

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Harford
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ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Medical Hall Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
"The Outquarter"

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East end of Medical Hall Road about 1.1 mile east of  
Thomas Run Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
near Churchville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
First

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Harford CODE: 025

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Miss Ann I. Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Medical Hall Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bel Air RFD

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bel Air

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Maryland Register

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Invention<br><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Literature<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-<br>losophy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-<br>itarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Medical history</u><br><u>Judiciary history</u><br><hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The importance of the Medical Hall complex centers around its historical association with John Archer (1741-1810), the first man to receive a degree in medicine in America. Archer was first in the first class to receive degrees in medicine from the Philadelphia College, the earliest chartered medical school.<sup>1</sup> Prior to that time he had been one of an estimated 3500 practitioners without a degree.

Archer treated countless patients from his office (HA-844), taught medicine to fifty students, and initiated inoculation for whooping cough. He devoted much of his time to the needs of the poor. Archer founded the Harford County Medical Society and was a charter member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Archer's public service extended to a direct participation in the American Revolution.

As a member of the HA Co. Committee of Safety he signed the Bush Resolution (1774) and the Bush Declaration (1775), two documents which supported independence. He represented Harford County in the convention which wrote the states first constitution. Archer served as captain in the county militia. In 1782 he was judge of the orphans court. He terminated his political career with two terms in Congress (1801-1805).

John Archer had inherited his HA Co. home from his father, Thomas Archer who had come to Maryland to supervise a British iron foundry on nearby Deer Creek.

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<sup>1</sup>William B. Postell, "Medical Education in Medical Schools in Colonial America," International Record of Medicine, (June 1958), 367, and Francis J. Packard, History of Medicine in the United States, Vol. III, (New York) 1931, 1210-1213.

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#7 Medical Hall Historic District

Description  
shaped vernacular structure. The base of the "L" is a two story stone structure two bays wide and two bays long. The windows have six over six sashes and flat arched lintels.

A one and one half story stone structure adjoins one gable end at a right angle forming the "L". This section has a more steeply pitched A roof than its neighbor and a much larger chimney stack emerging from the gable end. A shed roof porch begins at the center of the one and one half story stone section and extends across the third frame section. It shares the same roof as well as the shed porch with the one and one half story stone section.

In addition to the 19th and possibly late 18th century structures, Medical Hall contains the<sup>at</sup> important archaeological sites. Of primary significance is the site of Dr. John Archer's office and medical school (HA-844). An 1860 landscape painting of the house has substantiated the assertion that ruins south of Medical Hall are the office. The dimensions of the ruins match those given for Dr. Archer's office in an 1814 federal tax assessment for Harford County.

To the north of Medical Hall on a rise of ground is the probable site of Dr. Archer's first house (HA-981) which he abandoned in 1777 because of reoccurring nightmares. Immediately adjacent to the present Medical Hall is the site of Archer's second house.

#8 Significance

Five of John Archer's six sons followed their father into medicine. The sixth, Stevenson Archer, became a lawyer. In 1817 James Madison appointed him judge of the Mississippi Territory. He returned to Maryland and continued his political career as a Congressman, judge of the circuit court, and Chief Justice of Maryland (1844-1848) The association of Stevenson Archer with Medical Hall gives the structure historic significance.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Archer, John Jr., M.D. "John Archer, M.B." Paper presented to The John Archer Society. University of Pennsylvania. 20 May 1966.
2. Cordell, Eugene, M.D., "Transactions of The Harford County Medical Society", Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin August-September, 1902.
3. (See Continuation Sheet #2)

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39 ° 34 ' 39 "	76 ° 16 ' 35 "		°	'	"
NE	39 ° 34 ' 41 "	76 ° 16 ' 10 "		°	'	"
SE	39 ° 34 ' 09 "	76 ° 16 ' 02 "		°	'	"
SW	39 ° 34 ' 07 "	76 ° 16 ' 32 "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 208 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:  
Jean S. Ewing

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: sdh  
June 5, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 June 21, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#9 Major Bibliographical References

3. "John Archer M.B." Medical Affairs (University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine) Vol I no. 3 (Written 1960)

4. "M D Remembers: Dr. John Archer" MD The Medical News Magazine July 1969

5. Packard, Francis P., M.D. History of Medicine in The United States Vol. II New York: Paul Hoeber, Inc. 1931.

6. Postell, William B. "Medical Education in Medical Schools in Colonial America," International Record of Medicine, June 1958.

7. Preston, Walter W. History of Harford County. Baltimore: Press of The Sun Book Office, 1901.

8. Shriver, J. Alixis "John Archer of Medical Hall" The Sun (Baltimore) 23 March 1930.

9. U.S. Direct Assessment Tax. 1814. Third District. (original Document) Harford County Collection Maryland Historical Society Baltimore.

10. Wright, C. Milton. Our Harford Heritage. By the Author, 1967.

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Medical Hall  
Churchville vicinity  
Harford County  
Addendum: French Wallpaper

In December 1995, two French grisaille wallpaper sections remain in the stairhall of Medical Hall in Churchville, Harford County. The wallpaper illustrates scenes from the French Revolution.

The wallpaper originally ran along both sides of the stairhall, with two sections flanking the dining room door and two sections flanking the parlor door. The remaining sections are on the north wall, east and west of the dining room doorway. The section east of the dining room door measures approximately 3'-3" wide and 4'-8" high. The section west of the door measures approximately 3'-7" wide and 4'-9" high. The sections are mounted approximately 2' above the floor. Each section is made up of panels approximately 20" wide and 14" high. Ghosting indicates the panels overlap from 1-1/2" to 2". The numbers 4 and 3 are visible on two of the lower panels of the east section. According to Nancy Davis, curator of the Maryland Historical Society, the wallpaper is block printed.

Both sections of paper depict the storming of the Tuileries Palace in 1792. Mobs of people on foot and on horseback surge across the panels, waving weapons and flags, the action broken by clouds of smoke. The scenes are rich in detail. The buildings fill the background, with aerial perspective and overlapping utilized to render depth.

Approximately 30% of the west section of paper has flaked off. There is some scoring of the paper around the figures in the foreground. Approximately 40% of the east section is missing, with some pencil graffiti in the lower left corner.

At this writing, the owner desires the removal of the wallpaper during the current renovation of the house. The Maryland Historical Society will attempt to recover the paper with assistance from the Medical Chirurgical Institute.

(Nancy Kurtz, 12/28/95)



BEL AIR QUAD

Kalmia

Clark Chapel

CREEK

U S MILITARY RESERVATION  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS

Thomas Run

This is to designate the area enclosed as an historic district for Medical Hall  
Atlanta Report Nov 25 1972  
Steve Larson Office

Thomas

BM

35  
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981

368

982

843

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MEDICAL HALL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Churchville

Churchville

Oak Grove Ch

Schucks Corner

CHURCHVILLE

Sub Station

(NK 12/915)

(ABERDEEN)



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Medical Hall

Wall paper French  
Revolution

note picture of Tuilleries



Pickering Studio  
Annapolis MD