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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cedar Grove

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 500 yards west of Blossom Point Road, about 1/2 mile south of
its intersection with Md. Rt. 6.

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

X VICINITY OF Hill Top

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Charles

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

*John Moscato, University Publications of
America Inc*
~~Boss Associates, Inc., c/o Charles R. Ourand~~

STREET & NUMBER

51630 Connecticut Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Bryantown

Washington

VICINITY OF

D.C.

STATE

Maryland

20617 20015

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cedar Grove is located on the west side of Blossom Point Road, approximately one-half mile southwest of the intersection of Blossom Point Road and Maryland Route 6, and about four miles west of La Plata, Charles County, Maryland. The house faces south and is surrounded by large shade trees. Open fields lie to the east, northeast and south-east of the house; the remaining area is largely wooded, although there are several small meadows to the west and southwest.

Built in the late Federal style, Cedar Grove is a three-part house consisting of a 2½-story main block with a two-part east wing. All three parts of the house were built at the same time and are of common bond brick construction with headers every sixth course.

The principal facade of the main block is three bays wide. The entrance door, framed by over and sidelights, occupies the first bay from the west end. The remaining two first floor bays and the three second floor bays frame windows of six-over-six sash. On the north, rear side the fenestration repeats that of the front except that the first second floor window from the west end is positioned about 18" below that of the other two in order to align it with an interior stair landing. The rear door has been replaced with one having four panes in its upper half. The lower sash of the first floor windows have been replaced with two-pane sash. On the west end there is a single window centered at each floor level including the attic. The second floor, however, has two windows, the other located between the center window and the southwest corner. In the partially exposed east end there are two windows in the gable and a single, off-centered door at the first floor level. The gable roof runs east to west with two flush gable chimneys at the east end. On the front roof slope are three pedimented dormer windows with six-over-six sash. Centered on the north slope is a single pedimented dormer. The eave cornice is of corbeled brick with one course laid in a sawtooth pattern. The roof and dormers are presently sheathed with composition shingles, replacing the original wood shingles.

The two-part east wing begins with a 1½-story section at the west end, two bays wide on both side elevations. Above the first floor openings are small eyebrow windows. The remaining area is of one-story height, three bays wide on both sides. Both parts of the wing have shed roofs sloped to the south with tin over earlier wood shingles. On the north side the brick walls are capped with a soldier course; on the south side both walls rise to a sawtoothed, corbeled cornice. Centered on the east wall of the wing is a narrow, flush stove chimney. All openings are headed by splayed flat arches.

Alterations to the exterior, besides the resheathing of the roof of the main block and wing, include replacing the splayed arches and wood sills of the windows of the main block (except three windows on the west end and the two windows and door on the east end) with masonry lintels and sills; the removal of the louvered exterior shutters (the ties and hinges, however, remain and most of the shutters are stored in a nearby barn); the construction of a large brick stoop fronting the south entrance door and an unattractive concrete porch across the south side and east end of the wing.

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The floor plan of the main block consists of a side stair hall and adjacent double parlor on the first floor. Both the second floor and attic have a hall, a small room at the head of the hall, and two bedrooms. All of the woodwork is characteristically Federal in design. The first floor windows and doors have molded surrounds with roundells in the upper corners. The two fireplaces have Empire/Victorian-style marble mantels with arched openings. The stair, rising in four flights to the attic, has scrolled steps and turned newels and balusters. Except for a simple medallion on the hall ceiling there is no ornamental plasterwork. On the second floor the woodwork is of a simpler design, and the mantels, also marble, are plain. Flanking the fireplace in the southeast bedroom are two shallow closets with shelved interiors. Alterations to the interior include the installation of heat, electricity, and a bathroom in the small room at the head of the second floor hall.

The east wing contains three ground floor rooms: a kitchen with fireplace at the west end, a small pantry that now houses the furnace and, at the east end, a larger room that was presumably used as a kitchen and/or storage area. A narrow enclosed stair at the east end of the west kitchen provides access to a low-ceiling room that probably once served as sleeping quarters for domestic servants.

All of the interior walls of the wing are plastered and the woodwork is of a basic mid-nineteenth century profile. Later alterations to the interior include the bricking up of the fireplace in the west kitchen and the installation of "modern" kitchen equipment in the same room.

There are several farm related structures proximate to the house, including two large barns, a small cattle barn, and several sheds. The oldest of these, a small frame shed located about seventy-five feet north of the end of the wing, appears to be at least as old as the house.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1854 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis B. F. Burgess

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A plain yet attractive Federal-style brick house, Cedar Grove, has both architectural and historical significance in its local context.

Built circa 1854 by Francis Boucher Franklin in Burgess, the present Cedar Grove replaced an earlier two-story frame dwelling of similar plan that stood on or near the present site. A watercolor sketch of the earlier Cedar Grove (the name predates 1853), believed to have been built by Henry Dent (d. 1815) and destroyed by fire circa 1852, appears on a surveyor's plat of the property executed in about 1844.

The history of Cedar Grove is complicated by the absence of several key transfers and a lack of accurate or sufficiently detailed survey descriptions. Nevertheless, a portion of the property, including the house site, has been successfully documented back to 1658 when 300 acres "lying on the east side of the easternmost branch of Nanjemoy Creek" was sold by Captain William Boarman -- a prosperous and politically influential colonial figure, who owned vast acreage throughout southern Maryland -- to Richard True, Boatwright.

In 1676 True sold half of the 300-acre tract to John and Eleanor Lambert who later transferred it to their son-in-law, James Allen. Both the Lamberts and the Allens lived on or proximate to the present Cedar Grove but the precise location of their dwellings remains undetermined. By 1716 all except a few acres of the original contiguous properties. The Manning lands remained intact until 1812. By that year a large portion of it, 449 acres, had been purchased through various separate transactions by Henry Dent. Dent died in 1815, leaving the property and the family dwelling, believed to have been the predecessor of the existing house, to his wife and two sons, Thomas and Henry. Thomas and Henry Dent, when the youngest had attained legal age, sold the property to William D. Briscoe in 1836.

At the time Briscoe acquired the property he was leasing and residing at Linden (NR) near Port Tobacco. By 1840 he had moved to Cedar Grove and maintained a successful farming operation there. (The complete household and farm accounts kept by Briscoe and his heirs during their ownership of Cedar Grove exist in a private manuscript collection in Charles County.) In 1853, following Briscoe's death and the destruction of the house, Briscoe's two daughters, Sarah and Mary, sold the property to a locally prominent attorney and political figure, Francis B.F. Burgess.

Burgess, who was active in the state legislature immediately preceding the Civil War, is believed to have built the present house shortly after his purchase of the property. (A small collection of his farm and household accounts, as well as correspondence between himself, as Legislator, and Walter H. J. Mitchell, a prominent political figure and ardent supporter of the Confederacy, also exist in a local, private

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collection. Both the Briscoe and Burgess papers are being catalogued as part of a local history project sponsored by the Charles County Community College.) During the Civil War Union troops were bivouacked at Cedar Grove and according to accounts left by Burgess' daughters the property suffered extensive damage.

Francis Burgess died in 1865, leaving his real and personal property to be divided between his wife and children. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1868, at which time the half of the property that included the house came into possession of his two daughters, Jane and Martha. In 1939 the two sisters transferred title to the property, subject to a life estate, to Katherine Deegan. In 1944 Deegan assumed full ownership and sold the property, then 285 acres, to John and Cordelia Hindle. It is thought to have been during the Hindle ownership that most of the existing renovations were made. In three ensuing transfers the property steadily diminished in size to its present ten acres.

Basically late-Federal in styling (a house plan regionally popular here from about 1800 to 1860), the house built by Francis Burgess is of interest for several reasons. It is one of the very few substantial brick houses built here between 1845 and 1880, a period during which the county experienced extreme economic instability. The house is nearly unique in that the two-part east wing is original to the 2½-story main block. The wing is of further interest for the design of its roof, the only known example of its form in Charles County. Many of the features of the house suggest a similarity to another Charles County house, Green's Inheritance, built by Francis Green in 1851 (NR). It is possible that since Francis Burgess and Francis Green were political associates, they employed the same contractor, G.A. Henisler of Baltimore.

The house today is essentially the same in appearance as when it was built, and it is one of the very few buildings that retain all of their original interiors. As one of a handful of mid-nineteenth century structures and the home of a local political figure, Cedar Grove warrants designation as an architectural and historic landmark of regional importance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Charles County Land and Probate records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	_____	_____	_____
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	_____	_____	_____

B	_____	_____	_____
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	_____	_____	_____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Architectural Historian

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS.

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CEDAR GROVE
Private

circa 1854

The recorded history of the Cedar Grove property dates to before 1658 when Captain William Boarman of St. Mary's County was awarded a grant of 300 acres on the east side of Nanjemoy Creek. A portion of this grant, coupled with several adjacent properties, made up the 444-acre Cedar Grove farm purchased by Francis B.F. Burgess, a Port Tobacco attorney and locally prominent political figure, in 1853.

When Burgess acquired the property it was improved by a Federal-style, two-part, two story frame house that is said to have burned to the ground shortly after the property was transferred. A small watercolor drawing of this earlier building appears on a survey of the property made c. 1849.

The house Burgess built to replace the one destroyed was an unusually substantial structure for the 1850's, a time when the county was entering into a rather dramatic economic decline, when almost all building activity had ceased and many of the county's best known and once prosperous families faced financial ruin.

A two-part, late Federal-style brick house, Cedar Grove has several features to draw one's attention and interest. Its east kitchen-service wing illustrates the manner in which living areas were completely separated from the more mundane aspects of everyday living. The overall architectural styling of the house, especially the not altogether visually successful design of the long, shed-roofed east wing, is of interest and has no known regional counterpart. Fortunately, Cedar Grove, with the exception of some minor "improvements" made to the house in the 1940's, survives almost completely intact, giving it an additional degree of distinction over its contemporaries, many of which have experienced extensive alterations.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY #0901185604

1 NAME

HISTORIC

CEDAR GROVE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cedar Grove Drive, 500 yards west of Blossom Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Welcome

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

X VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Boss Associates, Inc., c/o Charles R. Telephone #: 274-3739

STREET & NUMBER

Ourand

CITY, TOWN

Bryantown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cedar Grove is a two-part, late-Federal style brick house consisting of a large, two and one-half story main block with a long, shed-roofed wing.

The principal, south facade of the house is three bays wide. The main entrance door, framed by over and side lights, occupies the first bay in from the southwest corner. At the west end the house has one first floor window, two windows at the second floor, and a single window centered in the gable. The rear elevation repeats the door placement and fenestration of the front. The rear door, however, has a transome but no side lights. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, has three pedimented dormers on the front slope and two on the rear. At the east end of the roof are two flush gable chimneys, one of which has been repointed. The eave cornice is of corbeled brick, with the middle course laid in a sawtooth pattern. Most of the windows, except the lower sash of the first floor north windows, retain their original 6-over-6 sash. Originally, the windows and doors had radiating flat arches and wood sills, but many of these were replaced with oversized masonry lintels and masonry sills when the house was renovated in the 1940's. All of the windows had louvered exterior blinds, as evidenced by iron shutter stays that remain in place.

The north wall of the one room deep, one and one-half story east wing is flush with the north wall of the main block. The absence of a seam or reworked brick in the wall area between the two indicates that the wing is original. One half of the north side of the wing, that part closest to the main block, is two stories high, having two windows on both floor levels. The wall rises to a height just below the cornice line of the main block and is capped by a course of header brick. The second half of the north wall is just slightly higher than one story and has two windows at the first floor. On the south side the front wall of the wing is set back from the front wall of the main block by about twenty feet. The west half of the wall rises to a one and one-half story height, having two eye-brow windows below a corbeled cornice. The remaining wall area is of one story height, also with a corbeled cornice, and has two first floor doors and a window. The wing was initially fronted by a one story shed-roofed wood porch that in recent years was replaced by a singularly unattractive porch with wide concrete posts and masonry block platform that extends across the front and east end. The roofs of both parts of the wing are of a single slope, giving the wing an overall exterior appearance reminiscent of urban architectural design.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Cedar Grove is located on a 131-acre tract of land on the west side of Cedar Point Road, 1/2 mile south of its junction with MD. Rt. 6, and is identified as parcel 38 (Howard N. Bowie), Map 53, of the Charles County Tax Map (revised Jan. 1976).

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

January 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

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
(301) 267-1438

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The interior of the main block is consistent with its late-Federal architecture. The south entrance door opens into a stair hall, to the right of which are two rooms of equal size connected by large folding doors. Both rooms have one-piece window and door trim with roundels, and marble mantels with arched openings. On the second floor are two bedrooms, a hall and a small room at the head of the hall. The stair, with shape spandrels and turned balusters, rises in four flights to the attic in which there are two additional bedrooms and an end hall. The wing contains three ground floor rooms: a kitchen with fireplace at the west end, a small pantry that is now a furnace room and, at the east end, a larger room that was presumably used as a summer kitchen. A narrow stair at the east end of the west kitchen provides access to a low-ceilinged room that, since it is not connected to the main house, probably served as sleeping quarters for domestic servants.

With the exception of some minor renovations, including heating and plumbing systems, a later inside door connecting the north-east parlor to the kitchen (originally one had to go outside to gain access to the wing), and the previously mentioned porch, Cedar Grove remains in a fairly intact state, retaining almost all of its original interior woodwork and exterior trim.

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
BOX 1704 ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MARIAND	
COUNTY: CHARLES	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: CEDAR GROVE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: GUNSTON (CREEK) ROAD

CITY OR TOWN: VIC. MCCONCHIE

STATE: MD. CODE: COUNTY: CHAS. CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CHARLES COUNTY

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LA PLATA STATE: MD. CODE:

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CEDAR BROOK is an unpretentious farm house 2 1/2 stories in height and of brick construction.

The design is one of an "end hall" possessing 3 bays at the 1st level S. elevation (front) with that bay closest to the SW corner being the main entrance, framed by slightly recessed over and side lights. The door is crowned (as are all windows on the 1st + 2nd level) with a heavy white marble(?) lintel.

The main block rests upon a high foundation which encloses a full cellar. The roof is "A" frame with the ridge running E-W and has two interior chimneys at the E. end.

at the E. end is a two storey wing a room of which contains the original kitchen. This wing, also of brick construction, has a roof of only one angle that being to the S.

The same cornice moulding of both the main block and wing is a rather heavy sawtooth and dentil design.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century MID 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Abariginal <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 <input type="checkbox"/>	lasaphy <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cammerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Canservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transpartatian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

ORIGINAL OWNER + BUILDER of present house FRANCIS BOUCHER FRANKLIN BURGESS, LAWYER, CA. 1850-55. ORIGINAL HOUSE of SIMILAR LINES but of CLAPBOARD with BRICK NOBBLING. ORIGINAL house site slightly south of present location.

N. R. FIELD SHEET

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CEDAR GROVE : ARTICLE IN CHARLES D. LEAF ,
AUGUST 16 , 1957

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY	CDDE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
J. RICHARD RIVORE

ORGANIZATION: *MHT* DATE: *1/10/70*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CDDE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

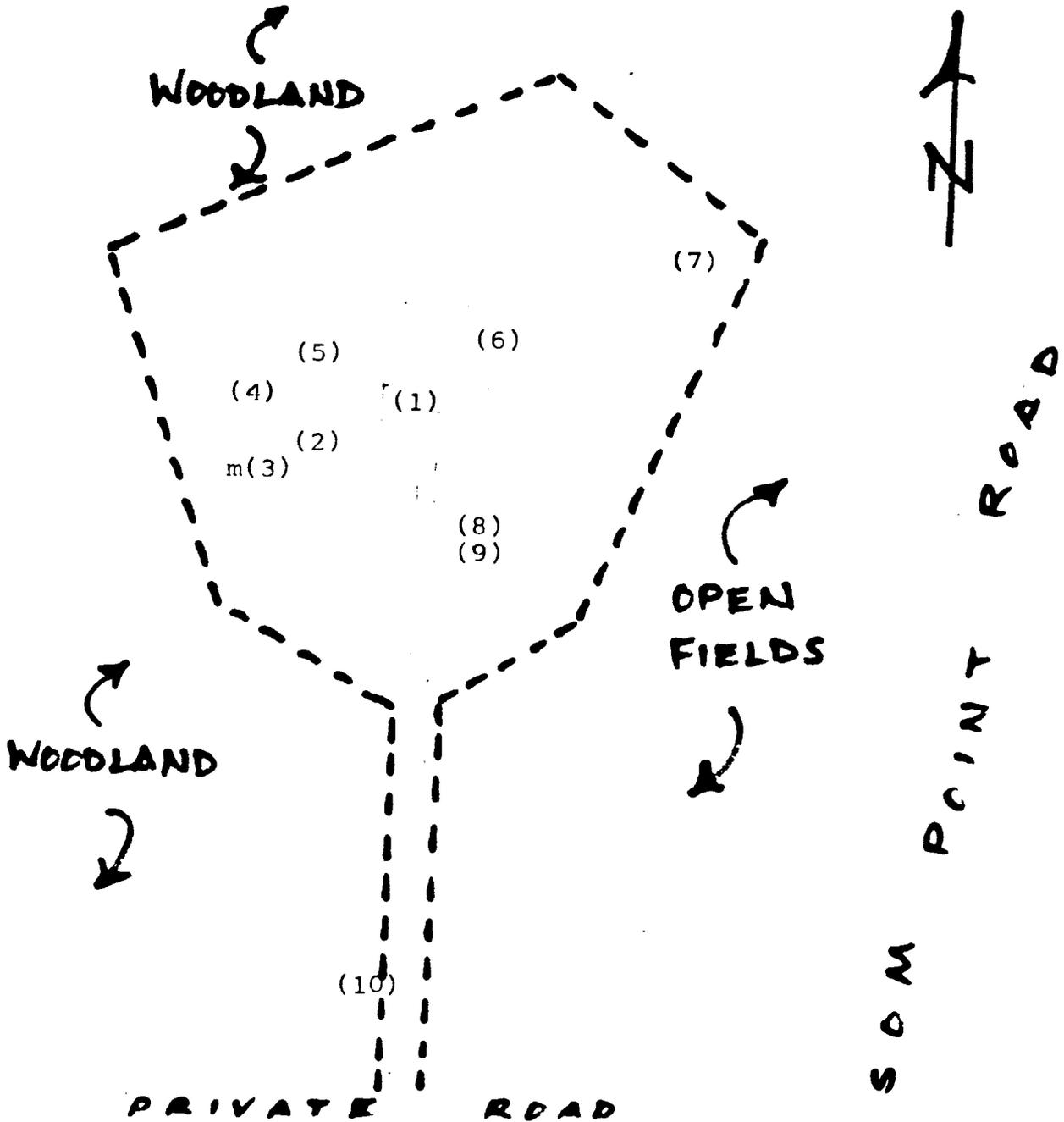
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

CEDAR GROVE, Charles County, Maryland

PLOT PLAN



- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Main House | 7. Wagon Shed |
| 2. Small Shed | 8. Small Shed |
| 3. Animal Barn | 9. Small Shed |
| 4. Small Shed | 10. Tobacco Barn |
| 5. " " | (not on property) |
| 6. " " | |

PROPERTY LINES: - - - - -

Not To Scale



Mathias Point Quad
~~Port Tobacco~~
 Charles County

Goose Bay Marina
 Goose Creek

WATER



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— CEDAR GROVE; View From S.W. —

J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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CEDAR GROVE; View From S.E.

J.R.Rivoire, 1978