

Property Address <u>9455 Lawndale Street, vicinity of La Plata, Charles County</u>	
Owner Name/Address <u>Merle C. Gaddy, 9455 Lawndale Street, La Plata, MD 20646</u>	Year Built <u>circa 1900</u>

Description:

The Frank and Nannie Thomas House was previously surveyed by the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture in February 1977. Since the time of the previous survey, the house has been sheathed in asphalt sheets and the dormer windows have been removed and blocked with plywood. No other changes to the house have been made. There is a barn located east of the house which was not mentioned in the previous survey. The barn has a metal gable roof, is of wood frame construction, and is in a deteriorated condition.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the Frank and Nannie Thomas Property 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. No research was found indicating that the property was historically associated with an African-American community. 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 an undistinctive example of a common architectural style, and its integrity of materials and original design is poor. The cottage has been sheathed in asphalt sheets, introducing an architectural element out of character with the original design intent. In addition, some original windows have been removed and blocked. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

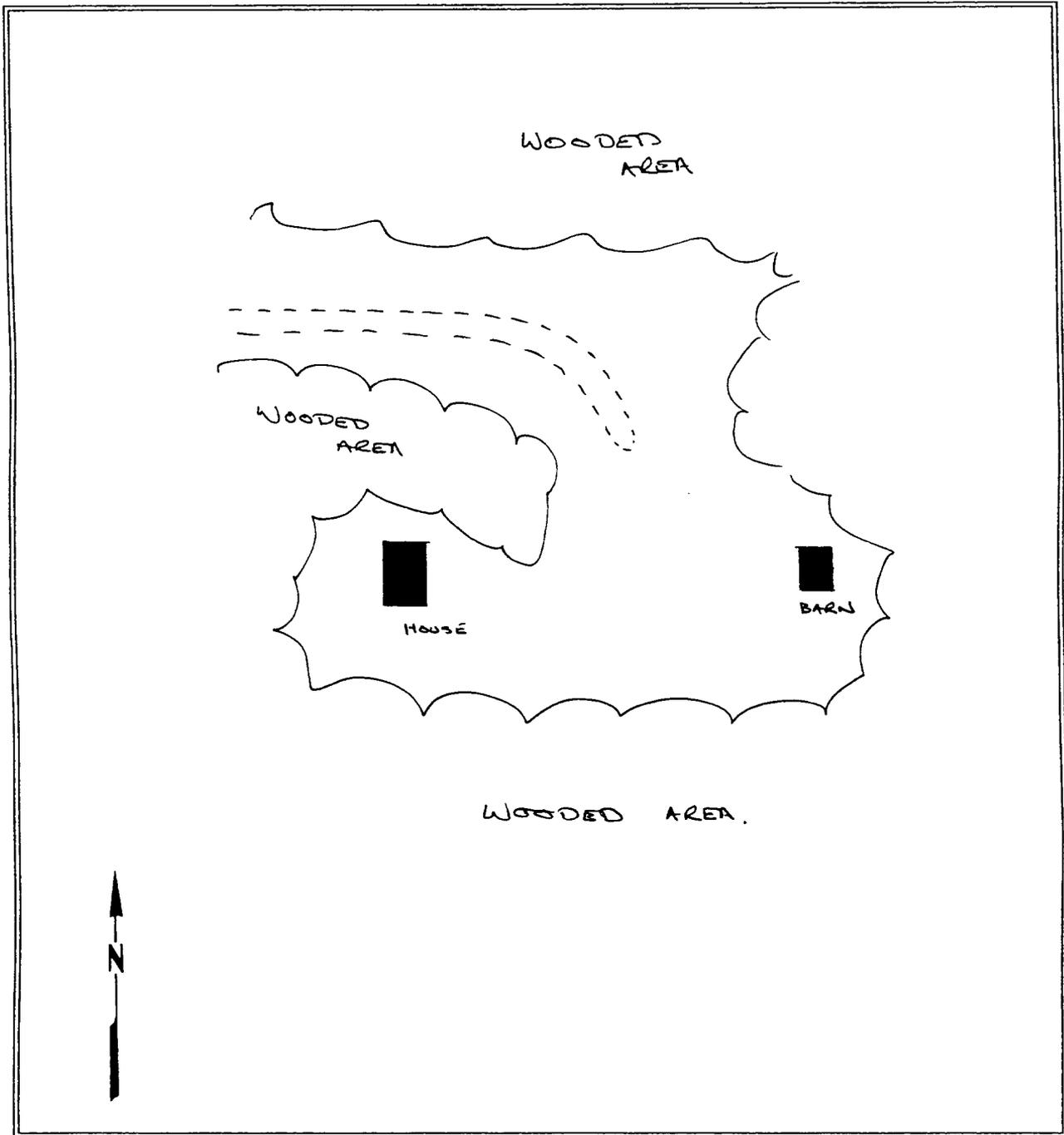
MHT CONCURRENCE:			
Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____ _____ _____			
<u>Suzanne Pickens</u>	<u>07/21/1997</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>4/4/01</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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Resource Sketch Map:



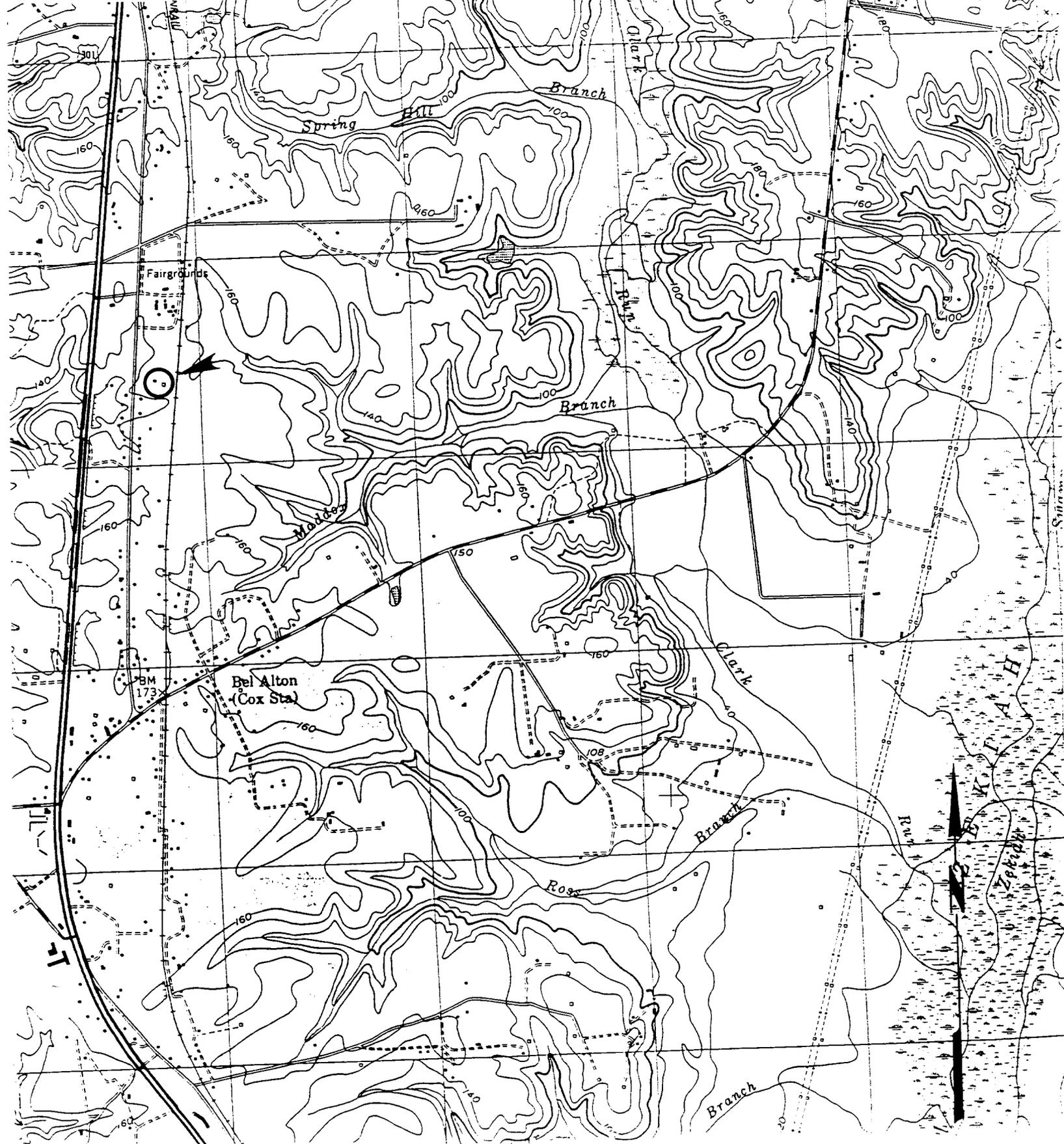
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

Survey # C269, CH330

Property Name FRANK AND NANNIE THOMAS HOUSE

County LA PLATA VICINITY / Charles Co

Quadrangle Popes Creek



CH-330



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Ch-330
Frank and Nannie Thomas House
Bel Alton, Maryland
Private

c. 1890

This one and half story frame house with a hall and chamber design for its interior plan was built as the residence for a black landowning family and reflects the common housing type adopted by them in the late 19th century in rural southern Maryland.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC FRANK AND NANNIE THOMAS HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Fairground Rd., 0.25 mile south of Jct. of Fairgrounds Rd. and the entrance to the Charles County Fair Grounds

CITY, TOWN _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT _____

Bel Alton _____ VICINITY OF _____

STATE Md. COUNTY Charles

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 Evelyn Murray Telephone #: 301 645-5404

STREET & NUMBER Box 43

CITY, TOWN Bel Alton _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 17
 Folio #: 566

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN La Plata STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE NONE

DATE _____
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story frame house faces west and stands at the end of a long drive that cuts through the woods from Fairground Rd. These woods were probably fields in earlier years when the house was the center of a small working farm, operated by the Thomases, a family of black landowners. Today this house is a part of their "heir property". Since their descendants are far-flung, the house is not nearly as well maintained as it once was. The present occupant Mrs. Evelyn Murray would like to improve it, but cannot because it is bound up by inheritance laws. The house consists of a principal block with a kitchen (one story) added in later years to the south gable end. The main block is three bays in length, with bilateral symmetry, and is one bay in depth. The skeleton is balloon frame and was sheathed with weatherboards that were painted white and that have now been covered with tan brick tar paper siding. The roof line is accented by two small dormer windows.

The interior plan is hall and chamber ^{with} a boxed staircase leading up to the two room upstairs. The fireplace has now been boarded over and a wood stove installed. The walls were lathed and plastered.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Black History	

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1890-1910	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Evelyn Murray, the present occupant, the house was built by her grandfather, Frank Thomas, who was a landowner. It was probably built in the 1890's or early 1900's. Unfortunately, improvements and even costly repairs to the house have been limited by inheritance problems, so the house is gradually deteriorating. This is but one of several houses in this survey that cannot be maintained properly because they are "heir property". In its original appearance when it was well clad, freshly painted, and the grounds around it attended to, the house would have reflected the dignity and pride of the Thomas family.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor Feb. 1977

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Md. Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

20 Dean Street

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Maryland

21401

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.

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

CH-330

Spring Hill Branch

Fairgrounds

CH-330
Frank & Nannie Thomas House
Popes Creek Quad, 1958, BR 1974

Branch

Maddox

BM 173

Bel Alton
(Cox Sta)

Clark

Branch

Ross

Run

Z E K

Branch

Scout

BM 158

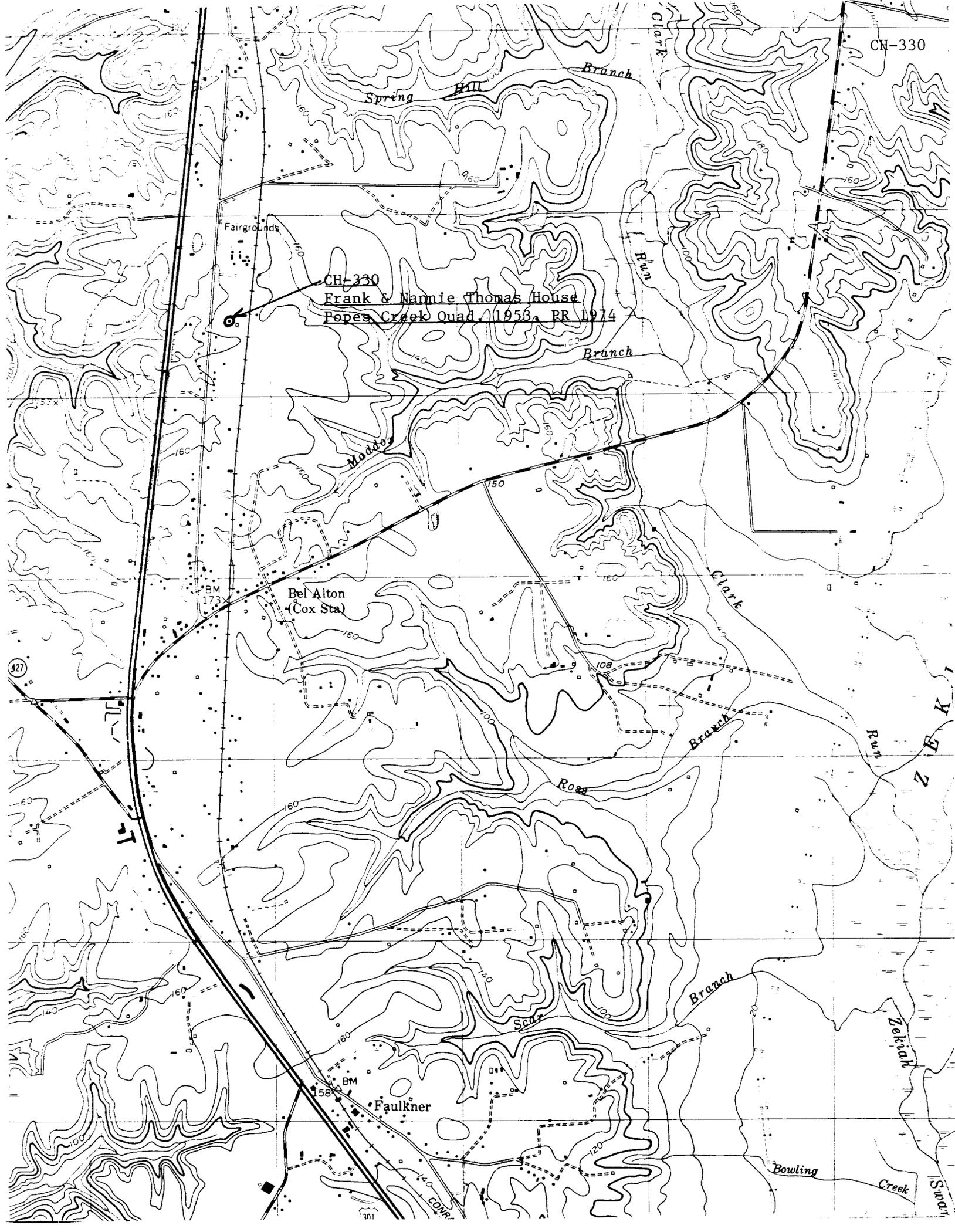
Faulkner

Zekiah

Bowling

Creek

Swan





FRANK AND NANNIE THOMAS HOUSE
WEST facade

CH 330

BEL CULTON, Md.

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GEORGE W. McDANIEL

Frank and Nannie Thomas House

EAST ELEVATION

C# 330

BEL Airton, Md.

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