

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Thompson House Survey Number: M:20-18

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Thompson House, located on Shady Grove Road near Gaithersburg, in Montgomery County, is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places .

The Thompson House is a two-story frame building, clad with stucco, and covered with a gable roof with interior end brick chimneys. The house is characterized by a double-story porch which extends across the front facade of the dwelling. A 1-1/2-story wing extends off of the rear of the main dwelling.

MNCPPC removed the property from its Master Plan in 1983. SHA includes property as "demolished." MHT form lacks adequate photos. Based upon the information provided, it appears that the property is either no longer extant, or not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: MHT form in inventory files (1981); Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, Determination of Eligibility, 1996.

Kimberly Prothro Williams September 20, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter G. Kuntz 9/24/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

*demolished
(SHA, 1996)
see I-270 files*

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M#20-18

Magi No. 1604675604

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thompson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 15304 Shady Grove Rd. not for publicationcity, town Gaithersburg vicinity of congressional districtstate Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Shady Grove Development Corporation

street & number 13001 River Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Potomac, Md. state and zip code 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Courthouse liber 5684

street & number folio 819

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

Significance

Survey No.

M. 20-18

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

Specific dates

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 report.

The Thompson farmhouse is a circa. 1880 vernacular Victorian dwelling which follows the typical styling of houses built in the Gaithersburg area during the later half of the nineteenth century. Characteristics of the "Gaithersburg" house include a rectangular main block usually 5 x 2 bays with a center gable and a porch across the facade. Many of them, such as the Thompson house, were constructed of frame and later covered with stucco, somewhat updating its appearance as was usually the intention. On the whole however, this house seems to have retained its nineteenth century architectural characteristics. A unique feature of the Thompson house is the two tiered porch which covers both the facade and the north side. Unfortunately, fire did damage to this house a year or so ago and the now abandoned house will require attention in the near future if it is to remain standing.

In March of 1872, Amasa and Mary Hough purchased 60 acres of tracts of land referred to as "Hobson's Choice" and "Conclusion" from Braden E. Fox of Loudoun County, Va. for \$1,384.77.¹ They built a log home on the property sometime between 1872 and 1876.² This early house is now the rear kitchen wing of the present house.³ The Houghs added the present main block sometime between 1878 and 1885.⁴

In 1893, Henry and Annie Raff, who had purchased the house from the Houghs in 1888, defaulted on their mortgage and the property was sold. It was then described as a 60 acre farm "well watered and in a high state of cultivation." It was improved by a "splendid" two story frame, fifteen room house with upper and lower porches on the front and side of the house. Also on the property were two large barns, a new bank barn, hen house and other outbuildings. The notice of sale went on to say that "the location (bounded on two sides by public roads, only one and a half miles from the Derwood B&O station and not far from Rockville), condition and improvements of this farm make it one of the most desirable small farms in the county."⁵ Later, in 1912, the property was again sold at a mortgagee's sale and was similarly described.⁶

The house was purchased in February of 1927 by Arthur and Josephine Thompson of Rockville who raised cattle, pigs and chickens on the property.⁷ They sold it to the Stecklein family in July of 1942.⁸ The Steckleins kept a caretaker on the place, using it themselves only in the summers.⁹ In 1981,¹⁰ they sold the property to the Shady Grove Development Corporation. The entire area, including the Thompson Farm, is now slated for intense commercial development.

¹ Deed EBP 9/312, Mont. Co. Land Records.

² Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses Bks., 1866-1894.

³ Conversation with Betty Farrah (formerly Stecklein), 5/83.

⁴ Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1866-1894.

⁵ Deed JA 9/478, Mont. Co. Land Records, and Equity #1057, Ja 13/340.

⁶ Equity #2817, Mont. Co. Judgement Rec. JBL 12/215.

⁷ Deed 41 8/469, Mont. Co. Land Records, and Betty Farrah.

⁸ Deed 880/444, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁹ Betty Farrah.

¹⁰ Deed 5684/819, Mont. Co. Land Records.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Thompson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shady Grove Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Gaithersburg

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
C. E. Stecklein

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:
Rockville Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

| 7. DESCRIPTION | |
|--|---|
| CONDITION | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | |
| <p>The house is a two story, frame building, now covered with stucco. Across the main (east) five bay facade is a two story porch. Above the porch is a central gable with arched window. At either end are large, internal brick chimneys; on the south end a window frame and opening reveals the brick stack. The central door has a stained transom light; the flanking windows are 2/2 double hung sash opening to the level of the porch.</p> <p>To the west is a 1-1/2 story wing with 6/6 double hung window sash.</p> | |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itorion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

M:20-18

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | | | | LONGITUDE | | | | |
| | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
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| SE | ° | ' | " | ° | ' | " | ° | ' | " |
| SW | ° | ' | " | ° | ' | " | ° | ' | " |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 20 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

M:20-18



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 93-234, MARCH 27, 1974

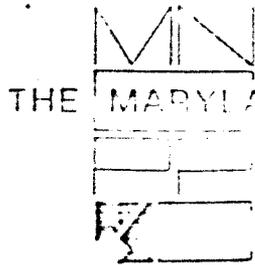
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 18, 1983

ACTION TAKEN

M: 20/18 Thompson House

To make a finding as to whether the above resource will be included in the Master Plan. If not included, the resource may be removed from the Locational Atlas.



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 93-234, MARCH 27, 1974

M:20-18

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated September 28, 1983

ACTION TAKEN

M: 20/18 Thompson House

The site was found not to warrant designation on the Master Plan. It was removed from the Locational Atlas.

M:20-18

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

| <u>Site No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Planning Board Hearing Date</u> |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 20/1 | Remus Dorsey Tenant House** | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/2 | Dorsey Cemetery | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/3 | Shaw Cemetery | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/5 | Snouffer Schoolhouse | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/6 | Urah Bowman House** | 6/17/82 |
| 20/7 | Day Farm Barns** | 9/25/80 |
| 20/8 | Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds | 7/5/83 - 7/6/83 |
| 20/9 | Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church | 7/5/83 - 7/6/83 |
| 20/10 | MINERAL SPRING HOUSES | 4/12/84 |
| 20/11 | SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE | 4/12/84 |
| 20/12 | FIELD'S KING FARM | 4/12/84 |
| 20/13 | WATKINS FARMHOUSE | 4/12/84 |
| 20/14 | Peters House/Monument View Hill | 7/22/82 |
| 20/15 | Gaither/Howes House | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/16 | Heater/Crown Farm | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| *20/18 | THOMPSON HOUSE** | 10/9/83 |
| 20/19 | Windy Knoll Farm | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/20 | Hunting Hill Church | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/22 | Hunting Hill Store and Post Office | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| 20/23 | Ward/Garrett Cemetery | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| *20/24 | Mills House | 1/20/83 |
| 20/25 | Briggs Farm #1** | 7/24/80 |
| 20/26 | BRIGGS FARM #2** | 4/12/84 |
| 20/27 | Pleasant View Church** | 6/17/82 |
| 20/29 | Woodlands Site and Smokehouse | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83 |
| *20/30 | RAILROAD UNDERPASS | 4/12/84 |

* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

** No longer standing.



NAME Thompson House (STECKLEIN) #20-18

LOCATION W SIDE SHADY GROVE RD ROCKVILLE, MD

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 8/20/74 MOWVER