

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Charles B. Calvert Hall  
 AND/OR COMMON Calvert Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Lehigh Road,  
University of Maryland  
 CITY, TOWN College Park VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE MD COUNTY Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>dormitory</u>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME State of Maryland/University of Maryland Telephone #: 853-3683  
 STREET & NUMBER Office of University Planning, Univ. of Maryland  
 CITY, TOWN College Park VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code MD 20742

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. FOLIO #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET & NUMBER Prince George's Co. Courthouse  
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro, MD STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Calvert Hall, a dormitory building located in the south-central portion of the College Park campus, was built in 1913 and forms the eastern side of a residential quadrangle consisting also of Cecil, Prince George's and Kent Halls.

The principal or western facade faces the grassy courtyard and is fifteen bays wide. The structure is three stories in height with an attic story lit by dormers and a basement marked by ventilators in each bay except the entrance bays. The facade is executed in Flemish bond, with concrete employed as the material for architectural trim. The three pedimented entrances occupy the central bay, a bay to the north and separated from the central bay by four bays, and a bay to the south and separated from the central bay by four bays.

Each entrance bay features a door with a restrained classical surround: triangular pediment supported by scroll brackets atop strip pilasters. A large narrow multi-paned window extends from just above the apex of the pediment to cornice level and obviously lights a stairwell; an elongated concrete keystone is centered in its brick lintel. Directly on axis with the keystone but at eaves' level is an oculus window, divided into four quarters. A segmentally arched pediment with returns topping the strip pilasters crowns each entrance bay as it projects above eaves' level almost attaining the height of the shed-roofed dormers. These third story strip pilasters, vertical extensions of the colossal Ionic ordered pilasters below, constitute what really amounts to a classical attic story.

Separating basement from first story level is a stepped concrete watertable, interrupted at its base by the ventilator panels and at its top edge by the pilaster pedestals, the bottoms of which project even further forward than the pilasters themselves. Just as the third story strip pilasters create a classical attic story, so too do the projecting pilaster pedestals executed in brick and topped by a continuous beltcourse which blends with the molded pilaster bases create a classical basement.

Atop this basement level, then, are the sixteen double-height, projecting Ionic pilasters which are fashioned of brick with contrasting concrete capitals and molded bases. Between each pair of pilasters on first story level is a multi-paned window (with heavy central mullion dividing the sash into two sets of 4/6); each sill is formed by the continuous beltcourse mentioned above and each window possesses a jack arch brick lintel. On second story level, windows occur in positions corresponding to the first floor fenestration: each window (with heavy central mullion dividing the sash into two sets of 4/4) is topped by a jack arch lintel and possesses a slightly projecting poured concrete sill. Situated midway between these first and second story windows in each bay is a rectangular brick panel the same width as the windows.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      1913-1914      BUILDER/ARCHITECT Flournoy & Flournoy, Architects,  
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE      Wells Brothers Co., Builders

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Calvert Hall, named in honor of Charles B. Calvert (1808-1864) who was instrumental in the establishment of the Maryland Agricultural College, is the oldest dormitory building on the College Park campus of the University of Maryland.

Calvert Hall is designed in an innovative, eclectic style combining elements of classicism (double-height pilasters, pedimented doorways, basement and attic stories) with motifs of disparate periods (such as the segmental pedimented entrance bay recalling Jacobean architecture). Furthermore, the entrance bays while adding decorative emphasis to the whole composition also reveal their function as masks for stairhalls by means of their elongated second story windows.

This structure represents College Park's best example of early twentieth century academic architecture.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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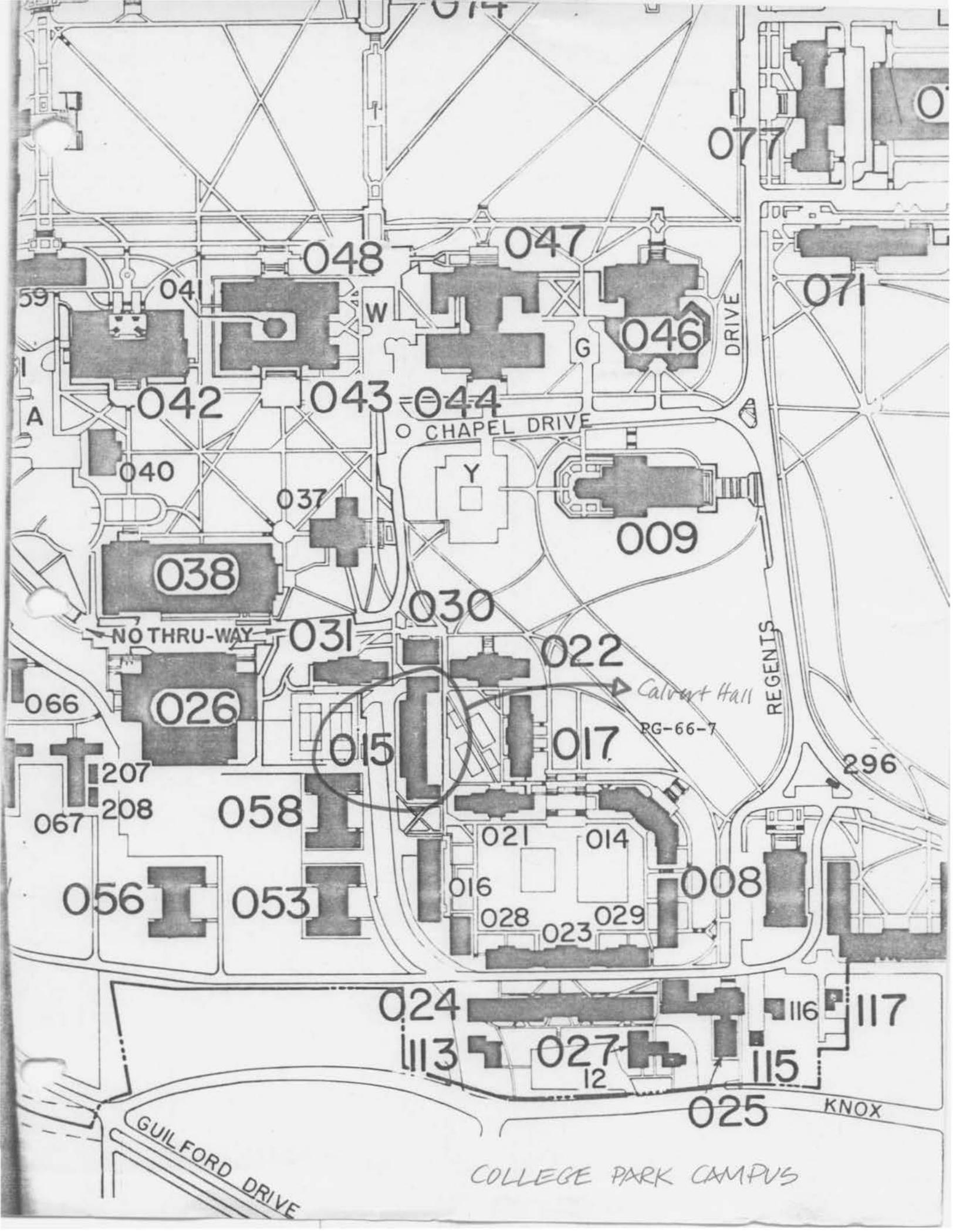
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CONTINUATION SHEET  
ITEM #7: DESCRIPTION

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Separating the second from the third (attic) story is a heavy molded architrave which projects in locations supported by pilasters and is topped with a dentilled cornice and crown moldings of poured concrete.

The third story windows are detailed exactly as their second story counterparts, except that their sills meld into the top of the cornice mentioned above. The eaves of the slate shingled roof are flared, and the roof rafters are visible underneath them. Atop each bay, except the entrance bays, is a shed-roofed dormer containing 6/6, double hung sash.



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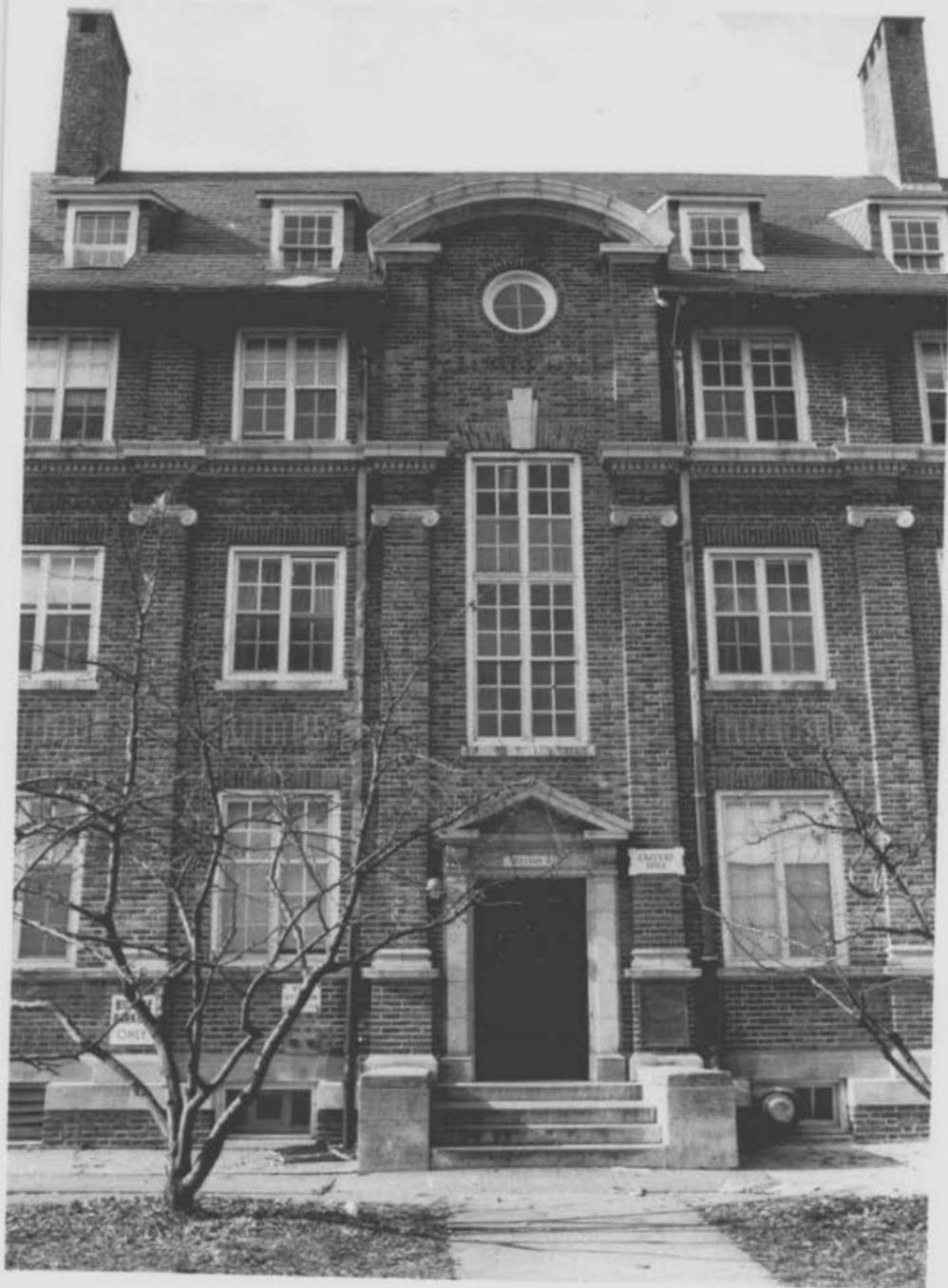


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Calvert Hall  
University of Maryland, College Park  
1913-14  
West facade.

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Calvert Hall  
University of Maryland, College Park  
1913-14

West facade, detail--entrance.

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