by VA, the Feasibility Study (FS) of January 22, 1979, and the PCR, had revealed divergent views on the significance, rehabilitative condition, and use of the Administration Building. The onsite inspection resulted in a consensus that the demolition of the Administration Building was feasible as long as the new building was sensitively landscaped. There is strong local support for the VA project and the complex would continue to be associated with the military. The whole complex should be recorded to NAER standards before alteration or demolition, and methods for recovery archeological resources set up. Landscaping design of the new complex, particularly as it relates to the older buildings, will be approved by the SHPO.

8. Approach. The loss of the Administration Building appears acceptable after consideration of alternatives and the great need for this VA project.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration (VA) proposes to fund 65% of the cost for the construction of a new Veterans Home by the State of Maryland; and,

WHEREAS, the VA, in consultation with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), has determined that this undertaking will have an adverse effect on the Charlotte Hall Military Academy, St. Mary's County, Maryland, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470(f), as amended, 90 Stat. 1320), the VA has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) in accordance with the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800); and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Council, the VA, and the Maryland SHPO have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to consider feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid the adverse effects of this undertaking and it is in the public interest to proceed with the undertaking in accordance with the following stipulations.

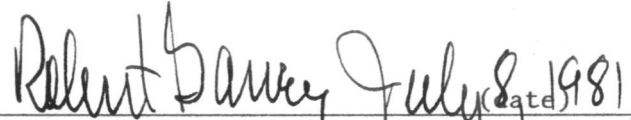
Stipulations

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out.

1. Prior to any alteration or demolition, the Charlotte Hall Military Academy will be recorded so that there will be a permanent record of its present history and appearance. The National Architectural and Engineering Record (NAER) (National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., 20243; 202-343-6217) will first be contacted to determine what documentation is required. All documentation must be accepted in writing by NAER and the Council notified of its acceptance, prior to the demolition. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the Maryland SHPO.
2. Within 90 days of demolition, the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for Charlotte Hall Military Academy will be amended accordingly.

Memorandum of Agreement
Veterans Administration
Charlotte Hall Military Academy

3. A landscaping plan to minimize the visual impact of the new construction on the Charlotte Hall Military Academy to preserve the setting of the property will be developed in consultation with the Maryland SHPO. This plan will emphasize maximum use of existing landscaping and will use techniques such as tall conifer trunks in the area of new paths, driveways, and particularly at the new building's southern perimeter and the entrance patio.
4. Archeology
 - a. Prior to any demolition, background documentary research and an archeological field survey within the area that will be affected by demolition and construction activities will be conducted in accordance with 36 CFR Part 66, Appendix B (Attachment 1). The purpose of this investigation will be to identify any prehistoric or historic archeological remains which may exist in the project area, including any remains of the original late 17th century hospital thought to be located near the site.
 - b. In the event that archeological resources are found that may meet the National Register Criteria (36 CFR Part 1202) (Attachment 2), a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register will be obtained from the Secretary of the Interior. If the resources are determined eligible, they will be avoided if feasible during demolition and construction activities in order to preserve them in place. If this is not feasible, a data recovery program will be developed and implemented in consultation with the Maryland SHPO and with reference to the standards in the Council Handbook, Treatment of Archeological Properties (Attachment 3).


Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation


Veterans Administration


Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer

(date)
Chairman
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



**Veterans
Administration**

MAY - 6 1982

In Reply Refer To: 08A1

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic
Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Carol
Dear Ms. Shull:

In compliance with 36 CFR Part 60 and a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Maryland and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Veterans Administration wishes to amend the National Register of Historic Places nomination for Charlotte Hall Military Academy, Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County, Maryland. This property was nominated by the State of Maryland and listed on the National Register in 1974.

Charlotte Hall Military Academy was closed in 1976 for academic studies and received a grant from the VA to partially fund the construction. In August 1978 the Maryland State Veterans Commission acquired the property for a state veterans home.

To more effectively utilize the site it was determined that the administration building constructed in 1927 would have to be demolished. In October 1981, the administration building was demolished and the site cleared in preparation for the construction of the Maryland State Veterans Home. In this process no other buildings were disturbed and the large oak trees remain undisturbed.

Prior to the demolition of the administration building as a stipulation in the Memorandum of Agreement, the structure was photographically recorded. The National Architectural and Engineering Record (NAER) has accepted the photographic documentation as a permanent record of the building.

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper
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Thank you for amending this National Register nomination. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Webb on (202) 389-3447.

Sincerely,



(Miss) GJORE J. MOLLENHOFF
Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Maryland State Historic Preservation Office
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
National Park Service (NAER)

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
MAY 11 1962

DATE REC'D _____

_____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

_____ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

_____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Charlotte Hall Historic District
 2 OTHER NAMES: Cool Springs
 3 date of entry: 5-2-75
 4 county code: 037

5 LOCATION street & number: S of Hughesville at jct. of MD 5 and 6
 city / town: Hughesville
 state: MD
 county: St. Mary's
 6 NPS REGION: Mid Atlantic

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED?: YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 1
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?: YES, NAME _____
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?: YES, NAME _____
 15 ACREAGE: 135
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION: excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed unexcavated
 altered unaltered reconstructed excavated
 original site moved unknown
 17 features: INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONMENTAL: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 20 SAVED?: YES NO
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?: yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5
 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26 EXPLORATION-12 HEALTH-27 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20
 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SCIENCE-23 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25
 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' military prep. school in Maryland
 'oldest'
 'only'

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: COMMUNITY
 CURRENTLY: COMMUNITY
 24 dates of initial construction: 18th C.
 major alterations: 18th -- 20th C.
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s):
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:
 30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder/contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date: Roger B. Taney (1777-1864), 4th Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1836-1864), ~~at~~ Charlotte Hall Mil. Acad. alumnus
 PERSONAL: Robert Bowie, governor of MD, 1803-06, 1811-12, Charlotte Hall alumnus
 Thomas King Carroll, governor of MD, 1830-31, Charlotte Hall alumnus
 EVENTS: James Thomas, 1833-36, governor of MD, 1833-36, Charlotte Hall alumnus
 Rev. Thomas J. Claggett, 1st Episcopal Bishop consecrated in America, Charlotte Hall alumnus
 INSTITUTIONAL: John M. S. Causin, Congressman during J.Q. Adams administration, Charlotte Hall alumnus
 Edward Bates, Lincoln's Attorney General, Charlotte Hall alumnus

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: District encompasses ^{Small} 18th C. village ^{with additional} and 13 ^{includes} sites and buildings, of historical and/or architectural interest. ^{one} site of "Ye Cool Springs," small memorial park where 5 natural springs converge; ^{one} site of one of first sanitariums in English colonies; reputedly was built c. 1700; ^{Chief} home of Charlotte Hall Military Academy, founded 1774, MD's and one of the Nation's oldest military preparatory schools, whose alumni include U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Roger B. Taney, ^{and} MD governors Robert Bowie (1803-06, 1811-12), Thomas King Carroll (1830-31), and James Thomas; includes (1833-36). Dent Memorial Chapel, ^{shared by academy and village, is} only noteworthy example of Victorian Gothic architecture. in southern MD.