

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Matthews House Inventory Number: PG:62-17
Address: 7700 Old Muirkirk Road City: Beltsville Zip Code: 20705
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville
Owner: Elizabeth G. Day Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 56 Tax Map Number: 14 Tax Account ID Number: 10 1029347
Project: US 1 MD 201 Corridor Study Agency: FHWA/SHA
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: PG: 62-23
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: ROSSVILLE HISTORIC 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:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
The Matthews House is a contributing resources to the Rossville Historic District and as such is eligible under criteria A and C. Criteria B and D were not investigated. See Rossville Survey District DOE, PG:62-23, dated 8/26/02.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist. Date Prepared: 08/26/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>3/27/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/17/03</u> Date

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P. G. #62-17

Thomas Matthews House

7700 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md.

Priv/Occ/Res/Good

1888

The Matthews house is a two-story frame house presently covered with yellow stucco. The original house was a gable-roofed frame house, three bays wide with entrance in the central bay of the main west facade, with a cross-gabled kitchen section attached at the center rear of the house. The main block was one-room deep, with one parlor on each side of a central staircase.

The stucco was added in the 1920's, and in more recent years, a pantry and a sun-room have been added on the north and south of the kitchen.

The Matthews house is the most substantial of the original houses built in Rossville in 1888. This community was subdivided into twelve lots in 1886. Thomas Matthews purchased a two-acre lot, and by 1889, with the help of other members of the new community, had completed this two-story gable-roofed frame house. The community of Rossville, which centered around the Queen's Chapel (Methodist) and Abraham Hall, was made up largely of families of Blacks who were employed at the near-by Muirkirk Iron Furnace.

The Matthews house is a significant example of substantial home building by an upwardly progressing Black laborer in a new community of his peers.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Matthews House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7700 Old Muirkirk Road ___ not for publication

city, town Beltsville ___ vicinity of Muirkirk congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 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 Mrs. William Day

street & number 7700 Old Muirkirk Road telephone no.: 776-5381

city, town Beltsville state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. County Courthouse liber 397

street & number Main Street folio 337

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N O N E

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<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.

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