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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
 COUNTY: Harford
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 ENTRY DATE: AUG 28 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Medical Hall Historic District
 AND/OR HISTORIC: "The Outquarter"

2. LOCATION

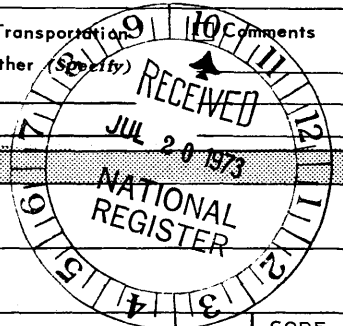
STREET AND NUMBER: *W of Churchville rd. 154*
~~Thomas Run Road~~ East end of Medical Hall Road about 1.1 mile east of
 CITY OR TOWN: near Churchville *vic* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First
 STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Harford CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Miss Ann I. Hall
 STREET AND NUMBER: Medical Hall Road
 CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air RFD STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court
 STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust
 STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Medical Hall is located northeast of Bel Air, Maryland on the east side of Md. Route 154 one mile north of Schucks Corner. The property consists of a Federal style dwelling, six out-buildings, and at least three archaeological sites.

The house, Medical Hall (HA-3) was constructed of stuccoed stone between 1825 and 1840, in a retarditaire interpretation of the Georgian-Federal period vernacular. Typically the structure is five bays long, two bays wide, and two and one half stories high. The windows have shutters and six over six sashes. Three dormers, one at each end bay with the third in the center, project from the "A" roof. A chimney is located in each gable end. The structure stands above a lighted basement. The principal (west) facade has a centrally placed door with sidelights and a rectangular transom subdivided in a radiating pattern usually associated with elliptical fan lights.

The interior follows the norm with a central hall opening on to two rooms on either side. The woodwork consists of block trim and wide mouldings. The hall now contains four panels French griselle scenic wall paper depicting scenes of the French Revolution. The two south parlors contain paneling which predates Medical Hall. It came from Belvidere, an early Harford County house located in what is now Aberdeen Proving Grounds and destroyed in 1942.

Immediately south of Medical Hall is a stone springhouse (HA-843) which 20th century owners have converted into a pump-house.

East of Medical Hall is a stone cottage (HA-982) believed to be a 19th century tenant house. The three bay structure is two stories high. The first floor windows have six over six lights while there on the second floor are three over three. The gable end second floor window in contrast has six over six sashes. All windows and doors have rectangular lintels of stone or brick. The "A" roof has deep eaves and a central chimney, a modern replacement of a central flue for stoves.

Three structures are located south of Medical Hall: a smoke-house (HA-252), spring house (HA-254), and a dwelling (HA-253). The substantial character of their fabric and the 18th century style appearance lend currency to the belief these structures consisted of the nucleus of the original farm complex. The spring house was constructed of stone and sits low to the ground under its "A" roof. The smoke house is similarly a stone building but is a full story and a half. A square window is located in the gable end with a door on the adjoining side. The dwelling is an interesting three part, "L"

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Description
shaped vernacular structure. The base of the "L" is a two story stone structure two bays wide and two bays long. The windows have six over six sashes and flat arched lintels.

A one and one half story stone structure adjoins one gable end at a right angle forming the "L". This section has a more steeply pitched A roof than its neighbor and a much larger chimney stack emerging from the gable end. A shed roof porch begins at the center of the one and one half story stone section and extends across the third frame section. It shares the same roof as well as the shed porch with the one and one half story stone section.

In addition to the 19th and possibly late 18th century structures, Medical Hall contains the important archaeological sites. Of primary significance is the site of Dr. John Archer's office and medical school (HA-844). An 1860 landscape painting of the house has substantiated the assertion that ruins south of Medical Hall are the office. The dimensions of the ruins match those given for Dr. Archer's office in an 1814 federal tax assessment for Harford County.

To the north of Medical Hall on a rise of ground is the probable site of Dr. Archer's first house (HA-981) which he abandoned in 1777 because of reoccurring nightmares. Immediately adjacent to the present Medical Hall is the site of Archer's second house.

#8 Significance

Five of John Archer's six sons followed their father into medicine. The sixth, Stevenson Archer, became a lawyer. In 1817 James Madison appointed him judge of the Mississippi Territory. He returned to Maryland and continued his political career as a Congressman, judge of the circuit court, and Chief Justice of Maryland (1844-1848) The association of Stevenson Archer with Medical Hall gives the structure historic significance.



9. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Medical history</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The importance of the Medical Hall complex centers around its historical association with John Archer (1741-1810), the first man to receive a degree in medicine in America. Archer was first in the first class to receive degrees in medicine from the Philadelphia College, the earliest chartered medical school.¹ Prior to that time he had been one of an estimated 3500 practitioners without a degree.

Archer treated countless patients from his office (HA-844), taught medicine to fifty students, and initiated inoculation for whooping cough. He devoted much of his time to the needs of the poor. Archer founded the Harford County Medical Society and was a charter member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Archer's public service extended to a direct participation in the American Revolution.

As a member of the HA Co. Committee of Safety he signed the Bush Resolution (1774) and the Bush Declaration (1775), two documents which supported independence. He represented Harford County in the convention which wrote the states first constitution. Archer served as captain in the county militia. In 1782 he was judge of the orphans court. He terminated his political career with two terms in Congress (1801-1805).

John Archer had inherited his HA Co. home from his father, Thomas Archer who had come to Maryland to supervise a British iron foundry on nearby Deer Creek.

¹William B. Postell, "Medical Education in Medical Schools in Colonial America," International Record of Medicine, (June 1958), 367, and Francis J. Packard, History of Medicine in the United States, Vol. III, (New York) 1931, 1210-1213.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Archer, John Jr., M.D. "John Archer, M.B." Paper presented to The John Archer Society. University of Pennsylvania. 20 May 1966.
2. Cordell, Eugene, M.D., "Transactions of The Harford County Medical Society", Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin August-September, 1902.
3. (See Continuation Sheet #2)

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	
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NE	39 ° 34 ' 41 "	76 ° 16 ' 10 "				
SE	39 ° 34 ' 09 "	76 ° 16 ' 02 "				
SW	39 ° 34 ' 07 "	76 ° 16 ' 32 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 208 acres

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: Jean S. Ewing sdh

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: June 5, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 June 21, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/28/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 8/22/73

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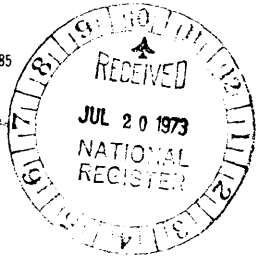
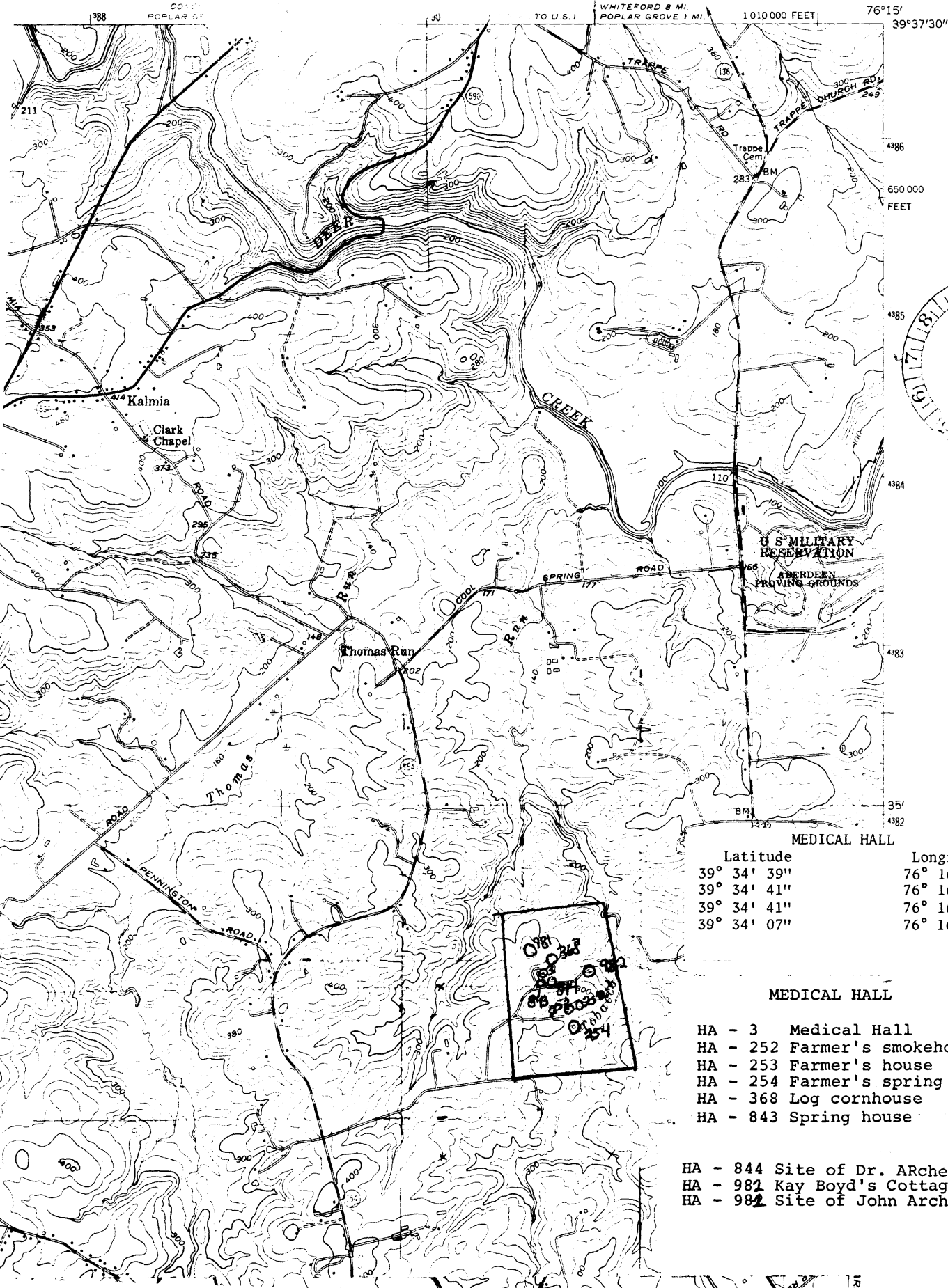
#9 Major Bibliographical References

3. "John Archer M.B." Medical Affairs (University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine) Vol I no. 3 (Written 1960)
4. "M D Remembers: Dr. John Archer" MD The Medical News Magazine July 1969
5. Packard, Francis P., M.D. History of Medicine in The United States Vol. II New York: Paul Hoeber, Inc. 1931.
6. Postell, William B. "Medical Education in Medical Schools in Colonial America," International Record of Medicine, June 1958.
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BEL AIR QUADRANGLE
 MARYLAND—HARFORD CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SE/4 BEL AIR 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 II NW
 (CONOWINGO DAM)



Latitude	Longitude
39° 34' 39"	76° 16' 35"
39° 34' 41"	76° 16' 10"
39° 34' 41"	76° 16' 02"
39° 34' 07"	76° 16' 32"

- MEDICAL HALL KEY**
- HA - 3 Medical Hall
 - HA - 252 Farmer's smokehouse
 - HA - 253 Farmer's house
 - HA - 254 Farmer's spring house
 - HA - 368 Log cornhouse
 - HA - 843 Spring house

- HA - 844 Site of Dr. Archer's Office
- HA - 982 Kay Boyd's Cottage
- HA - 982 Site of John Archer's House