

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Thomas Fulks House Inventory Number: M: 21-129
Address: 208 South Frederick Avenue City: Gaithersburg Zip Code: _____
County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: _____
Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Thomas Fulks House, a typical vernacular structure of the late 19th century with Queen Anne style detailing, retains the integrity of its original design and possesses local historical significance for its association with Thomas Fulks, a prominent businessman, farmer and Gaithersburg politician.

Prepared by: _____ Date Prepared: _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

The Thomas Fulks House was federally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Carol D. Shull

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

November 05, 1979

Date



THOMAS I. FULKS HOUSE
208 South Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, Maryland
Approximately 1 Acre

This building is significant both for its association with a family prominent in the history of Gaithersburg, and as an outstanding and well-preserved example of late 19th century domestic architecture. The house was built in 1897 for Thomas Iraneus Fulks, a fifth-generation member of one of the two (2) families which originally settled the Gaithersburg area and himself a prominent member of the community. A successful businessman and farmer, Fulks was also active in local politics and community affairs, serving on the Gaithersburg Town Council from 1898 to 1906 and helping to organize the first volunteer fire company in 1908.

The house has undergone little exterior alteration since the turn of the century, and its present appearance still reflects the social and economic position of its builder. Elements of several architectural styles which were popular in the last several decades of the nineteenth century are combined in a pleasing, well-integrated composition. The massing is irregular, with gables projecting from the northeast, northwest and southwest corners of the basic two (2) story, hip-roofed block. A three (3) story entrance tower rises at the southeast corner, and a demioctagonal bay projects from the southwest. A one (1) story shed-roofed porch spans the east facade, and a balustraded balcony occurs at the second story level of the tower.

Except for the enclosure of a two (2) story porch which appears in an early photograph on the south side of the west wing, and the installation of asbestos shingles over the majority of the original siding, the house retains much of its original form and detail. The front porch retains its turned columns and the balcony has a stickwork frieze and balustrade. Decorative brackets support the overhanging corners of the gable roof over the projecting bay. Fish scale shingles clad the peaks of the projecting gables; the slate roof also has an imbricated band, as well as ornamental cresting and tower finial. Three (3) double hung windows consisting of large clear panes surrounded by 14 colored panes light the stairwell in the southeast corner.

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
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ADDRESS 208 S. FREDERICK AVE. MHT # M-21-129
County: Montgomery
Gaithersburg LIBER 3940, FOLIO 452

SURVEY # 011
LOT P-390, BLOCK -

OWNER: Robert Wilson
ADDRESS: 9 DeSillum Ave.
CITY: Gaithersburg

PRESENT USE: rental unit
ORIGINAL USE: residence
BUILDER: unknown

STYLE: Queen Anne Victorian DATE BUILT: c. 1890

PHYS. COND: poor

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon
WALL COVERING: asphalt shingle

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss
ROOF COVERING: polychromatic slate
ROOF STYLE: gable
EAVES: decorative exposed
CHIMNEYS: two

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: -
ELLS: -
PORCHES: front; left rear side, now enclosed
SUPPORTS: turned posts
OUTBUILDINGS: -

STORIES: 2 1/2 BAYS: 2 X 5/30 X 45

APPROX DIMENSION: -

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.
LIGHTS: 1/1
BAY WINDOWS: left, two-storey
SIDE BY SIDES: -
GABLE TYPES: -

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: 1st bay
DESCRIPTION: modern replacement

THREAT: deterioration/redevel. SURROUNDINGS: residential/buffer

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DESCRIPTION: One of the most architecturally significant buildings in Gaithersburg. An irregular-shaped frame residence of 2 1/2 storeys with multi-gabled and hipped roof. Fishscale shingles in each gable end. Unusual second storey porch located over entrance, low railing with turned balusters. First floor porch runs entire length of facade, supported by turned wood posts. Architraved wood surrounds on windows and doors. One-light transom over 1st and 2nd storey facade doors; original four-panel door remains on second level.

A square tower extends from southwest corner of building capped by pyramidal slate roof with tin finial and tin edging along roof line with one original Queen Anne window, d.h.s. located in the first level, south side. 1/1 windows are located in 2nd and 3rd levels with plain half-round bracketr supporting the plain boxed cornice.

A small rectangular bay, probably accomodating the interior stairs, extends from the southwest corner and is decorated midway up the face with fishscale singles. Two narrow original double hung Queen Anne windows are located on the west and south sides of the bay. Below the roof line is decorated by vertical paneling in a 12 inch band below a plain wood frieze. The roof overhands and is supported by decorative rounded exposed eaves. The gable end is decorated by fishscale shingles. The south bay is two storeys high and three bays wide. A replaced 1/1 window is located in each bay. The gable of the bay is decorated with fishscale shingles with wide overhanging eaves in each corner which is supported by decorative brackets. The remainder of the house is plain with irregular window pattern of replaced 1/1 d.h.s. A hip roofed dormer extends from the north roof with twin 1/1 windows, covered in fishscale shingles. A tin decoration with finial runs along the roof line of the main house.

Recorded by:
Cherilyn Widell
October 16, 1982
Historic Inventory Task Force

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Thomas Fulks House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 208 Frederick Road (Rte. 355)

CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building of irregular plan and massing. The two bay facade has a tower at the southeast corner. The south side elevation has a bay window with a gabled roof. The porch across the facade has turned posts; at the south end it is two stories with a balustraded balcony at the second floor level.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for 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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 24 Oct 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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

HISTORIC
DESIGNATION
APPLICATION
FORM
City of Gaithersburg, Maryland

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Historic Designation
Application No. - HD 6
Filed July 27, 1983
Sign Posted September 9, 1983
Ad Published September 7, 1983
P.C. Referral Date September 14, 1983
HDC Public Hearing September 26, 1983
HDC Decision/Date Approved 11/21/83
Resolution No. _____

EXHIBIT
HD-6
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9/26/83

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE BY:

The City of Gaithersburg

FOR DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AS A:

HISTORIC SITE
 HISTORIC RESOURCE
 HISTORIC DISTRICT

1 NAME OF PROPERTY
 Historic
 Thomas Fulks House
 And/Or Common

2 LOCATION
 Address
 208 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY(IES)
 PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION:

DISTRICT	SUBDIVISION	NAME CODE	LOT/BLOCK	ACRES/FEET	SUBDIVISION TRACT NAME
9			Parcel 390 Tax Map FT361	26,100 ft.	Summit Park
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9					
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Continue on separate sheet.

3 CLASSIFICATION
(Circle one in each column)

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

Public

Occupied

Agriculture

Military

Commercial

Private

Unoccupied

Educational

Park

Government

Both

Work in progress

Entertainment

Industrial

Transportation

Public Acquisition in Process

Assessible
Yes: Restricted

Residence

Museum

Scientific

Being Considered

Yes: Unrestricted
No

Other: _____

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Robert J. Wilson

Telephone No. _____

9 DeSillum Avenue

Street & Number

Gaithersburg

Maryland

20877

City, Town

State

Zip

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.

Liber #: 3940

Folio #: 452

Montgomery County Courthouse

Street & Number

Rockville

Maryland

20850

City, Town

State

Zip

6 IS PROPERTY CURRENTLY ON NATIONAL OR STATE REGISTER? If so, complete. No

Title

Date

Federal

State

County

Local

Depository for
Survey Records

City, Town

State

Zip

7 DESCRIPTION

Physical Condition (circle one)

Excellent

Fair

Ruins

Unaltered

Original Site

Good

Deteriorated

Altered

Moved

Describe the present and original (if known) exterior physical appearance.

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The present structure is a two-and-a-half story irregular Queen Anne with a square three-story tower in the left front bay. There is a first floor porch that extends the width of the facade.

There is also a second-story porch in the left bay with a shed roof projecting from the tower. Originally, there was a two-story left rear side porch with shed roof. The original front porch had vertical straight spindles forming a cornice effect under the roofline. The porch is supported by turned posts and originally had ballusters. The second floor porch is also supported in the same manner. The rear left side porch had the same turned post supports and millwork corner brackets.

A two-story three-bay window area projects from the left side of the house. There is a square bay projection in the southeast corner probably accommodating an inner stairway. It is decorated midway up the face by fish scale shingles. Two original Queen Anne windows are located in the west and south sides of this bay.

The roof is hipped and multi-gabled with 1/1 windows on the fish scale patterned gable ends. The roofing material is patterned slate. The pyramidal tower roof has a tin finial at its peak. There are a series of millwork half-round brackets in the eaves of the tower roof.

The house is presently covered in asbestos siding which obscures the original wood siding.

SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of Significance - check and justify below

Period

Prehistoric	Archeology-prehistoric	Community Planning	Landscape	Religion
1400-1499	Archeology-historic	Conservation	Architecture	Science
1500-1599	Agriculture	Economics	Law	Sculpture
1600-1699	<u>Architecture</u>	Education	Literature	Social/Humanitarian
1700-1799	Art	Engineering	Military	Theater
<u>1800-1899</u>	Commerce	Exploration/ Settlement	Music	Transportation
1900-	Communications	Industry	Philosophy	Other (specify)
			Politics/ Government	

Specific Dates

1897

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance

The Thomas Fulks House is an outstanding example of late 19th century Victorian architecture with its irregular massing, three-story square tower and fancy patterned slate roof.

Mr. Fulks' great-grandfather was one of the earliest inhabitants of what is now Gaithersburg, being first mentioned in land records of 1773.

Thomas Iraneus Fulks, original owner of this house, was born in 1870. He was the book-keeper at Gaithersburg Milling and Manufacturing Company and later opened a hardware store on Diamond Avenue where A-Z Rental is presently located. He was a member of the Town Council from 1898 to 1906. He was also one of the founders of the Volunteer Fire Department in 1892.

Mr. Fulks married Frances Lois Williams in 1897 and built this house on land purchased from his father in 1894.

The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction and embodies design, setting, materials, workmanship and ambience to the City's sense of time, place and historic development.

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SURROUNDING LAND USES

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North St. Martin's Catholic Church/School

East Residential

South Residential

West Residential/Office

10

INFORMATION SOURCES

County Land Records

"A History of Gaithersburg," Centennial Publication, 1978, City of Gaithersburg.

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ATTACHMENTS

Exterior Black and White Views

Two (2) Location Maps - scale 1" = 200'

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§ 24-225

Gaithersburg City Code

§ 24-225

Historic district. A historic resource or group thereof which contributes to the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural values within the city and which has been so designated by the historic district commission.

Historic district commission, commission. The mayor and city council acting in the capacity of such commission and whose members shall serve terms coextensive with their term of office.

Historic resource. A site or group of sites, buildings, structures or objects, including appurtenances and environmental setting, which is significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology or culture.

Historic site. Any individual historic resource that is significant and contributes to the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural values within the city and which has been so designated by resolution of the historic district commission.

Permit. A historic area work permit issued by the historic district commission authorizing work on a designated historic site or a historic resource located within the city.

Planning commission. The planning commission for the city. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

Sec. 24-225. Designation of historic districts and historic sites; criteria.

(a) The historic district commission on its own motion or by petition of a property owner of record or the planning commission may, after prescribed notice and public hearing, designate by resolution historic districts, historic resources and historic sites in the city, which shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of this article and any rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

(b) Notice of the public hearing shall be by posting of an appropriate sign on the proposed site and publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least once, not less than fifteen days prior to the hearing.

(c) In considering historic resources for designation as historic districts and historic sites, the historic district commission shall apply the following criteria:

(1) Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:

a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, county, state or nation;

- b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. Is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
- d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the city and its communities.

(2) Architectural and design significance. The historic resource:

- *a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- b. Represents the work of a master;
- c. Possesses high artistic values;
- d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or city due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape; or
- *f. Embodies design, setting, materials, workmanship and ambience to the city's sense of time, place and historic development.

(d) Prior to the conduct of a public hearing on the designation of a historic district or historic site and the issuance of a historic area work permit, the planning commission and the city planning department shall investigate, research and submit findings and recommendations to the historic district commission on each request. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

Sec. 24-226. Historic preservation advisory committee.

The mayor and council of the city are authorized to create by resolution a historic preservation advisory committee consisting of five members appointed for three-year terms with the initial appointments staggered, so that no more than any two of the appointments shall expire each year. The committee shall have powers, duties and responsibilities as may hereafter be designated by resolution of the mayor and council. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

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MAYOR BRUCE A. GOLDENSOHN	EXHIBIT HD-6 #5 9/26/83 HDC
COUNCIL MEMBERS W. EDWARD BOHRER, JR. SIDNEY A. KATZ GERTRUDE M. KILDEE JULIUS J. PERSENSKY MARY B. WARD	
CITY MANAGER SANFORD W. DAILY	

31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE TELEPHONE: 948-3220
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20877

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

July 27, 1983

Dr. Robert J. Wilson
9 DeSillum Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Dear Dr. Wilson:

As you know, the City of Gaithersburg is considering inclusion of your property at 208 South Frederick Avenue under the provisions of the City's Preservation of Historic Resources Ordinance.

Your property has been chosen as one of the first five (5) to be considered for local designation because of its obvious importance, both historically and architecturally, to the heritage of our City.

I have enclosed a copy of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. As you will note, the Ordinance addresses only the exterior of your building and is not restrictive in terms of paint color or ordinary maintenance. The Ordinance was designed to bestow honor and importance upon a building rather than to cause hardship of any type.

The procedure for designation is a simple one. A legal advertisement announcing the public hearing will appear in a local newspaper fifteen (15) days in advance of the hearing. The property will also be posted with hearing information. At the public hearing, the Mayor and City Council, sitting as the Historic District Commission, will hear testimony concerning the historic importance of your property by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. This will also be an opportunity for the property owner and interested parties to testify. After consideration of the public record, the Historic District Commission will then make a decision on each application.

If you have any questions concerning the procedure or the Ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 948-3220.

We are proud to have your property as part of our City and look forward to its inclusion as a local historic site.

Sincerely yours,



Linda Michael
Planning Analyst

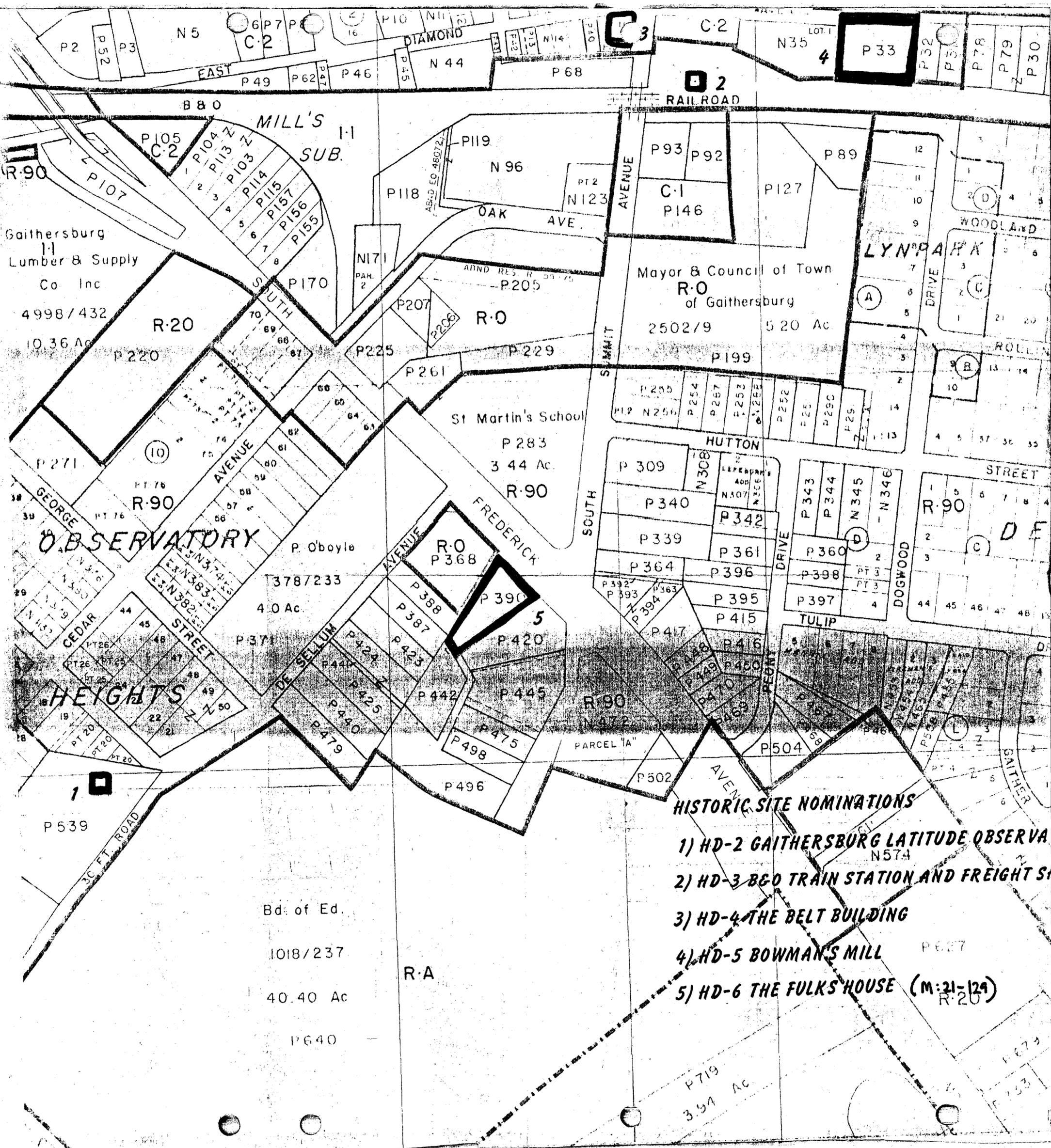
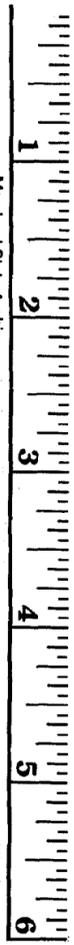
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 GAITHERSBURG QUAD

Original Survey

REK plotter 1944
 creek 1945



- HISTORIC SITE NOMINATIONS**
- 1) HD-2 GAITHERSBURG LATITUDE OBSERVATORY N574
 - 2) HD-3 B&O TRAIN STATION AND FREIGHT STATION
 - 3) HD-4 THE BELT BUILDING
 - 4) HD-5 BOWMAN'S MILL P627
 - 5) HD-6 THE FULKS HOUSE (M:21-124) R-20

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NAME FULKS HSE + ? HSE

LOCATION Rt 355 + DESELLUM AVE GAITHERSBURG, Md

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