

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
 for the  
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

AA-178

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|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>1. NAME</b>   |  |   |  |   |
| COMMON:<br>Part of Providence  |  |   |  |   |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:   |  |   |  |   |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>   |  |   |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>East side of General Highway (Rte. 178) 1/2 mile north of jct with   |  |   |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Route 32, and 1/2 mile south of jct with Waterbury Road near Crownsville  |  |   |  |   |
| STATE<br>Maryland  |  | COUNTY:<br>Anne Arundel   |  |   |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>   |  |   |  |   |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  |  | OWNERSHIP   |  | STATUS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered  |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |  |   |  |   |
| Yes:   |  |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |  |   |  |   |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)   |  |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments   |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>  |  |   |  |   |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Thomas H. and Carol D. Hopper   |  |   |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Route 2, Box 5   |  |   |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Crownsville,  |  | STATE:<br>Maryland  |  |   |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>  |  |   |  |   |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:<br>Anne Arundel County Courthouse   |  |   |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Annapolis, Maryland  |  |   |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:  |  | STATE:  |  |   |
| Map #38, AD #2, Parcel #309, Liber/folio #2624/96  |  |   |  |   |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>   |  |   |  |   |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:   |  |   |  |   |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local                 |  |   |  |   |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:   |  |   |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:   |  |   |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:  |  | STATE:  |  |   |

| 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)   |
|   | <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>Named "Part of Providence" by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Adams, who acquired the property in the 1930's and carefully restored it over a twenty year period, this simple frame house now belongs to the Hoppers. It was built between about 1810 and 1860 on land which was once a part of Amos Garrett's 6000 acre tract, patented in 1725 as "Providence". Two bottles and a hand written note, dated December 1, 1860 were found in one of the fireplaces of the main house while repairs were being made. The note, signed by Philip Wesley Witwright, explained that the bottles were filled, one with whiskey, the other with brandy. The contents, unfortunately had evaporated by the time the bottles were found. The name Wesley Witwright appears in the location of this house on the 1860 county map. It is believed that Witwright moved to a new house near Davidsonville shortly after that time. On the 1878 map, Captain Joseph White is listed as owner.</p> <p>The Adams' added a wing to each end of the old house, taking care to copy the molding details and roof angles etc. A wide screened porch and a small shed addition were also made to the rear of the structure. The house, as it appeared in the early 20th century, had a long porch across the front of the main section and a smaller one on the front of the kitchen. These have been removed and new porches put on.</p> <p>The main section of the house, dating from about 1850-1860, has a double-parlor, side hall plan and is 1 1/2 stories high. The kitchen, which may be slightly older, is attached to the north end of the main section and consists of one room with a small loft above. The house is built along the side of a hill and the basement opens out at ground-level on the rear elevation.</p> <p>The basement under the main section of the house was enlarged by the Adams'. It was originally only under the east half of the house (the dining room and one end of the hall). The rest of the area was crawl-space. The dining room chimney has a wide, stone base with a fireplace opening in the basement. The basement walls are built of rubble stone. The east wall contains two 6/6 pane window openings to the outside. The first floor of this section has an unusually wide hall with a well made stair in the typical mid-19th century style of full-round walnut handrail and heavy, turned newel post. The floors are original and in good condition. The mantels are plain; door and window moldings have square blocks, without roundels, at the top corners. The two parlors (dining room and living room) are connected by a ceiling height double opening. The front elevation (west wall of living room) had floor to ceiling windows which led out onto the porch. Adams believed that neither the porch nor the tall windows were original details and so removed them both, replacing the windows with 9/6 pane sashes to match those on the east wall of the house. The west (living room) chimney appears to have been rebuilt. It is built on the exterior of the wall, where as the east chimney is on the interior. Marks in the flooring on the second floor suggest that the room plan has been changed. The partition between bedroom and hall has been moved back and the landing made longer. The result is a wider hall and</p> |   |

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| B. SIGNIFICANCE   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>                |                                       |  |  |
| <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 |  |
| <b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>               |                                       |  |  |
| <b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b> |                                       |  |  |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture                | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture               | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                                    | Architecture                          | <input 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          | _____                                    |
| <b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>                                |                                       |  |  |
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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1 Martenet, Simon J., Martenet's Map of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, No. 6 South Street, Baltimore, 1860.
- 2 Hopkins, G.M., Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 1878

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>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:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| NAME AND TITLE:    |       |
| ORGANIZATION       | DATE  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: |       |
| CITY OR TOWN:      | STATE |

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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ample space for a bathroom.

The loft above the kitchen may be reached from the second floor of the main section through a very small door in the panelled wall. The stairs leading down from the loft to the kitchen have a replacement handrail and step treads but it is otherwise unaltered. The kitchen itself has been completely modernized. Below the kitchen is a brick floored basement with a small flat arched fire-place opening in the kitchen chimney. The section of the basement also opens out at ground level on the east side of the house. There are indications (lath marks and nail holes on the beams and patches of old plaster on the rubble walls) that this room was once more formal in appearance.

The exterior walls of the entire house are sheathed in vertical board siding with carefully molded battens, an unusual detail for houses in this region. The Old Cross Roads Church (17-0-d) at Millersville is contemporary with this house (ca. 1860) and has similarly elaborate detail. Adams duplicated the moldings for the new additions to the house.



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aa - 18-P-b (map 15)  
Part of Providence  
West elevation



AA-1700  
1700

aa - 18 - P - b (map

Part of Providence  
West elevation  
main doorway



A.  
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aa - 18 - P - b (map 15)

Part of Providence  
North elevation



70

aa - 18 - P - 6 (map 15)

Part of Providence  
east elevation