Thomas Leishear (Leizear) House
M:23-77
Montgomery County, Maryland

The Thomas Leishear House is located on a one-acre parcel of land on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue, just south of its intersection with Green Bridge Road in northeastern Montgomery County, Maryland. The modest, 1-1/2-story log and frame house faces west with a small yard between the house and the road. A non-contributing frame garage and attached chicken coop and a frame barn are located south of the house and set further back from the road.

The Thomas Leishear House, built on an historically small lot for rural Montgomery County, was possibly built prior to 1858 by Thomas Leishear, a carpenter. Although the Leishear House provides an example of a modest one-room log house--a once-common and now increasingly rare dwelling type--the house was significantly enlarged by later additions and no longer retains sufficient integrity to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. M:23-77
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name of Property

historic name Leishear House
common/other name Leizear House

2. Location

street & number 20741 New Hampshire Ave Not for publication ____
city or town Brookeville vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery County code ____ zip code 20729

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- X private
- ____ public-local
- ____ public-State
- ____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- ____ district
- ____ site
- ____ structure
- ____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
____	____	sites
____	____	structures
____	____	objects
2	1	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing ____

No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE	Barn

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling
OTHER	Storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Standing seam metal.
walls Log and frame clad with vinyl siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

__X__ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance circa 1858

Significant Dates circa 1858

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Thomas Leishear House occupies parcel 900 on Tax Map JV343.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries correspond with historic property lines since the construction of the house on the site in circa 1858.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization M-NCPPC date December 16, 1998
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12. Property Owner

name Charles and Josephine Williams
street & number 20741 New Hampshire Avenue telephone _____
city or town Brookeville state MD zip code _____

The Thomas Leishear House is located on a one-acre parcel of land on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue, just south of its intersection with Green Bridge Road in northeastern Montgomery County, Maryland. The small, 1-1/2-story log and frame house faces west with a small yard between the house and the road. A non-contributing frame garage and attached chicken coop and a frame barn are located south of the house and set further back from the road.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Originally constructed in the mid-19th century as a room-over-room log dwelling, the Leishear house was subsequently enlarged (late 19th century) by the addition of a frame ell, giving the house its present L-shaped footprint. It sits upon a solid stone foundation, has walls clad with vinyl siding (added circa 1977) over plain weatherboard, and is covered with an intersecting gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal. The house was renovated in 1955 at which time a shed roof kitchen and mudroom wing on the south elevation of the house were added.

Exterior:

The west elevation is divided into three bays consisting of a central entry flanked by 6/6 windows on the first story. There are no windows in the half-story above. The entry is recessed into the log walls and features the original four-paneled wood door, while the windows retain their original pegged sash, but have replacement shutters. A shed-roof front porch in front of the central entry is supported by square end posts and has a standing seam metal roof. Flagstone flooring was added to the front porch during the 1955 renovation campaign.

The south elevation of the original log part of the house has a rebuilt brick chimney on center of the wall and 6/6 windows flanking it on the first story and 4/4 windows in the gable end. The rebuilt brick chimney replaced the original inside end chimney. West of the chimney is a bulkhead entrance to the cellar, located under the original log structure.

The north elevation of the log house has one 6/6 window on the first story and two 4/4 windows on the second story.

The frame ell addition projects from the east elevation of the log

structure. It is set upon a low stone foundation, has a gable roof with standing seam metal, and its frame walls are clad with vinyl siding over plain wood weatherboard. The exposed north elevation of the ell has two 6/6 windows on the first story and two 6/3 windows in the half-story above. The exposed west elevation features a massive stone end chimney with a rebuilt brick stack and a rear entry with the original paneled wood door.

The kitchen and mudroom wing are set upon a concrete slab and are covered with shed roofs, sheathed with standing seam metal.

Interior:

The interior of the house has a room-behind-room plan with the original log house serving as the front room (living room). A winder stair is located in the northeast corner of the room and a rebuilt chimney with its replacement mantel is centered on the south end wall. A former wall partition, historically located towards the north end of the log structure, divided the now open space into two rooms--a living room and narrow stair hall. This partition was removed during the 1955 building campaign, but evidence of it is clearly visible along the original random-width floor boards.

A door opening on the east wall of the log structure leads into the frame ell (now the dining room). This room is set lower than the front log structure and has a rebuilt chimney and replacement mantel centered on the east wall. A former winder stair in this room was removed during the 1955 building campaign in order to accommodate a bathroom on the second floor of the house. A door on the south wall of the ell leads to the kitchen and mud room additions.

The second story, reached via the corner winder stair in the log section of the house, today consists of four rooms: a bedroom and stair landing in the log section and a bedroom and bath in the frame section. A door opening leads between the two sections. Originally, however, the upstairs of the two sections of the house did not connect, but were reached separately by the winder stairs in the downstairs rooms. During the 1955 building campaign, the winder stair in the frame wing was removed to accommodate the bathroom, and a door was cut into the exterior wall of the log structure to connect the separate spaces. The upstairs has contemporary (1955) wood floors and closets.

The cellar, reached from the exterior bulkhead entrance, is located

under the log structure only. It features stone foundation walls and exposed, solid log beams (bark still on).

AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS

Barn: A barn, located just south of the house, is a tall gable-roofed frame structure with a shed wing. The walls are made of vertical boards and the roof is covered with standing seam metal (tin). The interior of the main block of the barn consists of a single room on the ground level and a loft level above. The shed wing is an open-door equipment/wood room.

Garage: A non-contributing frame garage with an attached chicken coop is located between the house and barn.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Leishear (or "Lizear") House, a modest 1-1/2-story log dwelling on an historically small lot for rural Montgomery County, provides an example of a house built in the region by a local resident who was not primarily a farmer. The house, possibly built by Thomas Leishear, a carpenter, was constructed prior to 1858. Although the Leishear House provides an example of a modest one-room log cabin--a once-common and now increasingly rare dwelling type--the house was significantly enlarged by later additions and no longer retains sufficient integrity to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context

In 1858, Thomas Leishear purchased the one-acre lot with "buildings and improvements" from owner Henry Gue. It has been surmised that Leishear, who is listed in the 1850 Census as a carpenter,[1] actually constructed the residence on the site just prior to his purchase of it from Gue. In 1860, Leishear purchased another parcel, measuring slightly more than an acre, increasing his land holdings to 2.33 acres. The property is shown on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map as "Th. Leizar."

According to the tax assessment records, Thomas Leizear was assessed for one acre of land, livestock and household furniture.[2] In 1876, he was assessed for 2-1/4 acres.

By 1870, Leishear is listed in the census as a farmer and his son, Thomas W. as a farm laborer. By 1880, however, his occupation had changed to "undertaker," and his son as "huckster."[3] The 1878 Hopkins map shows a carpenter shop on the property. At that time, his house was occupied by Thomas and his wife, Priscilla, along with their son, Thomas, and his wife and their one-year old child.

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[1] U.S. Census Records, 1850. Leishear, spelled "Lizear" is shown as being 32 years old and his profession is listed as carpenter.

[2] The tax assessment records indicate that he did not purchase the additional acreage until after 1866.

[3] U.S. Census Records, 1870, 1880.

Thomas Leishear died on December 8, 1893 at the age of 77 and is buried in the small cemetery at St. Luke's Church (M:23-78) just south of the Leishear house and where Thomas Leishear and his family were active parishioners.

Following Leishear's death, the property changed hands twice, before coming back into Leishear family ownership in 1921. In 1953, Walter F. Wilson purchased the property, along with the adjacent and surrounding land. Wilson sold a one-acre parcel including the house and outbuildings to Charles and Josephine Williams in 1955 for $4,000.00. The Williams renovated the house, adding electricity and plumbing. Josephine Williams still resides in the house.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M:23-77

Thomas Leishear House
name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):
Agricultural/Industrial Transition (1817-1870)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
ECONOMIC/Carpenter's Shop

Known Design Source: Unknown

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M:23-77

Thomas Leishear Property
name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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Chain of Title:

May 1858	Henry Gue to Thomas Lizear (sic) JGH6/552
Sept 1893	Estate of Thomas Leishear to Lavinia Brown JA 40/116
May 1901	Lavinia Brown to Isabel B. Jones TD 17/377
August 1921	Isabel B. Jones to Horace and Elizabeth Leishear 308/446
September 1953	Horace and Elizabeth Leishear to Walter F. Wilson 1846/110
1955	Walter F. Wilson to Charles and Josephine Williams

THOMAS LEISHEAR HOUSE (M: 23-77)

Casual User Application

M-NCPPC
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

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Scale 1" = 400'

Research & Technology Center

Leishear House

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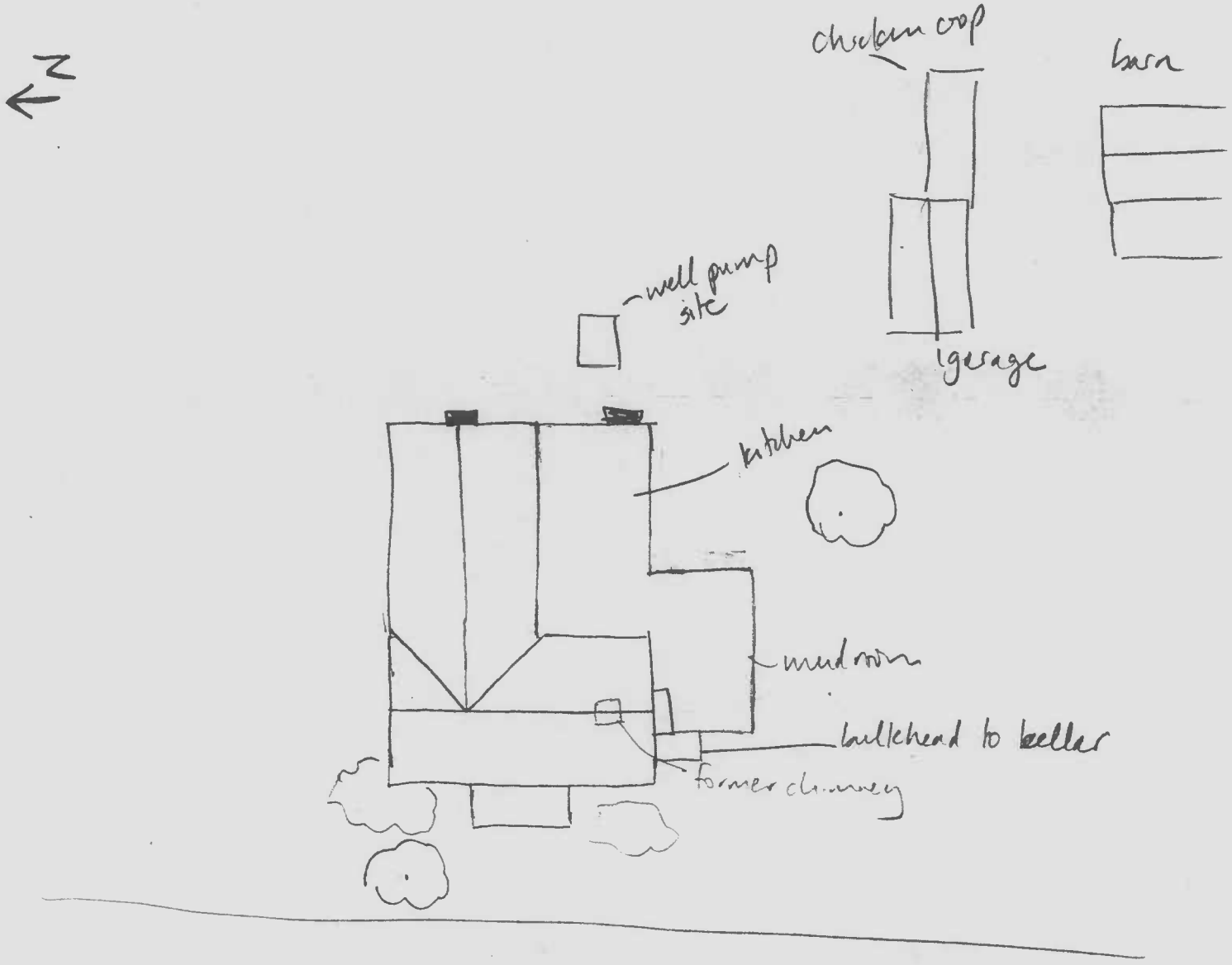
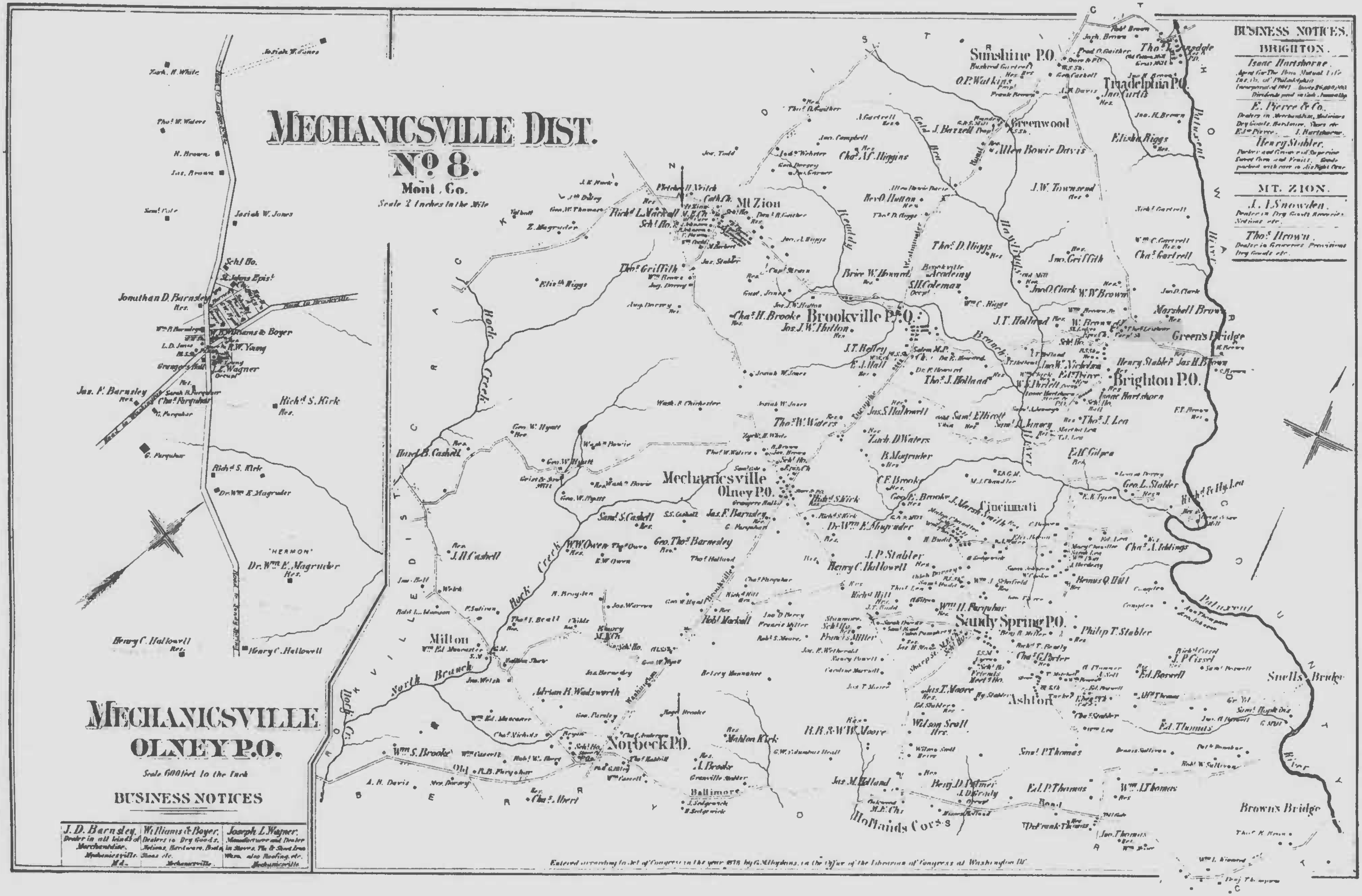
LEISHEAR HOUSE





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Leishear House

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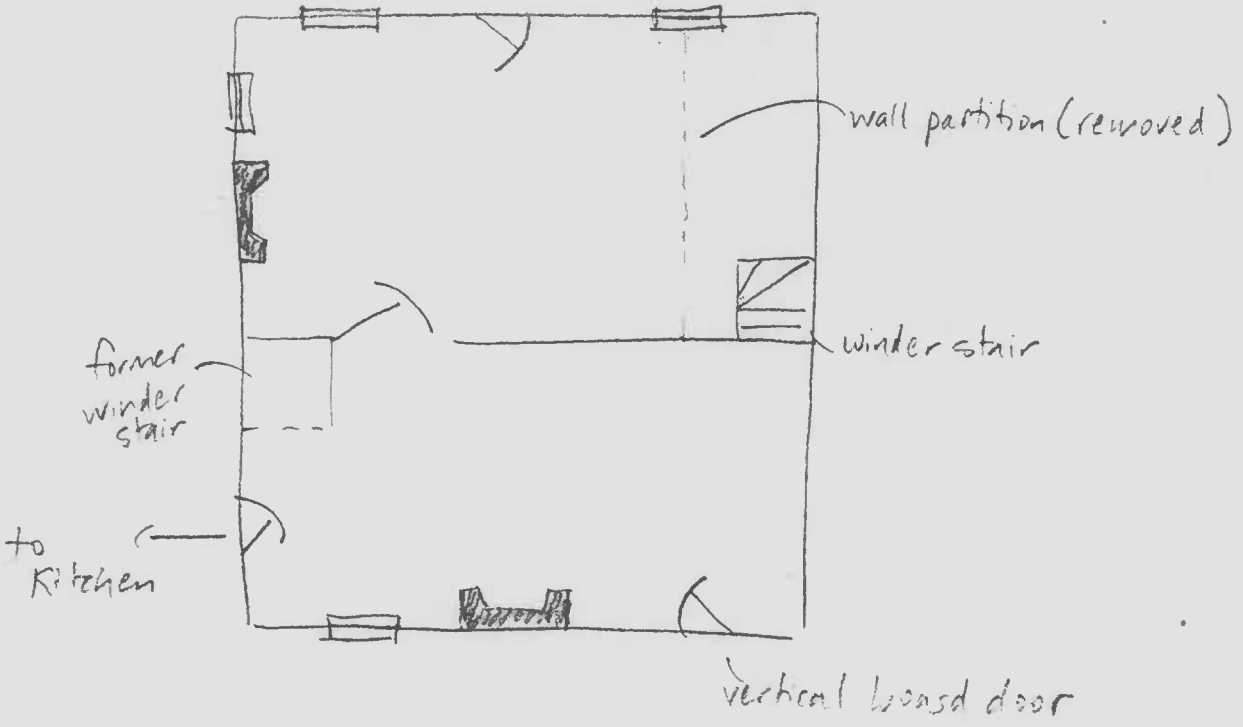

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Date: 7/13/99
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 10' 46.1" N 077° 01' 23.3" W
Caption: THOMAS LEISHEAR HOUSE (M: 23-77)
20741 New Hampshire Av.

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M: 23-77
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY P WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
WEST ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING EAST
1 of 6

M:23-77
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
WEST ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING NE
2 OF 6

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#23-77
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
SOUTH ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING NORTH
3 OF 6

10 26 '98

M23-77
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 24, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
EAST ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING NW
4 OF 6

M:
23-77
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
INTERIOR STAIRCASE
5 OF 6

10 25 98

M:
23-177
LEIZEAR HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
SOUTHERN MOST OUTBUILDING
6 OF 6

M:23-77
(date entered 5-12-80)

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Thomas Leishear House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/77 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 10 A-12

4. Address: 20741 New Hampshire Avenue, Brighton

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Historical Sites

Federal ___ State x County x Local ___

6. Date: c. 1850 7. Original Owner: Thomas Leishear (?)

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by three bay, one-and-a-half story L-shape house sits close to the road facing west. The house has white clapboarding. It has two one story frame additions on the south with white novelty siding. The west gabled porch is supported by two square corner posts. The house has six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The east ell has six-over-three double-hung windows. The intersecting gable roofs and the two shed roofs have red raised seam metal covering.

10. Significance: This modest but charming 1½ story frame dwelling is an example of a home built in the country on a small parcel of land by someone who was not primarily a farmer. Thomas Leishear (Lizear) was listed in the 1850 Census as a carpenter. In 1858 he purchased one **acre with building** and improvements from Henry Gue for whom he may have built the house, and in 1860 increased his holdings to 2.33 acres. He was apparently unsuccessful as a small farmer: In the 1870 Census Thomas G. Leishear is listed as a farmer, but by the late 1870's he was a carpenter and undertaker. Living with him was his wife, their son, his wife and granddaughter. In 1893 the family sold the property, but after two intermediate ownerships it returned to the Leishear family in 1921. It was sold again in 1953, and bought in 1955 by the present owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Roberta Hahn-7/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval ___

15. Acreage: 43,111 sq. ft.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Thomas Leishear House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
20741 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Brighton

X VICINITY OF near Brookeville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Charles W. and Josephine Williams Telephone #: 774-7012

STREET & NUMBER
20741 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Brookeville

X VICINITY OF Brighton

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20729

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2042
Folio #: 150

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE
1976

__FEDERAL X STATE X COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

M:23-77

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by three bay, one and a half story, L-shaped house sits close to the road facing west.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has white clapboarded exterior walls and white novelty siding on the two one-story lean-to additions on the south elevation. The west porch has a shed roof covered by red raised seam metal covering and supported by two square corner posts. The west door is deeply recessed and it is wooden paneled. On the east elevation a flagstone step leads to a vertical board door. A flagstone step leads to the glass and wooden paneled south door.

The house has six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The east ell has six-over-three double-hung windows at the second level of the north elevation.

The house has an intersecting gable roof and two shed roofs covered by red raised seam metal covering. There is an exterior chimney on the south elevation and an exterior chimney with a massive fieldstone base on the east ell. One exterior stone chimney is on the east elevation, south addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c.1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This modest 1½ story frame dwelling is an example of a home built in the country on a small parcel of land by someone who was not primarily a farmer. Thomas "Lizear" first appeared in the Census Records for Montgomery County in 1850, aged 32, and was listed as a carpenter.[1] In 1858 he purchased one acre with building and improvements from Henry Gue.[2] Although it has not been documented, it is not unlikely that Lizear, the carpenter, was instrumental in the construction of the building. In 1860 he added slightly more than an acre to his holdings,[3] increasing the property to its maximum size of 2.33 acres.

In the 1870 Census Records, Thomas G. Leishear (the spelling which has prevailed) was listed as a farmer and his son, Thomas W., as a farm laborer, but by 1880 his occupation was given as 'undertaker' and his son as 'huckster'.[4] The 1878 Hopkins map shows a carpenter shop on his property. At that time the small house was occupied not only by Thomas and his wife, Priscilla, but also by their son, his wife Mary, and their one year old granddaughter.

In 1893 the 'home place' of Thomas G. Leishear passed out of their hands to Lavinia Brown,[5] and in 1901 the modest dwelling became the home of a widow, Isabel B. Jones, and her three children.[6] Interestingly, the home returned to the Leishear family in 1921 when Horace and Elizabeth Leishear purchased it.[7] The house and 2.5 acres were purchased in 1953 by Walter F. Wilson,[8] who by that time owned all of the surrounding land. In 1955 it was bought with one acre by the present owners, Charles and Josephine Williams. The house has undergone little substantial change over the years and is maintained charmingly.

FOOTNOTES:

1 U.S. Census Records, 1850.
2 Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, JGH6/552. (May 1858)
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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 43,111 sq. ft.

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
Roberta Hahn — Candy Reed Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION
Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE
July 1979

STREET & NUMBER
Box 87

TELEPHONE
926-4510

CITY OR TOWN
Dickerson

STATE
Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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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 S. Leishear House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
20741 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Brighton

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building	☐ Public	Public Acquisition:	☒ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site ☐ Structure	☒ Private	☐ In Process	☐ Unoccupied	☐ Restricted
☐ Object	☐ Both	☐ Being Considered	☐ Preservation work in progress	☐ Unrestricted
				☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Charles Williams

STREET AND NUMBER:
20741 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Brighton

STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Rockville

STATE: 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:

M.23-77

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 1-1/2 story structure, the front part of which is log, with several additions of frame. The house sits on a stone foundation. The facade is three bays, with a center entrance, and a chimney has been rebuilt on the south end. The second part, a wing to the east, is framed and has a large stone chimney base with (rebuilt) freestanding stack. These two parts of the house are sheathed with clapboards. To the south is a one story addition made in the 1950's by the present owners.

The interior is a room without hall, with an end chimney at the south end. In the northeast corner is a boxed staircase with vertical beaded boarding. Behind it is a second room; the fireplace back is soapstone, and it has a working crain. To the south of the second addition is the kitchen, down three steps.

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8. 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)*

- ☐ Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES OEFINING 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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
5/10/73

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

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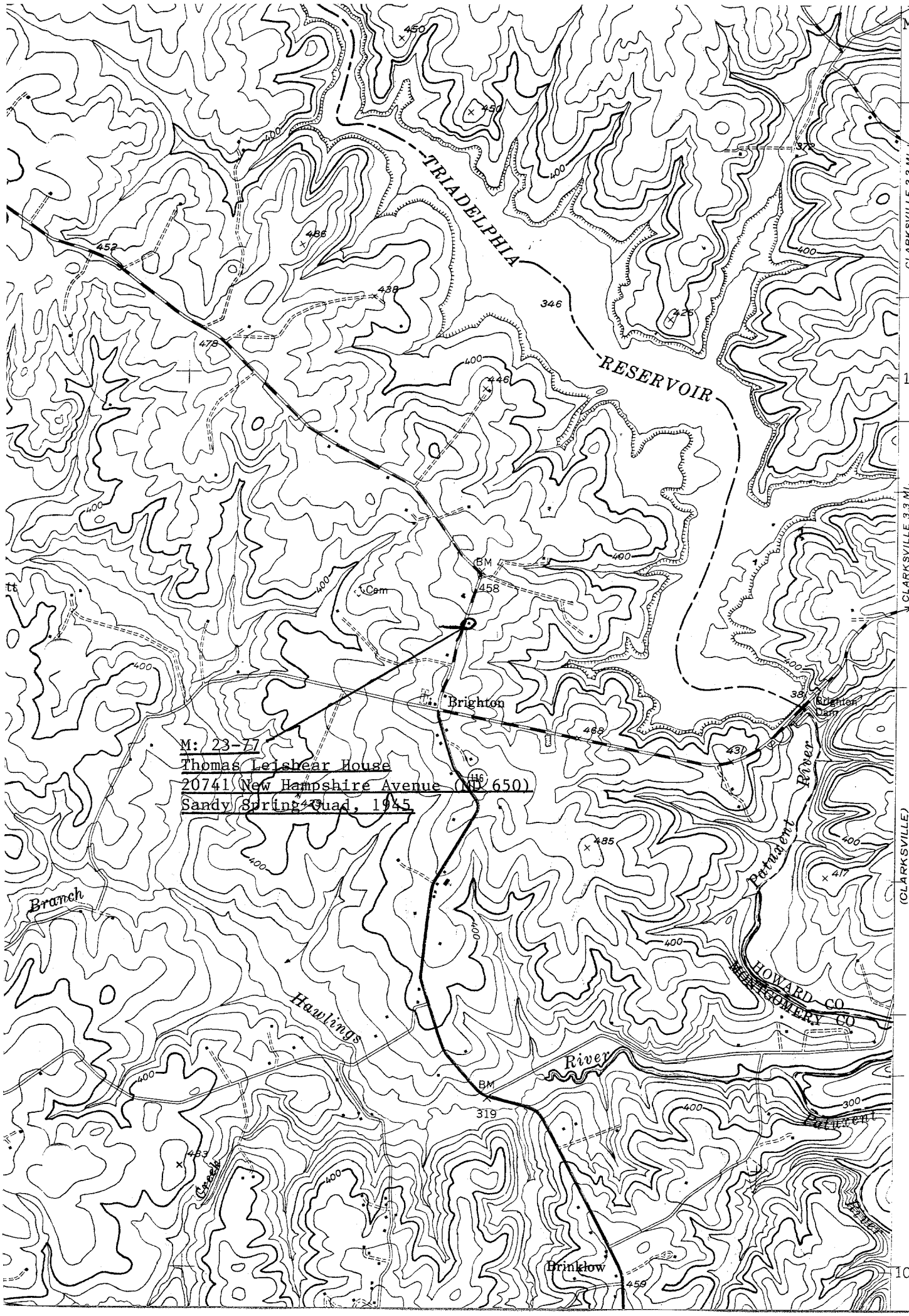

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