

Tharpe Homestead  
115 Schucks Road  
Bel Air, MD 21014

This farm is associated primarily with two families. When Benjamin & Dora Tharpe purchased it in 1919, it consisted of the 80-acre farm "whereon Samuel Martin resided at the time of his death, part of the tracts "Howard's Forest" and "Addition," and 100 acres of "Paca's Enlargement." The farm has remained in the Tharpe family since then.

The house is the ubiquitous five-bay by two-bay Harford County frame farmhouse with rear additions.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Archie Tharpe house

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Schucks Road, south of Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21014

COUNTY  
Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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 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

Archie Tharpe et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

115 Schucks Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE zip code  
Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE  
Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

This two-story, gable-roofed house covered in asphalt shingles is located on the east side of Schucks Rd., south of Churchville Rd. (Md. Rte. 22). With two additions linked by a porch on the rear, this five bay by two bay house has brick interior chimneys in each end and a hip-roofed porch spanning the front-or west-facade. Most windows have 6/6 sash with narrow beaded trim; gable windows have six-lights; and basement windows have two lights and brick sills. The roof has exposed eaves.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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 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

This property is associated primarily with two families. The 80 acre farm "whereon Samuel H. Martin resided at the time of his death" was sold in 1903 to J. Royston Stifler.<sup>1</sup> According to the 1878 Martenet's Map, Samuel Martin had had a house here at least that early.

The property passed through a succession of owners until 1919, when it was purchased by Benjamin L. & Dora S. Tharpe.<sup>2</sup> At that time it consisted of Samuel Martin's farm, i.e. 80 acres of "Howard's Forest" and "Addition", and 100 acres of "Paca's Enlargement". The farm has been in the Tharpe family since then and this house presumably is "the home dwelling" on 1½ acres.

It is not clear whether this was also the actual residence of Samuel Martin or if it was built after his death. The architectural features are undistinctive and suggest a construction date any time from the mid-19th century to the early 20th century.

1. Liber WSF 109, Folio 314
2. Liber JAR 162, Folio 239

Footnotes

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will, and equity records of Harford County.  
 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map  
 1878 Martenet's map.

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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

Natalie Shivers Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

August, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

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

INVENTORY NO. HA-1266

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/79

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Tharpe Homestead

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 115 Schucks Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER: Archie Tharpe/Benjamin Lee Tharpe

ADDRESS: 115 Schucks Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[X] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1-story shed-roofed wing on south

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

w/ asphalt shingles

- FRAME: / Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[X] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
26-light windows in gables pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[X] beaded  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

2-light basement windows with brick sills

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: original[ ] replaced[ ] exposed

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[X] gable[ ] square doric posts

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK[X] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: ends

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

Tharpe House

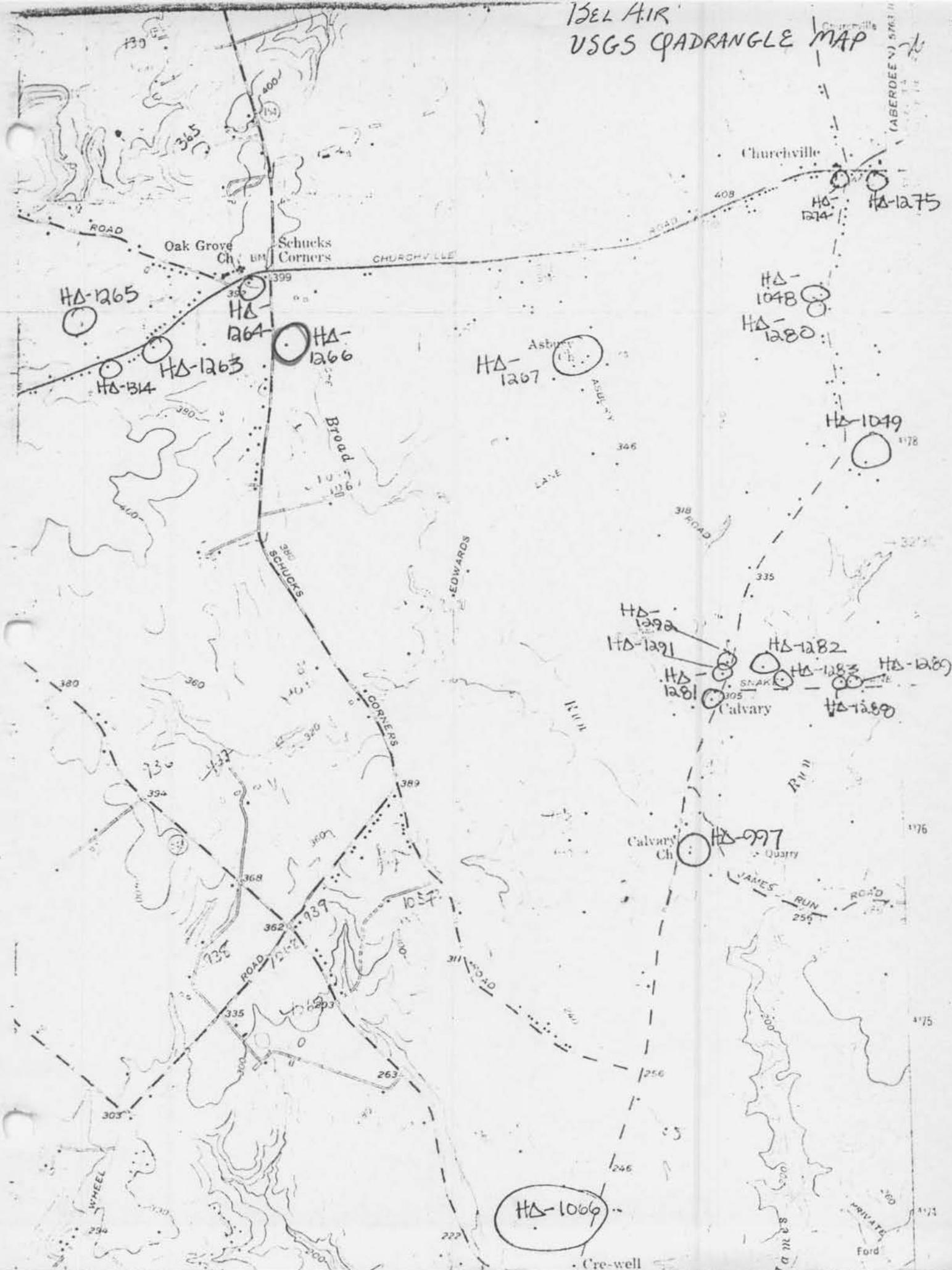
Title Search

HA-1266

900/924	June 14, 1972	Grantor: Theodore R. Tharpe, Coy D. Tharpe, representative, of Dora S. Tharpe, deceased Grantee: Grace Tharpe Todd, Iva T. Culp, Archie L. Tharpe, Jr., Ruth Ann Thomas, Marie T. Johnson, Theodore R. Tharpe, Esther T. Lockwood, Coy D. Tharpe, Lora T. Weisheit Acreage: Parcel 1 - home dwelling-1½ Acres Parcel 2 - 156 Acres Parcel 3 - 8.18 Acres
JAR 162/239	February 18, 1919	Grantor: William F. & Susan Edwards; George A. & Susan E. Burcham, James A. & Della Burcham Grantee: Benjamin L. & Dora S. Tharpe, of North Carolina Acreage: 180 Acres, 14 Square Perches, parts of "Addition", "Howard's Forest", "Paca's Enlargement"-at Schuck's Corner Sum: \$3000 and assumption of \$7000 Mortgage
JAR 162/209	February 11, 1919	Grantor: John F. Oldfield & wife Martha E. Grantee: William F. Edwards, George A. Burcham, James A. Burcham Acreage: Parcel 1 - 80 Acres, 14 Square Perches-"Addition", "Howard's Forest" Parcel 2 - 100 Acres-"Paca's Enlargement" Sum: \$10,000
WSF 125/288	December 15, 1908	Grantor: J. Royston & Welzetta Stifler Grantee: John F. Oldfield Acreage: 80 Acres, 14 Perches on southerly side of Churchville Rd. at Shuck's Corner. Sum: \$3800
WSF 109/314	June 12, 1903	Grantor: Jacob A. Doxen, Trustee Grantee: J. Royston Stifler (Equity Case- Annie M. Mitchell et al vs. Mary G. Martin et al (WSF P/99) Acreage: 80 Acres, 14 Perches-"Addition", "Howard's Forest". Whereon Samuel H. Martin resided at time of death. Sum: \$2550

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USGS QUADRANGLE MAP

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HA-1289

HA-1280

HA-997

HA-1069

Oak Grove Ch

Schucks Corners

Churchville

Astor Ch

Calvary Ch

Cre-well

Ford

ROAD

CHURCHVILLE

BROAD ROAD

EDWARDS LANE

GOOD ROAD

JAMES RUN ROAD

WHEEL

WHEEL



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May, 1979  
Northwest

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