

Capsule Summary  
SM-404  
J.H.Thompson house  
Avenue vicinity  
Private

circa 1880

The J. H. Thompson house is a substantial five bay, two-story frame structure located on the east side of St. Patrick's Creek. The dwelling has a center hall, single pile plan and was originally flanked on both the east and west ends by an exterior brick chimney. The only significant alteration to the house has been the addition of a one-story wing on its west end.

Once the main house of a large tobacco farm complex, the J. H. Thompson house is in a state of advanced deterioration. The house will be demolished by the current owner in the spring of 1994.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Planning Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-404

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Oakland Hall

and/or common J. H. Thompson house

## 2. Location

street & number Louis Thomas Road  not for publication

city, town Avenue  vicinity of 5 congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Joseph Harvey Thompson

street & number Box 31 telephone no.: 301-769-2777

city, town Avenue state and zip code MD. 20609

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court  liber MRB116

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse  folio 451

city, town Leonardtown state MD.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The J. H. Thompson house is located at the end of Louis Harris Road near the village of Avenue in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house faces south with the principle gable oriented on an east/west axis. This substantial structure is in poor repair and stands alone surrounded by fields on the south, north, and east sides. It is bordered by St. Patrick's Creek to the west. A small grove of trees stands to the east of the house. A trailer and three modern outbuildings are located between the house and the creek.

This two-and-a-half story, five-bay structure is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The gable roof is covered with tin. The Joseph Thompson house is finished with a boxed cornice and corner boards and has a brick pier foundation.

The south (main) elevation is marked by a central four-panel door flanked on either side by two two-over-two sash windows. A square post porch with a wood shingle roof stretches across the entire first floor of this elevation. The second floor is lit by five two-over-two sash windows. A central gable lit by a four-pane window breaks the roofline of this elevation. To the west of the main block stands a single-story, gable roof addition. This addition is pierced by a pair of six-over-six sash windows and a five-panel door.

The east elevation of the main block is blind. A centrally placed, exterior brick chimney once stood against this elevation. A hole in the wall on the first floor, now covered with plastic, indicates the location of the original hearth.

The north elevation is marked by a central five-panel door flanked on either side by two six-over-six sash windows. The central three bays of this first floor elevation is sheltered by a screened porch supported by square posts. The second floor is lit by five six-over-six sash windows. A central gable breaks the roofline of this elevation. This gable is lit by a four-pane window. To the west of the main block stands a one-story, gable roof addition. This addition is pierced by one six-over-six sash window and a five-panel door. An exterior cinderblock chimney stands on the north side of the western addition.

The west elevation of both the main block and the addition is blind. A centrally placed, exterior brick chimney stands against the main block.

The interior was not seen. Only one original outbuilding, a smokehouse, survives on the property. It stands to the west of the house.

# 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
<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

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

This substantial five bay, two-story frame structure stands out on the flat landscape near St. Patrick's Creek. Once the main house of a large tobacco farm complex, this dwelling is in a state of advanced deterioration. Oakland Hall will be demolished by the current owner in the spring of 1994.

According to the current owner, his grandfather said that this structure was originally built so that carriages could pass through the center of the house. There is no evidence of this unusual design on the exterior of the house today, and the house has a standard center hall plan. The current owner remembers both a dairy and a detached kitchen which once stood on this property. Both are now demolished. New outbuildings, including a trailer, currently stand on the property.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 7/10 acres

Quadrangle name Stratford Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification See attached

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County DPZ	date	December 1993
street & number		telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtwn	state	MD.

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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Chain of Title

TO: Joseph Harvey Thompson

FROM: Joseph Harvey Thompson and Helen Elizabeth Thompson.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EWA 637, folio 248.

DATE: October 9, 1991.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 7/10 acres, being the same as parcel 3 in MRB 116/451.

TO: Joseph Harvey Thompson and Helen Elizabeth Thompson, his wife.

FROM: Mary Edith Thompson, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 116, folio 451.

DATE: May 6, 1982.

NOTES: Transfer of four parcels. 1.) 27.724 acres same as DBK 184/444 2.) 1.205 acres same as DBK 184/444 3.) 1 7/10 acres same as DBK 174/155 together with a right of way over a 40 foot private road. 4.) 2.0 acres same as CBG 60/212 (confirmatory deed) and JMM 4/125.

TO: Leonard Allen Thompson and Mary Edith Thompson

FROM: ~~William~~ Leonard Mattingly

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 174, folio 115.

DATE: December 27, 1971.

NOTES: (The reference in MRB 116/451 to DBK 174/155 is incorrect.) Transfer of 1 7/10 acres as per DBK 162/162.

TO: William Leonard Mattingly

FROM: Joseph Marshall Mattingly, unmarried; Thomas Bernard Mattingly and Veronica Ann Mattingly; Mary Edith Thompson and Allan Thompson; Clarence Frederick Mattingly and Loretta Mattingly; John H. Mattingly and Elsie Mattingly.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 162, folio 162.

DATE: August 31, 1970.

NOTES: Transfer of part of land owned by Mary E. Mattingly estate, called "Part of Oakland Hall," being part of EBA 6/96.

TO: Heirs of William T. Mattingly

FROM: Mary Emma Mattingly

RECORD:

DATE:

NOTES: It appears that Mary Emma Mattingly died intestate.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Mary Emma Mattingly  
FROM: William Thomas Mattingly  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber BC 1, folio 437.  
DATE: September 8, 1925.  
NOTES: Bequeathes "all estate real and personal" to his wife Mary Emma Mattingly, which "at her death or marriage to be divided between my children."

TO: William T. Mattingly  
FROM: Enoch B. Abell and Kate M. Abell  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 96.  
DATE: October 10, 1906.  
NOTES: Transfer of tract known as "Oakland Hall" or part of "Oakland Hall" being 125 acres which includes the woodland on said premises less two acres of same hereby reserved, and the road way as it now exists from the "Clarke Lot" to the two acres reserved from this conveyance. Same as JFF 13/461 and JFF 13/558 and EBA 6/91.

TO: Enoch B. Abell  
FROM: Joseph H. Ching, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 91.  
DATE: October 5, 1906.  
NOTES: Sale of property result of Circuit Court Decree in case #1062. Transfer of "Oakland Hall" or more properly known as a part of "Oakland Hall" containing (including woodland) 125 acres more or less and all that tract known as "Part of Fox's Knoll" or better known as the "Clarke Lot" being one acre more or less with the improvements thereon.

TO: Joseph H. Ching, Trustee  
FROM: Henry Stewart  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Decree Record, EBA 3, folio 105.  
DATE: March 13, 1906.  
NOTES: Philip Stewart died intestate on February 5, 1906 leaving a widow, Eliza Stewart. Philip Stewart, jointly with Henry E. Stewart, Julia Stewart, and Eliza Stewart are indebted to Enoch B. Abell for \$300. The following real estate is being sold to pay off his debts: 1.) "Foxes Knolls" as per EBA 1/215 2.) "Oakland Hall" or part of "Oakland Hall" as per JFF 13/461 and JFF 13/558. This property being 126 acres in the aggregate.

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TO: Phillip Stuart and Henry Stuart  
FROM: Genevieve and Demetrius C. Hodges  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 13, folio 461.  
DATE: August 18, 1892.  
NOTES: Transfer of two acres being a part of the farm known as "Oakland Hall."  
Price: \$90.

TO: Philip Stuart and Henry E. Stuart  
FROM: Demetrius C. Hodges and Genevieve Hodges  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 13, folio 558.  
DATE: January 27, 1893  
NOTES: Transfer "of tract (together with improvements thereon) called and known by the name of 'Oakland Hall' or more properly now as Part of 'Oakland Hall' being the south part of Oakland Hall farm." Same as JFF 13/376, being 78 acres before lots mentioned in this deed were sold off. Also, transfer of a parcel of woodland being 51 acres.

TO: Genevieve Hodges, the wife of Demetrius C. Hodges  
FROM: B. Wood Burch and Sarah R. Burch  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 13, folio 376.  
DATE: July 4, 1892  
NOTES: Transfer of "parcel (together with improvements thereon) known by the name of 'Oakland Hall'" being 370 acres. Same as JFF 7/208.

TO: Benjamin W. Burch, Sarah R. Burch, Genevieve Burch  
FROM: John F. Fenwick, Sheriff  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 7, folio 208.  
DATE: April 7, 1884.  
NOTES: Transfer of 370 acre tract known as "Oakland Hall" being the same land owned and occupied by Charles L. Burch. Sale by virtue of execution of Circuit Court judgement dated January 25, 1884.

TO: Charles Llewellyn Burch of Charles County  
FROM: R. H. Miles and Mary B. Miles, his wife.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 2, folio 358.  
DATE: March 20, 1877.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Foxes Knoll Oakland" being 370 acres, purchased at a Trustee sale of real estate of John Blakistone, late of St. Mary's County, deceased, subject to the dower right of the widow of said deceased. Price: \$5000

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TO: John Blakistone

FROM: Richard H. Miles and Ann Miles

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record Liber WTM 2, folio 386.

DATE: March 26, 1851.

NOTES: Transfer of "Foxes Knowle" or by whatsoever name it may be called whereon John Blakistone now resides. Being 353.5 acres more or less. Same as JH 13/250.

Price: \$3000

TO: Richard H. Miles

FROM: George Tarlton

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 13, folio 250.

DATE: January 12, 1844

NOTES: Transfer of all the land whereon George Tarlton resides comprised of "Bedlam Neck" being 218.5 acres, "Leith" being 100 1/3 acres, and "Part St. Clements" being 34.75 acres. Price: \$3000

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10.1 Geographic Description

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 174, folio 115.

Beginning for the same at an iron pipe set on the northeast shore of St. Patrick's Creek, said iron pipe marking the northwest boundary of Thomas Bernard Mattingly's land thence running with said creek shore North 35° West 83 feet; North 4° East 127 feet to an iron pipe, thence leaving the creek and running with the land of the Grantors North 18° 45 min. East 136 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 75° East 376 feet to a stake set in a field, thence South 14° West 21.4 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 60° West 20 feet to an iron pipe the northeast boundary of Thomas Bernard Mattingly's land, thence with said land South 60° West 400 feet to the first beginning, containing 1 7/10 acres of land. Together with a right of way over a 40 foot private road leading to the State Road for ingress and egress and to be used in common by the grantees and grantors their heirs and assigns.

Being all and the same land which was conveyed to the within grantor by Joseph Marshall Mattingly, et al by deed dated August 31, 1970 and recorded in Liber D.B.K. No. 162, folio 162, one of the land records of St. Mary's County, Maryland.





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St Mary's County, MD

Elizabeth Hughes

December 1912

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SE Elevation

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