

G-II-A-132  
Thomas Brothers Farm  
Sand Spring  
Private

Ca. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Thomas Brothers Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Green Gables Rd., N side, approx. 1/10 mi. E of MD Rt. 42  
CITY, TOWN Sand Spring CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th  
 VICINITY OF  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Jack F. Thomas et al Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 296  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Garrett County Courthouse FOLIO #: 131  
STREET & NUMBER Third and Alder Streets  
CITY, TOWN Oakland STATE Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

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The main house is a two-story, gable-roofed, T-plan dwelling with a symmetrical 3-bay facade. Shed porches fill in the sides of the T and a one-story, shed-roofed porch runs the length of the facade. The facade points west.

The house rests on a stone foundation and the plank-constructed walls are covered with brown brick-patterned asphalt siding. On the N & W elevations of the main block, the windows are 2 over 2 sash with plain board surrounds. On the S elevation of the main block, the windows are 1 over 1 sash in newer frames with mitred corners. In the N & S gables are single rectangular panes with board surrounds. In the sides of the T are three over one sash windows on the first floor and, on the S, a one over one sash window on the second. The second floor on the N is unfenestrated. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The house has one interior brick stove chimney set slightly N & W of center on the main block. The facade porch roof is supported by modern wrought-iron posts. On the N elevation, the porch roof is supported by square wooden posts and the porch has a plain square balustrade. On the S elevation, the porch has been filled in at the SE corner to create a storage room.

The facade door has been painted and grained to resemble another wood. On the interior, the house has a central, open-string stair with a room on each side.

To the N of the main house is a smaller dwelling, possibly the first dwelling on the property. It is a gable-roofed one-bay by two-bay structure with gable-end facade pointing W. The house rests on a low stone foundation and is covered with red brick-patterned asphalt siding. The windows are 2 over 2 sash with plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with tar paper. The first floor of the facade has been enclosed to form a storm porch and the entrance is on the S. The house has one small attic window on the W gable end, a single pane with a double lancet head. The house has one central chimney and is used for storage.

To the SE of the main house is a two-story, gable-roofed structure now used as a granary. The granary measures 3 bays across the facade (N elevation) and one bay on the sides and is constructed of two layers of vertical planks. The windows were two over two sash and the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The site also includes a frame bank barn, a modern silo and several modern outbuildings to the N of the main and secondary houses, and a spring to the E of the secondary house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <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 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 checked="" 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              |   |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES	CA. 1900	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	unknown
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

The smaller dwelling to the north of the main house was built ca. 1885 by people named Fosbrink, according to the current owners. The Fosbrinks were ancestors of the current owners.

**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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

March 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

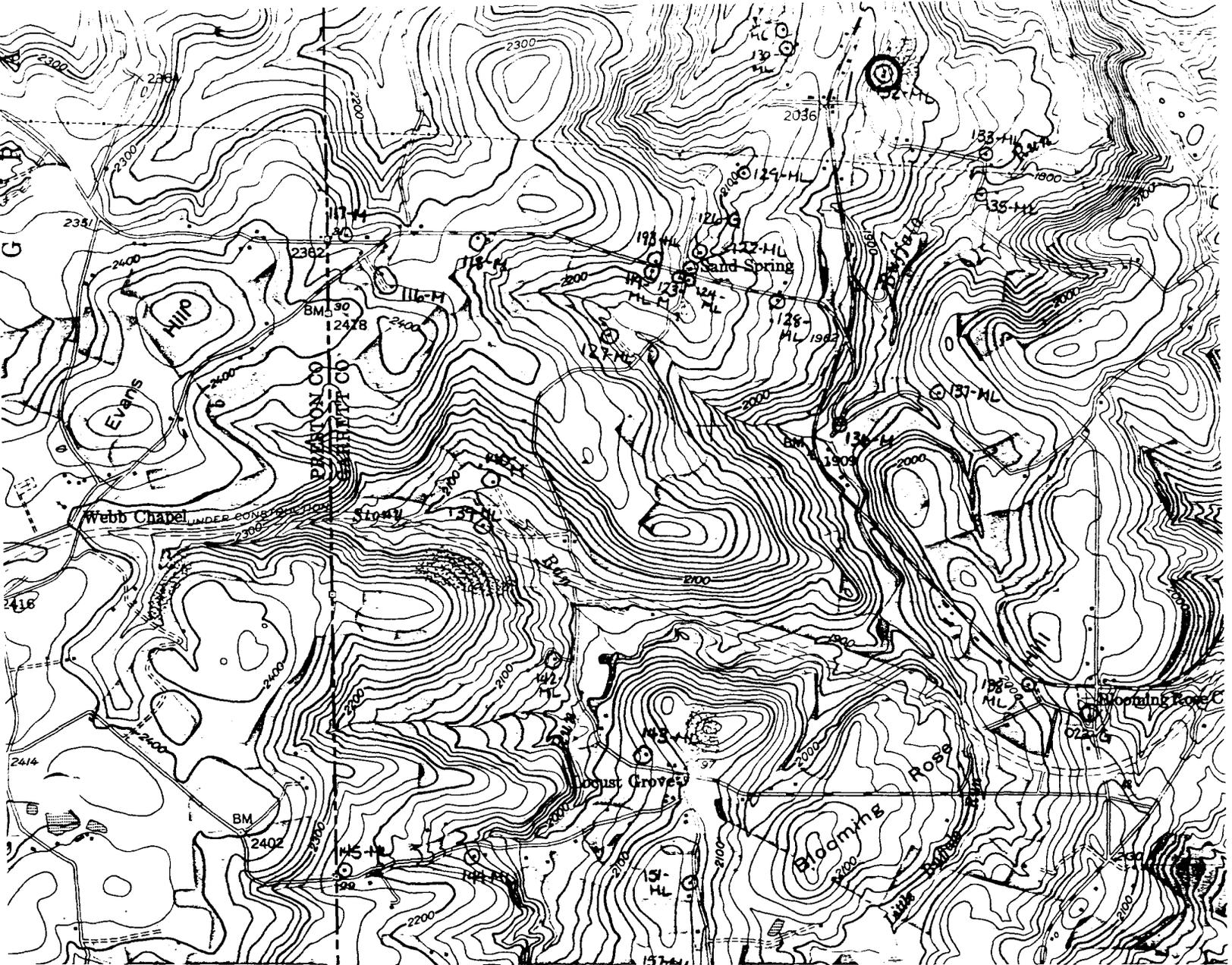
STATE

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.

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



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USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale-1:24,000  
1947; photorevised 1974

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Photo: M. Stinson 3 Oct. 1980

N elev; Facade-W elev.



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Facade W elev.; S elev.