

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Frederick</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Hessian Barracks**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Frederick Barracks, Revolutionary Barracks**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**242 South Market Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frederick**

STATE:  
**Maryland**

CODE <b>24</b>	COUNTY: <b>Frederick</b>	CODE
		<b>021</b>

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**State of Maryland (Contact: David M. Denton, Superintendent)  
(for Maryland School for the Deaf)**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**101 Clarke Place**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frederick**

STATE:  
**Maryland**

CODE:  
**24**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**(no legal documents available at this time)**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Building Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE:  
**Dist. of Columbia**

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 two-story stone structure with gallery porches is "L" shaped. An "A" roof covers the structure including the porches.

This structure remains of two original "L"-shaped buildings which, between the two, enclosed a yard. The reputedly older building was demolished c. 1870 to supply materials to erect the Maryland School for the Deaf brick building which overshadows the remaining "barracks."

The longer (north) exterior wall of the existing building and the short (east) exterior wall (the short, base, of the "L") are pierced by occasional small, double-hung sash windows. The interior walls, along the galleries, are regularly pierced on both floors by sturdy doors with six deeply beveled panels, and with double-hung windows that show some early glass panes. Pegged frames with heavy cyma reversa mold surround each window opening; most of the wood trim throughout the structure appears to be early.

The doorways on each floor open into a series of plain, rectangular rooms. At neither level is there an interior passageway. The inter-room door of each room leads directly into the next in line. The interior common-wall between each two rooms are fitted with fireplaces, back-to-back; the stack of each couple rises to just above the ridge pole appearing as a series of wide, squat chimneys.

There are two interior plain, narrow, wooden staircases between the two story levels. Two exterior, plain, wooden staircases rise from the lower to the upper galleries.

This stone structure closely resembles the extensively restored, circa eighteenth-century, military barracks at Trenton, New Jersey, and follows the general concept of military barracks in North America constructed during the nineteenth century.

The Hessian Barracks are located at 242 South Market Street (east side of the street) in Frederick, Maryland, on the grounds of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

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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) **before 1860**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input checked="" 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

[Ed.: Footnote references are under #9]

Two historians of Frederick, Maryland, Lucy Leigh Bowie (in 1939) and J. Thomas Scharf (in 1882) maintained that the Hessian Barracks were built during the French and Indian War (1754-1763).<sup>1</sup>

The first principal (William D. Cooke) of the Maryland School for the Deaf located on the barracks grounds, in his history of the institution, was unable to date the barracks exactly. He did state: "It is known, however, that they [the barracks] were built during the reign of George II [of Great Britain], and that they were occupied by General [Edward] Braddock and his troops on their route to Fort Dusquene."<sup>2</sup>

Judge T. J. C. Williams, the co-author of the accepted history of Frederick County, stated that the barracks were built following a law passed in 1777. Williams also mentions a letter dated July of 1775 from John Hanson to Peyton Randolph (The latter Williams names as the President of the Continental Congress.), which referred to the barracks.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, Williams gave no source for his statement.

An examination of the published volumes of the Archives of Maryland reveals that the State contracted to build "a" barracks in Frederick in the summer of 1777. This structure was not completed in 1781.<sup>4</sup> A letter from a British officer, a prisoner of war, to Governor Thomas Sim Lee, dated January 30, 1781, reveals the condition of the barracks, then to be used as a prison.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that on the arrival of the British Troops of Convention here, I made a demand of boards and nails to make the barracks habitable for the men and to give them reasonable space equal to their numbers. [sic.] which is so far from the case at present, that one half cannot measure their

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lengths on the few floors they have.

To alleviate which, had boards, nails and tools been provided, they would have willingly with my authorizing them completed the barracks.<sup>5</sup>

It may be deduced from the aforementioned quotes that the barracks described above were what is known today as the "Hessian Barracks." However, no land record has been uncovered to substantiate this deduction.

The Laws of Maryland, February Session 1777, Chapter X, authorized the Governor of the State to purchase property for the erection of barracks. In August, two months after the State Council had engaged Abraham Faw to build a barracks, Thomas Johnson, the Governor of Maryland, did purchase five-and-one-fourth acres of land in Frederick County to be held in the name of the incumbent Governor of Maryland in perpetuity.<sup>6</sup> However, this five-and-one-fourth acre tract is not the piece of land on which the Hessian Barracks sits today. An early documentation of a barracks on the same grounds of the existing barracks is found in a deed dated April 14, 1820.<sup>7</sup>

French prisoners of war captured during the undeclared sea war with France (1799) and British soldiers taken prisoner in the War of 1812 occupied barracks.<sup>8</sup>

In the nineteenth century the Barracks at this location served several diverse state and community needs. The State of Maryland used the barracks as a state armory under the charge of a state armorer. While the armory was still assigned this building, and with permission from the State, vacant floor space was rented for other purposes. One of the tenants was the firm of Jenks and Ramsburg, which raised silk worms (c.1839-1840)<sup>9</sup>; from 1853 to 1860 the barracks yard served as the

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After the Battle of Antietam (September 17-18, 1862) the Barracks building functioned as a hospital for the wounded from both North and South. Every available space in Frederick from hotels to high schools including the Barracks was taken up for the estimated 4,000 wounded hospitalized there.<sup>10</sup>

The State chose the Barracks grounds for the location of a new school, the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1867). Before the construction of the first building in 1871, the school met in the barracks. The Industrial Department of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb continued to use the barracks for a few years after the construction of the 1871 school building. The school's Board of Directors authorized demolition of the western of the two original barracks buildings.

#9. REFERENCES continued

FOOTNOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Lucy Leigh Bowie, "The Ancient Barracks at Fredericktown," (Frederick: Maryland School for the Deaf, 1939), 6; J. Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland . . ., 2 vols., (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882), I, 500.

<sup>2</sup>[William D. Cooke], "Principal's Report to the President and Board of Directors of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb," "Report of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb," 1869, 11, Maryland Public Documents, microfilm, Hall of Records, Annapolis.

<sup>3</sup>T. J. C. Williams and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 2 vols., reprint, (Baltimore: Regional Publishing, 1967), I, 90, 91.

<sup>4</sup>Archives of Maryland, XVI, Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1777, 300; Archives of Maryland, XLIII, Journal and Council of Maryland, 1781, 32, 305; Calendar of State Papers, No. 5, Executive Miscellanea, (Annapolis: Hall of Records, 1958), 110.

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<sup>5</sup> James Hamilton, Brigadier General, to Governor Thomas Sim Lee at Annapolis, Fredericks Town, January 30, 1781, Archives of Maryland, XLVII, Letters to the Governor and Council, 1781, 41-42.

<sup>6</sup> Thomas Beatty to Governor Thomas Johnson, Aug. 22, 1777, Frederick County Land Records, Liber RP, folio 195, Hall of Records, Annapolis.

<sup>7</sup> John Cromwell to Peter Storm, April 18, 1820, Frederick County Land Records Liber JS#10 folio 564, Hall of Records, Annapolis. This land transaction concerned two lots in Frederick Town on the northern boundary of the Barracks lot.

<sup>8</sup> Bowie, "The Ancient Barracks at Fredericktown," 29, 30; Williams and McKinsey, History of Frederick County, I, 141.

<sup>9</sup> Scharf, History of Western Maryland, I, 552; Williams and McKinsey, History of Frederick County, I, 218.

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Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, P. O. Box 1704, Annapolis, Maryland, 21404, November 1970.

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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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 24' 34"	77° 24' 38.5"				
NE	39° 24' 34"	77° 24' 33.5"				
SE	39° 24' 30"	77° 24' 33.5"				
SW	39° 24' 30"	77° 24' 38.5"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust      DATE: Dec. 8, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

A: 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: DEC 10 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

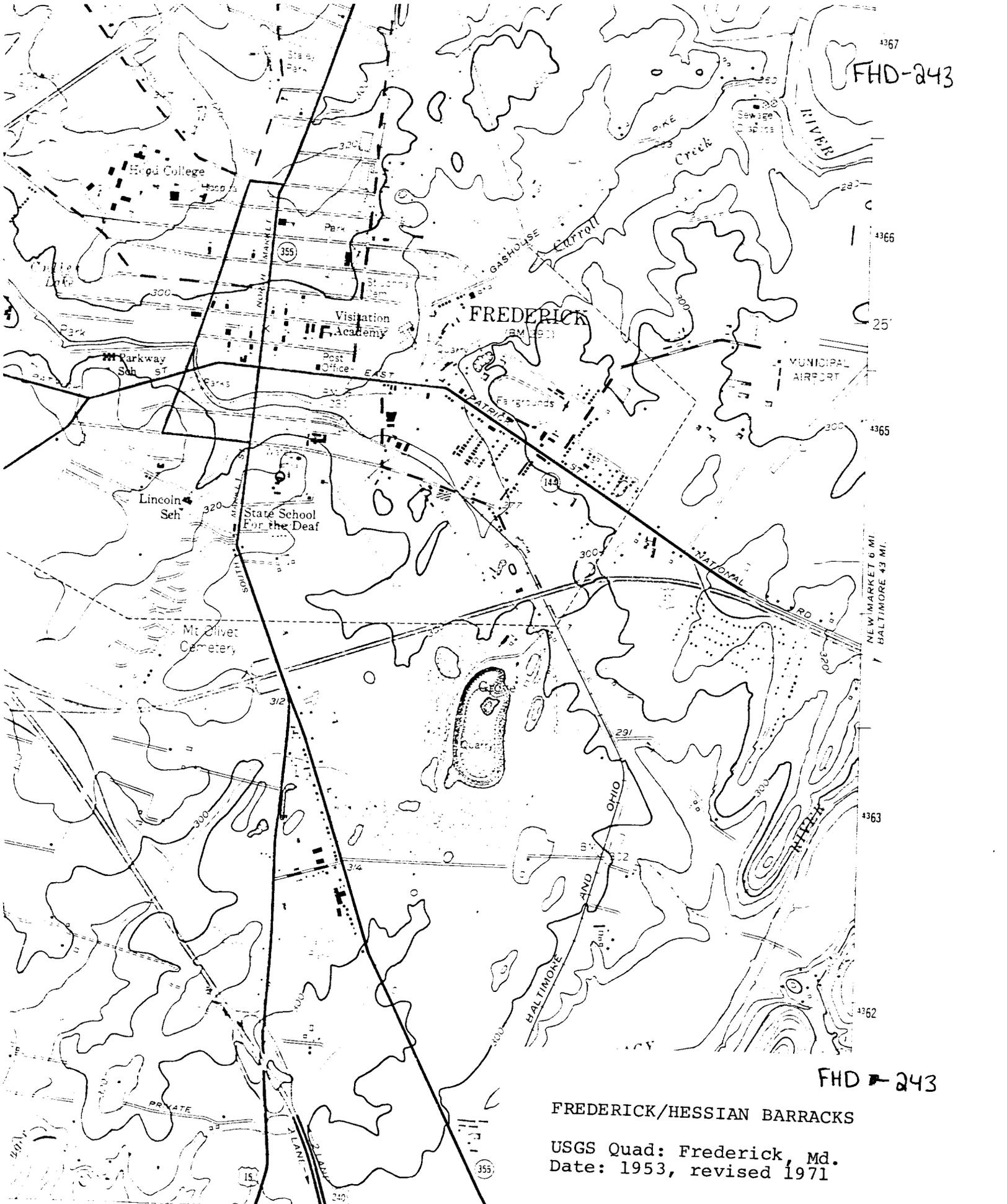
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Keeper of The National Register

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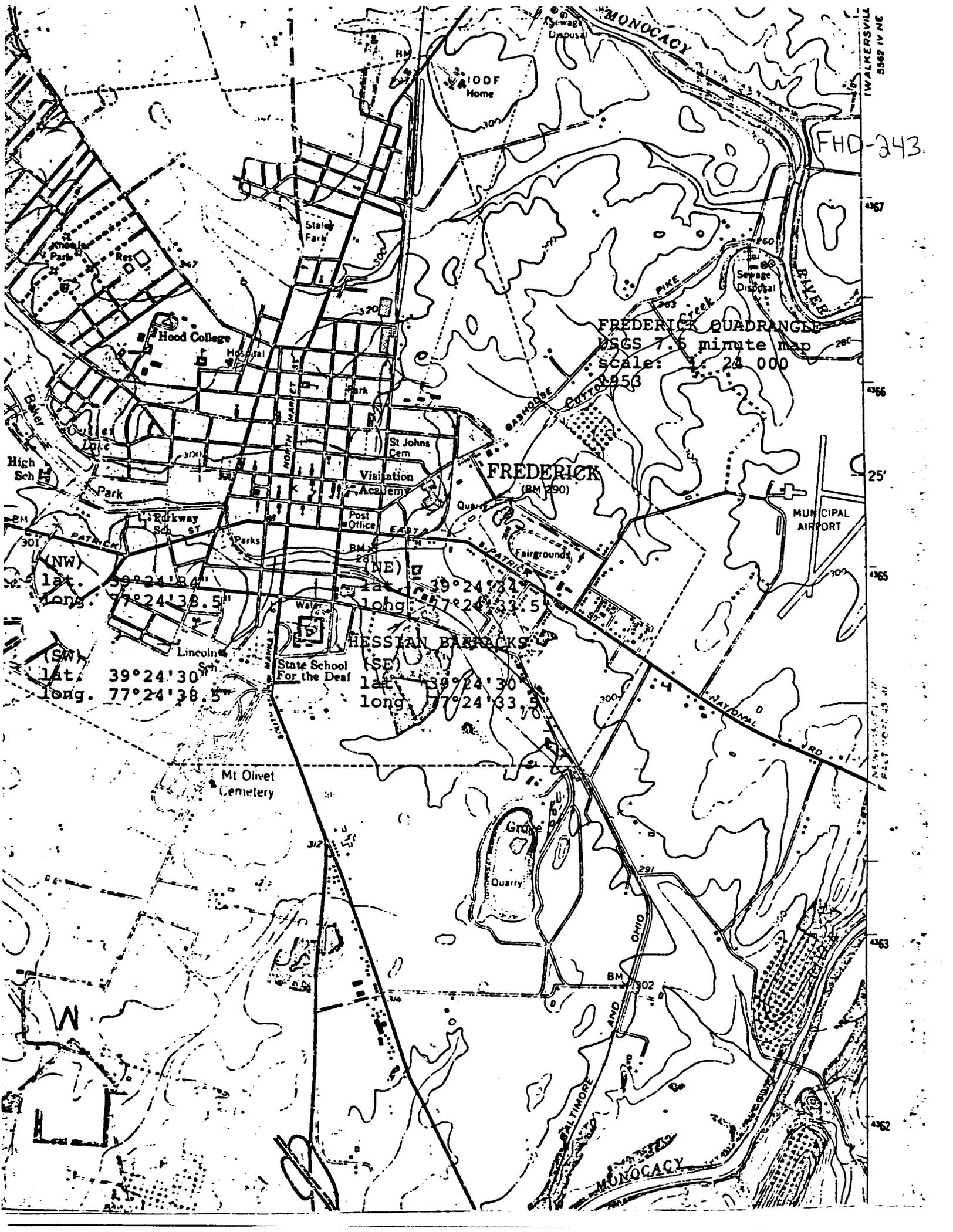
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USGS Quad: Frederick, Md.  
Date: 1953, revised 1971

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URBAN



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USGS 7.5 minute map  
Scale: 1:24 000

FREDERICK  
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HESSEAN BARRACKS

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

(NW)  
lat. 39°24'34"  
long. 77°24'38.5"

(NE)  
lat. 39°24'34"  
long. 77°24'33.5"

(SW)  
lat. 39°24'30"  
long. 77°24'38.5"

(SE)  
lat. 39°24'30"  
long. 77°24'33.5"

Mt Olivet  
Cemetery

Grave  
Quarry

WALKERSVILLE  
8962 IV NE

4967

4966

25'

4965

4964

4963

4962

NEW MARKET  
8962 IV NE

MONOCACY

BALTIMORE AND ANNE ARUNDEL

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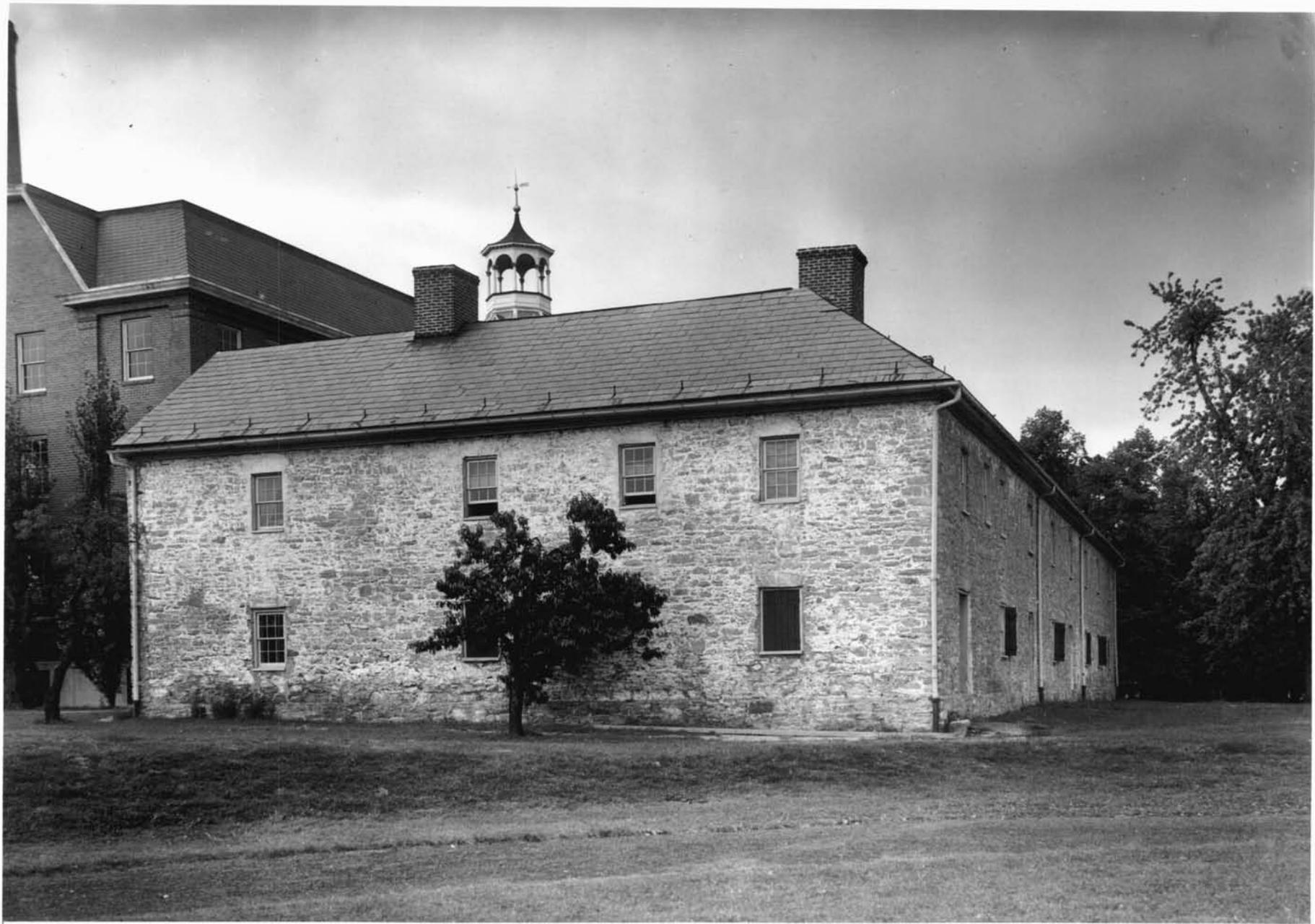


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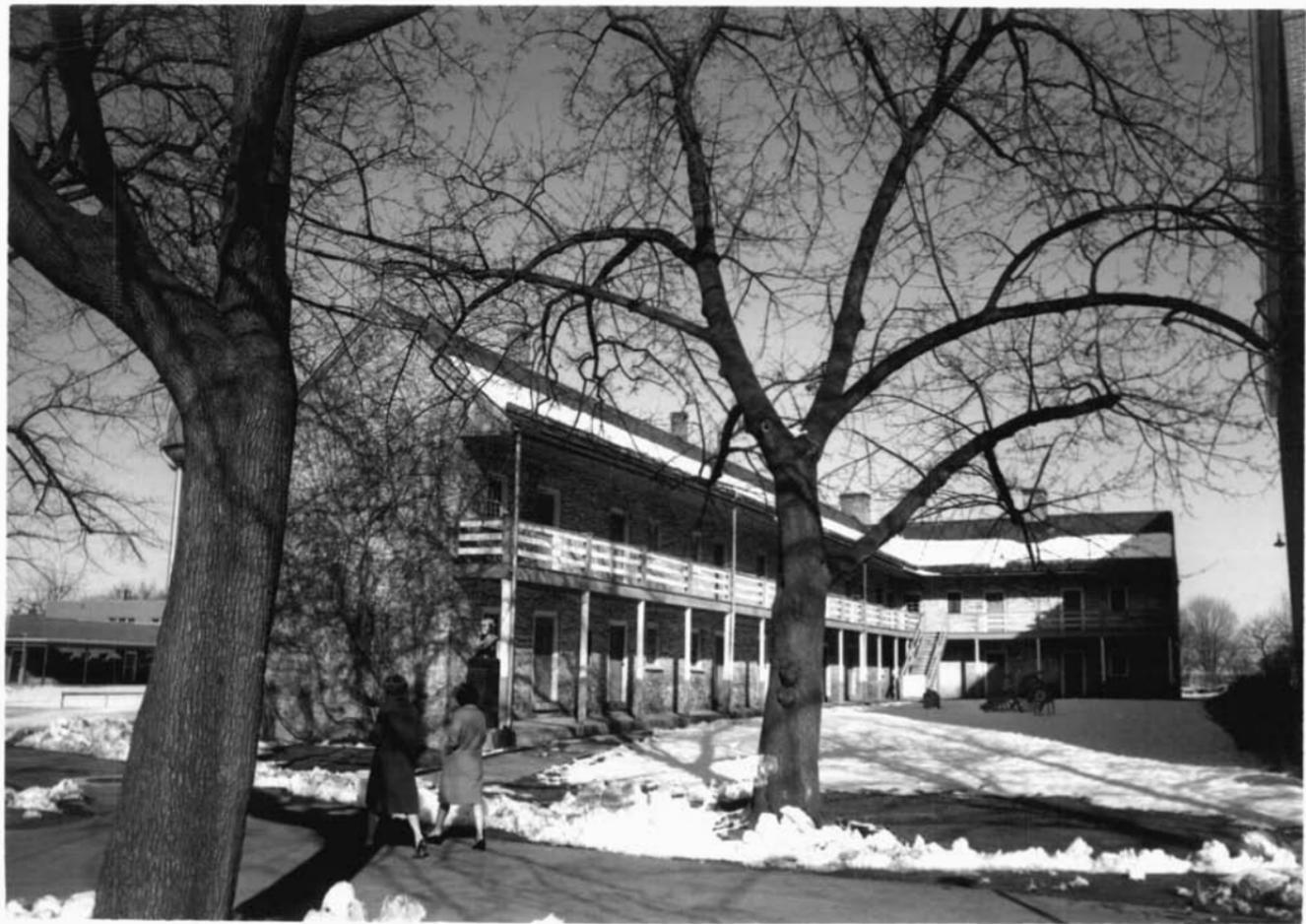


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242 South Market Street  
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Exterior Window Detail

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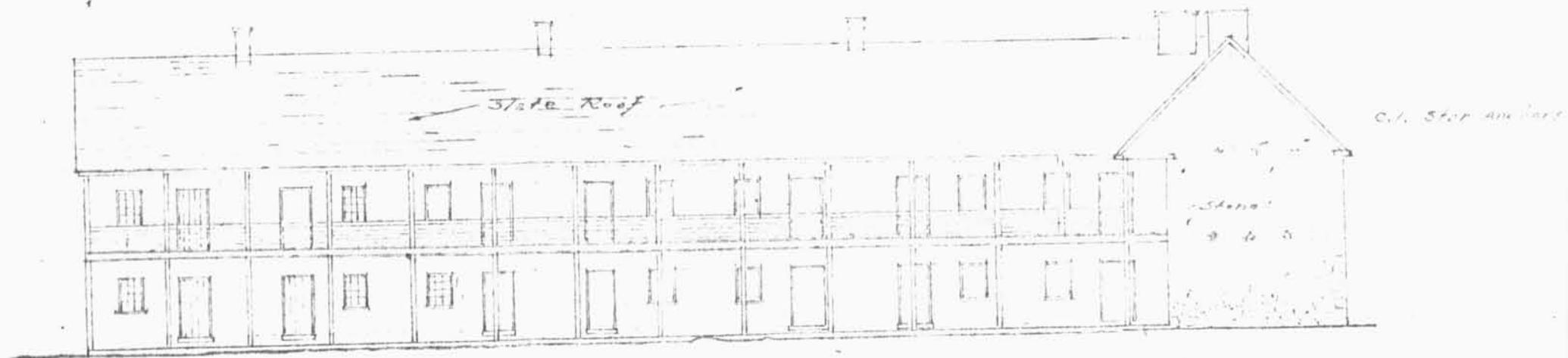
## FREDERICK BARRACKS.

*Built before the Revolution and used as a prison for Cornwallis' army. Now occupied by the Maryland Home Brigade.*

*From a sketch by Corporal Henry Bacon Company D. 13. Mass. V.M.*

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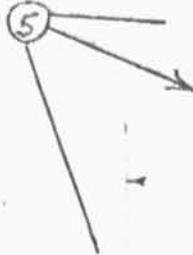
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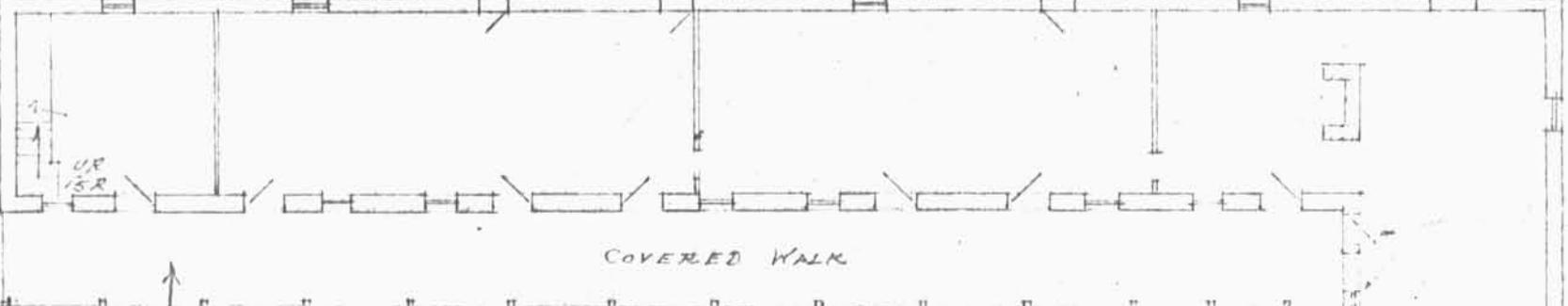


130'-6"±

THESE DRs. PROBABLY WERE WINDOWS ORIGINALLY

ORIGINAL WINDOW ENLARGED & MADE DR.

19'-0"  
8'-0"



ORIGINAL HAD DR. & WINDOW. NOW CLOSED



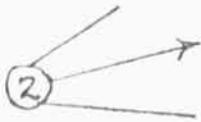
COVERED WALK

UP 15R

55'-10"±

PROBABLE ORIGINAL PARADE GROUND

LARGE FIREPLACES PROBABLY ORIGINAL



19'-4"

PRESNT GARAGE DR. NOT IN ORIGINAL.