

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 75A-4 Date 1870
Building Name Prince George's County Alms House
Location D'Arcy Road, Forestville, Md.
Open to Public yes no

The Prince George's County Alms House is a two-story rectangular brick structure with a five-bay main (east) facade. This is the second building on the site. Little is known of the original building which was begun in 1772, except that it was of brick. It fell into ruin in the 1860's, and in 1867 the Maryland General Assembly passed a law authorizing the construction of a new Alms House. The present structure was finished by June of 1870.

The Alms House represents a nearly 200 year tradition of caring for the poor in Prince George's County - starting with the "Act for the Relief of the Poor" passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 1768, and ending with the closing of the present Alms House by the County Commissioners in April 1965.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G. 75A-4

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Prince George's County Alms House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER D'Arcy Road, Forestville

CITY, TOWN Forestville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 4th

STATE Maryland 20028 COUNTY Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT X-PUBLIC -OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
X-BUILDING(S) -PRIVATE X-UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
-STRUCTURE -BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL -PRIVATE RESIDENCE
-SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE -ENTERTAINMENT -RELIGIOUS
-OBJECT -IN PROCESS -YES RESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES UNRESTRICTED -INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
X-NO -MILITARY -OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Prince George's County Government Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Upper Marlboro, Md.

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince George's County Courthouse Liber #: 3738 Folio #: 495

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Prince George's Historic Sites Survey 1973

DATE 1973 -FEDERAL -STATE X-COUNTY -LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

The Alms House is a two-story rectangular brick structure with a five-bay main (east) facade. The central door has a narrow transom light, and is flanked by one-over-one double hung sash windows. The windows have flat arches, one stretcher tall. The consists of two courses of stretchers.

There are two large interior chimneys, with double stacks. At the gable ends, there are central doors with flanking windows.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records: Liber AA#2, folio 478
 Liber AA#2, folio 476
 Liber #3738, folio 495

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

6701 McDonough Terrace

TELEPHONE

868-1121

CITY OR TOWN

Bowie, Md. 20715

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Alms House					
STREET AND NUMBER: D'Arcy Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Forestville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>VACANT</u>
PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Prince George's County Government					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
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:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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 building is a two story, brick structure with a five bay, main (east) facade. It is laid up in running bond. The central doorway, with a narrow transom light, is flanked by 1/1 double hung sash windows. Over the windows are flat arches one stretcher tall. The cornice consists of two courses of stretchers. There are two large chimneys between the first and second bays from each end; they have double stacks with projecting caps. The gable ends have center doors with narrow transom light and flanking windows.

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2. 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 | <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 | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input checked="" 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 first alms house was built in 1771 on land acquired by John Fendall Beall and others acting as trustees of the poor. The original thirty acre tract had been patented by Nathaniel Magruder in 1761 as "Black Oak Thicket."

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 8 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



ALMS HOUSE (75A-4)

CHERRY LANE

OAK ST

BERRY LANE

SUNNY DRIVE

BETHANY DR

BOUNDARY DR

CARMEL DR

STEVE DRIVE

RICHARD DRIVE

D'ARCY DRIVE

DANIEL DRIVE

OAK GLEN WAY

SUNNY LANE

VINEYARD

PHELPS AVE

RYDER AVE

REDVIEW DRIVE

JORDAN PARK BLVD

DOGWOOD LA

CHERRY LANE

OAK ST

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD

FOOD DRIVE

BOONNY DRIVE

ROAD

CAPITAL BELTWAY

ALBORO

ROAD

FOREST PALM DR

DRIVE

Branch

Ritchie

ROAD



NAME P.G. Co. ALMS HOUSE

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LOCATION D'ARCY ROAD, FORESTVILLE, Md.

FACADE N

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NAME P.G. Co. ALMS HOUSE - CEMETERY

LOCATION D'ARCY Rd FORESTVILLE, Md.

FACADE

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