

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-498**  
**16121 Trenton Road**  
**Upperco, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1850**  
**Private**

This Gothic Revival house was historically located near the village of Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1850 date. The house first appears on the 1850 Sidney Atlas as occupied by Richard Gill and continues to reside there according to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. The 1915 Bromley Atlas denotes this residence as the Richard Gill estate with 112 acres. Serving the village of Upperco was a post office, tavern, store, and several churches, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Surrounded by mature trees and shrubs, this dwelling has a wood rail fence along the front of the property and a paved driveway. The two-and-a-half-story wood frame house stands on a solid coursed stone foundation and is clad with aluminum siding. The façade is three bays wide and is pierced with six 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows and one pointed-arch 2/2 double-hung wood sash window in the center cross gable. The center entrance contains a single-leaf 9-light paneled wood door. Covering the entrance is a half-hipped roof porch supported with square wood posts and a wood rail balustrade. The cross-gable roof features overhanging eaves with an aluminum clad soffit and is sheathed with standing-seam metal. Rising above the roof is one interior-end corbeled brick chimney. Additions and alterations to the residence includes the replacement siding, the porch, a two-story gable addition on the rear dating from 2000, and a one-story frame addition on the side elevation sitting on a brick foundation.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-498

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

## 2. Location

street and number 16121 Trenton Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Upperco \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name James G. and Catherine S. Thomas

street and number 16121 Trenton Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 16042 folio 511

city, town Towson tax map 25 tax parcel 148 tax ID number 0508001230

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <span style="float: right;">1</span>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

This Gothic Revival-style dwelling is surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with a wood rail fence along the front of the property, and a paved driveway leading to the house. The two-and-a-half-story wood frame house stands on a solid coursed stone foundation and is clad with aluminum siding. The façade is three bays wide and is pierced with six 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows and one pointed-arch 2/2 double-hung wood sash window in the center cross gable. The center entrance contains a single-leaf 9-light paneled wood door. Covering the entrance is a half-hipped roof porch supported with square wood posts and a wood rail balustrade. The cross-gable roof features overhanging eaves with an aluminum clad soffit and is sheathed with standing-seam metal. Rising above the roof is one interior-end corbeled brick chimney. Additions and alterations to the residence includes the replacement siding, the porch, a two-story gable addition on the rear dating from 2000, and a one-story frame addition on the side elevation sitting on a brick foundation.

Two circa 1990 wood frame prefabricated sheds clad with pressed vertical board siding, one bay wide, with front gambrel roofs are located to the east of the house. One is one-and-a-half stories high and the second is one story high.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1850 ca.	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1850 ca.		

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

This Gothic Revival house was historically located near the village of Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Upperco is included in both the Fourth and Fifth districts of Baltimore County. Located along Trenton Road, this house was constructed circa 1850. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1850 date. The house first appears on the 1850 Sidney Atlas as occupied by Richard Gill and continues to reside there according to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. The 1915 Bromley Atlas denotes this residence as the Richard Gill estate with 112 acres. Serving the village of Upperco was a post office, tavern, store, and several churches, the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.453 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house constructed circa 1850 is located at 16121 Trenton Road in Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 25, parcel 148 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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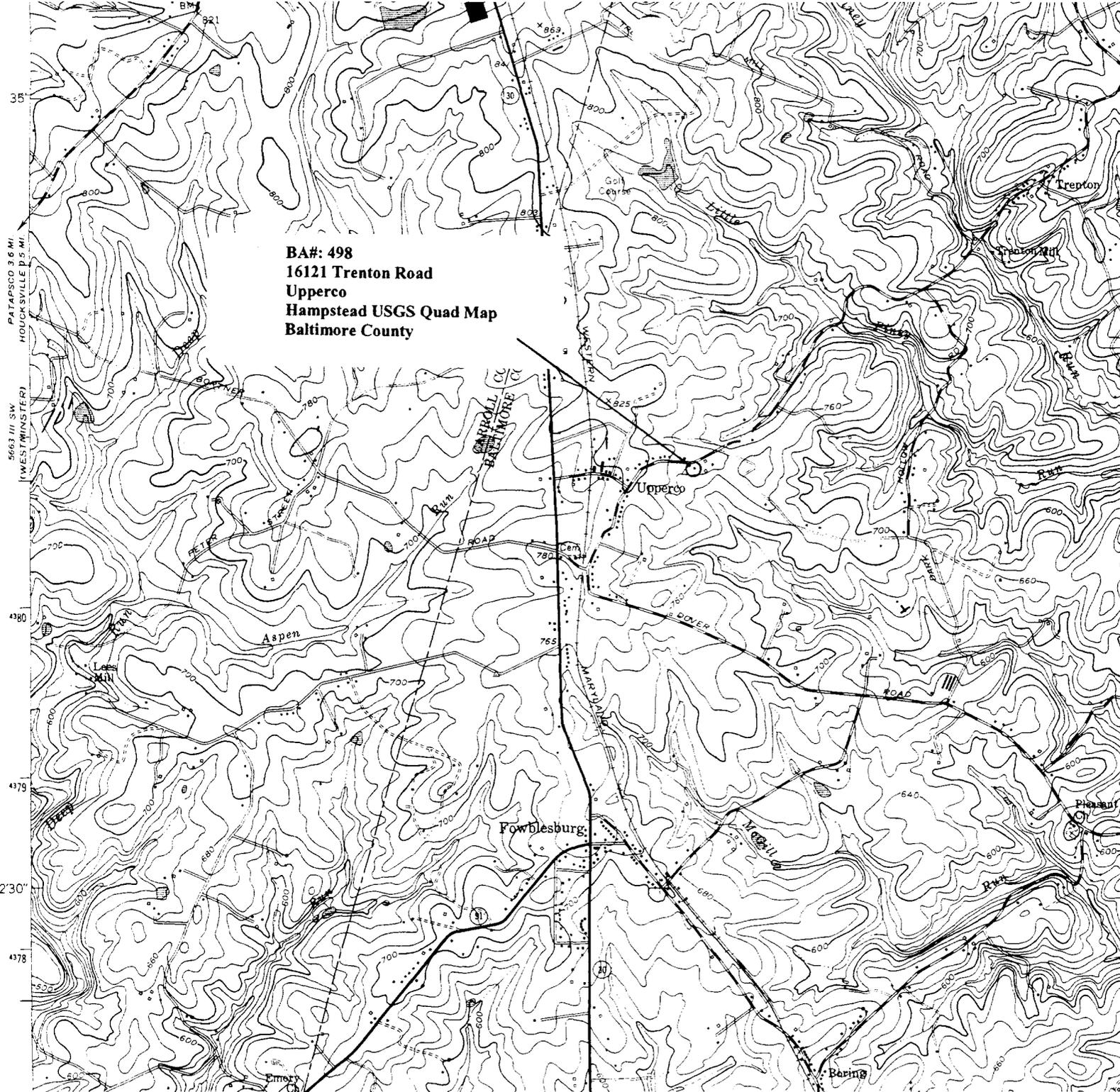
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
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**BA#: 498**  
**16121 Trenton Road**  
**Upperco**  
**Hampstead USGS Quad Map**  
**Baltimore County**

32°31' 30" N  
PATAPSCO 3.6 MI  
HOCKESSVILLE 1.5 MI  
5663711 SW (WESTMINSTER)  
4380  
4379  
32°30' 30" N  
4378



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HOUSE, 16121 TRENTON ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MAIN HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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MAIN HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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