

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 75A-4 Date 1870
Building Name Prince George's County Alms House
Location D'Arcy Road, Forestville, Md.
Open to Public yes no

The Prince George's County Alms House is a two-story rectangular brick structure with a five-bay main (east) facade. This is the second building on the site. Little is known of the original building which was begun in 1772, except that it was of brick. It fell into ruin in the 1860's, and in 1867 the Maryland General Assembly passed a law authorizing the construction of a new Alms House. The present structure was finished by June of 1870.

The Alms House represents a nearly 200 year tradition of caring for the poor in Prince George's County - starting with the "Act for the Relief of the Poor" passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 1768, and ending with the closing of the present Alms House by the County Commissioners in April 1965.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G. 75A-4

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Prince George's County Alms House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER D'Arcy Road, Forestville

CITY, TOWN Forestville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Maryland 20028 COUNTY Prince George'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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Prince George's County Government Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Upper Marlboro, Md.

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 3738
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince George's County Courthouse Folio #: 495

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Prince George's Historic Sites Survey 1973

DATE 1973 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 type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alms House is a two-story rectangular brick structure with a five-bay main (east) facade. The central door has a narrow transom light, and is flanked by one-over-one double hung sash windows. The windows have flat arches, one stretcher tall. The consists of two courses of stretchers.

There are two large interior chimneys, with double stacks. At the gable ends, there are central doors with flanking windows.

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1768, an Act of the Maryland General Assembly called for the construction of alms and workhouses in Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Worcester, Frederick and Charles counties; boards of trustees were created to govern these houses. In Prince George's County, in 1771, the five Trustees of the Poor purchased 100 acres of land on which to erect their alms-house. The house was begun in 1772, and was constructed of brick.

The present Alms House is the second building on the site. Although the original structure had received major repairs during the 1830's and 1840's, it had fallen into ruin by the 1860's. In 1867, the Maryland General Assembly passed a law authorizing the construction of a new Alms House; the present structure was completed by June of 1870.

The Alms House was closed by the Prince George's County Commissioners in 1965.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records: Liber AA#2, folio 478
Liber AA#2, folio 476
Liber #3738, folio 495

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

6701 McDonough Terrace

TELEPHONE

868-1121

CITY OR TOWN

Bowie, Md. 20715

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.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Alms House				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
D'Arcy Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Forestville				
STATE:		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>VACANT</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Prince George's County Government				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
4. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:		<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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	
<p>The building is a two story, brick structure with a five bay, main (east) facade. It is laid up in running bond. The central doorway, with a narrow transom light, is flanked by 1/1 double hung sash windows. Over the windows are flat arches one stretcher tall. The cornice consists of two courses of stretchers. There are two large chimneys between the first and second bays from each end; they have double stacks with projecting caps. The gable ends have center doors with narrow transom light and flanking windows.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<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	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first alms house was built in 1771 on land acquired by John Fendall Beall and others acting as trustees of the poor. The original thirty acre tract had been patented by Nathaniel Magruder in 1761 as "Black Oak Thicket."

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 8 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

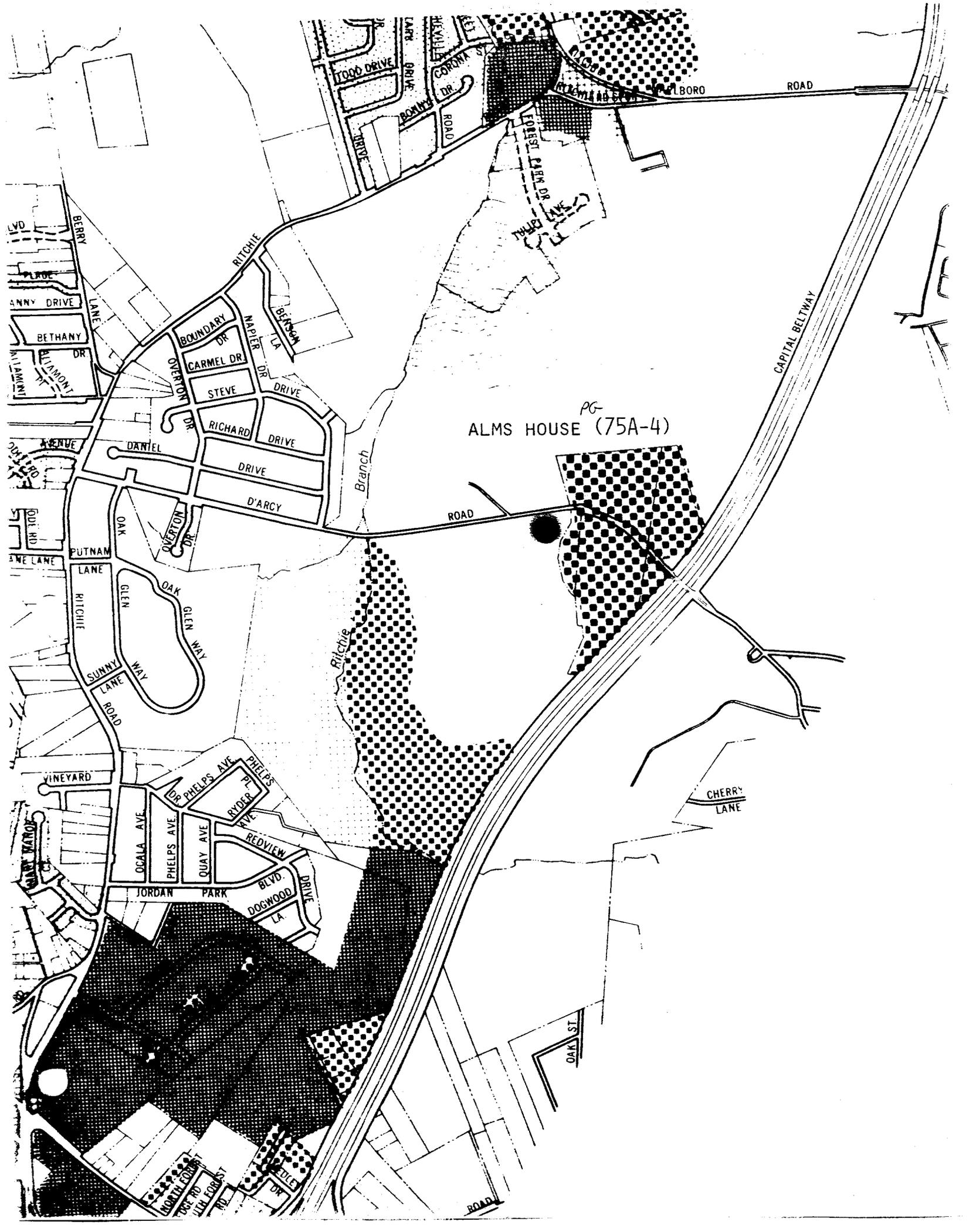
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____



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ALMS HOUSE (75A-4)

Branch

Ritchie

CHERRY
LANE

OAK ST

ROAD

NORTH FOREST
TREE TO
WITH LABOR
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STILE
DR

BERRY
PLADE
ANNY DRIVE
BETHANY
DR
MILLAMONT
ST

AVENUE
DOUTY RD
GOLD RD
LANE LANE
PUTNAM
LANE

RITCHIE
SUNNY
LANE
ROAD

VINEYARD
OCAIA AVE
PHELPS AVE
QUAY AVE

JORDAN PARK
BLVD
DOGWOOD
LA

TODD DRIVE
LARRY DRIVE
BONDY
DR
CORONA ST
ROAD

RITCHIE
BENSON
LA

BOUNDARY
DR
CARMEL DR
STEVE
DRIVE

RICHARD
DRIVE
D'ARCY
DRIVE

OAK
GLEN
WAY

PHILIPS
PL
RYDER
AVE

REVIEW
DRIVE

FOREST PARK DR
THURLEY LANE

ALBORO ROAD

ROAD

CAPITAL BELTWAY



NAME P.G. Co. ALMS HOUSE

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LOCATION D'ARCY ROAD, FORESTVILLE, Md.

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 10/8/74



LEONARD C.
JUNCAN
DIED JUNE 20
1951

NAME P.G. Co. ALMS HOUSE - CEMETERY

LOCATION D'ARCY Rd FORESTVILLE, Md

FACADE

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