

CARR-346

JACOB R. THOMAS HOUSE

Uniontown

1813-15

private

CARR-346 *Jacob R Thomas House*
3471 Uniontown Road

3471 Uniontown Road was built by Jacob R. Thomas between 1813 and 1815. Thomas was a turner (furniture maker who specialized in lathe-work), and advertised several times in **The Engine of Liberty**. In the March 24, 1814 edition, he advertised his business which specialized in Windsor chairs. His early business may have been slow, as it appears he resorted to the house construction trade. The April 20, 1814 edition of **The Engine of Liberty** contains a sale notice by Thomas for a one and one-half story, twenty foot by eighteen foot log house with a good cellar. By summer, either business picked up or Jacob Thomas had left town because his brother advertised in the July 21, 1814 issue: "Wanted immediately, a good Journeyman Windsor Chair maker and Turner; good wages, and constant employ will be given by the subscriber in Uniontown, John E. Thomas." The house was sold in 1815 to Nathan Raitt and again in 1818 to Dr. Thomas Boyer. Dr. Boyer practiced medicine in Uniontown until he moved to Tiffin, Ohio, in 1833. In 1860-61, William F. Eyster operated a private school in this house. The architecture contains excellent details in its Flemish-bond brickwork, flat-arch lintels, and refined wood cornice. The cornice, with its cove molding and delicate dentils, presents an urbane motif rarely found in the rural architecture of this region.



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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR - 346
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: Residence
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good (X)
Fair () Poor ()
THEME:
STYLE: Federal
DATE BUILT: 1813-15

COUNTY: CARROLL
TOWN: Unimtown
LOCATION: 3471 Unimtown Road
COMMON NAME: Jacob R. Thomas House
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residence
OWNER: Donald A. Dedman
ADDRESS: 3471 Unimtown Rd
Unimtown Md 21157
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No (X) Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System
1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
A. Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Flemish Other:
4. Roof Structure
A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:
Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells (X) Wings () Other:
Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:
Number of Stories: 2
Number of Bays: 5 x 2
Approximate Dimensions:
Entrance Location: center and 2nd bay from west

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive (X) Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

excellent cove and dentil cornice

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Thomas was a local legend in farming history who invented one of the first prototypes for the reaper (see CARR-10)

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
Moderately Built Up (X) Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural () Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

Can. Co. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84



1. CARR-346 Jacob R. Thomas House
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. North & west elevation, camera facing
southeast
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