

Site: M:26/10/85

Thompson House

Built: 1888

15 Wall Street

Builder: Edwin West

Private

This late Victorian cross-gabled cottage was the earliest of three similar cottage residences built by Rockville master-builder Edwin M. West on Wall street between 1888 and 1893. This 2-1/2 story stuccoed frame cottage is a mirror image in plan to the Garrett Cottage at 19 Wall Street. The Hugh Thompsons owned the house from 1917 to 1971.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Thompson House

and/or common

**2. Location**street & number 15 Wall Street not for publicationcity, town Rockville vicinity ofcongressional district 8state Marylandcounty Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Linthicumstreet & number 15 Wall Streettelephone no.: 340-7568city, town Rockvillestate and zip code Maryland 20850**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records 3963

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**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle National Register of Historic Places (1974)date City of Rockville Historic District (1974)  federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records City of Rockvillecity, town Rockvillestate Maryland

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces east on Wall Street, situated on a spacious lot shaded with mature trees, well landscaped with shrubs and evergreen trees softening the foundation line. A two car frame and German siding, front-gable roofed garage is at the southwest corner of the house, accessed from Wall Street by two concrete wheel paths along the south side of the house.

This stuccoed frame two-bay by four bay, 2-1/2 story gable-front house is basically a square structure with square two story, gabled extensions front and sides. There is a brick foundation, and the cross-gambrel low-pitched roof with gable extensions is covered in composition shingle. There is one exterior brick chimney. A two story rear porch, now enclosed, a modern rear addition, and a front verandah which extends from the front extension left around to the extension on the north side complete the structure.

As built, this house was designed as a "Picturesque Cottage", perhaps Dutch or English influenced, with somewhat irregular massing created by projecting gabled extensions, a square bay, cross-gambrel roof with keyed finial and pendant, and slightly flared eaves. Shaped decorative rafter ends pierced by a round hole are used under the broad vergeboards. It is likely that the house presented a more "Victorian" appearance before its pattern of siding and gable detailing was removed or smoothed with stucco. The front porch rests upon brick piers and is covered with a tin seamed roof, as is the rear addition. Windows vary, with 2/1 and 1/1 predominating. All of the windows have slightly projecting sills and prominent moulded drip caps; most have wooden louvered shutters.

The two-bay east (front) facade is massed in square blocks: square main block with a front-gabled, two-story square extension on the south, a square bay projecting from it which is covered by, and flows into the slightly hipped-roof verandah. The extension gable has flared eaves with shaped and pierced decorative rafter ends, wide vergeboards, and a finial and pendant at the peak. A small rectangular attic ventilator is inset below. A pair of 1/1 windows is centered on the 2nd story and in the small bay below. This bay has narrow windows centered on its north and south sides. The main block has one 2/2 window in the north bay, second story, and a wood exterior door with rectangular transom and 8-light storm door below. The verandah rests on low brick piers and is supported by the square bayon the south and by five plain Doric columns supporting a wide lintel with crown moulding in the north, open, portion. This verandah is more typical of 20th century houses, nearly identical in proportion and architrave design to that of the 1920 foursquare at 12 Wall Street. It may be a later replacement added with the stucco finish.

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1888 **Builder/Architect** Edwin West **local history** builder

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 support.

### Significance

This house is the earliest of the three adjoining vernacular cottage residences built on Wall Street by Edwin M. West between 1888 and 1893. It was the home of the Hugh Thompson family for over 50 years.

### History and Support

The Montgomery County Sentinel of June 11, 1889 noted the sale "To Miss Lillie Claubaugh of Washington for \$2,250, the pretty cottage recently built in the West End by Mr. Edwin M. West." West had purchased the site from the Trustees of the Rockville Academy in May, 1887 and it was included in "R.T. Veirs' Addition to Rockville" as the south half of lot #13. 1/ In plan it is the mirror image of #19 Wall Street, built by Mr. West in 1891.

The second owner, Benjamin Riggs, defaulted on the 1899 purchase mortgage; the advertisement for the mortgage sale in 1910 describes it as a "comfortable, 6 room, frame dwelling with suitable outbuildings, good garden and considerable fruit..." 2/ It was purchased by J.A. Hoskinson, who rented the house. It was occupied by a Dr. Pope when it was again advertised for sale in 1912; this advertisement noted its tin roof, bath, and lot size of 50 X 125 feet. 3/ The property was not sold until 1917.

Hugh Thompson and Lee Athey were married in 1917 and purchased the house, along with the other half of lot #13. 4/ Their purchase added to the Thompson family holdings which already included mother Ada Thompson's home on lot #3 (400 West Montgomery Avenue) and lot #12, lying between the two Thompson houses.

During their 53-year tenure the Thompsons covered the house with pebble-dash masonry, enclosed the side and back porches, and added one room to the rear. The main roof of the house was replaced with asphalt shingles; the front porch roof remains tin. 5/

Present owners Alexander and Peggy Linthicum purchased the house in 1971.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Tax, Will, and Equity Records. Newspaper Abstracts. Thompson family information. Interview with Peggy Linthicum.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property ~~9,800~~ square feet

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

South half of Lot #13 in "R.T. Veirs' Addition to Rockville" as per Plat A/6, fronting 50 feet on Wall Street.

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The four-bay north facade is composed of the east front bay and extension, main block with west two-story gabled square extension, and a rear two-story porch. The first story main block has one centered window. The west two-story gable-front extension has one window first and second stories and the shed-roofed rear porch has one window first and second story.

The west (rear) facade has an irregular massing created by a rear addition to the enclosed two-story porch. The north half of the first and second stories of the rear porch are enclosed and stuccoed as the house. The south second story is enclosed with clapboard and a strip of six unshuttered windows. The south first story has an exterior door with three windows to its right. A later one-story side-gabled addition is situated at the southwest corner. The addition has a stucco exterior and a seamed metal roof. It has paired 6/1 unshuttered windows on the north side, one centered window in the west, and one long, high rectangular window in the south side left bay and a 6/1 window in the right bay.

The three-bay south facade has two windows in the first and second stories of the rear porch, then a two-story square gabled extension with one window each story, an exterior brick chimney, then a window on the second story east bay, and a small square window with two hinged 8 light sashes in the east bay, first story.

#### Garage:

The front-gabled two bay garage has German siding and a composition shingle roof. The front has two sliding doors, each divided into two sections of six lights each and three wood panels below. A goose necked, shaded electric light fixture is mounted over the doors.

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#### Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Records JA6 /209 (1887).
2. Montgomery County Judgment Records PBR 17/152 includes the advertisement that appeared in the Montgomery Advocate.
3. Montgomery County Sentinel, June 28, 1912.
4. Montgomery County Land Records 260/18 and 264/348 (1917).
5. Interview with Peggy Linthicum, January 1986.

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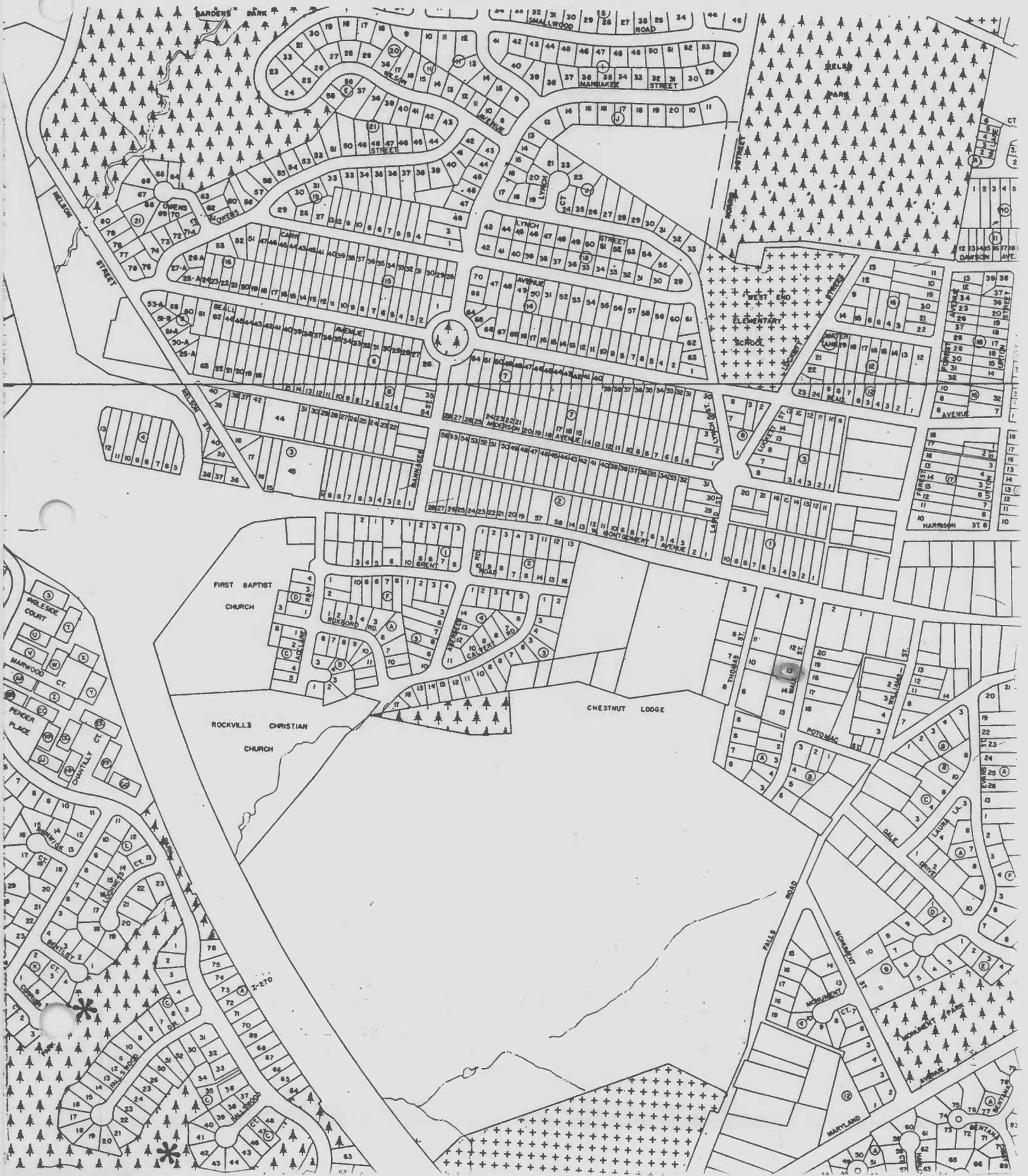
# City of Rockville scale: 1"= 600'

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