

Thomas-Dudley Property
CH-681
Patuxent City
Private

c. 1850; 1900

At first glance, the Thomas-Dudley Property appears to be a typical early 20th century, vernacular frame, two-story late Victorian I-house with an attached kitchen wing. Closer examination however, suggests that the kitchen wing, consisting of a 1 ½ story single bay, one room plan, constitutes the earlier of the two structures and was built during the middle of the 19th century. Standing near and adjacent to Patuxent City House(CH-122), and connected by a farm road network, the original structure was likely once a dependency of the main house although it has since been subdivided as a separate parcel. Simply finished and including an enclosed corner stair, the c. 1900 addition was likely the home of a tenant family or farm manager.

The Thomas-Dudley Property stands in the 19th century village of Patuxent City which once boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of dwellings located on small lots lining the main road. The town developed during the early 19th century as one of the several trade centers that grew up at crossroads across the county. Today, only a handful of original buildings remain in Patuxent City. These include the nearby Patuxent City House (CH-122), Old Fields Chapel (CH-112), and the Herbert House (CH-119).

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-681

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas-Dudley Property

other

2. Location

street and number NE corner Prince Frederick & Brandywine Road not for publication

city, town Patuxent City vicinity

county Charles

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

name Ella M. and Loren D. Perry

street and number 1809 Hephizibah McBean Road telephone Unknown

city, town Hephizibah state GA zip code 20659

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36 p.364

city, town LaPlata liber 2958 folio 556

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
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Standing within the 19th century village of Patuxent City, at first glance, the Thomas-Dudley Property appears to be a typical early 20th century vernacular two-story late-Victorian I-house with an attached kitchen wing. Closer examination however, suggests that the kitchen wing, consisting of a 1-1/2 story single bay, one room plan, constitutes the original structure which was probably built during the middle of the 19th century. The house stands on the northeast corner of Prince Frederick and Brandywine Road, and faces south. A drive, deeply cut from the adjacent banks, provides access to the building from Brandywine Road. Standing near and adjacent to Patuxent City House(CH-122), and connected by a farm road network, this dwelling was likely once a dependency of the main house although it has since been subdivided as a separate parcel.

The Thomas-Dudley Property currently consists of a two story, three bay frame main block with a side gable orientation, attached to a 1-1/2 story side gable kitchen dependency. The foundation is a combination of rubble under the earlier wing, which is also found nearby at the Patuxent City House (CH-122).

The main block is covered with failing asphalt shingle roof and is clad in composition siding over the earlier novelty siding. Two interior brick chimney flues pierce the roof. A full width hipped-roof porch is supported on four turned wooden posts. The front elevation includes a centered 5-panel door flanked by a 6/6 window on either side. The second story includes three evenly spaced 6/6 windows. Moving clockwise, the west elevation is without fenestration. The rear, north elevation of the main block includes two evenly spaced second story windows above two on the first floor. A 6-panel door is also found on the first floor near the east wall. All windows in this addition are 6/6.

The kitchen wing is also currently covered in asphalt shingles and asbestos shingle siding. It has a steeply pitched roof, in contrast to the shallow slant of the main block. The front elevation includes an approximately centered door beside a window opening to the west. The rear elevation has a centered first floor window. The side, or west elevation includes two narrow 2/2 windows slightly offset from center. The strongest indication of the building's early history is found in the interior of the original kitchen wing. The first floor reveals an enclosed corner stair in the southeast corner. The stair door has a box lock and the door trim is beaded. The upstairs is an open plastered loft. Cut nails are found in the framing of the stair and the upstairs wall. While the c. 1900 addition had two interior brick chimneys, no evidence was found of an earlier chimney for the c. 1850 structure.

The c. 1900 main block, attached to the west wall of the original structure, has an open two-room plan. The center doorway opens onto the largest of the two rooms which includes an enclosed corner stair in the northwest corner. A door on the northeast corner connects to the kitchen wing. To the immediate left of the entranceway is a door that provides access to a second room to the west. Wallboard covers the interior finishes throughout, along with crude square-edged window and door surrounds capped with square corner molding. The second story of the Victorian addition is divided into two rooms, mirroring those found on the first floor.

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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates C. 1850; 1900

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates C.1850; 1900

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Thomas-Dudley Property stands near the 19th century village of Patuxent City and Old Fields Church on the Hughesville-Benedict Road (now Route 231). Although one would not recognize it today, during the 19th century Patuxent City once boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of dwellings located on small lots lining the main road. The town developed during the early 19th century as one of the several trade centers that grew up at crossroads across the county. Today, only a handful of original buildings remain in Patuxent City. These include the nearby Patuxent City House (CH-122), Old Fields Chapel (CH-112), the Herbert House (CH-119), and the Benedict Road House.

Although the complicated history the Thomas/Dudley Property is currently unclear, it is apparent that the land was owned by the Morton and Smoot families during the first half of the 19th century. In 1860, likely when the improvements were constructed, the property was acquired by James T. Thomas, a prominent merchant. By 1863, Thomas was in debt and was directed by the court to sell his real estate in order to satisfy his creditors. By the turn of the 20th century the property was in the possession of Jeremiah Dudley, also an established merchant. After his death in 1902, Dudley's extensive land holdings, totaling almost 900 acres throughout the county, were divided among his heirs. The settlement of the estate continued until 1911, at which time the property was divided by a special commission of the court. The Thomas Farm was included in the widow's dower as well as several adjoining lots in Patuxent City. In 1927, Dudley's heirs in possession of the dower lands sold the property including 143 acres, excluding the Patuxent City lots to the east, to Charles Loughran.

While the use of the original one room structure is unknown, it was probably originally associated with the Patuxent City House CH-122. The c. 1900 wing, simply finished and including an enclosed corner stair was probably the home of a tenant family or farm manager.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of surveyed property 4

Acreeage of historical setting 200

Quadrangle name Benedict

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Thomas-Dudley Property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 36, Grid 18, Parcel 364.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 4/26/01

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of Title

- 1859 John and Julia Smoot to Thomas Estep "Wallace's and Wilbur's" division of estate of James Morton
JHC 1 Folio 257
- 1860 Thomas B. Estep and Ann M., his wife to James T. Thomas. \$1500. Land on both sides of the main road leading through Patuxent City from Benedict to Old Fields Church. "Wibur's Benefit" the lot now owned and occupied by John H. Ball and the lot owned by [illegible] said lot being in Patuxent City and adjoining the lands of William Woodburn [illegible] Hickey's heirs P. Rufus and L— Robey the said James T. Thomas and [illegible] Canter the lands being deeded to Thomas B. Estep by a deed noted the 4th day of October 1859 from the Smoots of Georgetown.
JHC 1 Folio 260
- July 22, 1873 Richard H. Edelen, Trustee to William H. Moore, Edward D.R. Bean & Benjamin M. Edelen Decree of Circuit Court February 25, 1871 Equity case: Richard F. Boarman & others vs. J. Miller & Mary Elizabeth Boarman Petition of James T. Thomas, made May 19, 1866 to divide lands of James T. Thomas. Richard H. Edelen appointed to sell land.
\$1770 for Store House & Lot
Also the new dwelling house and lot for \$1720 called the Store Lot with Store House & 5/8 acre near Patuxent City. Designated on a plat filed with petition of James T. Thomas Charles County Land Records
Liber GAH 4 Folio 37
- 1873-1902 to Jeremiah Dudley
- 1902 Jeremiah Dudley died intestate. Heirs: widow, Jennie R. Dudley & children, John Dudley, Pattie E. Boarman, William J. Lyons (only living descendant of Agnes M. Lyon, Jeremian Dudley's daughter), Louis P. Dudley, May E. Dudley & Nelson Dudley
- June 12, 1911 Equity Case #1275: Jennie R. Dudley, et al. vs. T. Nelson Dudley
Jeremiah Dudley owned several lots near Patuxent City at time of death = 894.25 a. Commission appointed to divide land. Valued at \$17,468
Divided into 3 lots: dower Lot 1, Dower Lot 2, & Dower Lot 3

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August 29, 1927 John Dudley and Edith R. his wife, William J. Lyon and Isabelle his wife, Patty Kershaw, widow, T. Nelson Dudley and Margaret his wife to Charles Loughran. 143 a. "Dower Division No. 1" in the survey of Jeremiah Dudley's estate. Equity 1875.Excepting the Store lot 1 3/4 a. and the Robey Lot 2 1/2 a.

WMA 47 Folio 355

January 28, 1944 Charles Loughran and Winifred W. his wife to A. Mac Lindsey and Estelle H. Lindsey.
"Being a portion of the property that Loughran obtained under will of Leo D. Loughranand being all the same property conveyed to Loughran, trustee by John Dudley et al. 143 a.

Liber 79 Folio 477

June 21, 1957 Estelle H. Lindsey, widow to Joseph P. and Nellie Thompson. 143 a. Except store lot and Robey lot and land conveyed to Road Commission 103/417, 117/142 and one acre to Walter and Mary Coleman 125/123.

Liber 130 Folio 222

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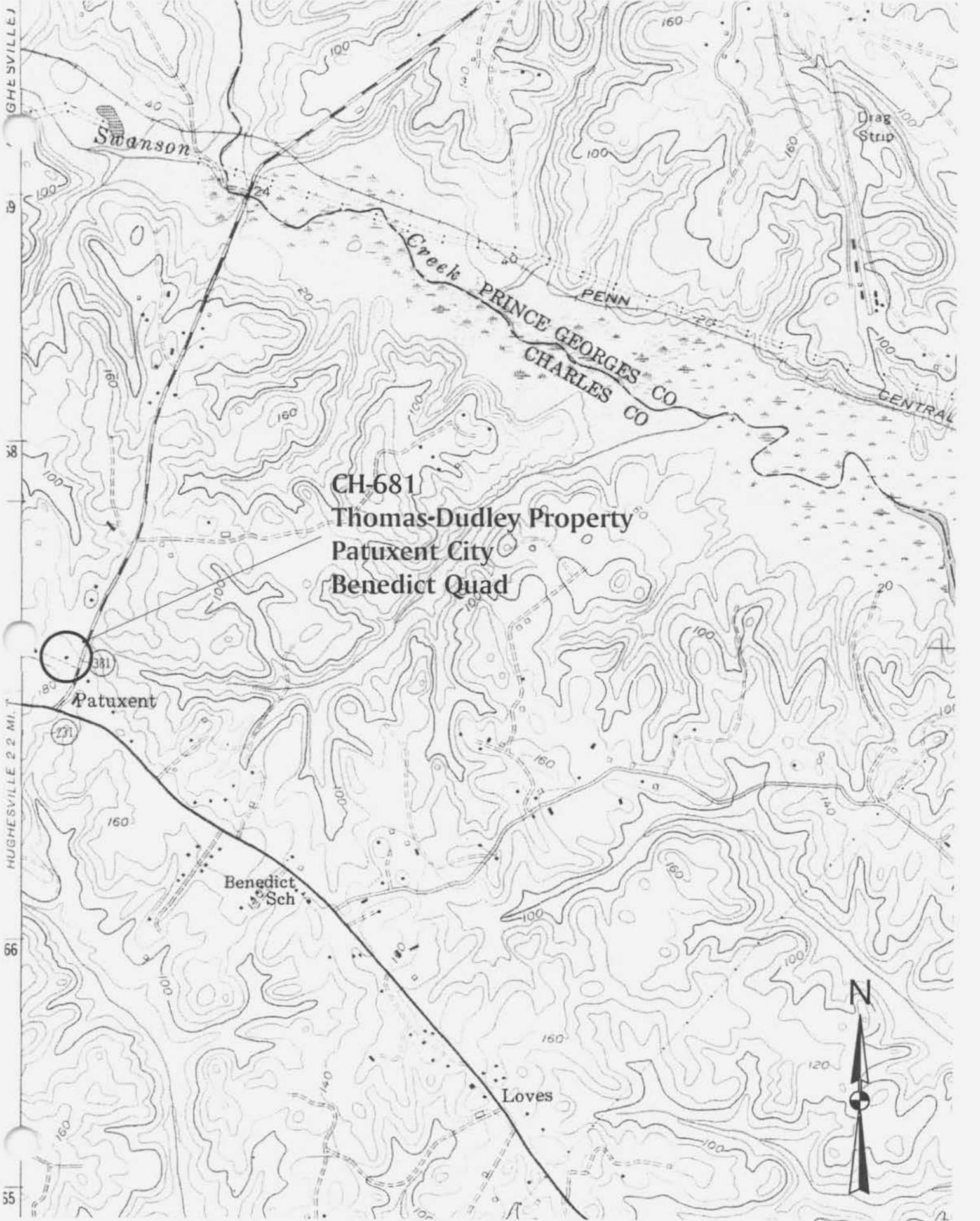
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THOMAS DUDLEY PROPERTY

PATUXENT CITY

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C. CURREY

MD SHPO

LOOKING NORTH

1 OF 2



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C. CURREY

MID SHPO

LOOKING NORTH, STAIR / 1900 ADDITION

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