

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DAVIS HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Old Route 5, 1000 ft. north of not for publication
Charlotte Hall 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 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

Old Armory Building

street & number 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. Mary's County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Leonardtwn state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-371

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

The Davis House stands on the east side of Old Route 5, approximately 1000 feet north of its intersection with Charlotte Hall School Road in Charlotte Hall.

The main section of the Davis House is two and one half stories tall and four bays wide with a cross gable roof. A three sided bay with a pyramidal roof extends from the south end of the west elevation. A boxed cornice runs along all four sides of the frame house and returns at each of the four gable ends. The house is sheathed with weatherboard siding, except for the attic story of the gable ends which are covered with diamond shaped wood shingles.

A one story screened porch with diagonal corners wraps around the west, north and south elevations and is supported by fluted Tuscan columns which taper at the top to a narrow capital. A pedimented entrance portico with cornice returns is at the center of the west elevation of the porch.

The main entrance to the house is on the north end of the west elevation. The door, with four horizontal panels, is framed by narrow sidelights and a transom. The windows on both the first and second stories have either 1/1 or 2/2 sash.

A two bay wide and three bay deep gable roofed wing extends from the east elevation. It also has a boxed cornice with returns on the gable end. There is a small entrance with a hood roof on the north elevation. A one bay wide and one bay deep gable roofed addition extends from the south-east corner of this wing. The addition is covered with asbestos siding and has 6/6 sash windows.

Another one story addition, one bay wide and one bay deep, with a metal shed roof, extends from the northeast corner of the wing. There is an entrance on the east elevation as well as a 6/6 sash window.

A one bay wide two story porch addition extends along the three northern bays of the two story wing. The first story is enclosed and is used as the kitchen. Each bay of the second story porch is marked by a turned post with jig sawn brackets.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-371

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

The land on which the Davis house stands was in the hands of the Kilgour family for most of the nineteenth century. William Kilgour's will of July 3] 1796 mentions land "at the Cool Springs" which he bought from Zachariah Billinsley and Benjamin Ogden. The land, probably still undeveloped, was subdivided and sold by Matthew Kilgour in the 1860's. The Davis family sold the property, along with the house, to the Trustees of Charlotte Hall School. The house was acquired by the Board of Public Works in 1978 and razed in 1984.

This house is of no architectural significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records St. Mary's County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale _____

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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organization Maryland Historical Trust date 4/85

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city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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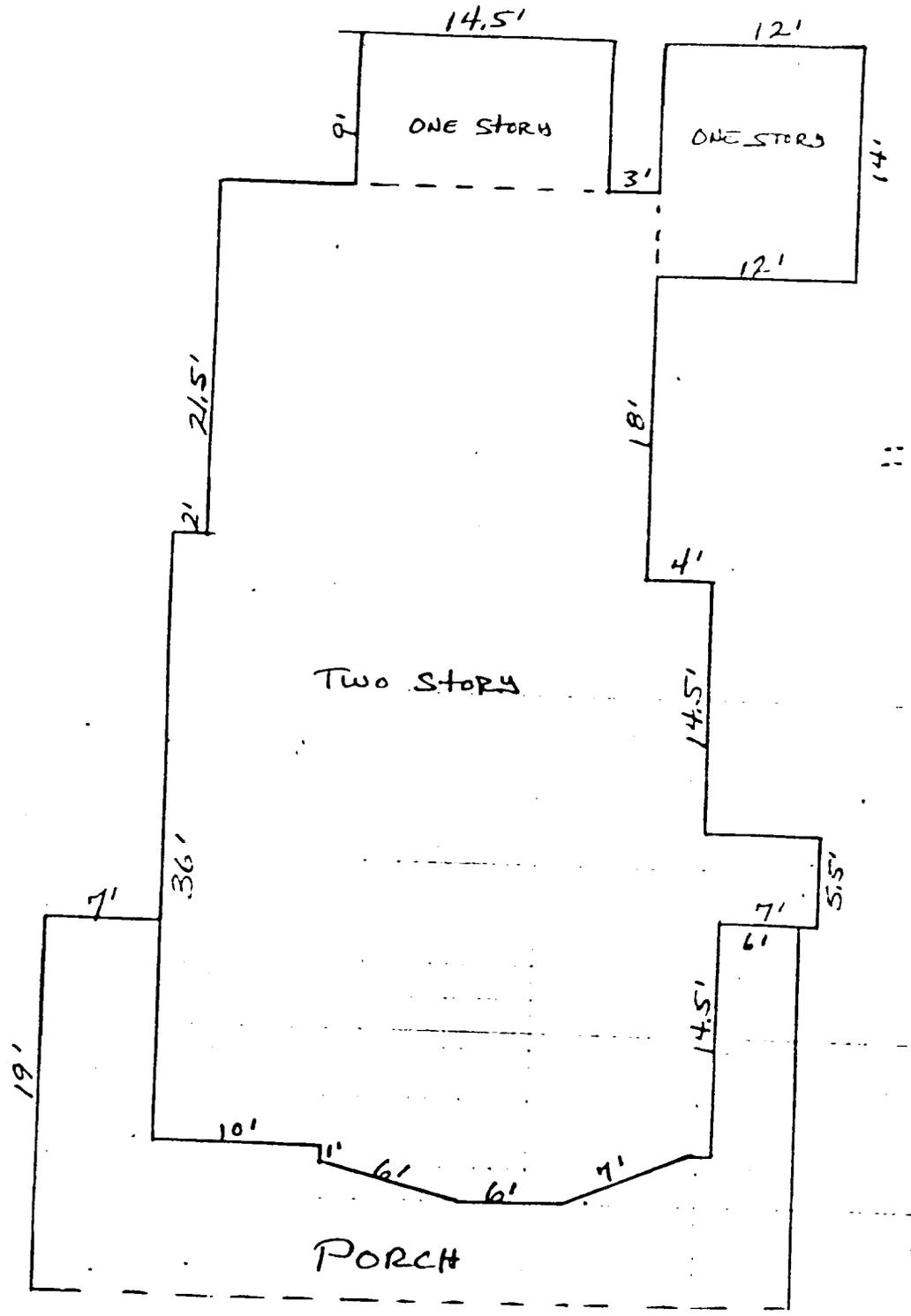
7. Description (Continued)

In the interior, there is a narrow entrance hall, with stairs leading to the second floor rising from the left hand side. The two largest rooms are to the right of the hallway and are linked by a paneled sliding door. There is a fireplace on the south wall of the first room flanked by large window seats. Most of the rooms on the first floor have closets or cupboards. The door and window trim is late nineteenth century, usually with bullsege corner blocks. The rooms in the various additions on the east side of the house have plain trim as well as dropped ceilings of asbestos panels.

The second floor consists of four bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and the porch. The window and door trim are identical to that on the first floor, but most of the walls are covered with thin plywood board and all have dropped asbestos ceilings.

SUBJECT IMPROVEMENTS - FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING #9 - DAVIS HOUSE



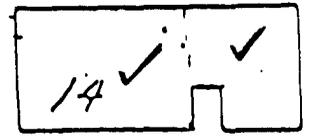
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New Veterans Home (1982)

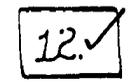
aka Alumni Hall

Gymnasium Keech Hall
(1922) (c.1935)

site of old
Administration Bldg.
(1927-1982)



Thomas House

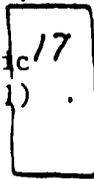


c.1950
brick
house

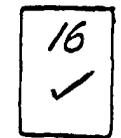
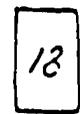


4-gable
house
(private)

New Academic
Bldg. (1971)

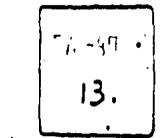
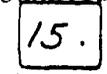


Dormitory
(1960)



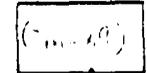
Academic
Bldg. (1897)
aka Old Classroom
Bldg.

(SM-86)
White
House (1803)



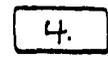
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Chapel (1884)

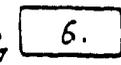
Chelsey House (c. 1800, private)

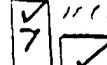


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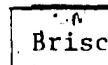
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PRINCIPAL'S HOUSE
(Headmaster's house)

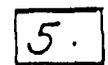

2-story
frame house
(c. 1880)


19th C.
frame house
(semi-private)


Mattingly
House

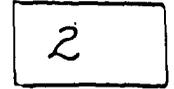

Davis
House
(SM-371)


Briscoe
House
(c.1825,
private)

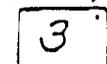

late 19th C.
frame house
(semi-private)

I.R.S.
Bldg.

Youth Services
(private ?)



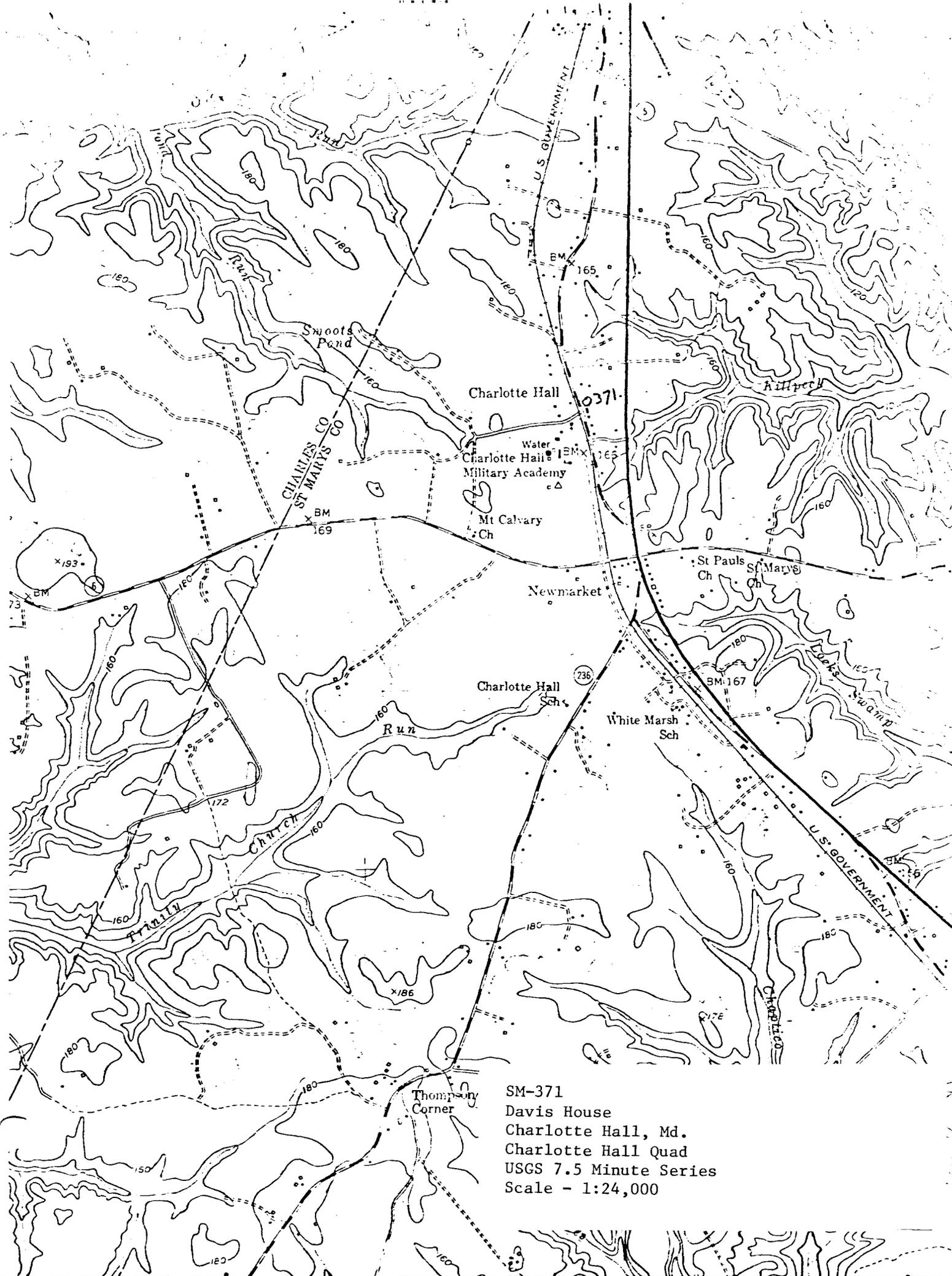
TO NEW RTE 5


c.1960
brick house

CHARLOTTE HALL

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SM-371
Briscoe
tenant house



SM-371
Davis House
Charlotte Hall, Md.
Charlotte Hall Quad
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000



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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Porch on north facade



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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

North Facade



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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Detail of porch on west facade



SM-371

Davis House
Charlotte Hall, Md.
West Facade



SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Southwest elevation

Geoffrey Henry

Negatives at MHT

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SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

South elevation

Geoffrey Henry

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SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

SE Corner