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Thomas A. and Jennie Thomas House
Blocktown Community, Boyds vicinity
Private

c. 1884

This two story frame house resembled other houses of landowners of moderate means in the last decades of the 19th century. The land was purchased by a former slave in 1884 and the dwelling was probably built as his home. Descendants continue to live in the vicinity.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas A. and Jennie Jackson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

C.M. and U.F. Horner

Telephone #: Not listed

STREET & NUMBER

Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4233

Folio #: 602

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 handsome two story frame house has been renovated by the present owners. It is the center of a small working farmstead.

According to Louise Onley, this house belonged to her great grandfather, Thomas A. Onley, and later was owned by her father, Daniel Thomas Onley. Originally the house consisted of only the principal two story block. The arrangement of the bays in the facade was similar to that of today: a door centrally located, flanked by a window on either side. The double hung sashes held two over two lights. Along the facade of the house extended a shed porch.

In plan the house originally consisted of two rooms down and three up. Downstairs were the kitchen and living room, Mrs. Onley remembers. Upstairs were bedrooms. She was born in 1916, and recalls that during her youth, her father added the two rooms down and two rooms upstairs to the back of the house, along with the back porch.

Stove flues served the original block, instead of a chimney with fireplace. The new kitchen in back was also served by stove flues. Underneath the original portion of the house was a cellar.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black history	
				Local history	

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is the only one of the "old houses" of the Jackson family in the Blocktown community that remains standing, other than the Lockett house. Its plan and construction were basically similar to those of the other houses in Black landowning communities in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century.

According to the deed, EBP 32/253, Thomas A. Jackson purchased 12.5 acres from John W. and Ellen Darby in 1884 for the price of \$425. The house was most likely built by him at this time since it was not the Darby's home and was too fine to have been a tenant house. Jackson became the patriarch of the Black community that developed in Blocktown. His son Daniel Thomas acquired ^{adj}adjacent to his on Slidell, and his grandson Daniel Thomas acquired this house. His great grandchildren and great great grandchildren continue to live in the community.

According to Louise Onley, her great grandfather Thomas A. Jackson had been a slave, but she did not know where he had been a slave. According to the 1867 census of freed slaves in Montgomery, there was a Thomas Jackson (sic) who had been a slave of Dr. Nicholas Brewer, and a Thomas Jackson who was a slave of Dr. William Brewer. The former was 27 years old in 1867, and the latter 26. Either one could possibly be the Thomas Jackson, the future owner of this house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (continued on Attachment Sheet A)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Dorothy Curtis, by George McDaniel, not taped. Boyds, Maryland, March and April, 1979.

Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438~~

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 Dickerson, Md. 20753
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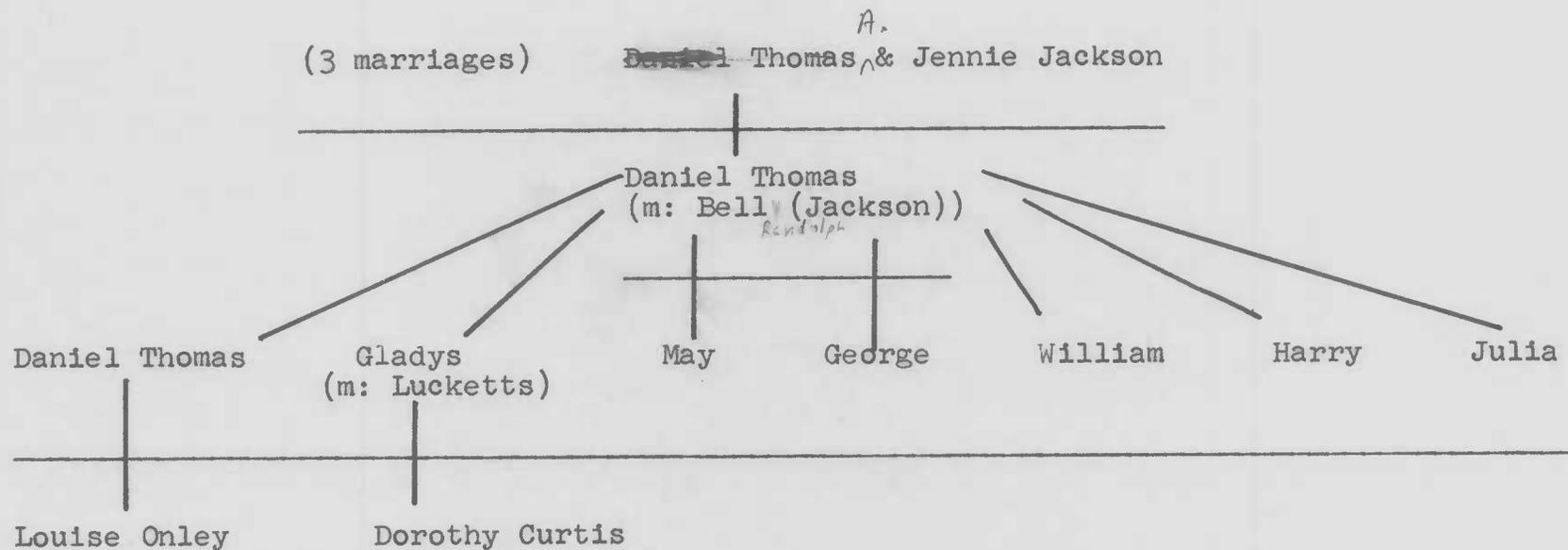
Attachment Sheet A

Jackson acquired this land from John W. and Ellen Darby, and it had been a portion of the 140 acre farm owned by them in the late nineteenth century.

According to Louise Onley, she did not know the history of her great grandmother Jennie Jackson. She did remember that her grandmother Mary Florence Bell Jackson was a Randolph before her marriage.

As part of this survey, family photographs of Thomas A. and Jennie Jackson were copied, as was a tin type of Bell Jackson.

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1. Harry Jackson house
20915 Slidell Road.

2. Boyds, Md.

3. Photographer!

JOSEPH J. DAVIS
4501 WOODFIELD ROAD
KENSINGTON, MD 20795

4. Date! 1979 FEB - 4

5. Negative resides
with photographer.

6. ~~Left view~~ with farm
~~buildings in~~ background,
Looking NNE

7. File No. 791132

Harry Jackson house M:13-33-4
20915 Slidell Road
Boyds, Md.

Photographer: Joseph J. Davis
Date : Feb. 4, 1979

Left view with farm buildings in back-
ground. Looking NNE.

791132



Thomas A.

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Boys, Md.

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Direct front view showing buggy on
front porch.

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