

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Joseph Thomas House Survey Number: CARR-657

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This property was determined eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

"While not individually eligible, we believe it is a contributing resource in a large rural historic district centered around a number of properties which belonged to the Roof family in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but which also includes properties not linked to the Roof family. This area just outside Westminster remains largely rural and reflects the historic agricultural character of the county. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century Carroll County was an extremely productive agricultural area & its economy and lifeways remained largely agricultural well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This area still conveys a strong sense of the agricultural landscape that characterized the county until recently. A number of the properties included in the district are associated with the Roof family, a prominent and prosperous farm

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

BW Reviewer, NR program \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5/23/97

family in this area in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling ; *agriculture/agricultural outbuilding*

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

CARR-657

Joseph Walter Thomas House  
vicinity of Westminster  
public (restricted)

1912

The Joseph Walter Thomas House is a fine example of early twentieth century domestic vernacular architecture which borrows its formal characteristics from several high style sources, among them the Italianate, the Queen Anne, and the Classical Revival. The house consists of a 2½-story red brick T-shaped block, four bays wide and three deep, with a moderately pitched cross gable roof, central chimney and basement. Recent additions adjoin the NW and SW facades. Formerly part of a farm complex, only the house and a small barn remain.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Joseph Walter Thomas House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

638 Hughes Shop Road

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
Carroll**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Maryland State Dept. of Transportation  
State Highway Administration (Office of Real Estate) (301) 383-4035  
Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

501 St. Paul Place

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

 VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21202**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Joseph Walter Thomas House is located ca. 450' NE of Maryland Route 140 (Taneytown Pike), ca. 250' west of Hughes Shop Road, and ca. 2½ miles NW of Westminster, in Carroll County, Maryland.

The house consists of a 2½-story red brick T-shaped block, four bays wide and three deep, with a moderately pitched cross gable roof, central chimney, and basement. Adjoining the SE or principal facade is a 2-bay porch supported by attenuated wood Tuscan columns. 1/1 double-hung sash windows, framed in segmental arches, are regularly disposed. The major exceptions are on the lower SE facade where two oversized 1/1 double-hung sash windows and an off-sided double door face the porch. Gable ends are notable for their cornice returns and vertex panels faced in imbricated shingles. The roof is covered with regular shingles.

A recent 2-story frame addition and a 1-story frame shed adjoin the NW and SW facades, respectively. Both are architecturally and historically insignificant.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1912 (Rinehart interview) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Walter Thomas House is a fine example of early twentieth century domestic vernacular architecture which borrows its formal characteristics from several high style sources. In particular, the pronounced verticality of the segmentally arched windows and doors, suggest the Italianate, the shingle treatment of the gable end panels and attenuated columns of the porch, the Queen Anne, the Cornice returns and largely symmetrical treatment of massing and fenestration, the Classical Revival.

Originally, the house was part of a farm complex which included a small barn, a large barn, two large chicken houses, and several small sheds, all located within a 300' radius to the north and NE of the house. Of the outbuildings only the small barn remains.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See continuation sheet.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 0.15 A.

Quadrangle Name: New Windsor, Maryland

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24 000

UTM References: 18.325250.4384450

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Richard D. Meyer/Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Joseph Walter Thomas House

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Carroll County Land Records.

Rinehart, Helen Roop (former neighbor), interview  
with author, 30 April 1980.

State Highway Administration, plat # 27293.

-----, R/W file # 50090  
(includes floor plans of entire farm complex).

10. Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the easternmost point of the former Lavenia C. Roop Wenger property where it borders the former Hughes Shop Road, proceed northward ca. 105' along the boundary between said property and the former Samuel D. Bare property to a line parallel to and 25' NW of the NW facade of the house. thence NE ca. 69' along said line to a line parallel to and 25' NE of the NE facade of the house. thence SE ca. 85' along said line to the former Hughes Shop Road, and from thence, SE ca. 75' to the point of origin. (See SHA plat # 27293).

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Joseph Walter Thomas House

Chain of Title

William I. Babylon and Marth S, Babylon to Samuel D.  
Bare and Hattie R. Bare,  
22 March 1921 EOC 138/64

J. Walter Thomas and A. Florence Thomas to William I.  
Babylon and Martha S. Babylon  
22 March 1920 136/51

parcel 1:  
Jacob Martin and Martha Martin to Joseph Walter Thomas  
and Anna Floreas Thomas.  
30 March 1912 120/156

John Roop and wife to Jacob Martin and Martha Martin  
30 March 1909

William H. Haines and Mary E. Haines to John D. Roop  
17 February 1906 103/439

Silas M. Bish and Mary A. Bish to William H. Hines  
[Haines] and Mary E. Hines [Haines] ,  
27 January 1896 82/98

Samuel Roop and Eugenia C. Roop to Silas M. Bish  
17 December 1885 64/95

parcel 2:  
William T. Adams and Mary E. Adams to A. Florence  
Thomas and J. Walter Thomas.  
2 April 1913 135/365

William L. Corbin (for Joshua Corbin) to William T.  
Adams  
12 September 1891 73/439

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Joseph Walter Thomas House

Chain of Title continued

parcel 1:

John Roop and Lydia Roop to Joshua Corbin  
1 April 1854 17/147

Samuel Saunders and Julia Saunders to John Roop  
28 October 1848 9/75

parcel 2:

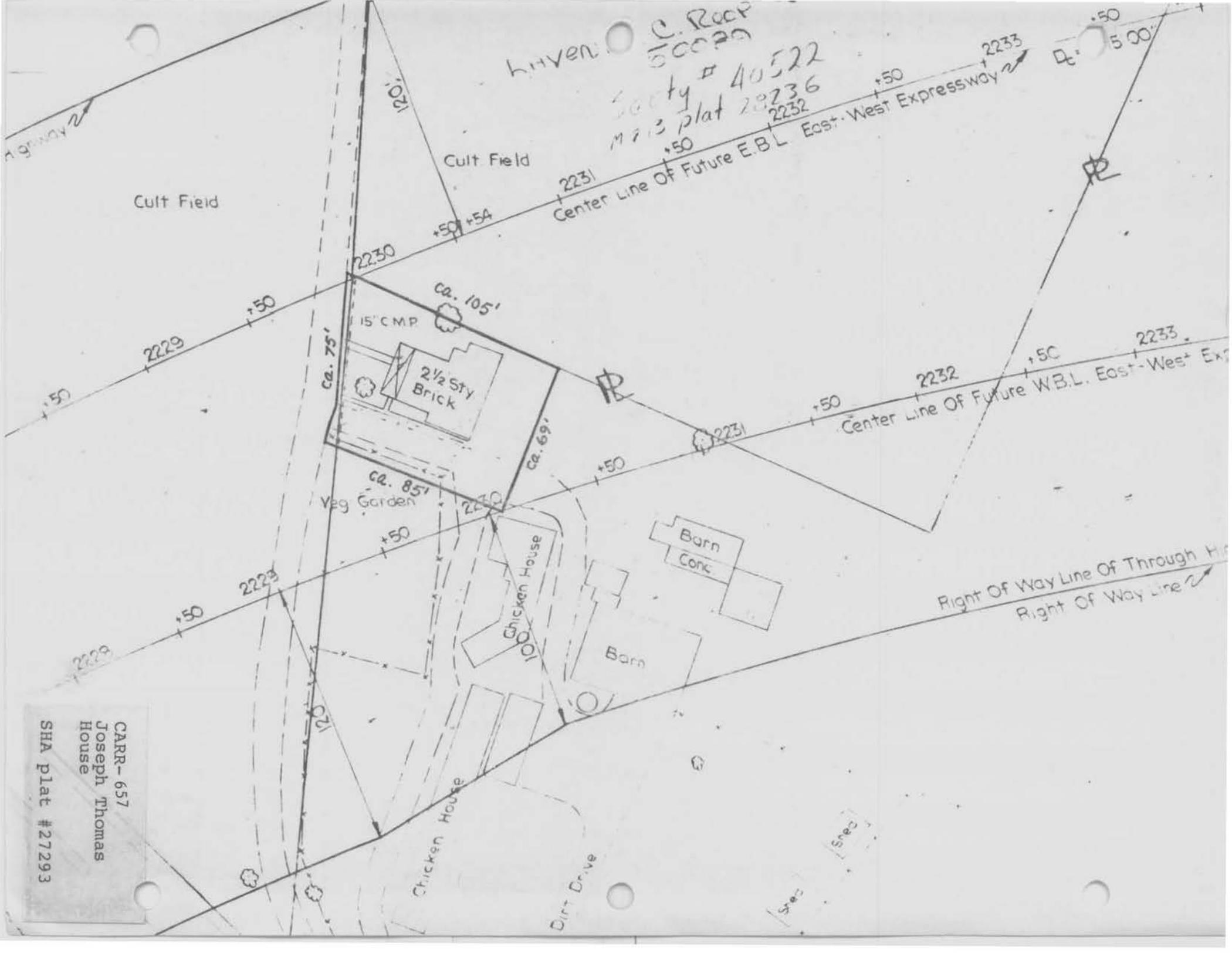
Alexander Sanders to Joshua Corbin  
26 March 1863 29/442

parcel 3:

David Cassell and Fanny Cassell to Joshua Corbin  
16 June 1875 45/367

Given: C. Roof  
50000

Locality # 40522  
M73 plat 22736  
2232



Cult Field

Cult Field

Center Line OF Future EBL East-West Expressway

Center Line OF Future WBL East-West Ex

Right Of Way Line Of Through Hi  
Right Of Way Line 2

15' CMP  
2 1/2 STY  
Brick

ca. 85'  
Veg Garden

Chicken House

Barn  
Conc

Barn

Chicken House

Dirt Drive

2229

2230

2232

2233

2229

2240

2231

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House  
SHA Plat #27293

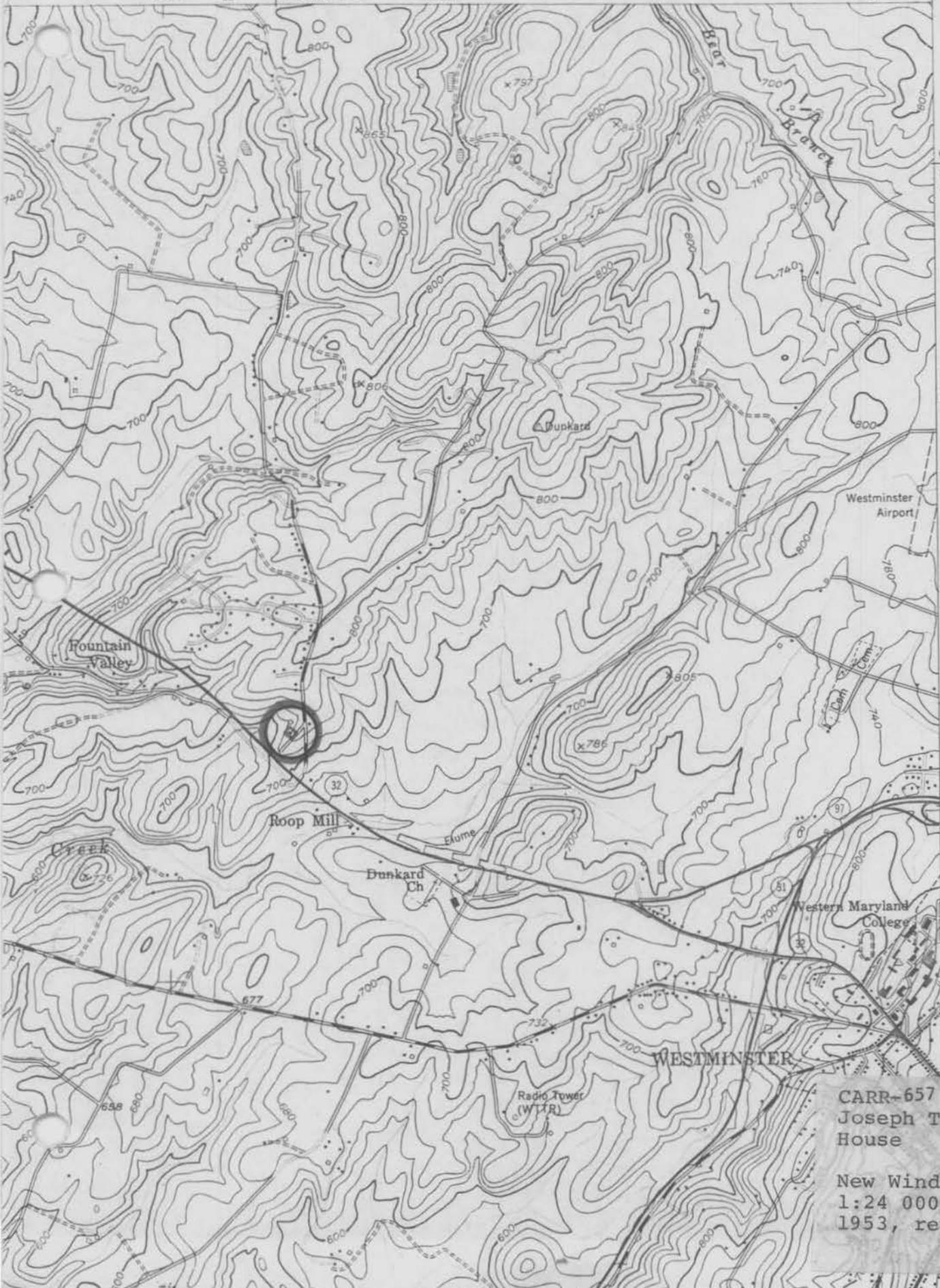
Spec

NEW WINDSOR QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5663 III NW  
(MANCHESTER)

PLEASANT VALLEY 0.7 MI.  
2'30"

790 000 FEET 325 326 327 328 77°00' 39°37'30"



650 000  
FEET  
4387

4386

4385

4384

35'

ENBY 3.9 MI.  
5 MI. TO U.S. 40

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Joseph Thomas  
House

New Windsor  
1:24 000  
1953, rev. 1971



JOSEPH WALTER THOMAS HOUSE 638 HUGHES SHOP RD.  
NR. WESTMINSTER, CARROLL CO., MD.  
J. HNEDAK 4/80 MHT

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SE. EL.

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JOSEPH WALTER THOMAS 638 HUGHES SHOP RD.  
NR WESTMINSTER, CARROLL CO., MD.

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SW. EL.

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