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Jonas Thomas House
Bartonsville
Private

C. 1873

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Jonas Thomas House**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Side Bartonsville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bartonsville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 78, P 296

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Austin Bowie**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

413 Carrollton Place

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jonas Thomas House is a two story log hip roofed ell shaped residence which faces south from the north side of Bartonsville in the Black community of Bartonsville. Initially the house appears to have little significance, but upon closer inspection and through research, the building can be considered an important part of Bartonsville.

The main entrance, a replaced two horizontal panel door with top light is located in the second bay. The building is three bays wide.

Occupying the remaining two bays on both levels are replaced Victorian 2/2 windows. The original windows, double hung 6/6 sash, were installed in the rear and added in 1935.

The main block is one room and one bay deep. One double hung 6/6 window is centered in the second level on the north and south walls of the main block. The main block is constructed of horizontal logs covered with asbestos siding.

A two story frame addition added in 1935 extends to the rear of the main block. The addition is one bay wide and one bay deep with double hung 6/6 windows occupying each bay on each level. A two story open porch is attached to the addition on the east side. One door on each level enters into the rear addition of the house.

The entire building is constructed on a low random stone foundation and is covered by a replaced asphalt hipped roof with exposed rafters. A single brick chimney rises from the center of the building. A plain dormer with four pane window extends on the south side of the roof. A single brick exterior chimney rises from the north end of the house.

A corncrib is located on the premises in poor condition.

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The rear addition accommodates a kitchen on each floor.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 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**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Jonas Thomas, grandfather of the present owner of the house, is believed to be the builder of the house by the Bowie family, his heirs in the Bartonsville Community.

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Upon the death of Jonas Thomas the house was left to his heirs and stays in the Bowie family (Mary Ellen Thomas Bowie) today.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber JWLC 2; Folio 658.

²Ibid., Liber TG 6; Folio 255.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

7/18/80

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

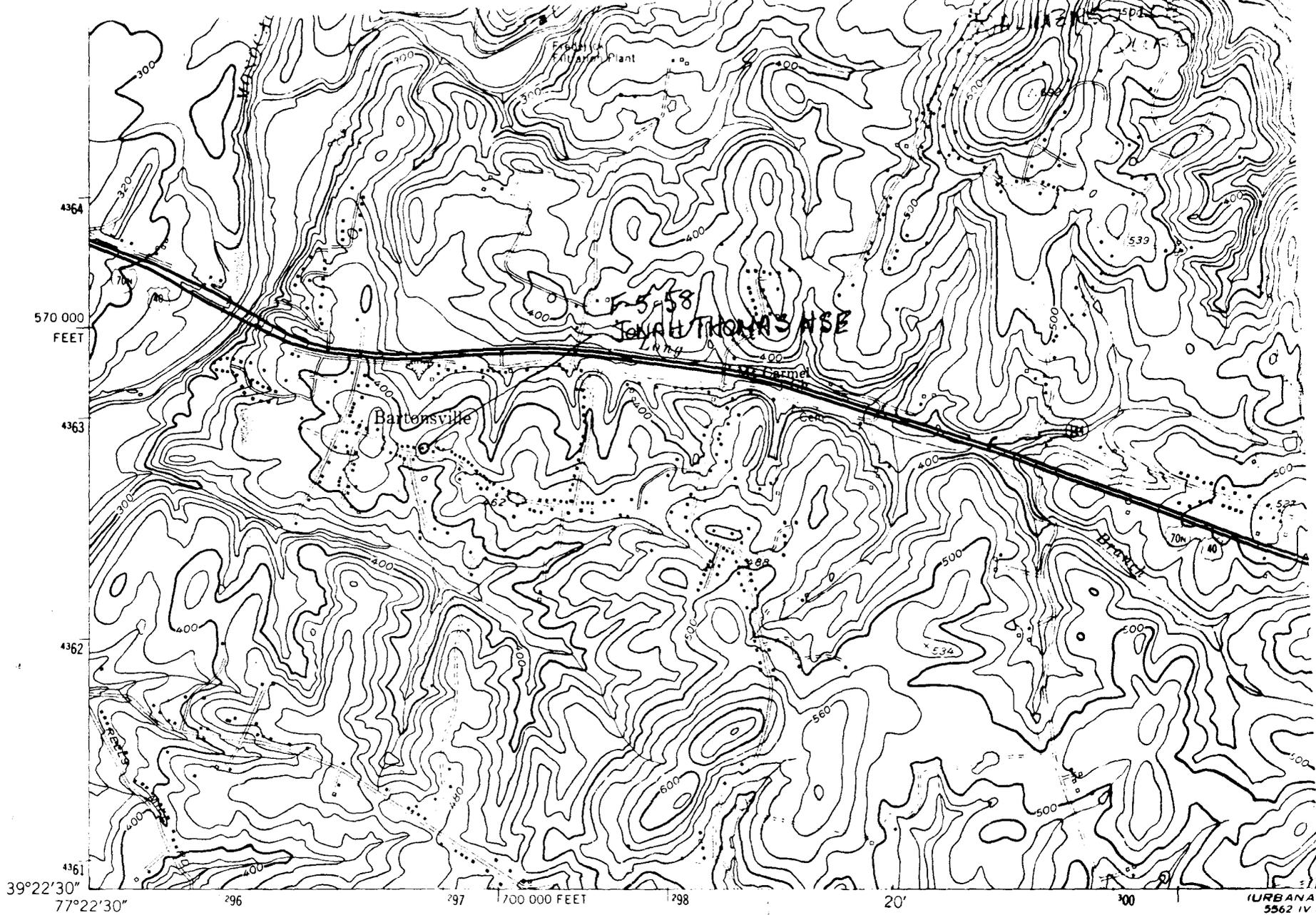
STATE

Maryland

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



39°22'30"
77°22'30"

Mapped by Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric
 methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks

(BUCKEYSTOWN)
 5562 IV SW



SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL
 DATUM: 1927 NAD



F-5-58

N/3 Bartonville ROAD

Bartonville

CRW 5/80

North elevation



F-5-58

N/3 BARTONSVILLE ROAD

BARTONSVILLE

CRW 5/80

South elevation