

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ALUMNI HALL

and/or common

2. Location

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street & number Campus of Charlotte Hall School - Charlotte Hall not for publication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

city, town Charlotte Hall vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: VACANT

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

name Maryland Veterans Home Commission

street & number Old Armory Building, 11 Bladen Street 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

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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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.

Alumni Hall is a one story brick building set on a high foundation and is three bays wide and seven bays long with a gable roof and an entrance on the east gable. Built in 1922, the building is laid in American bond with each bay marked by a brick pilaster. There are large brick piers which rise from each corner and are connected at the gable ends by a high brick wall, creating a false, flat-roofed facade. The double door with transom, at the top of a flight of seven stone steps on the east facade is framed by a gabled portico supported by square brick piers with bases and capitals. The portico is flanked by paned windows with jalousies. Set within the gable of the portico is the date "1922" while along the cornice below are the words "Alumni Hall". There is a small entrance at the corner of the south elevation.

Alumni Hall was built to serve as the school gymnasium and is connected to nearby Keach Hall by a hyphen which contains showers and changing rooms. Most of the building is taken up by the indoor sports room along with a few small rooms once used as offices. The building is in deteriorated condition and all of the 6/6 sash windows are boarded from the outside.

8. Significance

eriod	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 1927 **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.

Alumni Hall, built in 1922, served as the gymnasium for Charlotte Hall School until the school closed in 1976. For most of its history Charlotte Hall School was a military academy and the gymnasium was often used as an indoor rifle range. The Annual Ball, a Charlotte Hall tradition which dated from the early years of the school and one of the leading social events in St. Marys County, was held in Alumni Hall until 1967 when the event was discontinued.

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-369

Land - Records Saint Marys County

10. Geographical Data

Acreege 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

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D

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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

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organization Maryland Historic Trust date _____

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city or town Annapolis state Maryland, 21401

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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

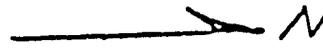
12 ✓

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 →

? 1

SM-207
Principal's House
(headmaster's house)

4

2-story
frame house
(c. 1880)

6

19th C.
frame house
(semi-private)

7 ✓

Mattingly
House

8 ✓

9 ✓
Davis
House

I.R.S.
Bldg.

Briscoe
House
(c.1825,
private)

5

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

Youth Services
(private ?)

2

TO NEW Rte 5

3

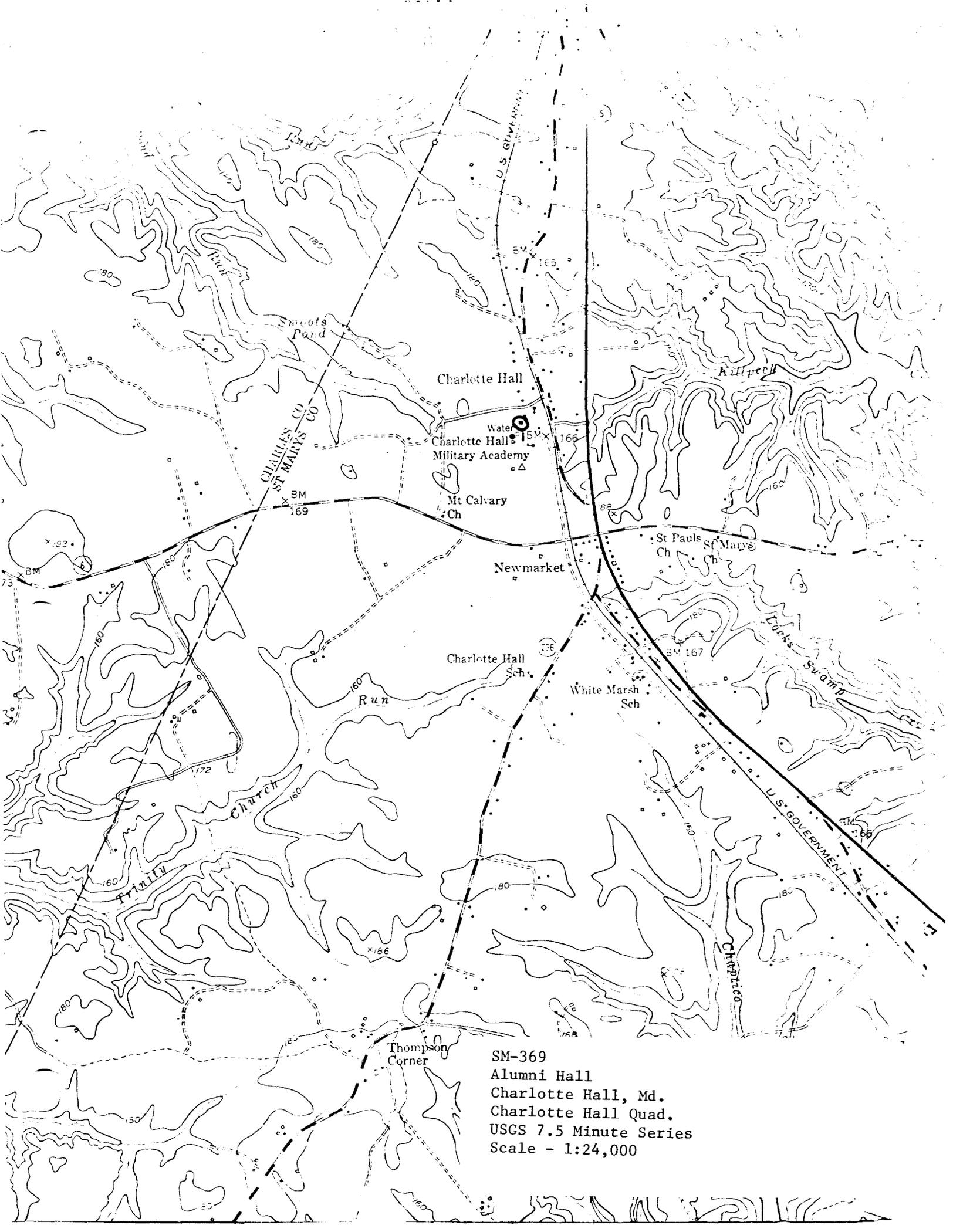
c.1960
brick house

CHARLOTTE HALL

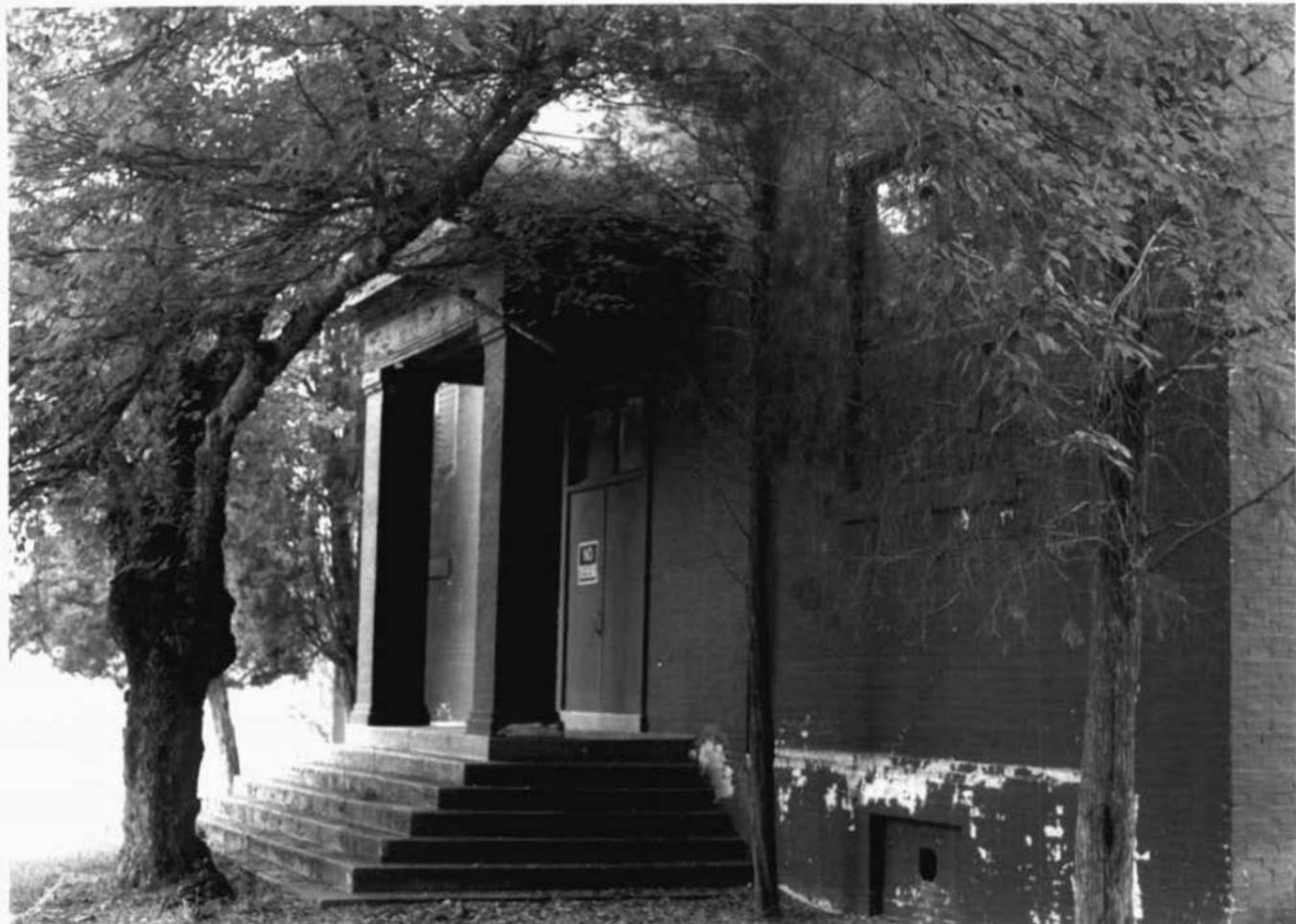
3/6/84 KEK

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Briscoe
tenant house



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



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Alumni Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

East Portico

Geoffrey Henry 7/84

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Alumni Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

South Facade

Geoffrey Henry 7/84

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Alumni Hall

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Detail of East Portico

Geoffrey Henry 7/84

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