

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-23 Building Date: 1901

Building Name: Thomas Garner House

Location: 11801 Molly Berry Road, Upper Marlboro

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Thomas Garner House is two-stories of frame, gable roofed with a white-painted wood shingle wall covering. The building has a "T" shaped plan with additions. It is located on a gravel drive north of Molly Berry Road. The three-bay south (front) facade has a central entrance in a projecting semi-octagonal bay, the door having four lower panels, a centered glass light and an upper horizontal wood panel. The entrance is flanked by 2/2 windows on the first and second stories. There is a one-story, hipped roof five-bay entrance porch with overhanging eaves and a wide plain frieze resting on turned wood posts with jigsaw brackets. Centered above the entrance is a high corbelled brick interior chimney at the ridge of the gable roof. The one-bay east gable end of the main block has a crown molded cornice with corner kicks. The south porch continues across the east facade and connects to a one-story infill addition. The addition and the east section of the porch have been added since 1980. The one-bay west gable end of the main block has a screened, hipped roof porch connecting to the front entrance porch. There is a two-story, gable roof two-by-one-bay frame wing centered on the north (rear) facade of the main block, with the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. There is a corbelled interior chimney at the roof ridge, and a two-and-one-half-story square tower with a pyramidal roof attached to the north gable end of the wing. There are two one-story, one-bay frame outbuildings west of the house; a "milk house", square, with a pyramidal roof sided with the same shingle as the house; and a shed, similar in size and plan, with a patterned tin roof. A large gambrel roof barn southeast of the house, has a high cement base with the date "1943" in the southwest foundation wall.

Significance

The Thomas Garner House is a handsome vernacular structure built ca 1901 by Thomas A. Garner, a local farmer. The house is significant as part of an early 20th century farm complex and for its handsome design. It still is occupied by members of the Garner family. It also is significant for its north, two-story tower, designed to provide hot running water throughout the house. Garner acquired 100 acres from his father, James F. Garner, in 1901 and built the house at that time. It is typical of farmhouses built in the County during the late nineteenth century, except for its white painted wood shingle siding and rear tower. The tower is attached to the north gable end of the house. Water from the well situated in the rear yard was pumped through exterior pipes to the upper floor of the tower, warmed by a gas heater and piped throughout the house. The tower and well still exist, but modern plumbing is now installed and the early system dismantled.

Acreage: 3.49 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas A. Garner House

and/or common Thomas A. Garner House

2. Location

street & number 11801 Molly Berry Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro, Croom ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

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 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 Paul F. and Mary R. Baden

street & number 11801 Molly Berry Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5640

street & number Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

repository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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

The Thomas Garner House is a two-story frame, gable roofed structure covered with white-painted square wood shingles. The building has a "T" shaped plan to which additions have been made. The house is located on a gravel drive north of Molly Berry Road, shaded by several large trees but surrounded by open fields.

The three-bay south (front) facade has a central entrance in a projecting semi-octagonal bay. The entrance door has four lower panels, a centered glass light and an upper horizontal wood panel. There are two 1/1 double hung sash windows in the projecting bay, one facing east and one facing west. The entrance is flanked by two 2/2 windows on the first and second floors. The entrance door and the windows have wide plain wood surrounds. There is a one-story, hipped roof five-bay entrance porch across the facade, with overhanging eaves and a wide plain frieze resting on turned wood posts with jigsaw brackets. The porch wraps around the east side of the house. Centered above the entrance is a high corbelled brick interior chimney at the ridge of the gable roof.

The one-bay east gable end of the main block has a double 2/2 window on the first story and a single 2/2 on the second. The crown molded cornice has corner kicks. The entrance porch continues across the facade and connects to a one-story infill addition in the northeast corner. The addition and the east section of the porch have been added since 1980.

The west gable end of the main block is similar to the east, a one-bay facade beneath a gable end. There is a screened, hipped roof porch across the facade which connects to the front entrance porch.

There is a two-story, gable roof two-by-one-bay frame wing centered on the north (rear) facade of the main block. This wing has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block and appears to be contemporary with it. There is a corbelled interior chimney at the roof ridge, north of the center of the wing. Attached to the north gable end of the wing is a two-and-one-half story square tower with a pyramidal roof and overhanging eaves. The tower has the same wall treatment as the rest of the building. Centered on its west facade is an entrance and two 6/1 windows, one above the other.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1901 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Thomas Garner House is a handsome vernacular structure built ca 1901 by Thomas A. Garner, a local farmer. The house with its outbuildings and barn is significant as an early twentieth century farm complex. The house is significant for its good condition and handsome design. It continues to be occupied by members of the Garner family. It also is significant for its north, two-story tower, designed to provide hot running water throughout the house.

Thomas A. Garner acquired 100 acres from his father, James F. Garner, in 1901.¹ The James Garner family also lived in the vicinity. According to family tradition, Thomas Garner built the house at that time.² In appearance the house is typical of farmhouses built in the County during the late nineteenth century. It is unique because of its white painted wood shingle siding and its rear tower.

The tower is attached to the north gable end of the house and appears contemporary with it. A well is situated in the rear yard, just west of the tower. According to the owner, water from the well was pumped through exterior pipes to the upper floor of the tower where it was warmed by a gas heater. The warm water was piped throughout the house, running downwards due to gravity.³ This system provided warm running water to the Garner at a time when this was an uncommon luxury in the surrounding area. Although the tower and well still exist, modern plumbing is now installed in the Thomas Garner house and the early system is dismantled.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 5:299.
- 2 Interview with Mr. Paul Baden, May 1985.
- 3 Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3.49 acres

Tax Map 137 D-1, p.58

Quadrangle name Brandywine C

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Commission

date September 1985

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state MD. 20772

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.

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#7. Continued

There are two one-story, one-bay frame outbuildings west of the house. The south most was a "milk house". Water from the nearby well was pumped into troughs in the building to keep the milk cool. The building is square, with a pyramidal, asphalt shingle roof and box cornice covered with the same wall shingle as the house. A shed, similar in size and plan just north of it is covered with asphalt sheets and has a patterned tin roof. There is a large gambrel roof barn to the southeast of the house, having a standing seam metal roof and a high cement base with the date "1943" in the southwest foundation wall.

Chain of Title

The Garner House
P.G. #86A-23

5460:712
28 July 1981
Deed
Thomas J. Garner and Blanche H. Garner, Thomas J. Garner, Jr. and Mary E. Garner to Paul Francis Baden, Jr. and Mary Renee Baden. For \$10.00 grantors convey a part of the land of Thomas J. Garner, Jr. (3790:795) and 992:440) in the 4th Election district, containing 3.49 acres.

3790:795
22 Dec 1969
Deed
Thomas J. Garner and Blanche H. Garner to Thomas J. Garner, Jr. and Mary E. Garner. For \$10.00 grantors convey that parcel in Nottingham District containing 33 acres.

992:440
5 Dec 1947
Deed
Dorothy V. Payne to Thomas J. Garner and Blanche H. Garner. For \$10.00 grantor conveys a tract lying on the north side of road from Upper Marlboro to North Keys contains 100 acres - being tract 2 as described in deed from Belle T. Garner, widow to Dorothy V. Payne, recorded prior hereto.

992:436
5 Dec 1947
Deed
Belle T. Garner, widow, William A. Garner and wife Elizabeth, Thomas J. Garner and wife Blanche to Dorothy V. Payne. For \$10.00 grantor convey tracts:

Tract #2 - A tract on the north side of the road from Upper Marlboro to North Keys. Contains 100 acres - Thomas A. Garner obtained from:

(a) James F. Garner, 10-28-1901, 5:299.

(b) Mary E. Garner, 7-7-1911, 2:331.

Grantor heirs of Thoms A. Garner, dec'd.

5:299
28 Oct 1901
Deed
James F. Garner and wife to Thomas A. Garner. For \$2,500 grantors convey that parcel in 4th election district on north side of public road from Upper Marlboro to North Keys near residence of James F. Garner - 100 acres, a portion of tract known as Moscow described in deed from Charles J. Bonaparte, 5-1-1890, JWB 14:457.

72:331
6 May 1911
Deed
Mary E. Garner, unmarried to Thomas A. Garner for \$200 grantor conveys that parcel, a part of land gained from father, James F. Garner. Contains 17 acres.

ARTHUR
PINKNEY
2804/170
2.04 A.
P.32

CHARLES W. PIN
2804/120
12.93
P.41

R. G.
WATSON, SR.
5498/334,330
3.00 A. P.5

0.82 A.
P.34

22' R/W

CROOM ROAD

SR.

O-S

ELIZABETH GARNER
468/467
13.73 A
P.4

THOS. J. GARNER
290/71
17.00A
P.7

THOMAS J. GARNER
3790/795
28.94 A.
P.76

P.6

PAUL F.
BADEN, JR.
5460
3.50 A
P.58

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O-S

THOMAS J. GARNER
992/440
59.99 A.
P.17

THOMAS J. GARNER
1980/397
59.11 A
P.38

MOLLY HERRY ROAD

VAN BRADY RD.

O-S

CAROLINE S. BOND
4354/36
27.12 A
P.92

ROBERT L. WELCH
5255/039
5330/478
116.84 A
P.19

DONALD E. BAINER
4914/806
9.62 A

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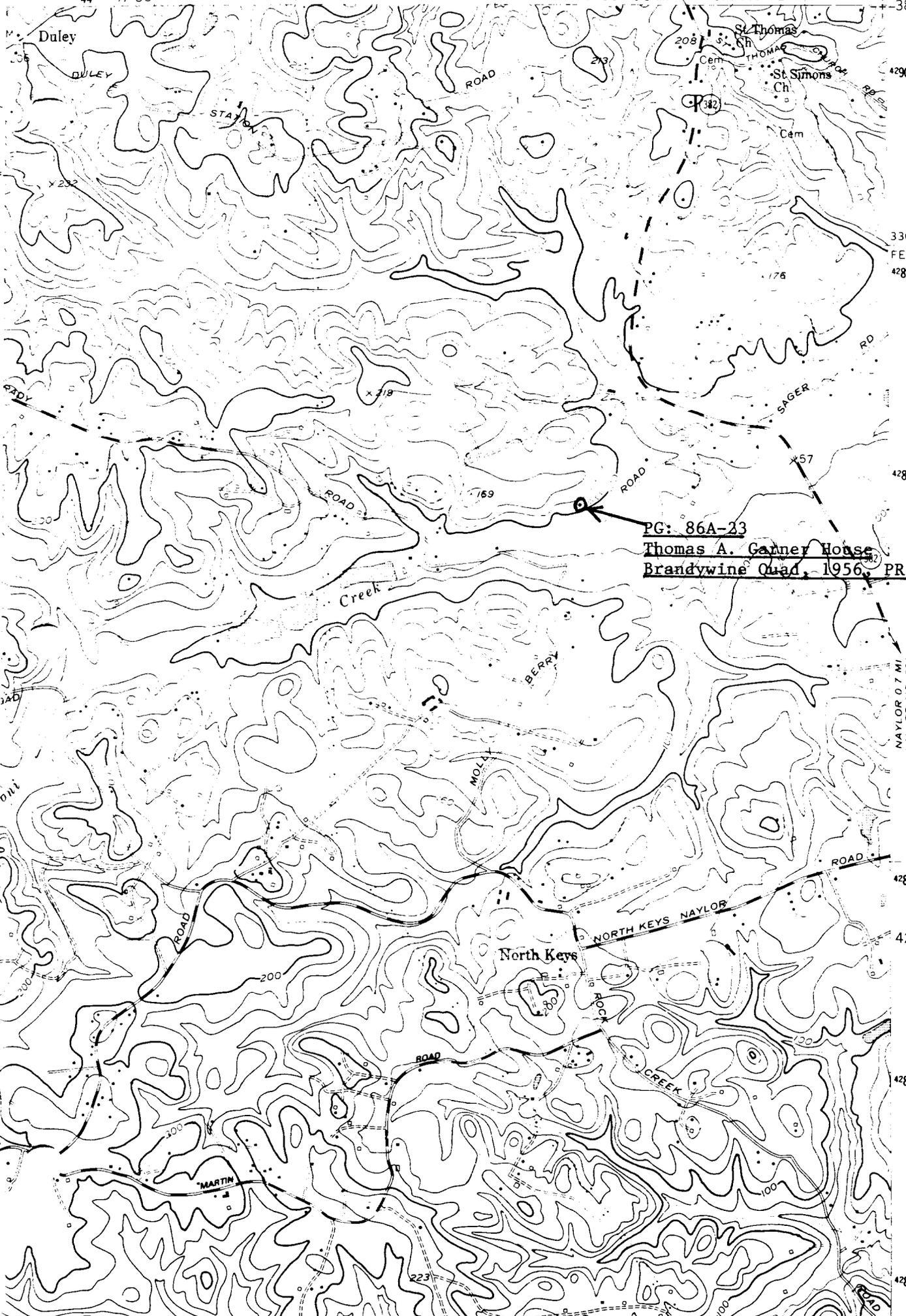
3.8 MI TO U.S. 301
CROOM 0.3 MI

870 000 FEET

76°45' PG: 86A-23
38°45'

Duley

St. Thomas
St. Simons



PG: 86A-23

Thomas A. Ganner House

Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985

330 000
FEET
4289

4288

4286

42'30"

4285

4284

NAYLOR 0.7 MI
8.3 MI. TO MD J81



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Thomas Garner House
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

May 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #86A-23

Thomas Garner House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

May 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #86A-23

Thomas Garner House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

May 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #86A-23

Thomas Garner House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

May 1985

West elevation, tower

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.