

STATE: HA-15

COUNTY:

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ENTRY DATE

MAY 28 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

(Building Number E-4630)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Meeting  
Presbury House (Quiet Lodge)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Austin and Parrish Roads

CITY OR TOWN:

Aberdeen Proving Ground - EA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

First

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

025

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE<br>TO THE PUBLIC  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work<br>In progress | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |  |   |  |                                   |
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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                    |  |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum              | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   |  |                                   |

4. AGENCY

United States Department of the Army

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

STREET AND NUMBER:

Aberdeen Proving Ground

CITY OR TOWN:

Aberdeen

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Harford County Courthouse, Land Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Bel Air

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Executive Order 11593 Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment (Inventory of Historic Places).

DATE OF SURVEY: 20 Jan 72  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command

STREET AND NUMBER:

5001 Eisenhower Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Alexandria

STATE:

Va.

CODE

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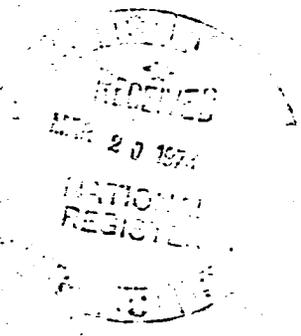
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| 7. DESCRIPTION   |  |
|--|--|
| CONDITION  | (Check One)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed   |
|  | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div>(Check One)<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div> |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE   |  |
| <p>The original portion of the building is brick and was built about 1720. It is two stories high with attic and cellar, approximately 40'-6" x 20'-3". It consists of a central hall with a room on either side on both of the principal floors, originally there were brick chimneys on each end. The front facing the Gunpowder River is built of flemish bond with each header brick being blue glazed. Henry Chandlee Forman in "Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland" mentions that the Presbury House has a gable end with an unusual glazed brick diamond pattern. Vestiges of this pattern can be seen near a modern chimney added for heating. The original floor joists and center supporting timber, which were replaced in 1958, were hand hewn oak. The walls are all solid brick approximately 13 1/2" thick. The building has been modified through the years to suit the needs of the military family occupancy. A two story 18' x 20'8" frame addition was constructed on the east end of the building in recent years.</p> |  |



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/> |
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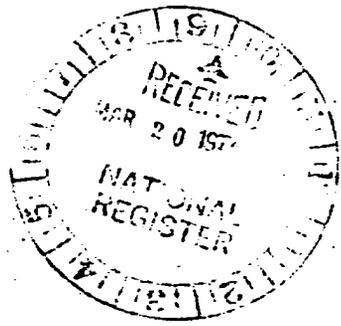
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of early Methodist meetings prior to the construction of the Gunpowder Meeting House. This house is frequently mentioned in journals of early Methodist preachers. It was the site of fourteen visits for preaching and overnight rest by Bishop Asbury between 1772 and 1777. Also of subsequent stops by the Reverend John Littlejohn, who on August 12, 1777 is the first preacher (as far as is known) to specifically mention "Presbury's Preaching House" in his journals. Also of interest is the fact that what has been called the first recorded quarterly meeting in American Methodism took place either at the Presbury House or the Gunpowder Meeting House on December 24, 1772. The following names are written in the bricks at the base of the wall facing the Gunpowder River:

- G. Gouldsmith Presbury born May 1737
- Gouldsmith Presbury born Sep 10, 1749
- Martha Presbury August 7 - 1731
- Isabel Presbury - - - - -
- Mr. George Presbury born August 16, 1719
- William Gold - - - - -
- Mr. - - - - - Presbury born Feb 6, 1713
- and other illegible names.

These names appear to have been written in the brick before they were fired.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**  
 Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland by Henry Chandlee Forman.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>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   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW  | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | N39° 23' 15"  | W76° 18' 24"            |  |
| NE  | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SE  | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SW  | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .25 + or -

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: Thomas W. Alexander, Realty Specialist  
 DATE: 5 Feb 74

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Facilities Engineering Directorate, APG

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen Proving Ground  
 STATE: Maryland  
 CODE: 24

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:  
 Yes  
 No  
 None  
*Orlando Redon*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*[Signature]* 3/6/74  
 Federal Representative Signature Date

*[Signature]*  
 Title

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

*[Signature]*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

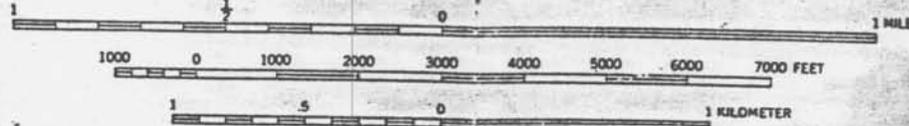
Date: 5/23/74  
 ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 5.22.74

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LATITUDE N39°23'15" LONGITUDE W76°18'22"

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 DEPTH CURVES IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

TRUE NORTH  
 MAGNETIC NORTH

DIAMETER MEAN  
 INCLINATION, 1949

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Edgewood  
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\* FIRST TWO DIGITS OF BUILDING NUMBER OMITTED IN THESE AREAS

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USERS NOTING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS ON THIS MAP ARE URGED TO MARK HEREON AND FORWARD TO DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES. MAPS SO FORWARDED WILL BE RETURNED OR REPLACED IF DESIRED.



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SCALE IN FEET  
HORIZONTAL CONTROL - 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM

SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
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EDGEWOOD ARSENAL  
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

# POST MAP

EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MARYLAND

DATE 26 NOVEMBER 1962 SCALE: 1" = 100'

APPROVED *R. B. [Signature]*  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

NOTE: RESERVATION BOUNDARY ALONG SHORE LINE (MLW)

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| DATE      | REVISION | DESCRIPTION                               |
| 16 JAN 67 |          | GENERAL REV. OF MAP                       |
|           |          | ADDED KEY MAP AND INSERT OF MAXWELL POINT |

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