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Samuel C. Thomas Farm Outbuildings  
Adamstown vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1875-1920

The Samuel C. Thomas Farm Outbuildings consist of five frame and one concrete block domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating from about 1875-1920 which were originally associated with a principal dwelling of the late 19th century which was demolished about 1964 and replaced with the current non-contributing main residence. The outbuildings include a tenant house, a summer kitchen, a wagon shed/corn crib, a bank barn, a concrete block milk house, and a hog barn. All are in fair to deteriorated condition and have minimal architectural and historical significance. The original farm of 185 acres of one of two adjoining farms of the same acreage assigned to two sons of George Thomas. The northern farm was sold in 1881 to Samuel C. Thomas (1848-1924) and the southern farm to Curtis W. Thomas (see F-1-198).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel C. Thomas Farm Outbuildings

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 2507 New Design Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Adamstown  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Roger and Evelyn Mills

street & number 2507 New Design Road telephone no.:

city, town Adams<sup>town</sup> state and zip code MD 21710

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 703

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 565

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 6

The Samuel C. Thomas Farm Outbuildings are a group of six late 19th and early 20th century agricultural outbuildings located within an active farmstead with a non-contributing 1960's ranch house as the principal dwelling and several non-contributing domestic and agricultural outbuildings. The six contributing structures were associated with a mid-19th century frame house which was demolished about 1960. The buildings include a two-story frame tenant house of about 1900-1910, a two-story frame summer kitchen or wash house of approximately 1875-1878, a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900, a frame and stone bank barn of about 1875, a rusticated concrete block milk house of about 1910-1920, and a frame hog barn of about 1910-1920. The farm is located on the east side of New Design Road almost directly opposite the intersection of Doubs Road, near Adamstown, Frederick County, Maryland. The non-contributing main dwelling is located at the north end of the farmstead, with most of the rest of the buildings to the south. The farmstead is on generally flat land and is fully visible across agricultural fields from New Design Road. The drive runs straight into the farmstead almost on axis with the summer kitchen. Dates for the buildings were estimated by architectural evidence, land records, local histories, and personal interviews.

The summer kitchen is a frame building with two stories and a gable roof with its principal elevation facing west. The exterior is covered with german siding and the roof is slate. The west elevation has an irregular bay arrangement, with a single doorway in the north bay and a two-story bay on the south with 2/2 windows on each level. The door itself is a 4-panel type. The north elevation has no openings and the east elevation has a single off-center bay with 2/2 windows. The south elevation originally had an exterior chimney which has been removed. The outline of the chimney is visible on the south gable end and the slate roof has a break in the eave where the stack rose above the roof. The chimney was apparently removed at an unknown date prior to the 1950's and a one-story windowless shed addition added to the structure. On the interior, the south wall was completely removed inside this shed. The outline of the original hearth is still evident in the floor. The building was probably built about 1875-1878 in its original form and is now in fair condition and used for storage.

The tenant house was also built about 1900, based on its materials. According to information supplied by Ms. Sarah Hoffman, whose aunt lived in the house in the 1950's, the house was originally a chicken house that was later converted to a tenant dwelling. The two-story german sided building has all the features of a simple vernacular house of the period about 1890-1910, pointing to the possibility that the chicken house may have been a temporary use in the early 20th century. The west elevation had three bays on the first story and two on the second. A one-story shed porch covers the lower part of the elevation. The sash is 2/2 and the roof is covered with standing seam metal. The chimney is off-center at the ridge. The east elevation has two bays, one with a glazed panel door. The interior has plaster walls over lath and a two-room plan. No fireplace or mantelpiece is present, and it appears that a wood stove provided heat as well as the cooking fire. The house is

# 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 checked="" 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** C. 1875-1920 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Samuel C. Thomas Farm Outbuildings are minimally significant in architecture as examples of late 19th century and early 20th century agricultural outbuildings. The many changes that have taken place in each structure, the covering of original siding in some cases, and the general state of weathered deterioration of the buildings lowers the integrity of the group. With the missing central feature of the farmhouse, one of the key elements of a historically significant farmstead, the remaining outbuildings constitute only a fair example of an outbuilding group. The original farmstead was one of two 185-acre farms carved out of a larger farm by George Thomas of Henry and apportioned to two of his sons. The southern farm is the Waters-Thomas Farmstead (F-1-198), and the northern farm was rented to Samuel Cornelius Thomas (1848-1924). The Thomas family acquired the farm in 1878 and Samuel farmed it as his father's tenant until 1881 when he purchased it for \$13,902.18. The original farmhouse may have been built about 1875-1878, as the deed mentions that Samuel C. Thomas was already residing on the property at the time of his purchase. The Thomas family retained ownership until 1964.



7.1 Description (Continued)

in generally deteriorated condition and is also a storage building in the farmstead.

The wagon shed/corn crib has vertical siding on the south elevation, while the east and west elevations are covered with various types of metal siding. The roof is corrugated metal. On the north end of the shed is a non-contributing, open-sided equipment shed added after 1964. The wagon shed was probably built about 1900.

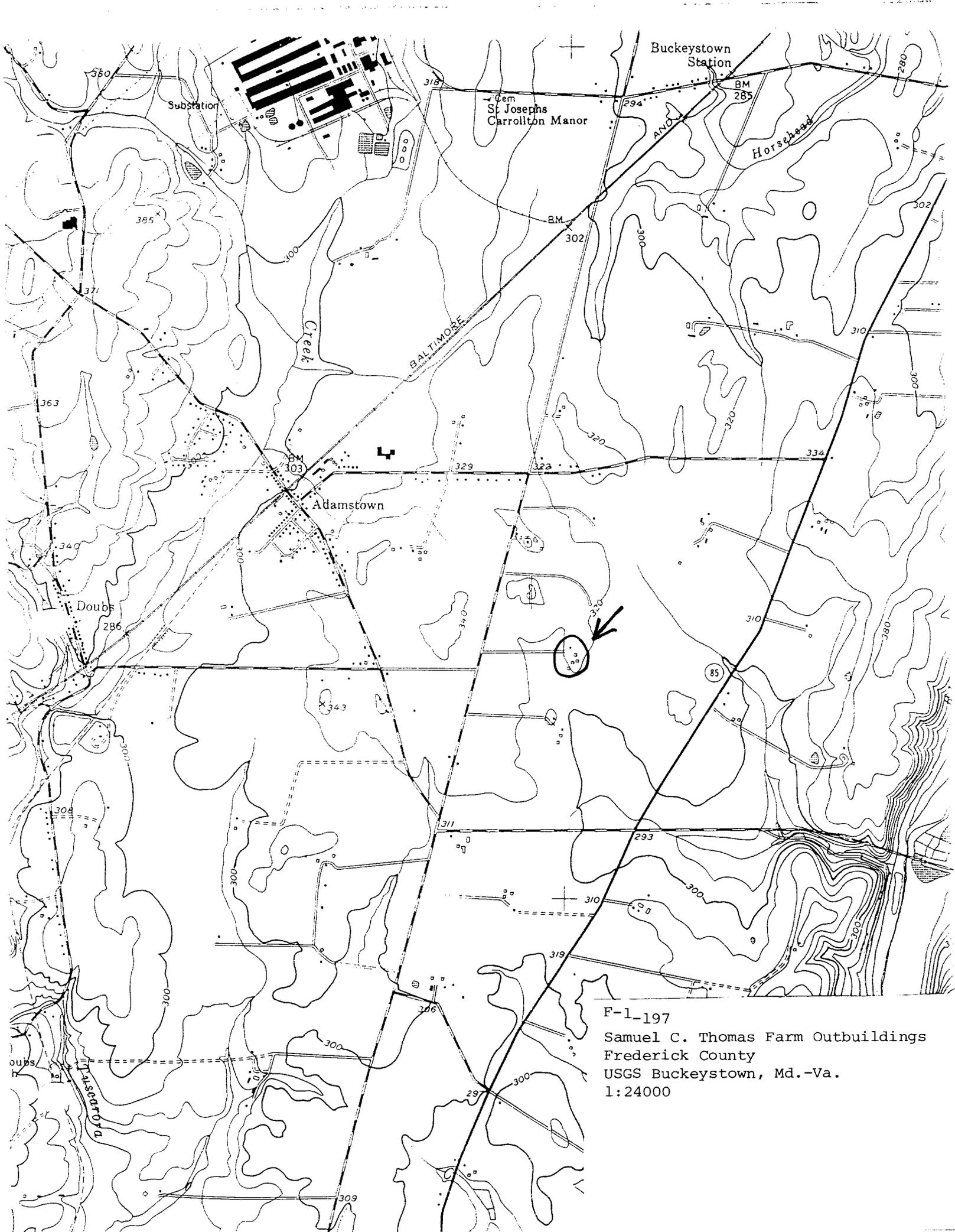
The bank barn is located south of the domestic buildings and the wagon shed. It has been almost completely covered with various types of metal siding on the north, west, and east elevations. Large sliding metal doors are on the north elevation. A small section of the vertical siding is exposed to the right of the doors, showing a louvred arched vent as well. The roof is also standing seam metal. The barn was probably built about 1875-1890, based on its general form and details. The rusticated concrete block milk house with corrugated metal roof and german sided gables is located east of the barn. It appears to have been built about 1920.

The hog barn is located east of the bank barn. It is in deteriorated condition and part of its south wall has been removed. The rest of the vertical siding and standing seam metal roof remain fairly intact, however. The barn was probably built about 1910-1920.

2507 New Design Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
703/565 29 May 64	Roger & Evelyn Mills	Clarence C. C. & Jessie D. Thomas	part of P. 1 conveyed by 350/554		
350/554 19 Dec 24	Clarence C. C. Thomas	John W. Thomas exec. & Jessie Lee Diller Thomas, exec. of L. W. & T. of Samuel C. Thomas	P. 1: Part of Lot #4 of Carrollton 185 a. 1 R., 18 sq. p. pucker	\$20,608.29	
AF 3/503 21 May 1881	Samuel C. Thomas	George Thomas of Henry	185 a., 1 R., 18 sq. p. being the barn where Samuel C. Thomas now resides	\$13,902.18	
TG 9/188 2 Apr 1878	George Thomas of Henry	Washington & Ellen M. Waters	368 a., 3 R., 28 sq.	\$25,000	
Montgomery Co. Mill Record	Ellen M. Waters	Silghman Waters	Silghman received from sister Courtney Waters, died w/o issue & intestate. Courtney & Silghman received from brother Baker Waters, died intestate & w/o issue		
WBT 3/4 1 May 1846	Baker Waters	Wm. M. Beall, trustee		\$17,728.58	
H 5/19/89 25 Oct 1843	Wm. M. Beall	John & Harriett Lee	Lot # 4, 1000 a.		
JS 41/211 5 Jan 1838	Harriett Lee	Dr. <del>John</del> Howard Wm.			
6 Feb 1821	John Eager & Dr. Wm. Howard	Charles Carroll of Carrollton			

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Tenant house, west elevation

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Summer kitchen, northwest corner view

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Wagon shed/corn crib, south elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Bank barn, north elevation

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Hog barn, southeast corner view

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