

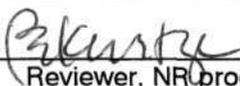
Property Address 9455 Lawndale Street, vicinity of La Plata, Charles County
Owner Name/Address Merle C. Gaddy, 9455 Lawndale Street, La Plata, MD 20646
Year Built circa 1900

Description:

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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	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:															
Suzanne Pickens				07/21/1997								4/4/01			
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services				Date				Reviewer, NR program				Date			

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

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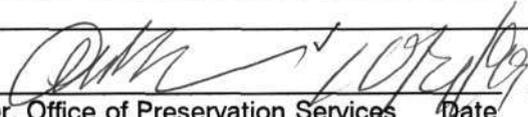
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MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

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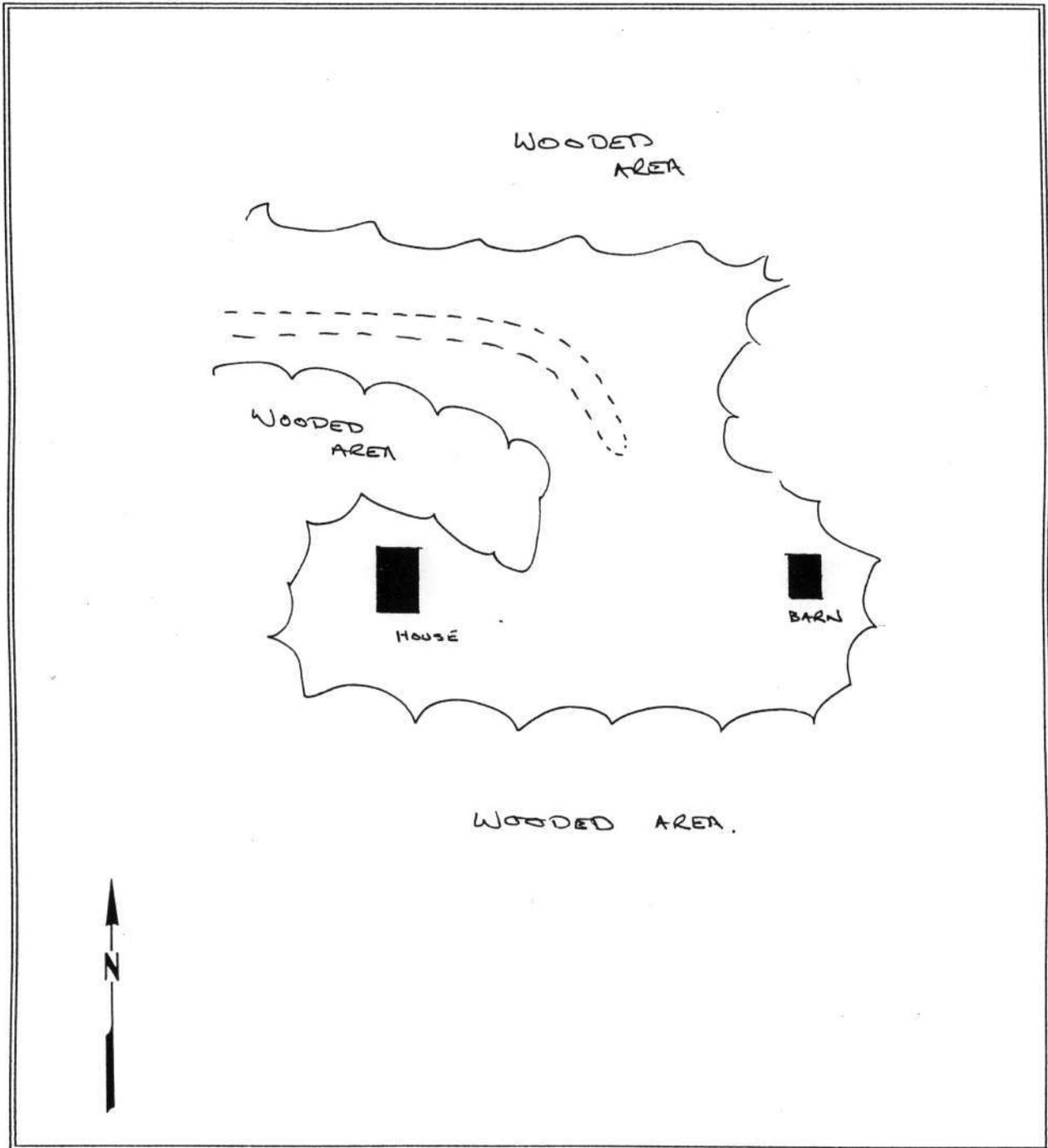
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Resource Sketch Map:



BALTIMORE 55 MI.
LA PLATA 2 MI

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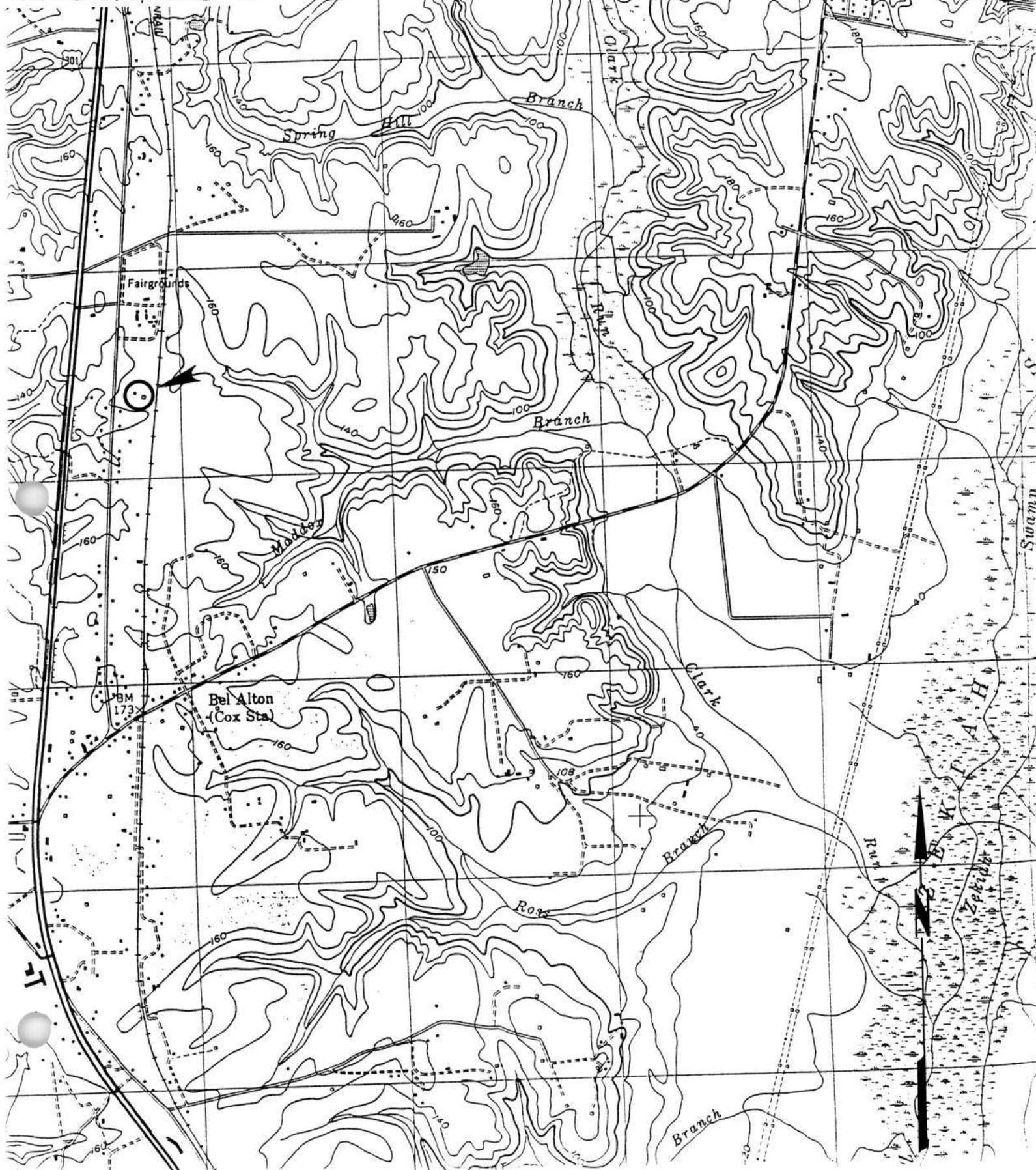
29 57'30"

30 LA PLATA 33 MI

5661 III
(LA PLATA)

U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

Survey # C269, CH330
Property Name FRANK AND NANNIE THOMAS HOUSE
County LA PLATA VICINITY / Charles Co.
Quadrangle POLES CREEK





- 1 CH-330
- 2 Frank and Nannie Thomas House
Charles County, MD
- 3 Bryan McKay, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C. Spero and Company, 40 West
Chesapeake Ave, #412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 9455 Lawn Dale Street West elevation
of House Northeast view
- 6 1 of 4



1. CH-330

2. Frank and Marnie Thomas' house
Charles County, MD

3. Bryan McKay, 9196

4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Baltimore, MD 21204

5 9455 Lawn Dale Street

East and South elevations of house
North west view

6 2 of 4



1. CH-330

2. Frank and Mamie Thomas House
Charles County, MD

3. Bryan McKay, 9/96

4 P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave, #47, Baltimore, MD 21204

5. 9455 Landale Street West.

elevation of house East View

6. 3 of 4



1. CH-330

2. Frank and Nannie Thomas House

3. Bryan McKay, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spore + Co, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Baltimore 21204

5 9455 Loundale Street, barn
East View

6 4 of 4

Ch-330

c. 1890

Frank and Nannie Thomas House
Bel Alton, Maryland
Private

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

Bel Alton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 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
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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 black with a kitchen (one story) added in later years to the south gable end. The main black 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.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1890-1910 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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

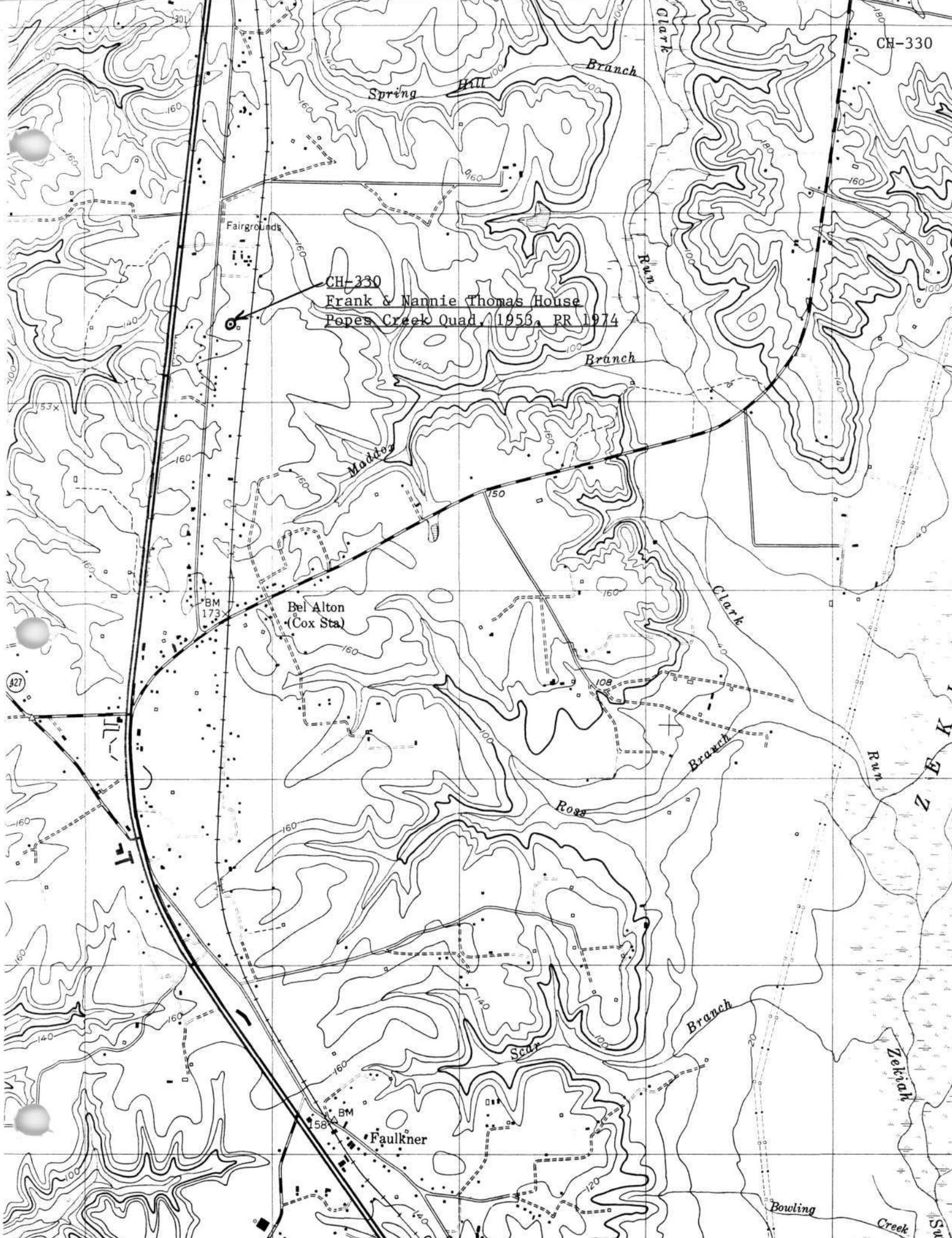
Annapolis, Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



CH-330

CH-330
Frank & Nannie Thomas House
Popes Creek Quad, 1953, PR 1974

Fairgrounds

Spring Hill Branch

Clark Run

Branch

Maddox

BM 173

Bel Alton
(Cox Sta)

Clark

Branch

Ross

Run

Z E K

Branch

Scar

Faulkner

BM 158

Bowling

Creek

Sw

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Frank and Nannie Thomas House
WEST facade

CH 330

BEL CILTON, Md.

GWM - 1/77



CREDIT TO
GEORGE W. McDANIEL

Frank and Nannie Thomas House
East Elevation

C# 330

BEL Airton, Md.

GWM — 1/77