

THE JORDAN HOUSE

At the southwest corner of High and Glasgow Streets is the site of the Jordan House, which was built prior to the Revolutionary War by the Vans Murray family. The Jordan House was a two and one-half story frame house of Georgian design with a gabled roof, gabled dormers, five bay front, and a porticoed center entrance. A wing added to the rear of the house was originally one of the dwellings on the Belvoir plantation, below Cambridge. An outstanding feature of the property was the lovely boxwood gardens, some of the finest in Cambridge. The house was demolished in 1967.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Jordan Home				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: formerly at the southwest corner of High & Glasgow Streets				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Dorchester	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> <i>(Check One)</i>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <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	<b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
21613				
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Jordan House, typically Georgian in design, was a two and one half story frame house with internal chimneys on the north and south facades. On the front of the gable roof were five gabled dormers with six over six sash. The front facade was five bays long and had a center entrance covered by a portico. Supported by four Doric columns, the flat roofed portico had a small pediment on the front and a low ballustrade around the sides. The windows were six over six sash.</p> <p>To the rear of this house were lovely boxwood gardens, some of the finest in Cambridge.</p>	

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**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 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | osophy                                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original part of the Jordan Home was built prior to the Revolutionary War, evidently by one of the Vans Murray clan. Two miles below Cambridge was the Belvoir Farm, which at that time was also part of the Vans Murray holdings. One of the dwellings on the Belvoir plantation was moved to Cambridge and joined to the original part of the old Jordan house, apparently to the rear. The property was sold to James Bond Chaplain by William Vans Murray on July 19, 1823. On November 25, 1865 the property was purchased by Mr. William H. Jordan and remained in the Jordan family until the time of its demolition, about 1967.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

F. Arthur Lascowski, Papers,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 11/30/75

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 3, Box 32

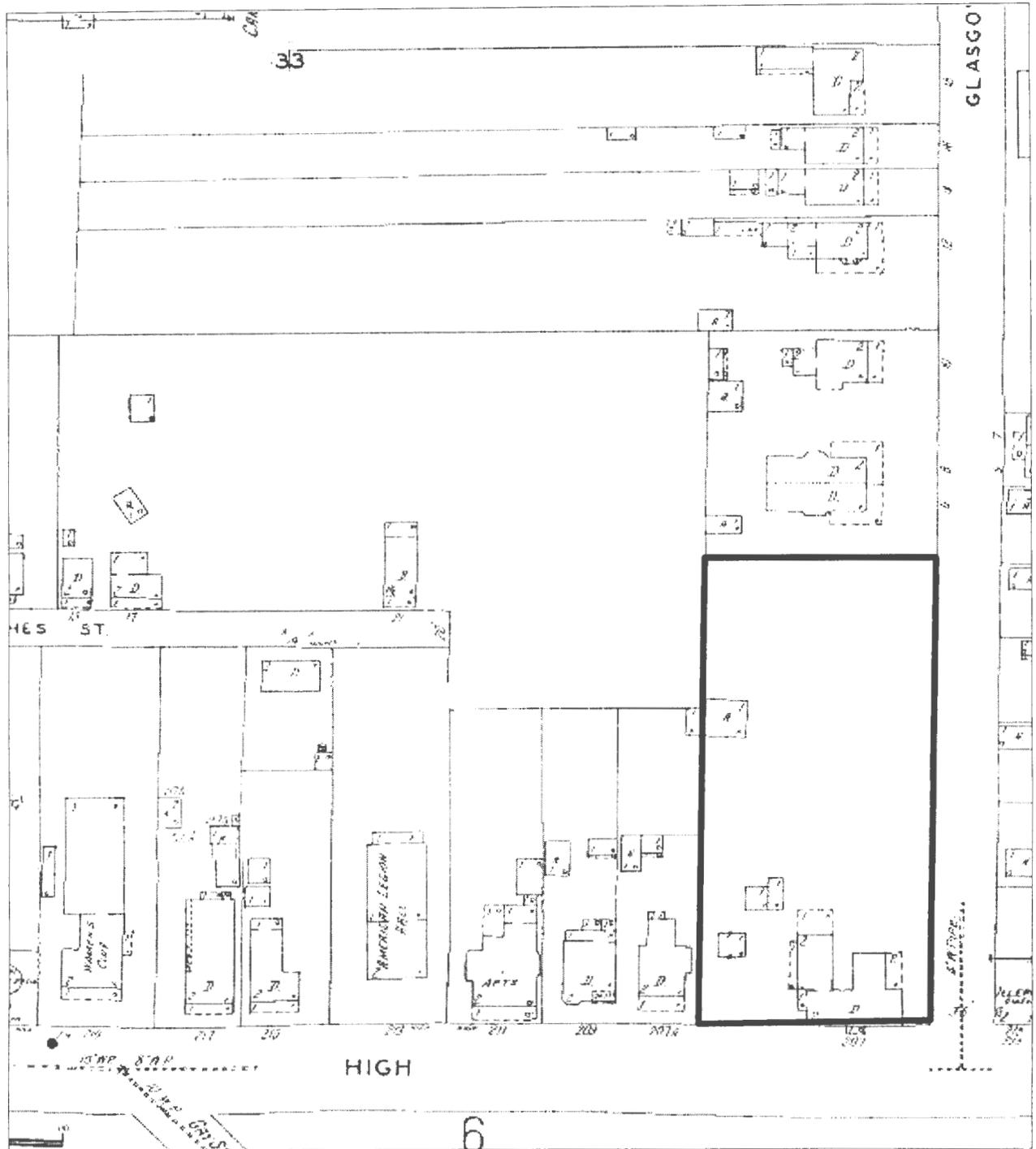
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

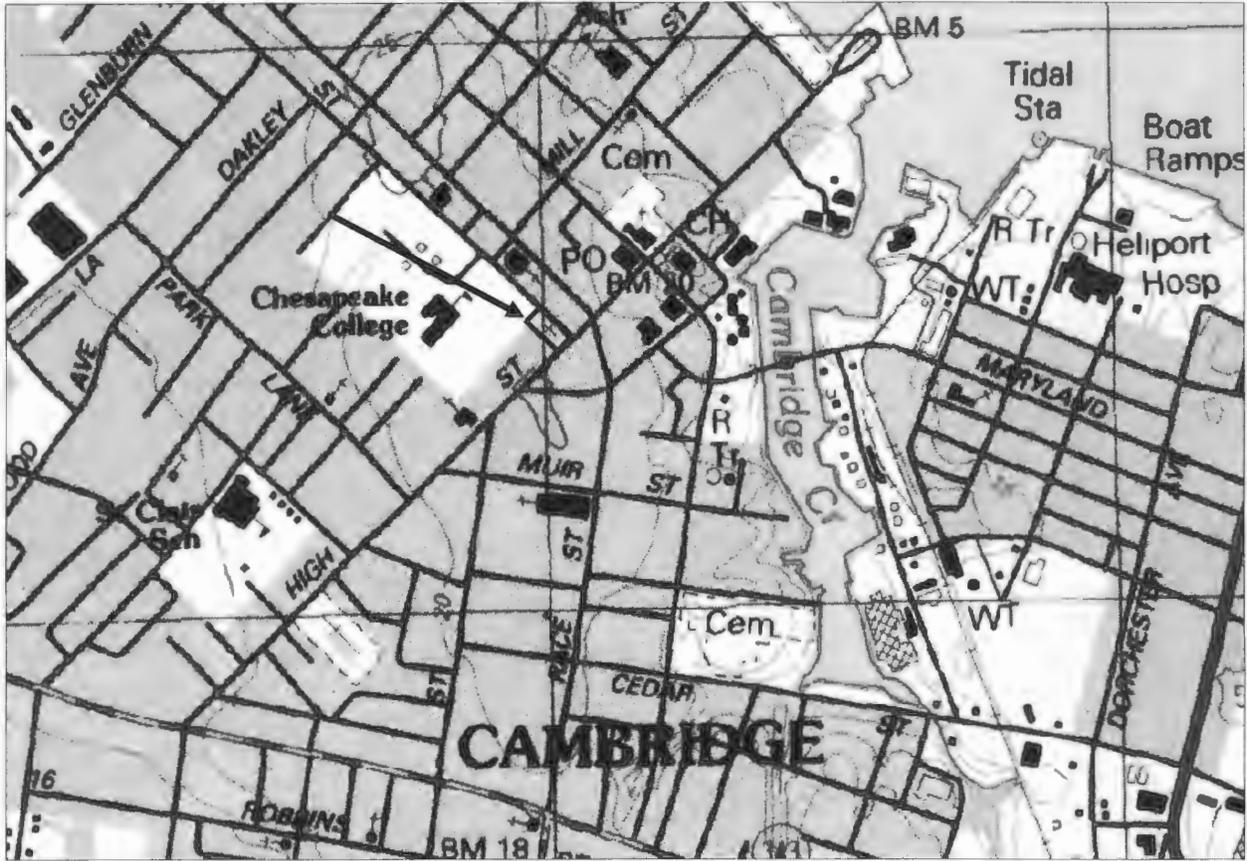
Significance of this property is:  
National  State  Local

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Jordan House, site  
SW corner of High and Glasgow Streets  
Cambridge  
Sanborn Map 1948, Sheet 21



D-368  
Jordan House, site  
SW corner of High and Glasgow Streets  
Cambridge Quadrangle



Dorchester Tax Map 301, P. 322



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The Jordan House, formerly at the corner of High and Glasgow Sts.

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