

ABSTRACT

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1864

Thomas Farm

Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
 for the
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME				
COMMON: Thomas Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: South of Manor Church Road at Antietam Creek.				
CITY OR TOWN: Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Joseph L.S. Thomas				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1, Box 383				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro		STATE: Maryland		21713
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 580/71				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Thomas farmhouse and, its related buildings are located at the end of a long private lane leading south from Manor Church Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on an area of level ground and faces west.

The structure is a two story, seven bay brick dwelling set on low field-stone foundations. The walls are laid in common bond with generally six rows of stretchers between courses of headers. A portion of the south gable wall is recessed forming a double porch enclosed on three sides with brick walls.

Openings in the front elevation appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. Windows at the south end bay of the front elevation light the semi-enclosed porch in the south wall. All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames. Broad wooden lintels are present over all openings.

A pair of seemingly identical entrances are located in the third and fourth bays from the north end of the front elevation. Seven panel doors are held within narrow frames beneath three light transoms. Similar entrances are located at the main and second story level of the recessed porch. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. A cornice of header bricks laid in a dentil pattern and topped with brick corbeling finishes the eaves. Large chimneys of brick with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end and at the interior of the house toward its south end.

A one and one half story brick out kitchen is located just southwest of the house. A deep overhang shelters its east elevation. A second brick out-building is located southeast of the house. A large frame bank barn set on rough stone foundations is located south of the house. Approximately one fourth mile southeast of the complex of buildings standing on a bluff above the Antietam is a small two story, four bay log dwelling sheathed by board and batten siding. Although it appears to date from the mid-19th century or later, it is, according to tradition older than the other buildings on the property. The owner spoke of a Civil War story, relating to the 1862 Battle Of Antietam, in connection with this log house.

The main dwelling complex on this farm appears to be in good condition. The owner has stated that the house was built in 1864 by his great grandfather.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1864 Solomon S. Thomas**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house and the surrounding farm buildings is its architecture. The property also derives military significance to a limited degree from its proximity to the Civil War Battlefield near Sharpsburg. According to the owner, several small incidents relating to the Battle occurred on the property.

The appearance of this house certainly support the 1864 building date. The structure which displays broad wooden lintels and common bond brick work and has contemporary outbuildings nearby, is a good example of Washington County's brick vernacular architecture from the third quarter of the 19th century. An important feature of this house is the recessed double porch in its south gable wall. Although not frequently found in end walls, these inset double porches occur frequently on mid-19th century houses in the Cumberland Valley.

The sheathed log house on the property is also important as representing a significant building tradition in Western Maryland.

This property has been in the Thomas family for many generations. In 1858 Solomon Thomas purchased the farm containing 209 13/16 acres from his mother, Sarah Thomas and heirs of his deceased father, George Thomas, for \$12,600. Solomon S. Thomas held the property until 1908.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **204 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey** DATE: **December 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature



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