

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC MARSHALL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1838 DRUID HILL AVENUE

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BALTIMORE VICINITY OF

STATE COUNTY

MARYLAND

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME HOWARD WESLEY THOMAS

Telephone #: UNLISTED

STREET & NUMBER 1838 DRUID HILL AVENUE

CITY, TOWN BALTIMORE VICINITY OF MARYLAND STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CITY OF BALTIMORE COURTHOUSE

Liber #: MLP 10293  
Folio #: 542-43

STREET & NUMBER (corner) ST. PAUL AND LEXINGTON STREETS

CITY, TOWN BALTIMORE STATE MARYLAND

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE NONE

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A modest late 19th century Victorian three story row house of brick construction. The windows are one sash over one sash with colored sidelights in the upper sash. The house abuts the sidewalk in typical Baltimore rowhouse fashion with white marble entrance steps.

The stairs rise to a double glass-paneled door having a semi-circle transom light, leading into a small vestibule. Triple bands of extruded ornamental brick form the archways and connecting the sills of the windows add a pleasant decorative motif. The wooden cornice is further enhanced by a triple band of alternate concave and convex extruded brick work.

The brick exterior has been painted red and the cornice and sills of the second and third floors have been painted white. The house appears in sound condition but needs repainting. Its appearance would be greatly enhanced by the use of Victorian colors.

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**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was purchased by William C. and Norma A. Marshall, the parents of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, on December 23, 1923. Justice Marshall lived in this residence during his adolescent years (15-18). It was from 1838 Druid Hill Avenue that young Thurgood Marshall set off to Pennsylvania to attend Lincoln University, from which he received his bachelor's degree with honors in 1930. (Attached please find Biographical Data.)

Mrs. Norma A. Marshall was a widow in November of 1956 when she sold the home to the Messrs. Thompson, Garman and Thomas of Baltimore City, thus ending 33 years of residency.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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THURGOOD MARSHALLBiographical Data

Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on July 2, 1908, the son of William C. and Norma A. Marshall. On September 4, 1929, he married Vivian Burey, who died in February 1955. On December 17, 1955, he married Cecilia A. Suyat. They have two children, Thurgood, Jr., and John William. They make their home in Virginia.

Justice Marshall attended public schools in Baltimore. He graduated with honors from Lincoln University in 1930, where he had first gone with the intention of becoming a dentist. His aims changed to law and in 1933 he graduated, at the head of his class, from Howard University Law School in Washington. He has received numerous honorary Doctor of Law degrees.

Upon graduation he entered the private practice of law in Baltimore and in 1934 became counsel for the Baltimore branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1936 he joined the organization's national legal staff and, in 1938, was appointed chief legal officer. He served, from 1940 until his appointment to the federal bench, as Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

President Kennedy nominated Thurgood Marshall for appointment to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on September 23, 1961. He was given a recess appointment in October 1961 and his nomination was confirmed by the Senate on September 11, 1962.

President Johnson nominated Judge Marshall for appointment as Solicitor General of the United States on July 13, 1965. He took the oath of office on August 24, 1965.

He was nominated by President Johnson as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on June 13, 1967, confirmed by the Senate on August 30, 1967, and took the constitutional oath on September 1, 1967. He took the judicial oath and was seated on October 2, 1967, as successor to Mr. Justice Tom Clark. He is the first Negro to become a Justice of the Supreme Court.

In 1951 he visited Japan and Korea to make investigation of court-martial cases involving Negro soldiers. He served as a consultant at the Constitutional Conference on Kenya in London in 1961 and as President Kennedy's personal representative to the independence ceremonies of Sierra Leone in 1961. Just prior to becoming Solicitor General, he was Chief of the United States Delegation to the Third United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders which convened in Stockholm in August 1965. He was former President Truman's personal representative to the laying of the cornerstone ceremony at the Center for the Advancement of Peace (Harry S. Truman Centre) in Jerusalem on July 11, 1966. He attended, as Special Ambassador and head of the United States Delegation, the funeral of the late Prime Minister Sangster of Jamaica on April 17, 1967.

Mr. Justice Marshall is a member of the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library. He is a member of the American Bar Association; the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; National Bar Association; New York City County Lawyers Association; the Research Institute; the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the College

of Electors, Hall of Fame, New York University. He is the recipient of scores of national and local medals, awards, and citations for his work in the field of civil rights.





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