

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-1-14 (PACS 1.18) Construction Date: circa 1870

Name: Thomas Young House

Location: 200 Main Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Vacant/Work in Progress/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Thomas Young House is a 2½-story, 2-bay irregular plan Victorian-era house on the south side of Main Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1870, the building is a massed plan with a cross-gable roof. The structure's roof is covered in pressed metal shingles and standing seam metal, with a central brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction sheathed in vertical metal paneling, and it has a stone foundation. The windows are fixed. The house has a wood ramp and steps on the front elevation.

Significance:

The Thomas Young House was built circa 1870 on .17 hectares (.43 acres) of land purchased from Thomas and Honora Talbott in 1866. The 1878 Hopkins Map shows the property as belonging to a T. Young. The 1894 Laurel directory as reprinted in the Laurel Centennial Booklet lists Thomas and Laura Young as living on the corner of Main and Second Street. Young's occupation is listed as clerk. In 1920 Randolph Waters purchased the property from the heirs of Laura Young. The heirs of Randolph Waters sold the property to the Laurel Development Company, Incorporated in 1957. Frank and Marie Sargent purchased the property known as Lot 5 in Block 56 in 1977. The current owners purchased the property in 1981. The current size of the parcel is 389 square meters (4188 square feet).

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas N. Young House (preferred)

and/or common Wesmar Enterprises Property

2. Location:

street & number 200 Main Street n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	___ education	___ private
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	residence
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ religious
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			___ transportation	vacant

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

name Wesmar Enterprises

street & number 9430 Lanham Severn Road telephone no.:

city,town Seabrook state and zip code Maryland 20706

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County liber 5441

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 139

city,town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<u> </u> excellent	<u> </u> deteriorated	<u> </u> unaltered	<u> </u> original site	
<u> </u> good	<u> </u> ruins	<u> </u> altered	<u> </u> moved	date of move _____
<u> </u> X fair	<u> </u> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

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

The Thomas Young House is a 2½-story, 2-bay irregular plan Victorian-era house on the south side of Main Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1870, the building is a massed plan with a cross-gable roof. The structure's roof is covered in pressed metal shingles and standing seam metal, with a central brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction sheathed in vertical metal paneling, and it has a stone foundation. The windows are fixed. The house has a wood ramp and steps on the front elevation.

The north, or front elevation has a raised stone foundation. The first story entrance is located in the second bay. There is a large fixed-light window in the first bay. The second story has a large fixed-light window in the first front-gable. There is a small fixed-light window in the gable.

The west elevation consists of the gable-end of the cross-gable and the projecting center wing. There are single fixed-light windows on the first and second stories of the gable-end. There is a 1-story shed-roof addition in the corner of the side and rear wings.

The south elevation has been altered with a 2-story shed-roof addition and a 1-story shed-roof addition. There is a door in the 1-story shed-roof addition. A second entrance is located in the second bay of the 2-story addition. There is a 1/1 double-hung window in the first bay of the addition, and one 1/1 double-hung window on the second story of the addition. The gable-end of the cross-gable has a fixed-light window on each story. There is a small fixed-light window in the gable.

The east elevation consists of a canted cross-gable and the east side of the main block. The cross-gable is canted in the basement level and first story. There is one 3-light window in the basement level. There are three fixed-light windows in the canted bay, and one fixed-light window in the main block. The second story has two fixed-light windows. There is one fixed-light window in the gable.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Thomas Young House is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Second Streets. The property is surrounded by commercial property to the east and west, and converted residential properties to the north and south. The current setting is commercial, but the setting was historically a residential neighborhood in the Town of Laurel.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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 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"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates circa 1870 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Thomas Young House is located on Main Street in Laurel. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The Thomas Young House is an example of an irregular-plan Victorian-era house. Houses of the Victorian era were meant to express the individuality of the owner and all the activities that might be taking place inside. They were generally two or three stories tall with multiple roof lines, an irregular shape and exuberant ornamentation. Because Victorian society emphasized

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8. Significance (Continued)

formality, the dwellings also had closed plans in which doors, halls and vestibules separated the rooms. Due to their size and complexity, Victorian-era dwellings were usually built only by the upper and upper-middle classes. The Victorian irregular plan appeared in the Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period and the Industrial/Urban Dominance Period.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1870, the Thomas Young House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a highly altered example of an irregular-plan Victorian era building. The fenestration pattern has been changed, the building has been sheathed in vertical-seam metal paneling, and there have been additions added. The property no longer retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, or feeling. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 9/2/99

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 9/9/99

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-1-14(PACS 1.18)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Baltimore
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state	Maryland
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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
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May 1998

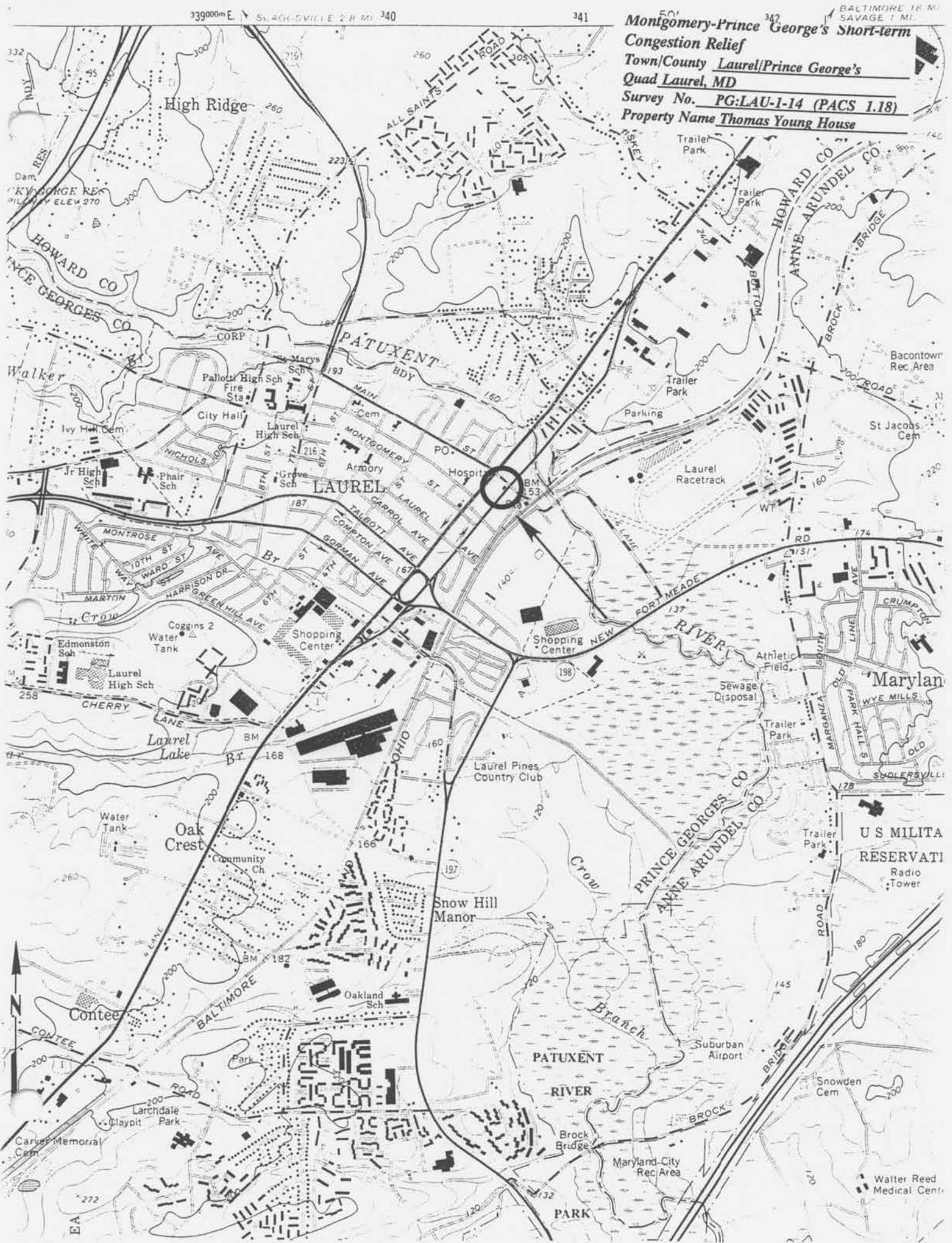
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- 2 Thomas Young House
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 N elevation
- 8 1 of 8



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- 4 Susan Taylor
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- 7 NW owner
- 8 2 of 8



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- 7 W. direction
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- 1 Pe: 200 1 11
- 2 Thomas Young House
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5198
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 SW corner
- 8 4178



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- 2 Thomas Young House
- 3 Prince Georges Co., Md
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- 5 5198
- 6 Md SHPO
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