

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X  
no    

Property Name: McCormick-Thomas House Inventory Number: CE-1161  
 Address: Tome Highway City: Port Deposit Zip Code:             
 County: Cecil USGS Topographic Map: Rising Sun  
 Owner: Clark and Mary Thomas Is the property being evaluated a district?     yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 407 Tax Map Number: 17 Tax Account ID Number: 08-06-017738  
 Project: Brainbridge #MD004.1 Lattice Cellular Tower Agency: FCC  
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no     yes Name:                            Date:                     
 Is the property located within a historic district?     yes X no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number:                             
 NR-listed district     yes Eligible district     yes District Name:                             
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource     yes     no Non-contributing but eligible in another context    

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes     no

Criteria:     A     B X C     D Considerations:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G     None  
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MDSHPO archives, field visit, MERLIN, MD tax records

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*  
 The McCormick-Thomas House is a 3 bay flat-roofed Italianate style frame dwelling 3 stories in height that faces eastward. According to tax records, the house was built in 1880 in this rural farming community.

The flat roof extends beyond the sides of the house, creating deep eaves typical of the Italianate style during this time period. A one-story covered porch wraps around the southeast corner and across the façade (east) of the house. The porch is supported by chamfered square columns with simple capitals. The columns are composed of Port Deposit Granite, the local masonry material widely used in construction. The porch roof features exposed rafters under the eaves and one remaining decorative upbrace. A very similar upbrace is found at a nearby inventoried home, the Clendenin-Freeman House, which had alterations made around the time the McCormick Thomas House was built.

The façade is clad with clapboards below the porch roof and by asphalt shingles above the porch and up to the roofline. These shingles are covering original clapboard siding. The windows are symmetrically arranged around the centered front door with three across the second and third story and one on either side of the door. The windows currently appear to be modern aluminum framed systems, but were most likely one-over-one or multi-light sash windows. An imposing concrete masonry unit (CMU) chimney was erected along the north side of the house.

Frame additions were constructed along the south rear (one story with clapboard shingles) and off the north rear (two-story ell). The current owner determined that at least one of these frame additions was built in 1943 when his family moved to the property. A timber bank barn with a stone foundation and metal roof stands to the south side rear, while a basilica-plan frame barn covered with shingles and a corrugated

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Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended <u>   </u>
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Comments: <u>Representative example of a regional vernacular</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>1/23/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>1/17/03</u> Date

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metal roof is located to the north side rear. These outbuildings are significantly altered and are in poor condition and are no longer used for agricultural purposes. Therefore, they do not significantly contribute to the historical significance of the house itself, yet remain part of an original farming setting.

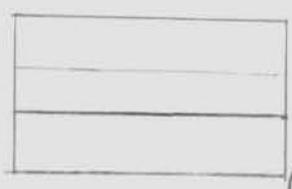
The house is in fair condition. Some maintenance is clearly needed, but the historic design and form of the house remain evident. The house is in its original location and rural farm setting and reflects the use of some domestic materials, and possibly local workmanship (the use of similar wood details found in surrounding properties) and is associated with farming outbuildings and the surrounding farming community. The house is significant on the local level as a good example of a rural farmhouse with Italianate style influences and therefore should be nominated for the National Register of Historic Properties under Criteria C.

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Date Prepared: 12-27-02

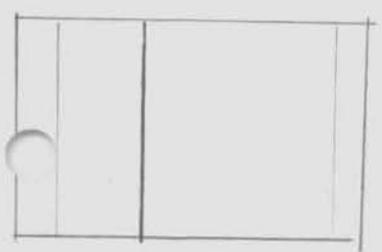
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McCORMICK THOMAS HOUSE  
Port Deposit, MD  
CECIL CO.  
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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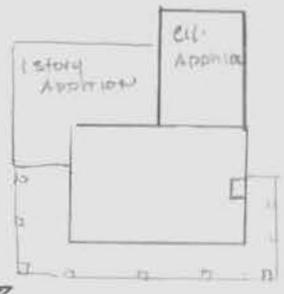
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MCCORMICK-THOMAS HOUSE

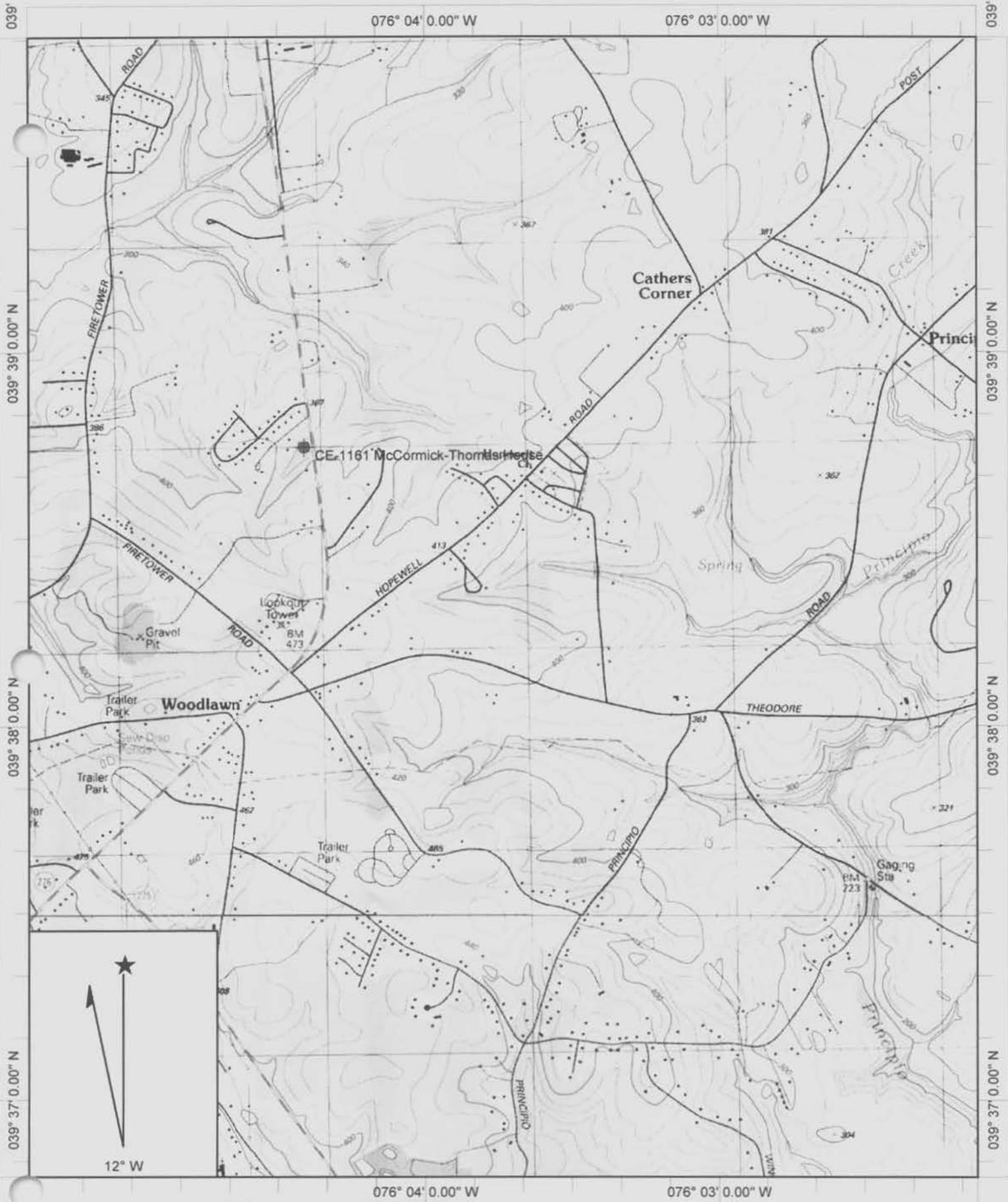
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TOWNE HIGHWAY





Name: RISING SUN  
 Date: 12/27/2002  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 38' 19.0" N 076° 03' 43.9" W  
 Caption: Bainbridge Lattice Tower  
 Location of the McCormick-Thomas House CE1161







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McCormick-Thomas House

Cecil County, MD

Kathryn St. Clair

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Negative - MDSHPD

019 BA BANXON NNN- 1 2164

• Front Facade of House

#1

019

29645



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McCormick-Thomas House

WEST ELEVATION

NK Port DEPOSIT

3/80 PBT

NEG. / NO. HIST TRUST



McCormick - Thomas House

Side Hall Newel Post

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Near Woodlawn

3/80 PBT

NEG - MD. Hist. Trust



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B22 BA BANXEN NNN- 2 2164

• Negative at MD SHPO

• Metal-roofed, stone foundation BAN  
off <sup>B22</sup> SW corner of House <sup>29648</sup>

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Negative - MDSHPD

023 BA 0ANX0N NNN- 2 2164

\* West view of Barn

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