

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic KEACH HALL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number (La Plata New Market Road, MD 6)
Campus of Charlotte Hall School, Charlotte Hall School — not for publication

city, town Charlotte Hall _____ vicinity of 1st congressional district
Road

state Maryland _____ county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name MARYLAND VETERANS HOME COMMISSION

street & number Old Armory Building - 11 Bladen St. _____ telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis _____ state and zip code Maryland 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Marys County Courthouse _____ liber

street & number _____ folio

city, town Leonardtown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ 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 checked="" 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Keach Hall stands on the campus of Charlotte Hall Academy, approximately 750 feet west of the intersection of Old Route 5 and Charlotte Hall School Road in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Keach Hall is a two and one half story, four bay brick building with a gable roof. It was constructed in 1931 in the Georgian Revival style with a swimming pool on the first floor and dormitory rooms on the second floor. Keach Hall is connected to Alumni Hall, which houses the school's gymnasium, by a two story, two bay gable roofed hyphen. The building rests on a concrete foundation, has a concrete second floor and is laid in American bond with a concrete belt course separating the first and second stories. The off-center entrance is on the south corner of the east elevation and is framed by a large portico with a broken pediment, supported by a row of four square Doric columns on raised bases and a row of four pilasters. Above the door is a semi-circular Adam style fanlight.

The first story windows on the east and north elevations have glass jalousies and vertical iron bars and are set within shallow recessed arches with concrete keystones and imposts. The second story windows have 8/8 sashes while the three pedimented dormer windows on the attic story have 6/6 sashes. There is a small semi-circular window with Adam style muntins on the attic story of the north gable flanked by two six-pane casement windows.

A three bay two story wing with a trapezoidal roof extends from the west end of the building. A one story flat roofed block stands to the rear of this wing. A flight of metal stairs leads from the outside of this block to a door located on the second floor of the two story wing.

A swimming pool extends the full length of the interior of Keach Hall and is reached by a short flight of steps to the right of the entrance. There are showers and changing rooms in the connecting hyphen and dormitory rooms on the second floor. All of the rooms, as well as the swimming pool, are in deteriorated condition and there is little in the interior of historic or architectural interest.

8. Significance

Survey No.

SM - 368

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1931

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Keach Hall was built in 1931, a gift of Colonel Frank B. Keach of New York City, an alumnus of Charlotte Hall School. It housed a swimming pool and dormitory space, part of which was converted to faculty apartments.

Because the records of Charlotte Hall School were not made available by the trustees of the school, further investigation of the history of Keach Hall was not possible.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records St. Mary's County

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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/title _____

organization _____ date _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ 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.

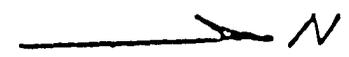
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 Shaw House
 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

New Veterans Home (1982)

aka Alumni Hall

Gymnasium Keech Hall
(1922) (c.1935)



site of old
Administration Bldg.
(1927-1982)

New Academic
Bldg. (1971)

17

14 ✓

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Thomas House

12 ✓

11

c.1950
brick
house

10

4-gable
house
(private)

Dormitory
(1960)

18

16 ✓

Academic
Bldg. (1897)
aka Old Classroom
Bldg.

(SM-86)
White
House (1803)

15

13

Dent Memorial
Chapel (1884)

Chelsey House (c. 1800, private)

← OLD ROUTE 5 →

TO NEW Rte 5

? 1
SM-267
Principal's House
(Howland Ave. 1914)

4.
2-story
frame house
(c. 1880)

6.
19th C.
frame house
(semi-private)

7 ✓
8 ✓
Mattingly
House

9 ✓
Davis
House

10
Briscoe
House
(c.1825,
private)

5.
late 19th C.
frame house
(semi-private)

I.R.S.
Bldg.

Youth Services
(private ?)

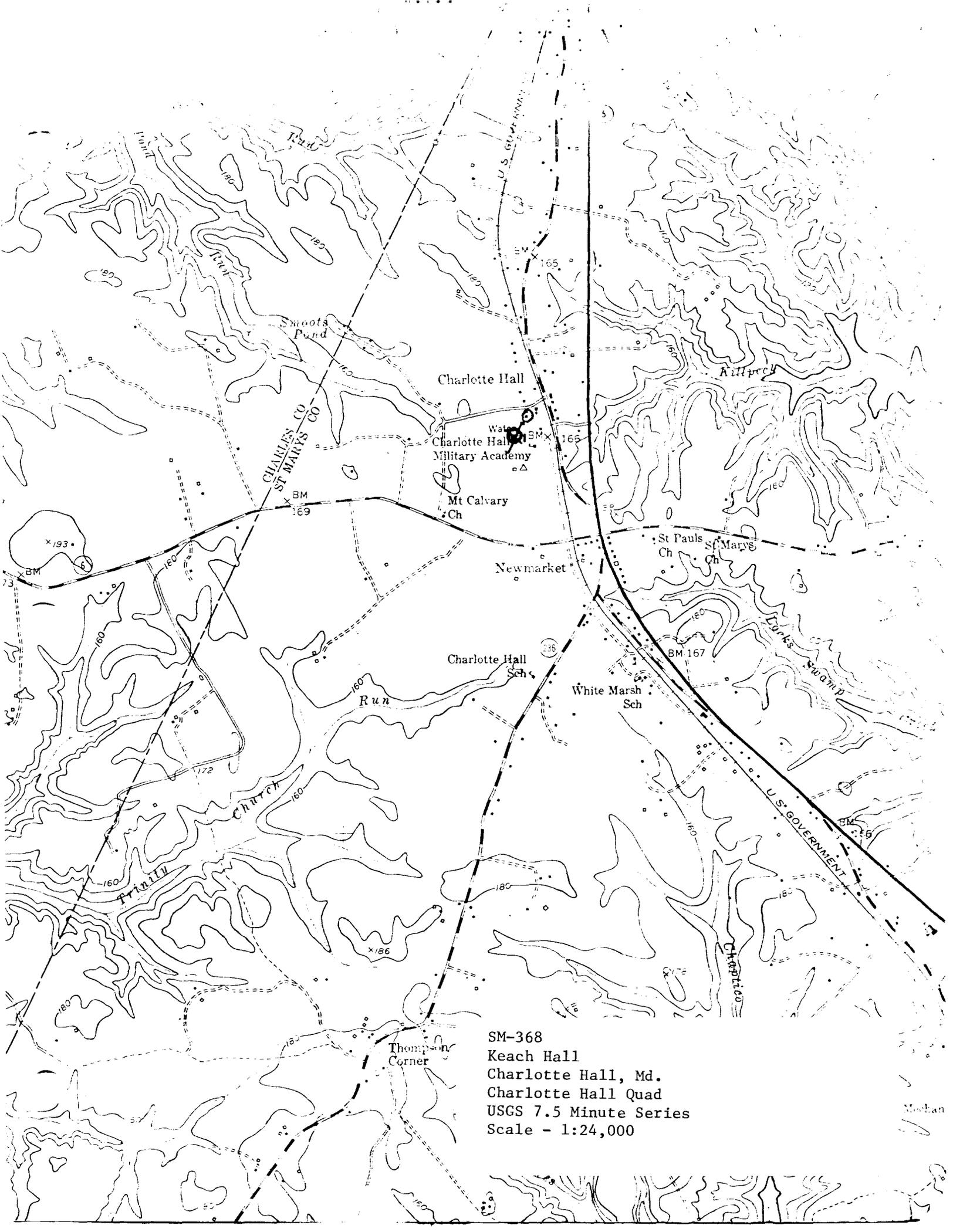
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3
c.1960
brick house

CHARLOTTE HALL

3/6/84 KEK

SM-368
Briscoe
tenant house



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Keach Hall
Charlotte Hall, Md.
Charlotte Hall Quad
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000



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Keach Hall
Charlotte Hall Academy
Charlotte Hall, Maryland
East Facade

Geoffrey Henry 7/84
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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

Portico, East Facade

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

North Facade

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte, Maryland

Hyphen between Keach Hall & Alumni Hall,
w. elev.

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

West Facade

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall School

Charlotte Hall, Md.

East Elevation

Geoffrey Henry

Negatives at MHT