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| STATE: Maryland | |
| COUNTY: Frederick | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Historical Society of Frederick County

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City;
Frederick County Historical Society

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
24 East Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frederick

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| STATE Maryland | CODE 24 | COUNTY: Frederick | CODE 021 |
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | Historical Society | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | Headquarters; Library | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
24 East Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frederick

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input 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 headquarters of the Historical Society of Frederick County is located at 24 East Church Street, the southwest corner of the intersection of East Church Street and Middle Alley.

This imposing Federal mansion is five bays long, three deep, and two-and-a-half stories high with a broad, sloping "A" roof. The house stands on a high basement and is constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. The central door (north) is reached by a flight of marble steps with a wrought-iron railing of classical design. The ten-panel double door with carved ovals is of noteworthy Federal design. There is a large, arched semi-elliptical fanlight with a marble lintel over it. The door has sidelight windows separated from it by freestanding Doric pillars. It is a handsomely proportioned doorway with a well-carved door. All the large windows have six-over-six sash with marble sills and lintels.

The north roof line of the building has a brick cornice with molded brick dentils. The end walls of the building rise higher than the roof line forming a roof curtain, with squared, buttressed ends. There are twin chimneys connected by curtains enclosed in each end wall of the building. The north side of the roof has three, nine-over-six, round-arched dormers with foliating muntins. They have flat-topped, stepped-in pediments.

There is a small, well-proportioned addition on the east end of the house. It is one bay wide and three bays deep and has brick pilasters at each corner and a small, wooden, classical cornice along the lower edge of the roof. It served as an office for the original owner of the house, John Baltzell, M.D. (1774-1854). There is a lower two-and-a-half story wing to the south of the main section of the building.

The stair hall of the house contains some decorative plasterwork. The paneling and staircase are woodwork representative of the period. The mantels are all marble representative of the period, although some of them are of a later period.

There is a well-maintained garden to the south of the structure.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) after 1824

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Children's museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Historical Society of Frederick County has acquired and preserved one of the larger, more imposing Federal-style houses in Frederick, Maryland. No longer a private residence, the Society maintains its headquarters in the building. Their facilities include a library, a meeting room, several rooms of "period furniture," memorabilia of local interest and, in an addition to the east of the house, an antique shop. Perhaps the most significant of these cooperative uses for this nineteenth-century building is the 1970 Youth Museum located in the basement.

The association of the Society's headquarters with youth is appropriate in that the previous occupation was that of an orphanage. The third owner of the house, John Loats, devised the house and the property on which it stands to the Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City which he established in his will of 1879.

In 1870, nine years before his death, Loats had purchased the house from Colonel Alexander Baird Hanson, 1790-1868. Hanson was a distant cousin of John Hanson, 1715-1783, President of the United States in Congress Assembled. Alexander Baird Hanson was born in Kent County, Maryland, where he commanded the Republican Blues, or "Silk Stocking Company," of Kent County. Hanson moved to Frederick City in the early 1830's quickly becoming involved in community affairs. He was instrumental in founding a school for girls called the Frederick Female Seminary. He served as President of the Frederick County Bank and, on a national level, as a director of both the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Chesapeake and Potomac Canal companies. In 1855, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, 1802 to 1889, appointed Hanson to the Board of Visitors to the Annual Examination for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Hanson received this appointment one year after he purchased 24 East Church Street from the estate of Dr. John Baltzell.

John Baltzell, 1774-1854, born in Frederick City, studied

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders:

Paul A. Brinkman, Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College, Annapolis, Maryland.

Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust.

Orlando Ridout IV, Director, Maryland Historical Trust.

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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 |
| NW | 0 . " | 0 . " | | 39° | 24' | 54" |
| NE | 0 . " | 0 . " | | 77° | 24' | 34" |
| SE | 0 . " | 0 . " | | | | |
| SW | 0 . " | 0 . " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

one acre

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 AND TITLE:

Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 19, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

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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

Orlando Ridout IV

Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date

January 19, 1972

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

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

medicine at the University of Pennsylvania before returning to his native city to practice. Between 1824 and 1829 Baltzell purchased one and one-half lots on the south side of Church Street on which he built the present house. The addition to the east, according to tradition, was Dr. Baltzell's office.

The lots which Baltzell bought, number fifty-five and the northern half of number fifty-six, were two of the original lots for Frederick Town as it was first laid out in 1745 by Daniel Dulany, 1722-1797. Thomas Schley, who in 1753 was the first purchaser of Lot No. 55, purportedly had built the first house elsewhere in Frederick Town in 1746.

#9. REFERENCES continued

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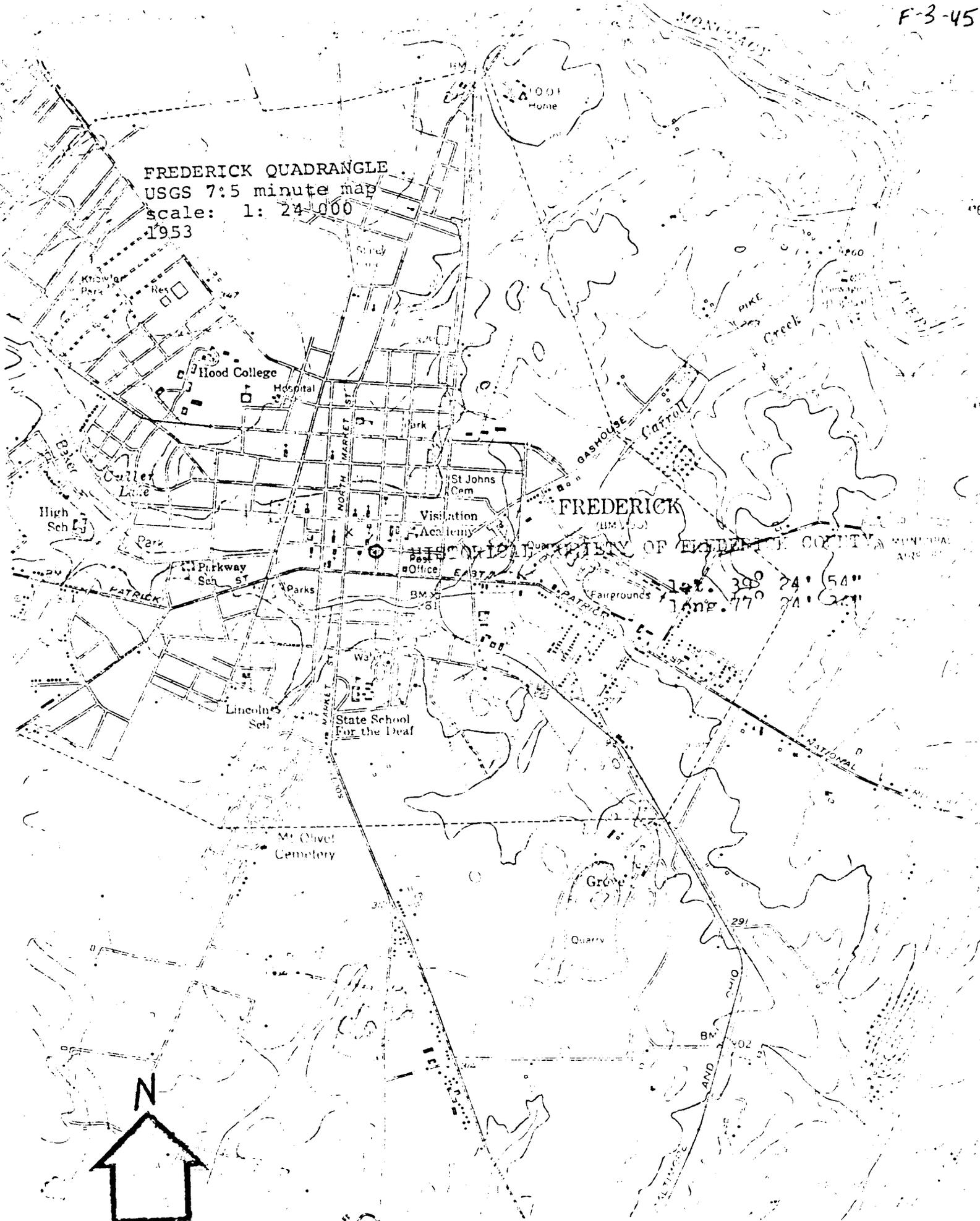
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FREDERICK QUADRANGLE
USGS 7:5 minute map
scale: 1: 24 000
1953



FREDERICK

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Lat. 39° 24' 54"
Long. 77° 24' 24"

