

S-283
Thomas Ward House
Hopewell vicinity
private

c. 1864

Standing within a short distance of Jones Creek near Hopewell is the Thomas Ward house, a two-story transverse hall frame dwelling built around 1864. The pedimented main block has a modillioned cornice and a small round window with pie-shaped panes. Extending to the north is a contemporary two-story one-room plan section that connected the two-story kitchen. The kitchen has been torn down, but the brick chimney remains intact. Two twentieth-century additions have enlarged the house to the southeast and west. Period woodwork survives largely undisturbed in the main house. The stair rises in the southeast corner and begins with a heavily turned newel post and turned balusters that support a ramped handrail. The pair of rooms behind the hall are fitted with mid nineteenth-century mantels with widely fluted pilasters and fluted friezes.

According to family tradition, the extant dwelling was erected around 1864 by Thomas and Susan Ward on the site of the former Ward house which burned the year before. The Jones Creek property had remained in Ward family hands since the original 200 acres were granted to Cornelius Ward and his wife, Margaret Franklin Ward during the 1660s. The land continued under Ward family ownership until 1922 (WJS 86/125).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Ward House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number W side of MD 667 (Crisfield-Marion Road) ___ not for publication

city, town Hopewell vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Paul and Jean Wilson

street & number Rt. 2, Box 60 telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-283

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Thomas Ward house (also known as the Dr. Barr property) is located on the northwest side of MD Route 667 near Hopewell, Somerset County, Maryland. Facing southeast, the four-part frame house consists of two sections that date to the 1860's and two additions that post-date World War II.

The two c.1864 sections of the house are the remaining portions of a three-part "telescope" form of dwelling. The former kitchen was torn down, but its location is still marked by a free-standing brick chimney stack. Although the three-part house was built in stages, the finish details indicate the construction of the house was accomplished over a ten-year period. The earlier house that occupied this site burned in 1863, according to Edna Ward Sands, a direct descendant of the builder.

The mid 19th-century aluminum-sheathed house is supported by partially excavated common bond brick cellar and covered by a medium-pitched asphalt shingle roof. The c.1945 addition extends to the northwest, and a c.1957 living room wing was attached to the southeast corner of the center block.

The principal house is a two-story gable-front frame house with a transverse hall and two rooms behind. The formerly symmetrical main elevation has been altered by the 1957 addition. A center entrance with a recent stoop and replacement door is flanked to the right (northeast) by a six over six sash window. Two 6/6 sash windows light the second floor, while the third (southeast) window is covered by a brick chimney stack. The gable-front pediment retains its cornice brackets as well as a bead-and-reel molding. Centered with the gable is a small oculus window with pie-shaped panes.

The southwest side of the house is a three-bay facade with three 6/6 sash windows lighting each floor. A row of cornice brackets continue around the southwest side.

The northwest (rear) elevation is symmetrically arranged with a pair of corbelled cap brick chimneys and flanking 6/6 sash windows. A single 6/6 attic sash occupies the space between the two chimneys.

The northeast side of the main block is largely covered by a shorter two-story two-bay by one-room frame section. Formerly located in the center of the three-part house, this section is flanked now by the main block and a free-standing kitchen chimney. The front (southeast) side has been altered with the introduction of a paired sash window between the two 6/6 sash windows that light the first floor. The second floor is lighted by smaller 6/6 sash windows, and a boxed cornice runs across the base of the roof.

The northeast gable end is marked by an exposed common bond brick firewall, a side entrance and second floor windows. An interior end dentiled brick chimney rises from the gable end.

Extending northwest from the previous section is a single-story gable roofed addition built c.1945.

8. Significance

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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
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<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 c. 1864 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: 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.

The Thomas Ward house is an altered, but still significant, mid 19th-century frame dwelling. It is similar to the John T. Adams house with its gable-front orientation, transverse hall, double parlors and late Greek Revival woodwork. Both houses have modillioned cornices and a round pediment window.

DESCRIPTION (cont)

The mid 19th-century interior of the main house is well preserved. The stair rises in the southwest corner of the transverse hall. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support an oval-profile ramped railing. Six-panel doors with heavy ogee-inset moldings open into the principal rooms on the first and second floors. The pair of parlor mantels have widely fluted pilasters and friezes. A thick mantel shelf runs across the top of the frieze. A wide door opening between the two rooms is framed by a fluted surround with bulls-eye corner blocks.

The second floor woodwork remains largely undisturbed, but on a plainer format than the first floor. The stair is enclosed from the second floor to the attic. A series of circular sawn rafters supports the wood shingle, and later, asphalt roof layers.

The interior of the adjacent section has been remodeled, but a corner stair with a flat four-panel door survives in the northern corner of the room. The second floor bedroom is simply finished without notable features.

The freestanding brick chimney which stands north of the old house is of common bond construction with a flat arched hearth opening. The area around the chimney has been brick paved.

There are no noteworthy outbuildings that are contemporary with the mid 19th-century house.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Paul and Jean Wilson - 330/293 28.74 A.
Long Farm - O.T.B. 27/347

330/293
12/1/1981

Adaline L. Barr

to

Paul W. Wilson and Jean E. Wilson
Described as "the home place of the late
Thomas H. Ward" 33. acres

B.L.B. 160/255

Charles D. Briddell, Inc.

to

7/2/1953

Dr. Arthur and Adaline Barr
33 acres

B.L.B.
132/103

Wade H. Cullen

to

7/12/1945

Chas. D. Briddell, Inc.
\$5,500.00

W.J.S. 86/135

Roland V. Ward

to

7/14/1922

Wade H. Cullen
\$4,150.00

W.J.S. 86/125

Joshua W. Miles, Trustee

to

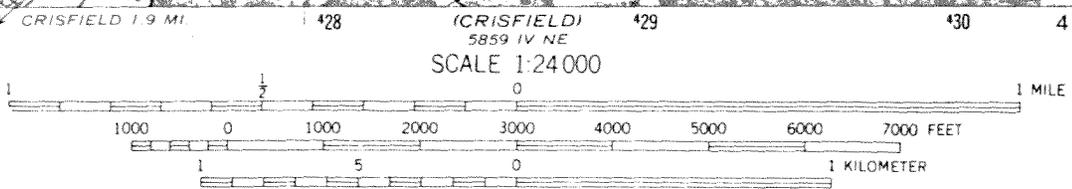
7/13/1922

Roland V. Ward

Whereas by a decree of circuit court 3/8/1922
Roland V. Ward, Complainant
Mamie Vaeth Ward, Defendant
32 acres



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 Thomas Ward House
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



SCALE 1:24000
 (CRISFIELD) 5859 IV NE
 CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

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Near Hopewell, Somerset County

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East Elevation
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Thomas Ward House
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Cornice Detail

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