T-767 c. 1900
Lucy Thomas House
Bellevue
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Lucy Thomas House

MHT Inventory Number: T-767

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

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Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common LUCY THOMAS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number At the end of dirt lane off Poplar Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county First

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_x_ building(s)	_x_ private	_x_ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	_x_ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_x_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_x_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

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

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
___ good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
x fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Lucy Thomas house is located at the end of a dirt lane that intersects Poplar Lane in the village of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-room plan frame house faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a southeast/northwest axis.

Built around 1900, this two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by a low block pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer of asphalt shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing behind the house is a contemporary frame privy.

The southwest (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is partially glazed. A pair of two-over-two sash windows in line with the first floor sash illuminate the second floor. Piercing the roofline is an interior brick stove chimney.

The northwest and southeast gable ends are similar with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended. Attached to the back of the house is a narrow shed-roofed kitchen addition.

The interior was not seen.

Standing in the southeast corner of the back yard is a frame privy covered with vertial board siding and topped by a shed roof. A board door allows access through the front.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
x 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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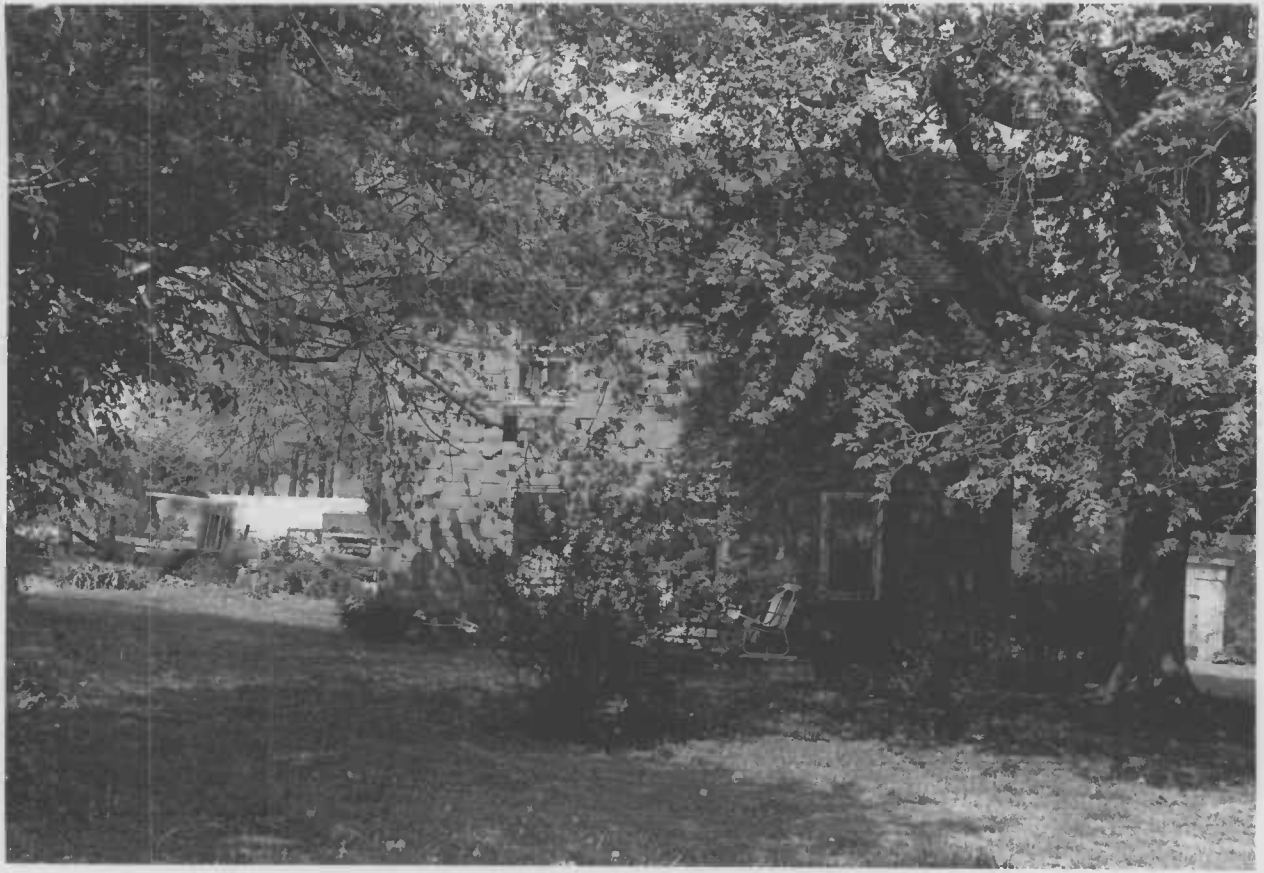
LUCY THOMAS HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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Southwest elevation
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