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Thomas Griffith House  
Olney-Laytonsville Road (MD 108)  
at Mt. Zion Road, SW side  
Olney

19th century

Facing northeast onto Olney-Laytonsville Road (MD 108) stands this 2 1/2 story frame house. Three bays wide and two bays deep, the house has a 2-story bay window in the southeast gable end. Most windows are 6/6, but at least one appears to be 2/2, perhaps the original sash. The front facade of the house bears a wide, central cross gable, with a 6/6 sash window in it. All windows seem to have modern shutters. The first floor of the northeast facade has a central door flanked by windows. This door has six horizontal panels, and is surmounted by a one-light transom. This door is also flanked by modern shutters. The front of the house seems to have once had a porch, now removed. All traces of it on the front wall are gone, probably after the house was sheathed in siding. However, there remains a platform of sorts, forming a roofless porch across the front of the house.

The northwest gable end has two windows on the first floor, and one on the second (in the front, or northeast, bay), as well as one in the gable.

The roof appears to be standing-seam metal, and two stove chimneys are located on either side of the center bay. The southeast chimney is on the actual roof ridge, and the northwest chimney is slightly forward, down the front roof slope.

The G.M. Hopkins Atlas of 1879 shows this house as owned by Thomas Griffith.

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 Griffith House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rte. 108 & Mt. Zion Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Olney

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <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:  
Sam Riggs IV

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Olney

CITY OR TOWN: Olney-Laytonsville STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:



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**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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Invention<br><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Literature<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/><br><hr/> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Large empty box for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 11/11/74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Ave.

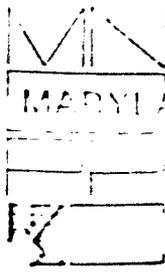
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:  
National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8/31/84

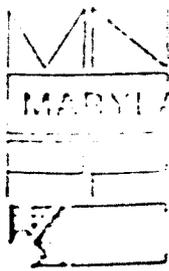
See correspondence dated \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION TAKEN

The Preservation Commission found the following resources did not meet ordinance criteria for designation and recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas and any further regulation under the ordinance:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
22/4	Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse	Route 124 - Laytonsville
22/8	Holland Farm	19510 Muncaster Road
22/9	Duley Farm	19600 Muncaster Road
22/10	Beane Farm Barn	Route 108 & Muncaster Road
22/11	Elizabeth Darby House*	Olney/Laytonsville Road near Muncaster Mill Road
22/12	Thomas Griffith House	Route 108 & Mt. Zion Road
22/13	Chichester House	Olney - Laytonsville Road
22/16	Granby Farm	Muncaster Road
22/19	H.B. Magruder/Water Farm*	Muncaster Road near Redland
22/26	Belt Farm	Route 115 & Avery Road
22/27	Adamson Farmhouse	Route 115 & Avery Road
22/28	Muncaster Mill Run	Muncaster Mill Road & North Branch of Rock Creek
22/29	Prather Cemetery	Megus Property, off Avery Road
22/31	Avery*	Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22/32	Gas House & "Watergate Phone Booth"***	Route 355 at College Parkway

\* No longer standing.  
 \*\* Relocated.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 8/31/84

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-  
VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA  
RESOURCES

at  
7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday  
October 2, 1984  
in the Auditorium of the  
Montgomery County Regional Offices  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1. Dorsey Springhouse #22/1  
Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
2. Pugh Farm #22/2  
6411 Dorsey Road
3. Oatland Farm #22/14  
4231 Briars Road
4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25  
5867 Muncaster Mill Road
5. Barnesley House #22/30  
15715 Avery Road
6. Eubanks Farm #22/34  
6825 Needwood Road
7. Needwood Mansion #22/35  
6700 Needwood Road
8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4  
Route 124 - Laytonsville

9. Holland Farm #22/8  
19510 Muncaster Road
10. Duley Farm #22/9  
19600 Muncaster Road
11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11  
Olney/Laytonsville Road near  
Muncaster Mill Road
13. Thomas Griffith #22/12  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
14. Chichester House #22/13  
Olney/Laytonsville Road
15. Granby Farm #22/16  
Muncaster Road
16. H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19  
Muncaster Road near Redland Road
17. Belt Farm #22/26  
Route 115 & Avery Road
18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27  
Route 115 & Avery Road
19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28  
Muncaster Mill Road & North  
Branch of Rock Creek
20. Pather Cemetery #22/29  
Meyers Property off Avery Road
21. Avery #22/31  
Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22. Gas House &  
Watergate Phone Booth #22/32  
Route 355 at College Parkway



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NAME THOMAS GRIFFITH HOUSE

LOCATION RTE. 108 + MT. ZION RD., OLNEY, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 11/11/74

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