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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1. NAME COMMON Hessian Barracks AND/OR HISTORIC: Frederick Barracks, Revolutionary Barracks 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: 242 South Market Street CITY OR TOWN: Frederick STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE Frederick Maryland 021 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY **ACCESSIBLE** OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Yes: 🔀 Public Public Acquisition: District Coupled 🔀 Building Restricted Site Private ☐ In Process ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted ☐ Both Being Considered Object Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Park Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Comments ☐ Transportation Industrial ☐ Commercial Private Residence Other (Specify) ☐ Military ■ Educational Religious Entertainment Museum □ Scientific 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: (Contact: David M. Denton, Superintendent) Mary State of Maryland (for Maryland School for the Deaf) STREET AND NUMBER: 101 Clarke Place CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE 24 Frederick Maryland 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Fred (no legal documents available at this time) STREET AND NUMBER: ler CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE S 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey X Federal ☐ State County ☐ Local DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
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CONDITION	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	🔀 Fair	Deteriorated	Ruins	Unexposed
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The two-story stone structure with gallery porches is "L" shaped. An "A" roof covers the structure including the porches.

This structure remains of two original "L"-shaped buildings which, between the two, enclosed a yard. The reputedly older building was demolished c. 1870 to supply materials to erect the Maryland School for the Deaf brick building which overshadows the remaining "barracks."

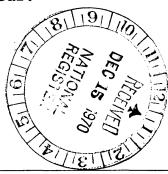
The longer (north) exterior wall of the existing building and the short (east) exterior wall (the short, base, of the "L") are pierced by occasional small, double-hung sash windows. The interior walls, along the galleries, are regularly pierced on both floors by sturdy doors with six deeply beveled panels, and with double-hung windows that show some early glass panes. Pegged frames with heavy cyma reversa mold surround each window opening; most of the wood trim throughout the structure appears to be early.

The doorways on each floor open into a series of plain, rectangular rooms. At neither level is there an interior passageway. The inter-room door of each room leads directly into the next in line. The interior commonwall between each two rooms are fitted with fireplaces, back-to-back; the stack of each couple rises to just above the ridge pole appearing as a series of wide, squat chimneys.

There are two interior plain, narrow, wooden staircases between the two story levels. Two exterior, plain, wooden staircases rise from the lower to the upper galleries.

This stone structure closely resembles the extensively restored, circa eighteenth-century, military barracks at Trenton, New Jersey, and follows the general concept of military barracks in North America constructed during the nineteenth century.

The Hessian Barracks are located at 242 South Market Street (east side of the street) in Frederick, Maryland, on the grounds of the Maryland School for the Deaf.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

[Ed.: Footnote references are under #9]

Two historians of Frederick, Maryland, Lucy Leigh Bowie (in 1939) and J. Thomas Scharf (in 1882) maintained that the Hessian Barracks were built during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). 1

The first principal (William D. Cooke) of the Maryland School for the Deaf located on the barracks grounds, in his history of the institution, was unable to date the barracks exactly. He did state: "It is known, however, that they [the barracks] were built during the reign of George II [of Great Britain], and that they were occupied by General [Edward] Braddock and his troops on their route to Fort Dusquene."²

Judge T. J. C. Williams, the co-author of the accepted history of Frederick County, stated that the barracks were built following a law passed in 1777. Williams also mentions a letter dated July of 1775 from John Hanson to Peyton Randolph (The latter Williams names as the President of the Continental Congress.), which referred to the barracks. Unfortunately, Williams gave no source for his statement.

An examination of the published volumes of the Archives of Maryland reveals that the State contracted to build "a" barracks in Frederick in the summer of 1777. This structure was not completed in 1781. A letter from a British officer, a prisoner of war, to Governor Thomas Sim Lee, dated January 30, 1781, reveals the condition of the barracks, then to be used as a prison.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that on the arrival of the British Troops of Convention here, I made a demand of boards and nails to make the barracks habitable for the men and to give them reasonable space equal to their numbers. [sic.] which is so far from the case at present, that one half cannot measure their

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

lengths on the few floors they have.

To alleviate which, had boards, nails and tools been provided, they would have willingly with my authorizing them completed the barracks.⁵

It may be deduced from the aforementioned quotes that the barracks described above were what is known today as the "Hessian Barracks." However, no land record has been uncovered to substantiate this deduction.

The Laws of Maryland, February Session 1777, Chapter X, authorized the Governor of the State to purchase property for the erection of barracks. In August, two months after the State Council had engaged Abraham Faw to build a barracks, Thomas Johnson, the Governor of Maryland, did purchase five-and-one-fourth acres of land in Frederick County to be held in the name of the incumbent Governor of Maryland in perpetuity. However, this five-and-one-fourth acre tract is not the piece of land on which the Hessian Barracks sits today. An early documentation of a barracks on the same grounds of the existing barracks is found in a deed dated April 14, 1820.

French prisoners of war captured during the undeclared sea war with France (1799) and British soldiers taken prisoner in the War of 1812 occupied barracks.

In the nineteenth century the Barracks at this location served several diverse state and community needs. The State of Maryland used the barracks as a state armory under the charge of a state armorer. While the armory was still assigned this building, and with permission from the State, vacant floor space was rented for other purposes. One of the tenants was the firm of Jenks and Ramsburg, which raised silk worms (c.1839-1840)⁹; from 1853 to 1860 the barracks yard served as the

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After the Battle of Antietam (September 17-18, 1862) the Barracks building functioned as a hospital for the wounded from both North and South. Every available space in Frederick from hotels to high schools including the Barracks was taken up for the estimated 4,000 wounded hospitalized there. 10

The State chose the Barracks grounds for the location of a new school, the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1867). Before the construction of the first building in 1871, the school met in the barracks. The Industrial Department of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb continued to use the barracks for a few years after the construction of the 1871 school building. The school's Board of Directors authorized demolition of the western of the two original barracks buildings

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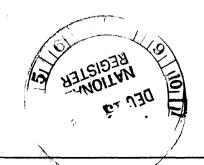
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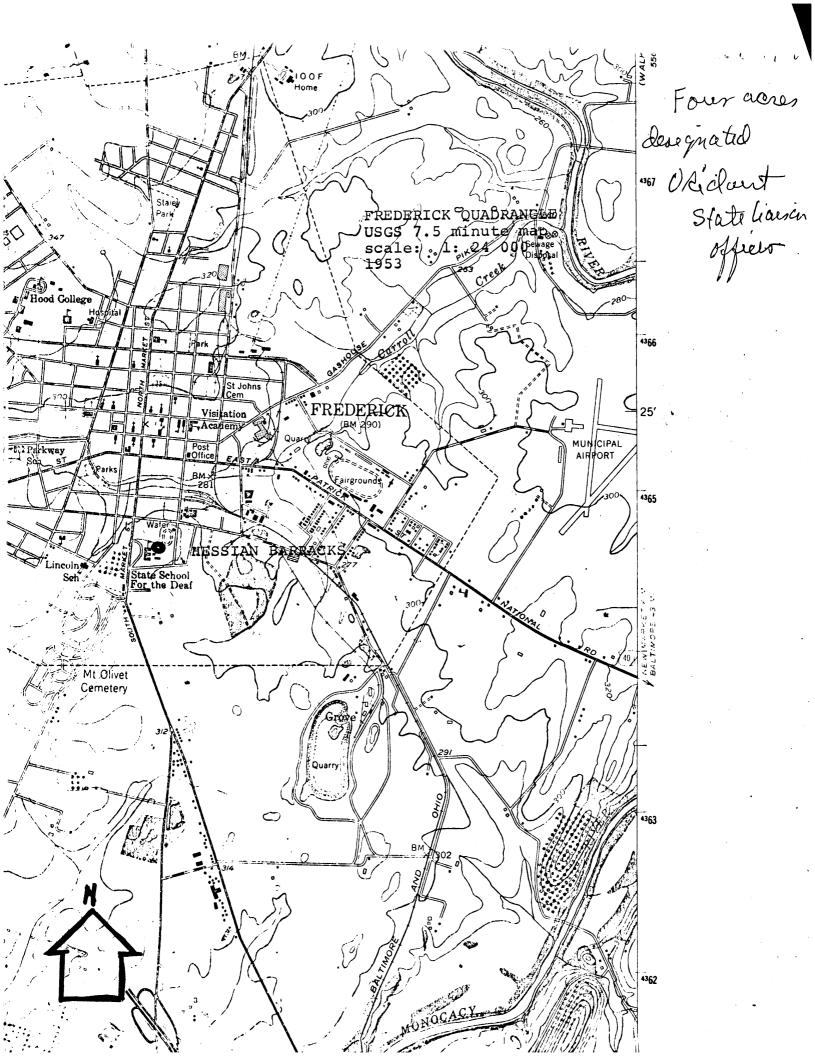
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