

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 926 W. Benning Road not for publication

city, town Galesville vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Anne Arundel

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no (demolished 3/85)	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Smith Brothers Pile Driving Co.

street & number Woodfield Road telephone no.: 867-1818

city, town Galesville state and zip code MD 20765

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Registry of Deeds liber 2341

street & number folio 431

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Survey

date federal state county local

repository for survey records Md. Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. AA-915

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

(when surveyed; later demolished: 3/85)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This house is no longer standing. It was surveyed shortly before its demolition in March 1985. It was a 2-story side-gabled 3-bay "I-house", two rooms wide and one room deep, with Victorian decorative details.

["I-house" is a term used by Virginia & Lee McAlester in their Field Guide to American Houses (Knopf, NY 1985) to describe a popular form of folk house found in the Tidewater South both before and after 1850. (p.96) After 1870 the I-house was often embellished with Victorian decoration. These "Folk Victorians", as McAlester calls them (p.309), are distinguishable from the true Queen Anne and Italianate Victorians by their simple symmetrical shapes and facades.]

The Booze House had a central stairhall which separated the two rooms on each floor. A 2-story addition at the rear added a third room to each floor, creating an L-shaped floor plan. A small back porch on the north side fitted into the cavity of the L-shape. A full-width front porch exhibited Victorian details including a centered cross gable, turned porch posts, and lacy spandrels at the tops of the posts. There was a second centered gable above the porch, at the attic roofline. The windows throughout the house were randomly divided between small-paned 6 over 6 sashes and large-paned 2 over 2's. The four attic windows in the cross and end gables were small-paned 4 over 2's.

Two narrow brick chimneys were enclosed inside the end walls of the main house. A third chimney was inside the rear (NE) wall of the addition. The two front rooms on the first floor had moderately ornate mantles surrounding the stove flue openings. Above the mantle in the NW room was a framed and beveled mirror. In this room the dead were laid out for viewing, according to the memory of present-day family members.

For dimensions, see attached measured drawing of floor plan.

8. Significance

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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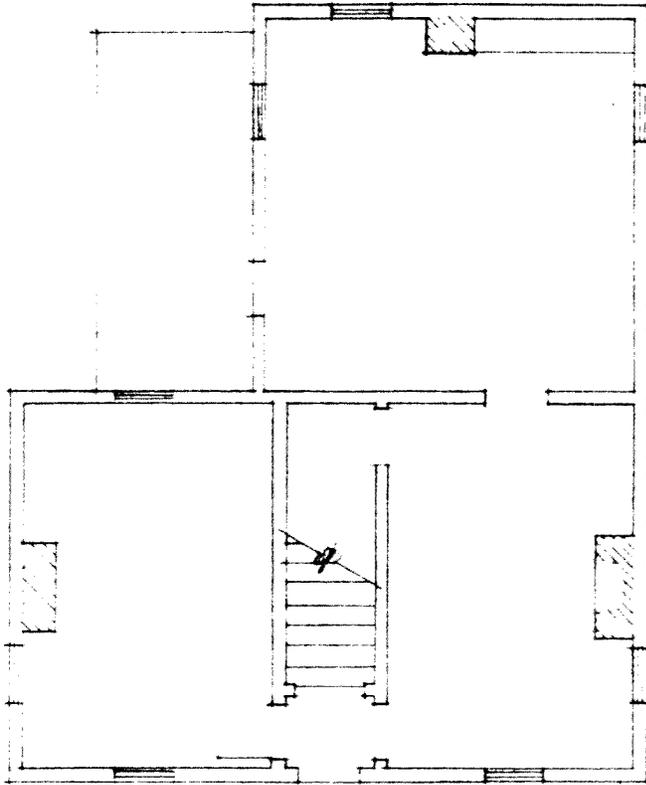
Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The first evidence of Thomas Booze's presence in Galesville is found in the 1870 Federal Census which listed him as a 26-year-old resident and "farmhand" with a wife, Martha (23), and two stepchildren Levi and Fanny Gross. By 1890 Thomas and Martha's family had grown by nine more children.

In 1900 Thomas purchased 1/2 acre of land on West Benning Road, bounded on the NE by Tenthouse Creek, and here he built the THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE. He paid \$75.00 for this lot (liber GW27/folio 475) which was part of a subdivision known as "Stein's Addition" (per the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of A.A.Co.,Md.). In 1870 a Baltimore speculator named Samuel Stein had bought 67 acres from the estate of George Gale (liber SH4/folio 239). After Stein's death c.1893-4 his heirs sold off many of the subdivided lots along Main St. and Benning Rd. Some twelve other black families besides Thomas Booze bought lots along the north and south sides of W.Benning Rd. This became the new center of the Galesville black community which previously had been clustered along the south side of Main St., west of Church Lane. (See attached c.1929 plat by surveyor John Shepherd of "Stein's Property Near Galesville" including names of property owners.)

Thomas Booze died in 1918. His heirs maintained his house and property until 1970 when it was sold to the local Smith Brothers Co. In February 1985 Kenneth Smith's about-to-be-married son decided to renovate the house to live in, but the property failed to pass a percolation test for installation of plumbing. So, in March 1985, the house was demolished to reduce the property tax assessment.



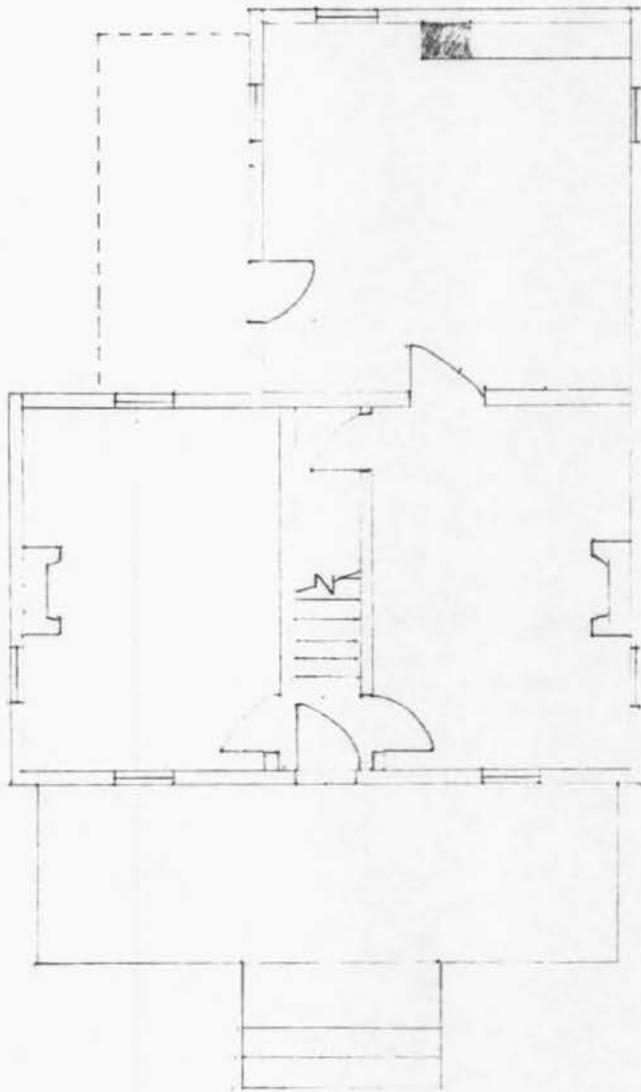
THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE, Galesville, Md.

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FIRST FLOOR

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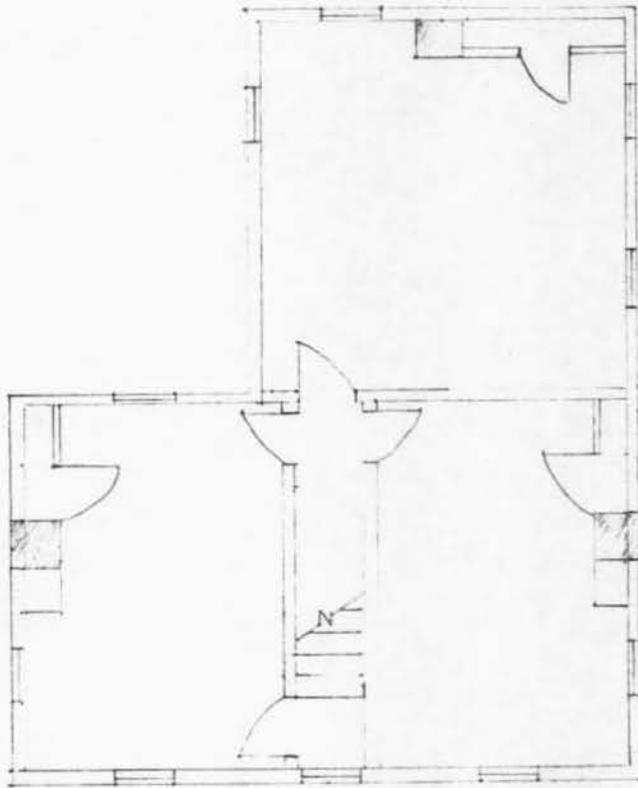
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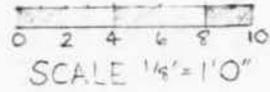
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LINE 19, 1986

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GALESVILLE, MARYLAND
DEMOLISHED 3/85



2ND FLOOR



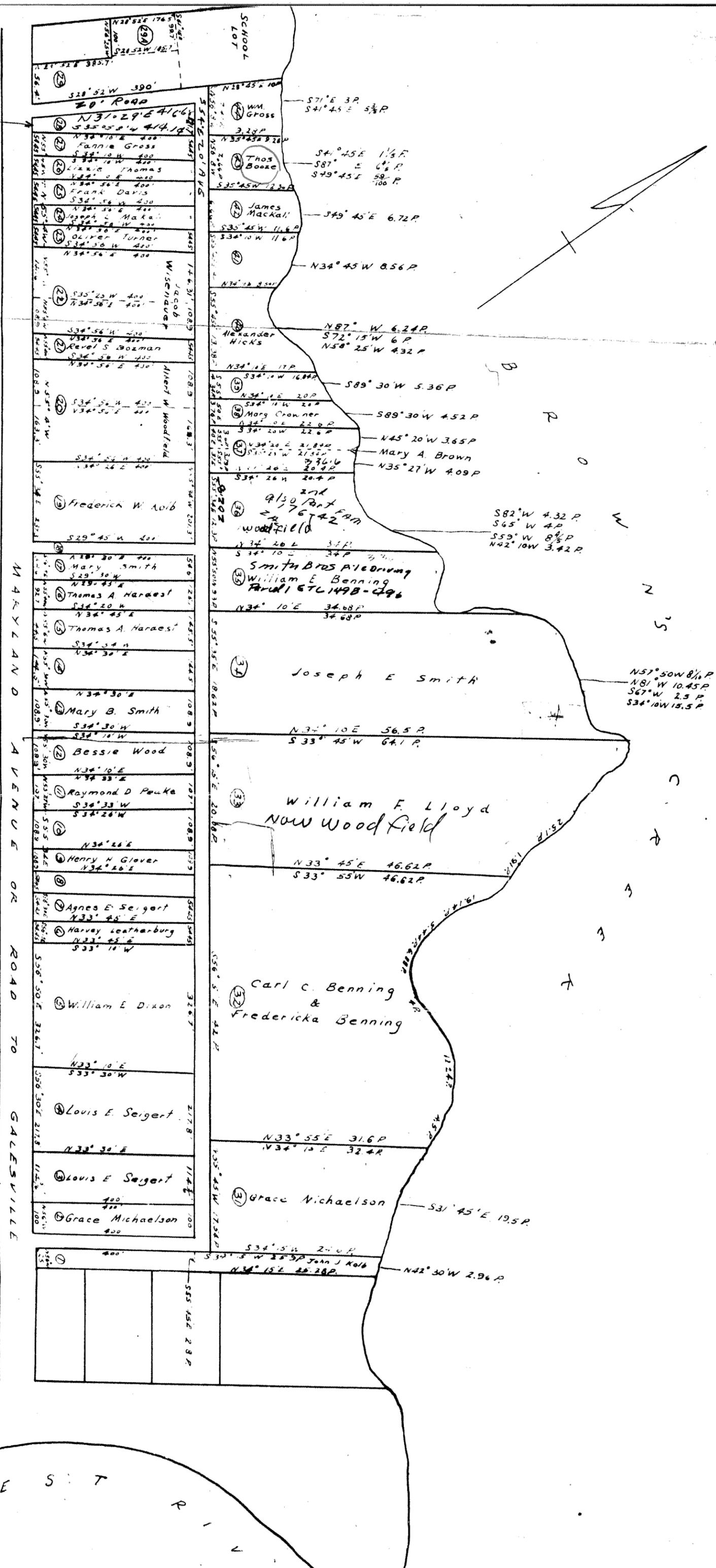
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STEIN'S PROPERTY *
NEAR GALESVILLE, ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MD.
Platted by John Shepherd, Surveyor, Bristol, Md.
Traced February 24, 1935



* Prepared by J. S. ...
-pre 5/10/1935



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 1957; photo revised 1970

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 THOMAS BOOLE HOUSE
 926 W. Benning Road
 Galesville



THOS. BOOZE / ~~WHITE~~ / ~~SMITH~~ HOUSE 11/84

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A.A. Co., Md.

~~ROLL # 1~~

~~FRAME 18~~

S. Wetherill, 11/84

West corner



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THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE

A.A. Co., Md.

~~Roll #6~~

~~FRAME 26~~

S. Wetherill, 2/85

East corner



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THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE

A.A.Co., Md.

~~ROLL # 7~~

~~FRAME #~~

S. Wetherill, 2/85

North corner



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THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE

AA. Co., Md.

S. Wetherill, 2/85

Entry, SW elevation



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THOMAS BOOZE HOUSE

AA.Co., Md.

S. Wetherill, 2/85

facade, SW elevation



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