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"Homewood," built between 1801 and 1803 by Charles Carroll, Jr., stands in 1971 on the Johns Hopkins University Campus as an example of the late Georgian country house in Baltimore.

The late Georgian or 'Federal' style marks the full height of Georgian architecture in America. Homewood, in the pre-Revolutionary Maryland tradition is a symmetrical five-part Palladian country house. The house has basic similarities to earlier houses such as Whitehall, Tulip Hill and Wye House--the five-part plan with large central block, a small wing connected by a hyphen on each end, and the full-height tetrastyle portico. The basic difference is that whereas Whitehall is a Neo-Palladian mid-Georgian house, Homewood is a Federal-Adamesque house. whole approach to Homewood is refined, delicate and sophisticated. is evident through a wealth of details, carved in a period that marked the height of the wood carving tradition in America (e.g. Samuel McIntire) and reflective of the contemporaneous Adamesque fashion in England. The detail is all in low relief and is small; the cornice, the capitals of the columns, the doorway pilasters and entablature are filled with miniature reeding, fluting, running 's', and acanthus leaves. The south pediment has Adamesque garlands around a shield-shaped window. The effect of Homewood is one of flatness; the long, narrow windows are flush against the exterior wall and the only decorative treatments on the walls are the marble window sills and panels above the central block windows. The roof is hipped and both north and south porticos abut into the main roof as a pedimented gable. The roof of the main block has two round-head dormers with Gothic sash. The south side of each hyphen has a doorway with semicircular fanlight and is flanked by a Palladian-style window capped with The main (south) entrance door is topped by a semi-circular fanlight with delicate tracery, surrounded by fluted pilasters and entablature; the north side door has a Federal feature--a large, elaborately traceried, semi-circular fanlight. The north side is not as elaborate as the south side (except for the fanlight), especially in the use of a flat portico with pediment mounted on the roof. The base, steps and columns appear to be recent.

The stable is 550 feet due south of Homewood and is included in this nomination.

Homewood is located on the Johns Hopkins University Campus at Charles and 34th Streets, Baltimore City, Maryland.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Homewood, home of Charles Carroll (1775-1825), was built on the "Merryman's Lott" tract, purchased May 1, 1794, by his father Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737-1832), Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Between 1801 and 1803 Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737-1832) presented the land, and sufficient funds to build a house, to his son Charles at the time of the latter's marriage to Harriet Chew of Philadelphia. Carroll (1775-1825) had earlier directed the construction of this monument to his own innate good taste, while his father footed the bills amounting to \$30,000 in excess of the \$10,000 estimate. In 1824 Charles Carroll of Carrollton bought the house from his self-indulgent, recalcitrant son whose wife had, by that time, and with her father-in-law's blessing, left him and returned to Philadelphia. The elder Carroll managed this "most improvident waste," until his son died in 1825.

Homewood was then inherited by Charles Carroll (1801-1862) from his father, Charles Carroll (1775-1825). Charles Carroll (1801-1862) and his wife, Mary Diggs, lived there until he inherited Doughoregan Manor from his grandfather, Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737-1832).

In 1830 John Lee Carroll (1830-1911), second son of Charles Carroll (1801-1862), was born in Homewood. John Lee Carroll was Governor of Maryland from 1875 to 1880. During his tenure the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad strike of 1887 occurred. Prior to this Charles Carroll (1801-1862) in 1839 sold Homewood and one hundred twenty acres at public auction in the Baltimore Exchange. Samuel Wyman, a successful Baltimore merchant and founder of Tiffany, Wyman & Company, bought the property for \$25,150. Wyman lived in Homewood with his family until 1865.

Samuel Wyman's son, William Wyman, commissioned Richard Upjohn to build an Italianate house, Homewood Villa, on the Homewood tract (1851-1853). The Johns Hopkins University demolished this house in 1954.

When Samuel Wyman died the Homewood estate was divided between his two sons in 1894. From 1897 to 1902 Homewood housed the Country School for Boys (now Gilman School).

The ingenuity and financial acumen aided by William Keyser (1835-1904), a wealthy Baltimore merchant, made it possible to reassemble the Homewood tract in 1902, when it was offered to the Johns Hopkins University as the site for a new campus. SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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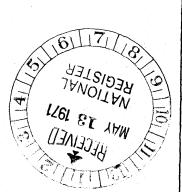
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The architects for the first University construction repeated the traditional Federal motif of Homewood mansion in the design of the buildings on the surrounding campus.

In 1916 Homewood mansion became the University Faculty Club and from 1932 until 1936 it was a house museum restored through the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan. Since 1936 the University has used Homewood for administrative offices.

In 1969, under the supervision of Orin M. Bullock, Jr., F.A.I.A., the mortar in the masonry at Homewood was replaced and pointed.

Behind Homewood is the original stable built by Charles Carroll (1755-1825). The timber and brick barn, built into a hill, is used as a Little Theater by the students of the Johns Hopkins University.

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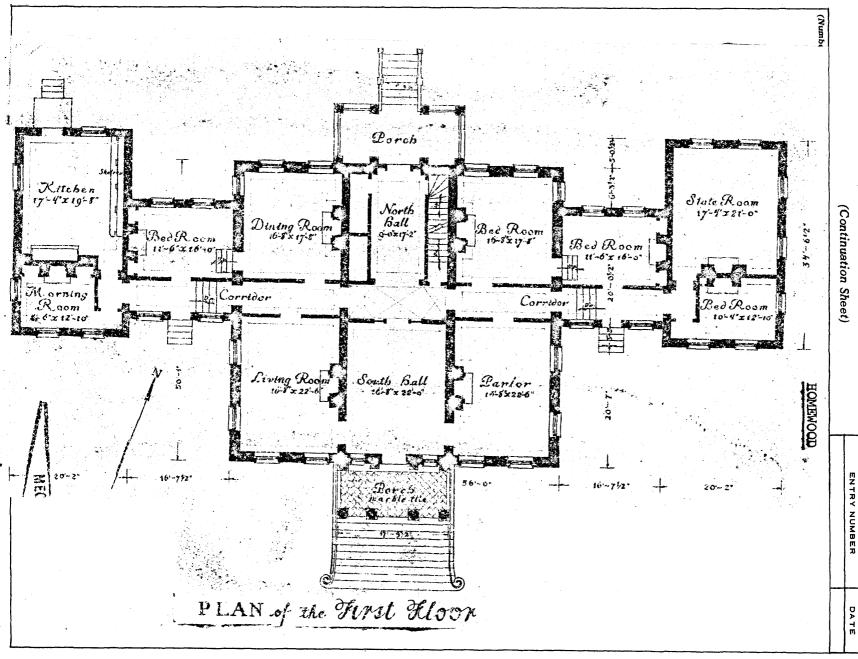
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