

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic KEACH HALL

and/or common

### 2. Location

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Campus of Charlotte Hall School, Charlotte Hall School  not for publication  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

city, town Charlotte Hall  vicinity of 1st 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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

street & number Old Armory Building - 11 Bladen St. 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 Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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

Keach Hall stands on the campus of Charlotte Hall Academy, approximately 750 feet west of the intersection of Old Route 5 and Charlotte Hall School Road in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Keach Hall is a two and one half story, four bay brick building with a gable roof. It was constructed in 1931 in the Georgian Revival style with a swimming pool on the first floor and dormitory rooms on the second floor. Keach Hall is connected to Alumni Hall, which houses the school's gymnasium, by a two story, two bay gable roofed hyphen. The building rests on a concrete foundation, has a concrete second floor and is laid in American bond with a concrete belt course separating the first and second stories. The off-center entrance is on the south corner of the east elevation and is framed by a large portico with a broken pediment, supported by a row of four square Doric columns on raised bases and a row of four pilasters. Above the door is a semi-circular Adam style fanlight.

The first story windows on the east and north elevations have glass jalousies and vertical iron bars and are set within shallow recessed arches with concrete keystones and imposts. The second story windows have 8/8 sashes while the three pedimented dormer windows on the attic story have 6/6 sashes. There is a small semi-circular window with Adam style muntins on the attic story of the north gable flanked by two six-pane casement windows.

A three bay two story wing with a trapezoidal roof extends from the west end of the building. A one story flat roofed block stands to the rear of this wing. A flight of metal stairs leads from the outside of this block to a door located on the second floor of the two story wing.

A swimming pool extends the full length of the interior of Keach Hall and is reached by a short flight of steps to the right of the entrance. There are showers and changing rooms in the connecting hyphen and dormitory rooms on the second floor. All of the rooms, as well as the swimming pool, are in deteriorated condition and there is little in the interior of historic or architectural interest.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM - 368

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 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 1931 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.

Keach Hall was built in 1931, a gift of Colonel Frank B. Keach of New York City, an alumnus of Charlotte Hall School. It housed a swimming pool and dormitory space, part of which was converted to faculty apartments.

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



New Veterans Home (1982)

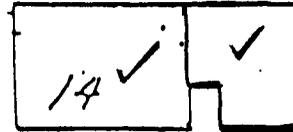
aka Alumni Hall

Gymnasium Keech Hall  
(1922) (c.1935)

site of old  
Administration Bldg.  
(1927-1982)

New Academic  
Bldg. (1971)

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Thomas House

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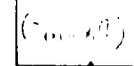
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c.1950  
brick  
house

10

4-gable  
house  
(private)

Chelsey House (c. 1800, private)



Dormitory  
(1960)

18

16 ✓

Academic  
Bldg. (1897)  
aka Old Classroom  
Bldg.

(SM-86)  
White  
House (1803)

15

Dent Memorial  
Chapel (1884)

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← OLD ROUTE 5 →

? 1  
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Principal's House  
(housekeeper's house)

4

2-story  
frame house  
(c. 1880)

6

19th C.  
frame house  
(semi-private)

7 ✓

Mattingly  
House

8 ✓

Davis  
House

5

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

I.R.S.  
Bldg.

10  
Briscoe  
House  
(c.1825,  
private)

Youth Services  
(private ?)

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TO NEW RYE 5

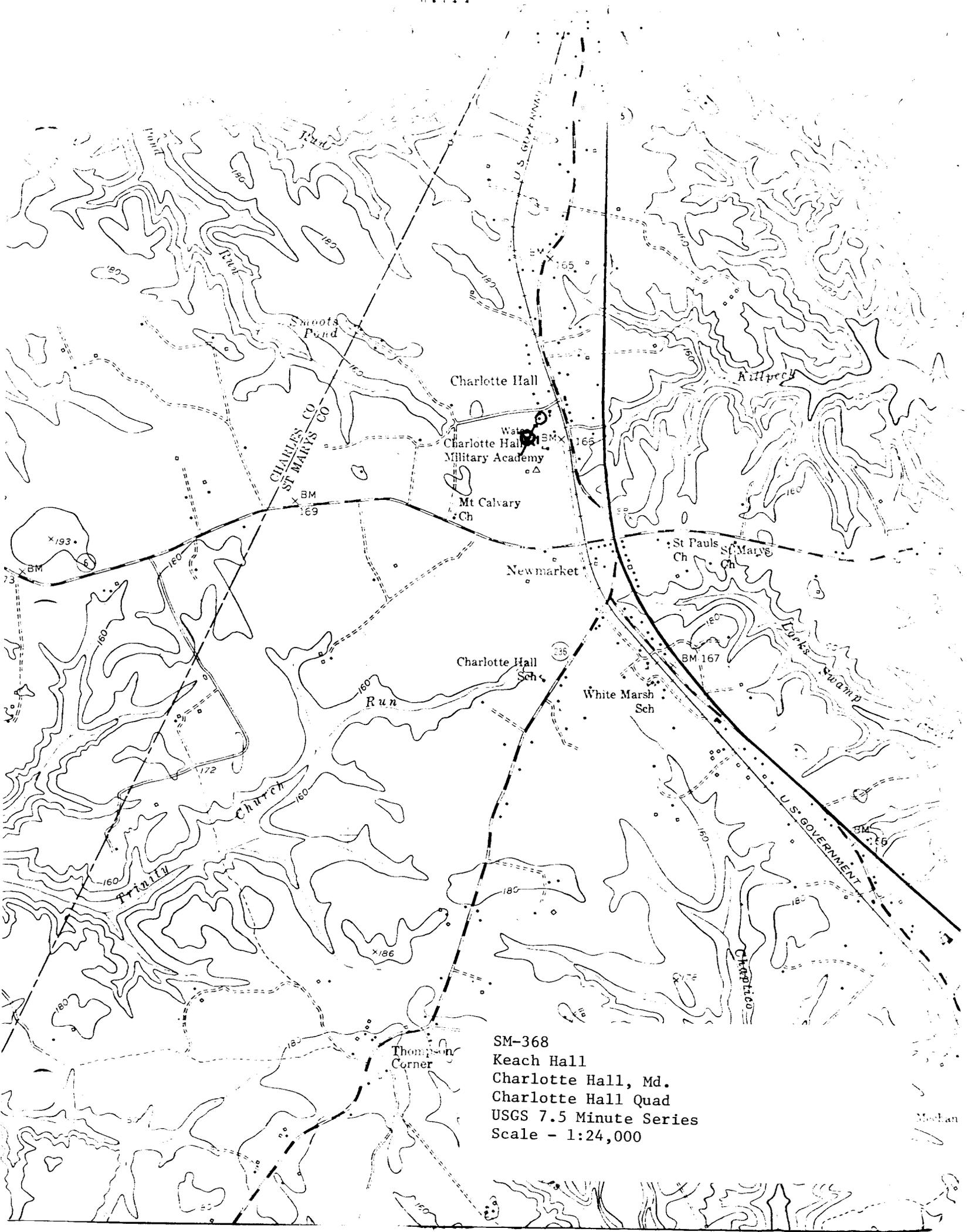
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c.1960  
brick house

CHARLOTTE HALL

3/6/84 KEK

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Briscoe  
tenant house



SM-368  
Keach Hall  
Charlotte Hall, Md.  
Charlotte Hall Quad  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale - 1:24,000

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

East Facade

Geoffrey Henry        7/84

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

Portico, East Facade

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

North Facade

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Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte, Maryland

Hyphen between Keach Hall & Alumni Hall,  
w. elev.

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall Academy

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

West Facade

Geoffrey Henry 7/84

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Keach Hall

Charlotte Hall School

Charlotte Hall, Md.

East Elevation

Geoffrey Henry

Negatives at MHT