

T-766
William L. Thomas House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: William L. Thomas House

MHT Inventory Number: T-766

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNITY PLANNING
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s): INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common WILLIAM L. THOMAS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Poplar Lane not for publicationcity, town Bellevue vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name William DeShields

street & number 404 Golf Course Court telephone no.: 301-757-4250

city, town Arnold state and zip code MD 21012

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state Md 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-766

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 William L. Thomas house is located on the north side of Poplar Lane in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a southwest/northeast axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story frame dwelling is reported to have been moved during the first quarter of the twentieth century. Supported by a concrete block foundation, the house is sheathed uniformly with a layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to northeast gable end is a single-story shed roofed addition.

The southeast (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with an off-center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The partially glazed front door is sheltered by a single story gable roofed screened-in porch. Lighting the second floor are two unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Piercing the roof is a center brick stove stack.

The southwest gable end is a blind wall surface with a slightly extended eave. The northeast gable end is partially covered by a single-story shed roof addition. The back of the house is being prepared for a modern single story extension.

The interior was not seen.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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		

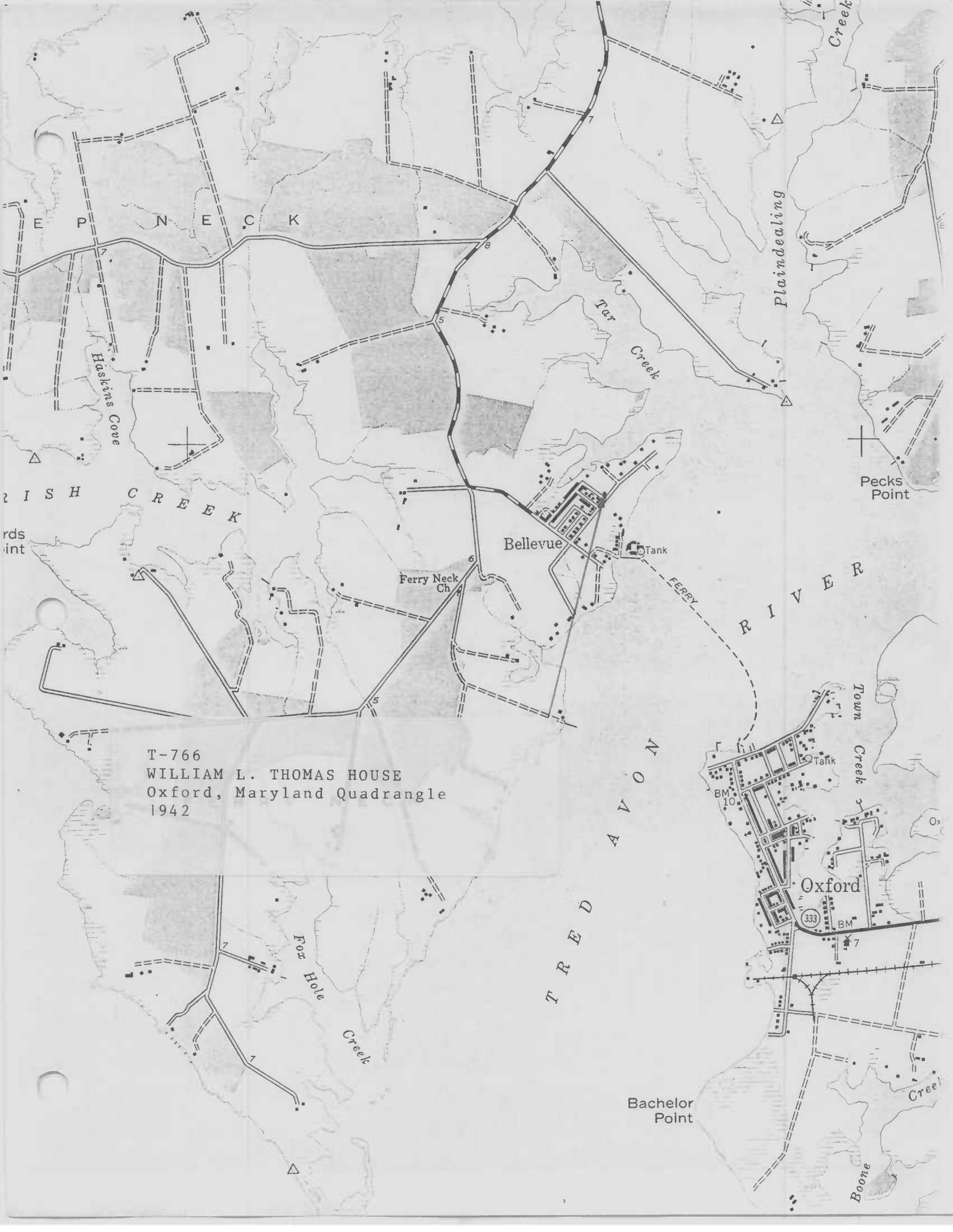
Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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WILLIAM L. THOMAS HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

4/90, Paul Touart, photographer

Southwest elevation

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