

CAPSULE SUMMARY

F-1-210

Curtis W. Thomas Tenant House

Adamstown vicinity

Private

Ca. 1900

The Curtis Thomas Tenant House is located on the Waters-Thomas Farmstead property (F-1-198) and was built about 1900 as a rental dwelling, possibly for farm workers. It is a fair representative of the early 20th century vernacular house, although the artificial siding and roofing and the generally deteriorated state of the house lower its historical integrity. The house's original german siding is partially revealed on the first story.

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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:
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 and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Know Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Curtis W. Thomas Tenant House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2309 New Design Road not for publication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 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 Clyde A. Thomas, et.al.

c/o Raymond L. Thomas
street & number 313 W. 2nd St.

telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1325

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 142

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-210

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 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.

SECTION 7: Description:

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Curtis W. Thomas Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling currently covered with asbestos shingle siding built about 1900 on the east side of New Design Road about 150 yards north of the intersection of Mountville Road near Adamstown, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces west and the house has no other buildings associated with it. The date of the building is based on architectural details.

The house has german siding under the artificial shingles, revealed in a section of the east elevation where the shingles have been removed. The general condition of the house is fair, with deteriorated sections of roofing and siding. The first story has three bays with a center entrance and the second story has two bays. A one-story porch with turned columns, also in a deteriorated state, shelters the first story. The windows are 2/2 and the north and south gable ends have only small attic windows near the roofline. The roof is covered with diamond shaped composition shingles. Interior end chimneys are at each gable end. The east elevation has two bays on each floor. The first story north bay is concealed by a one-story shed-roofed extension with a modern door on the east side. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

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.

SECTION 8: Significance:

The Curtis W. Thomas Tenant House is minimally significant in architecture as an example of a vernacular dwelling of the first decade of the 20th century. Much of its simple form and its lack of outbuildings is related to its apparent purpose as a tenant house on the Thomas farm (F-1-198). The exterior materials have been replaced or concealed, reducing its historical integrity. The Waters-Thomas Farm on which the house is located became the property of Curtis W. Thomas in a division of the Waters farm into two 185-acre farms, each being sold to two Thomas brothers by their father George Thomas of Henry, about 1879. The Thomas family still owns the property.



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West elevation.

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East elevation

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