

SUMMARY

HA- 1583

Thomas Lingham House
3223 Abingdon Road
Abingdon, Maryland 21009

This small 5 room frame house was built about 1915 by Thomas Lingham, on land purchased by Robert Lingham in 1887. It is quite probable that Thomas Lingham cut trees on his property, and had them dressed at a local sawmill as construction lumber for his house. Mr. Lingham also carried out small scale farming on the grounds and huckstered his produce locally and in Baltimore City.

As originally constructed, the house had no indoor plumbing or central heating. It has been upgraded over the years, and today it shelters descendants of its builder, Thomas Lingham.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lingham House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3223 Abingdon Road

CITY, TOWN

Abingdon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

Clifton and Ernestine Simmons

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3223 Abingdon Road

CITY, TOWN

Abingdon

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21009

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 985

Folio #: 1083

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

2/15/53

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a one story dwelling located on the southwest side of Abingdon Road, approximately one mile northwest of the intersection with MD Route 7. The house faces the road (northeast) and is set back approximately 50'.

The structure measures 30'5" wide by 15'5" deep, is wood framed, and sits on a concrete foundation. The roof ridge runs parallel to the front of the house. There is a full basement in all but the NW corner. the grade level at the front (NE) is just below first floor level, but slopes rapidly, and the rear foundation wall is exposed, permitting basement entry at grade level. Currently the entire exterior is clad with modern aluminum shingles, in imitation of wooden bevel shingles, the roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles. Inspection in the attic revealed the original siding to be beveled clapboards. In the gable ends, these clapboards are applied directly to the studs, and it is probable that the entire house was originally constructed without any sheathing. Attic inspection also revealed machine sawn wooden rafters, mitred at the peak with no ridgeboard.

Division of the house is as follows. The kitchen is located in the basement, and on the first floor there are five rooms - 2 bedrooms, a family room, living room and a three piece bathroom. Interior access to the basement is via a stairway at the northeast corner. The original railing at the stairwell on the living room floor has been replaced with a modern steel rail, but this is anchored by an early 20th century square newel post.

A front door enters onto the living room, close to the stairwell. The living room occupies the front (NE) quarter of the house, and has windows in the east and northeast walls. A bathroom and bedroom are off the living room in the rear (SE) quarter. The family room occupies the NW (front) quarter of the house, and has only one window on the front wall. Originally there was a covered vestibule entrance at the NW corner, but this has been closed up on the outside, and it now serves as a closet for the family room. One bedroom is off the family room in the SW quarter of the house; this room contains the attic access hatch. An interior flue for a stove runs through the family room on the partition wall for the living room. Ceiling height is 8 feet throughout.

No special architectural or structural features were visible in the basement. All windows have been replaced with modern 1/1 aluminum double hung combination storm and sash. Window trim is plain 3 1/2" board with no decoration. On the first floor, a wooden 4 panel door complete with a metal box lock and wood grain porcelain knob was observed.

At the southwest corner is a flat roofed extension of the basement which does not rise higher than the level of the basement ceiling. This is a modern addition.

At present, there are 3 outbuildings on the house grounds, one of which is a small

continued (see Description continuation sheet #1)

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<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 Circa 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Thomas Lingham

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Land records indicated that the Lingham and their relatives have been associated with this land since 1887, when Robert Lingham purchased six acres from Will and Mary Hall.¹ According to Mr. Joseph Simmons, the present house was built circa 1915 by Mr. Edward Lingham, who was probably the son of Robert Lingham. Mr. Simmons purchased the 4 1/2 acre tract in 1961² (1 1/2 acres were parcelled off in 1945)³ and built his house on three acres. Today, Mr. Simmons's son Clifton, and his family occupy the 1915 house.⁴ The possible construction of a new house on the last mentioned lot may entail the demolition of the older house; at present its future is uncertain.

Purely in terms of architectural significance there is little that distinguishes the Lingham House. It was and continues to be a solidly constructed, fairly spacious single family dwelling, modernized over the years by the additions of central heating and indoor plumbing. The real significance here derives from the fact that it stands on land occupied by the same family and its descendants, for almost 100 years, and that the house has sheltered three generations of this family unit.

1. Liber ALJ 58, Folio 39
2. Liber GRG 574, Folio 208
3. Liber GCB 292, Folio 127
4. Liber HDC 985, Folio 1083

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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
Phillip R. Lord, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE
October, 1980

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

DESCRIPTION (Continuation Sheet #1)

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23 Abingdon Road

modern shed. Near the SE corner there are the remains of a small ice house that was built into the banked earth. The foundation measures 8'9" X 11', and has a door opening 6'4" high on the exposed side of the foundation. Beyond and to the rear of the ice house is a 3-bay shed roof garage, built into the earth in "Banked" fashion. This has a poured concrete retaining wall [with later cinder block extension] with a framed knee wall and roof. If it is clad in asphalt shingles in imitation of brick. Its condition dictates that it only be used for miscellaneous light storage.

Mr. Joseph Simmons is the son-in-law of the late Thomas Edward Lingham, the latter having built this house. Mr. Simmons currently lives on the adjacent property and supplied the following information on September 26, 1980. The house was built before 1916, the year in which Lingham's daughter Faith August [Mr. Simmon's wife] was born. Mr. Lingham may have cut some timber for the house from the surrounding land, but it was dressed at a local saw mill, not on the grounds. There was no indoor plumbing initially, and consequently, the house had only 4 rooms at 1st floor level. The kitchen has always been located in the basement. Water was first drawn from a nearby spring, and later brought into the house by means of a hand pump. An outdoor privy served the family until the later addition of indoor plumbing. A wood stove provided heat during the cold months for the three member family that lived in the house.

According to Mr. Simmons, Mr. Lingham did some farming on the grounds, and also raised rabbits and chickens for eventual sale. He "huckstered" in the Edgewood area, and in Baltimore City at the Broadway Market, and used a Model-T truck in this business. The truck was kept in the earlier mentioned garage. Mr. Lingham also hired himself out to local contractors as a day laborer, and worked for the WPA [Works Projects Administration] in the 1930's.

Mr. Simmons explained that the ice house was filled with ice cut in the winter months on the Susquehanna. The ice was packed in sawdust, and kept over the summer months for use as needed. Apparently, Mr. Lingham did not cut the ice himself, but purchased it from local vendors.

Lingham - Simmons House

Title Search

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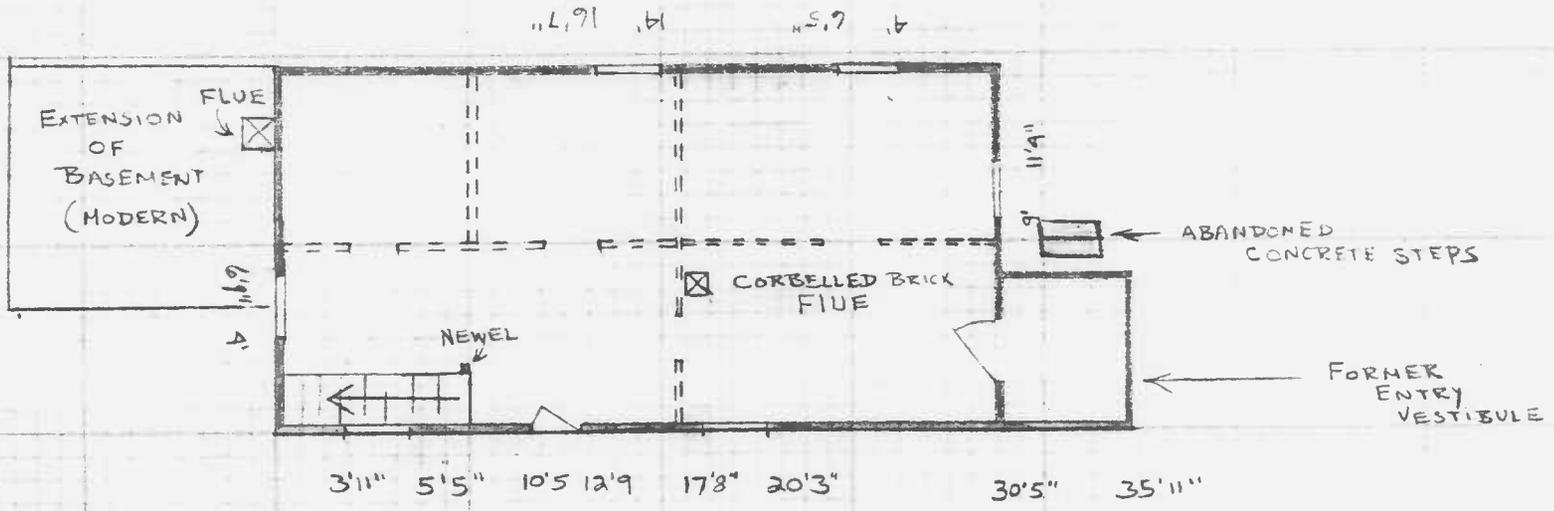
1. HDC 985/1083 Nov. 14, 1975 Grantor: Joseph and Faith Augusta Simmons
Grantee: Clifton and Ernestine Simmons
Acreage: 1 1/2 acres
2. GRG 574/208 July 10, 1961 Grantor: Zero Inc.
Grantee: Joseph and Faith Augusta Simmons
Acreage: 4.62 acres
3. GRG 600/380 March 31, 1958 Grantor: Zero Inc.
Grantee: Thomas Edward Lingham
Faith Augusta Simmons
"Joint Tenants, not tenant in
common."
Acreage: 4.62 acres
4. GRG 500/378 March 31, 1958 Grantor: Thomas E. Lingham
Grantee: Zero Inc.

[Nov. 24, 1945 - Parcel sold to Hollis Bowser and Emma Giles
GCB 292/127] Acreage: 4.62 acres
- JAR 158/21 August 20, 1917 Grantor: Frank H. and Elizabeth Jacobs
Grantee: Thomas and Lillian Lingham
Acreage: 6 acres
5. JAR 155/439 July 30, 1917 Grantor: Harford County treasurer
William J. Shanahan
Grantee: Frank Jacobs
Sum: \$75.00
1914 taxes not paid - land sold on April 12, 1915, deed
was drawn up in 1917.
6. ALJ 58/39 February 23, 1887 Grantor: William and Mary Hall
Grantee: Robert Lingham
Acreage: 6 acres
Sum: \$150.00

BY _____ DATE 9-80 SUBJECT LINGHAM HOUSE
 CHKD. BY _____ DATE HA-1583 3223 ARINGDON RD.
ARINGDON, MD

SHEET NO. _____ OF _____
 JOB NO. _____

INTERIOR NOT MEASURED
 PARTITIONS INDICATED
 BY BROKEN LINE
 ARE APPROXIMATIONS



ATES
THE MY
INEERS

HA-1583
EDGEWOOD QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 GUNPOWDER 15' QUADRANGLE
1010000 FEET
CRESWELL 0.6 MI





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Southeast elevation



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West elevation



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Garage



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Icehouse Foundation