

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Thomas-Adams House Survey Number: WA-I-389

Project: I-70 at MD 632 Interchange Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided, the Thomas-Adams House, located at 10617 Downsville Pike, south of I-70 and south of Hagerstown, appears to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing. The two story, five bay, brick house with rear ell is thought to date to c. 1859 and was part of a mid-19th century farm complex. The surviving outbuildings are associated with later phases of 19th- and mid-20th century agricultural construction. A frame bank barn was located on the property when it was originally inventoried in 1977, but burned at some later date. The house is significant under Criterion C for architecture as a well developed example of the mid-19th century Piedmont/Western Maryland farmhouse. Common architectural features of the type include a the two-story, symmetrical three to five-bay gable roofed main block, interior end chimneys, and two-story, rear kitchen ell. The house also exhibits fashionable, jig-sawn ornament on the front porch.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Report, Maryland Inventory
form WA-I-389

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Elizabeth Hannold February 23, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Orlando Peterson March 18, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-single family dwelling

Known Design Source: na

ABSTRACT

WA-I-389

Thomas-Adams House
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

19th Century

This two story, five bay brick farmhouse would appear to date from the third quarter of the 19th century. It appears to retain much of its original exterior and interior trim work.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-I-389

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Thomas-Adams House

2. Location

street & number 10617 Downsville Pike not for publicationcity, town Hagerstown vicinity of congressional district 6

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" 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 James B. Adams

street & number 10617 Downsville Pike telephone no.: 301-733-8222

city, town Hagerstown state and zip code Maryland 21740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Court House liber 236

street & number West Washington Street folio 258

city, town Hagerstown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records MHT

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Survey No. WA-I-389

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

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

See continuation sheets.

8. Significance

Survey No. WA-I-389

| 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"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates ca. 1859 **Builder/Architect** unknown

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.

See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WA-I-389

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 46.4 acres

Quadrangle name Williamsport, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| | | | |
| state | code | county | code |

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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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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
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514-7100

Contributing Resource Count: 2

Summary

The Thomas-Adams farmstead encompasses approximately 46.4 acres located in central Washington County, Maryland, south of Hagerstown. A brick dwelling, a wash house, a barn, and a milk house define the farm complex. The principal dwelling is an example of a regional farmhouse form characterized by a side-gabled main block with rear wing. The principal dwelling is in good condition while the outbuildings are in poor to deteriorated condition.

The Thomas-Adams farmstead is situated on one of the ridges that characterize the terrain between Hagerstown and the Potomac River. A private drive extends northwest from the farmstead to Downsville Pike (MD Rt. 632). U.S. Interstate 70 is located north of the farmstead. The farm complex occupies the southern end of the agricultural acreage historically farmed with the house.

Description

The Thomas-Adams house faces north and is located at the crest of the ridge. An L-shaped footprint defines the building plan. The building's foundation is not visible from the exterior. Brick walls laid in seven-course common bond rise two stories from the foundation, and terminate at a side gable roof sheathed with composition roll. A simple wood cornice with gable returns marks the eaveline. Interior brick chimneys are located at each gable end. The chimney at the west gable end has been augmented through the addition of an exterior concrete block flue. Windows throughout the building are wood-frame, two-over-two-light, double-hung sash with simple wood surrounds. The windows incorporate brick jack-arch lintels and aluminum-boxed sills.

The primary elevation of the dwelling is defined by five-bay, symmetrical fenestration. A one-story porch spans the width of the elevation. The primary entry occupies the center bay of the facade. The door is a wood-paneled unit. A three-light transom and three-light sidelights frame the doorway. A brick jack-arch lintel surmounts the transom.

The three-bay front porch is composed of a hipped roof, wooden support posts, a wooden deck, and concrete block piers supporting the wooden deck. The hipped roof is clad with standing-seam metal and is supported on square, chamfered, wood posts ornamented with jigsawed angle brackets. The porch is open across the front, but has a balustrade at either end.

The two-story rear ell terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The ell's east elevation is clad with asbestos shingles. The ell's end elevation (south) is blank except for two small attic windows near the eaves. A doorway is located in the center of the east elevation of the ell. A one-story shed roof lean-to covers the area created by the intersection of the ell with the main block. The interior of the house was not accessible.

A wash house, constructed ca. 1880, is located directly south of the main house. This one-story, two-bay, wood-frame building sits on an irregularly-coursed, rubble foundation. The front elevation is clad with drop siding; the other elevations are clad with wood boards. A side-gable roof sheathed with corrugated metal shelters the building. Windows are located in the south and east elevations. The building entry is located in the east elevation. The windows and entry incorporate wooden hood-mold surrounds.

The entry and window located on the front elevation have a wood hood mold surround. The door is wood paneled. The windows are wooden-sash, four-over-four light, double-hung units. A brick interior chimney is located in the south gable.

The original wood bank barn stood northwest of the main house until it burned (Mrs. Althea Rase, personal communication, 1996). The approximate location of this structure is marked by a deteriorated, mid-twentieth-century, one-story, concrete-block, milk house. The current barn on the property is located east of the main house. The barn constructed late 1970s is a one-story building with an attached milkhouse. The walls are concrete block with drop siding in the end gables. The barn's gambrel roof is clad with pressed metal panels; the roof over the milk house is gabled. The east elevation has a vertical board and metal sliding track door. The windows are aluminum-frame, four-light, fixed sash.

The 1977 MHT Historic Property form recorded the existence of a family cemetery bearing the surnames of Hollenberger and Eakles located east of the barn. The cemetery was not viewed during the recent survey, but it would be located in the proposed property boundaries.

Summary

The Thomas-Adams House represents the typical nineteenth-century Piedmont/Western Maryland farmhouse found in Washington County. The house is an example of the fully-developed, mid nineteenth-century, regional farmhouse type found in Western Maryland. The farmhouse was constructed sometime between 1845 and 1859; by 1859 the dwelling was standing on the property.

The farm was evaluated for those qualities of significance and integrity identified in the National Register of Historic Places Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4). Archival and field investigations revealed that the house is associated with the Agricultural - Industrial Transition period (1815-1870), as defined in the *Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan* (Maryland Historical Trust 1986). Constructed ca. 1859, the Thomas-Adams farmhouse is a two-story, five-bay, brick building terminating in a gable roof with a rear ell. The Thomas-Adams House is locally significant as an example of the fully-developed regional farmhouse of the nineteenth century (Criterion C).

Site History

The Thomas-Adam farm (parcel 178) was once part of a larger eighteenth-century land patent known as "Marsh Head." Located six miles southwest of present day Hagerstown, "Marsh Head" was named for the five large springheads that fed Marsh Run, a tributary of Conococheague Creek. An ample supply of water and fertile land initially drew settlers to the area. The "Marsh Head" tract was one of the earliest patents in the county and was issued to Redmond Follens in 1737. The property was purchased by Henry Funk, Sr. during the 1750s.

Henry Funk Sr. was born in 1725 to German parents in what is now Strausburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Funk family moved to Frederick County, Maryland in 1734. Henry and his brother, Jacob Funk, migrated west to present day Washington County in 1749 (Lehman 1990: 19). Henry and Jacob Funk became prominent farmers and business leaders in the community. Jacob Funk established a mill on Antietam Creek and founded Funkstown in 1768.

Henry's first land patent in the area was "Shippen's Mistake" dated August 22, 1749. He later purchased the adjoining "Marsh Head" tract from Redmond Follens. Funk acquired land from several early land grants including "Marsh Head", "Dutchman's Misfortune", and "Black Oak Ridge". The property included the site of the Thomas-Adams House (WA-I-389). The majority of the Funk tract extended west across present day MD 632.

According to his will dated September 11, 1784 and probated July 12, 1787, Henry Funk bequeathed farms to each of his five sons. A commissioner was appointed to survey the Funk farm following the death of Henry Funk in 1787. A large limestone marker, inscribed with "1787 DF" (David Funk), was erected during the survey to delineate the beginning of the property. David Funk, son of Henry Funk Sr., inherited a 177 acre parcel, which became known as "David's Contentment". No documentary evidence suggests that David Funk resided on the property; tax records, such as the U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, have not survived for Washington County.

The Thomas-Adam Farm (parcel 178) was once part of "David's Contentment," "Marsh Head," and "Black Oak Ridge". The property remained in the Funk family until 1822 when 162.75 acres were sold to Jacob Eakle by the daughters of Jacob Funk (Washington County Land Records FF:863). Jacob Eakle owned the property for approximately 38 years when he sold 124 acres to Christian Eakle (Washington County Land Records IN15:152).

The 1859 Thomas Taggart map is the earliest cartographic record for Washington County to list property owners or occupants, as well as to denote property boundaries. The Taggart map lists "J. Eakle" as the resident of the property. The Downsville Pike (MD 632) is depicted on the map with a slightly varying configuration. Fields associated with Eakle farm are illustrated north and east of the building (Taggart 1859). The 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson *Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland: Funkstown District* depicts the same road configuration and building location, however, Mrs. M. Shafer is associated with the farm. M. Shafer may have leased the farm during this period from John Hollenberger; deed records for the Washington County Courthouse indicate that the farm was owned by John Hollenberger in that year. John Hollenberger purchased the property in 1874 from William T. Hamilton, trustee for the estate of Christian Eakle (Washington County Land Records W. McKK:476).

John Hollenberger and his wife, Priscilla, sold the property in 1881 to Daniel Harshman (Washington County Land Records 80:558). Daniel Harshman was the first of three short term owners of the farm between 1881 and 1904. In 1904, Cyrus M. Ludy purchased the property. The property remained in the Ludy family until 1946 when the present owner, John B. Adams purchased the property, including 130 acres, from the siblings of Cyrus M. and Ida Mae Ludy.

Architectural Context

The initial settlement period of Washington County, which began as early as the 1730s, was characterized by log construction. As settlement became more permanent and diversified agriculture brought prosperity, stone houses, built from locally quarried limestone became common. Most stone buildings in Washington County were constructed between 1760 and 1840. After 1820, a gradual shift to brick construction began to appear in domestic construction in Washington County (Reed 1988:128).

A thorough study of nineteenth-century domestic construction in Washington County has not been completed. However, reconnaissance surveys of the county and review of the properties documented in the Washington County survey of historic properties indicate that the nineteenth-century farmhouse of Washington County is similar to the typical Maryland Piedmont farmhouse documented in central Maryland. The typical Maryland Piedmont farmhouse of the nineteenth century is a two-story, symmetrical three to five-bay building terminating in a gable roof flanked by interior-end chimneys. Common architectural features include a two-story, rear kitchen ell, often defined by a two-story rear porch (Getty 1987:93). While the primary form of this house remained the same, there were variations on the type and materials used in the construction. Architectural designs available through pattern books, and mail order catalogues of prefabricated architectural components resulted in greater uniformity in design, as well as disseminating design references to "high style" forms.

During the nineteenth century, regional architecture exhibited greater uniformity in design and construction as the Piedmont farmhouse type replaced the modest buildings constructed by

the earlier settlers. By the late nineteenth century, typical Washington County farmhouses emphasized symmetry, exhibited a five-bay facade, and utilized fashionable stylistic detailing.

The Thomas-Adams house reflects the local pattern of architectural development during the nineteenth century. Examination of Washington County farmhouses of this period reveals that the Thomas-Adams farm reflects general county-wide architectural trends during this period. The Thomas-Adams Farmhouse possesses the qualities of significance defined by National Register Criterion C, for embodiment of the distinctive characteristics that define the regional farmhouse including the two-story, symmetrical three to five-bay principal block, gable roof, interior-end chimneys, and a two-story, rear ell. The Thomas-Adams House conveys its historic association and retains integrity of location and setting. The regional pattern of architectural development is evident in the design, materials, and workmanship of the dwelling.

The wash house, a late nineteenth-century outbuilding, is also a contributing element to the agricultural complex. This outbuilding supported the functions of the farm house, the center of the nineteenth-century agricultural complex. The concrete-block milk house and barn have been identified as non-contributing buildings in the complex. The dairy barn is less than fifty-years old and does not possess the exceptional significance necessary to meet the National Register Criteria.

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization:

Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods:

Agricultural - Industrial Transition, 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural/single dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal Communications

Mrs. Althea Rase, January 25, 1996.

Boundary Description and Justification

The boundary of the property starts at the property line at a point opposite the southwest corner of Parcel 591 (Tax map 5) described in Liber 236, folio 238, until it reaches a point opposite the southeast corner of Parcel 581. The boundary then turns west and follows a straight line to the starting point. This acreage is the southern portion of the farmland historically associated with the Eakles during the nineteenth century, when the Thomas-Adams House was constructed. These boundaries encompass the portion of the property that retains a rural setting.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-389

District 10

Map 57

Parcel 178

MAGI # 2205965535

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Thomas-Adams House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of the Downsville Pike (MD 632)

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James B. Adams

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3, Box 24

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 236

Folio #: 258

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmhouse is located at the end of a private lane which leads in a southeasterly direction from the Downsville Pike, just south of I-70, south of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on relatively level land and faces north.

The house is a two story five bay brick building resting on low stone foundations. The walls are laid in American or common bonding at all elevations and have been painted white. A two story, two bay frame ell extends to the rear or south.

Openings appear to have been arranged symmetrically in the walls. They have narrow rounded frames, windows having two over two pane double hung sashes. Hinge pins remaining in the frames indicate that shutters were present at one time. First story windows at the front elevation are quite long extending almost to the level of the porch floor. Centered in the front elevation is the principal entrance which includes a transom and sidelights. Flat arches of brick are present above the openings. Extending across the front elevation is a one story hip roofed porch supported by square posts with brackets.

The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the end walls.

The inside of the house is divided by a central entrance hall. Interior woodwork appears consistent, showing stylistic influences of the 1860's period.

A frame bank barn is located east of the house. Further to the east is a cemetery with stones bearing the surnames Hollenberger and Eakle.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story, five bay brick farmhouse would appear to date from the third quarter of the 19th century. It appears to retain much of its original exterior and interior trim work. According to the present owner, the house was built by someone by the name of Thomas who also owned the Baldwin Hotel in Hagerstown. The farm includes parts of the land grants "David's Contentment", "Marsh Head" and "Black Oak Ridge."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 98.06 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | COUNTY |
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Hagerstown

STATE

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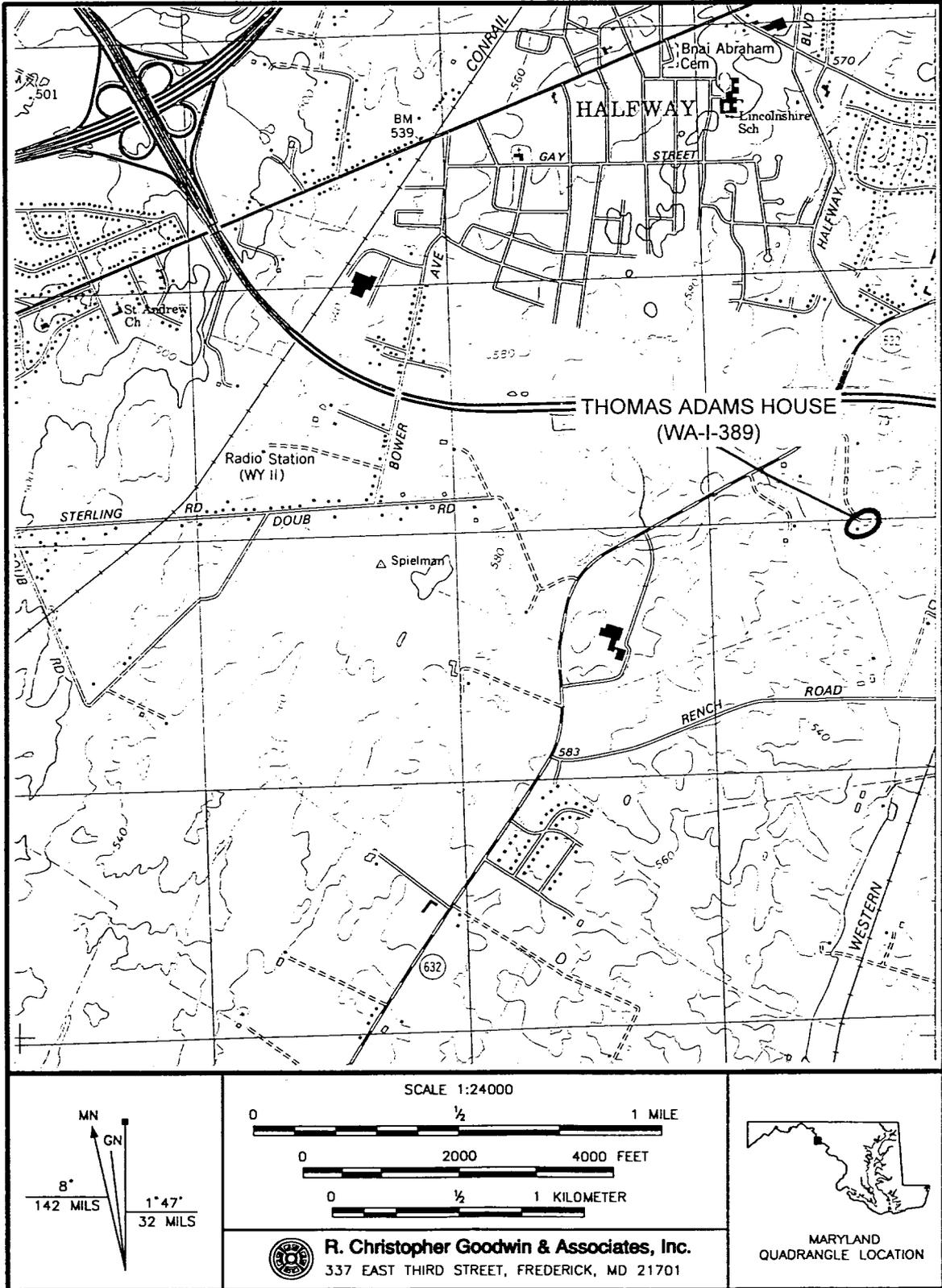


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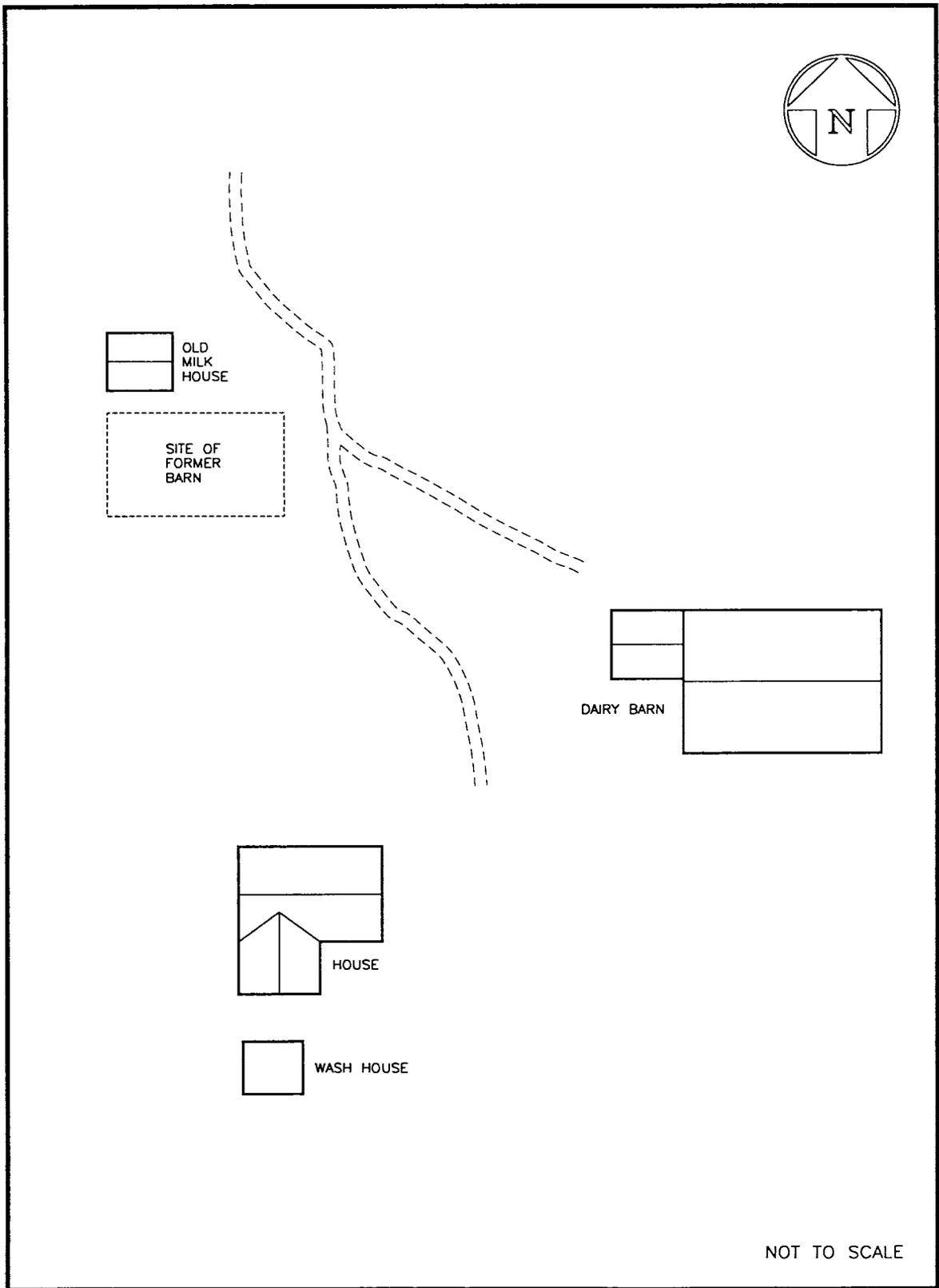


Figure 3. Thomas-Adams House (WA-I-389) sketch site plan.

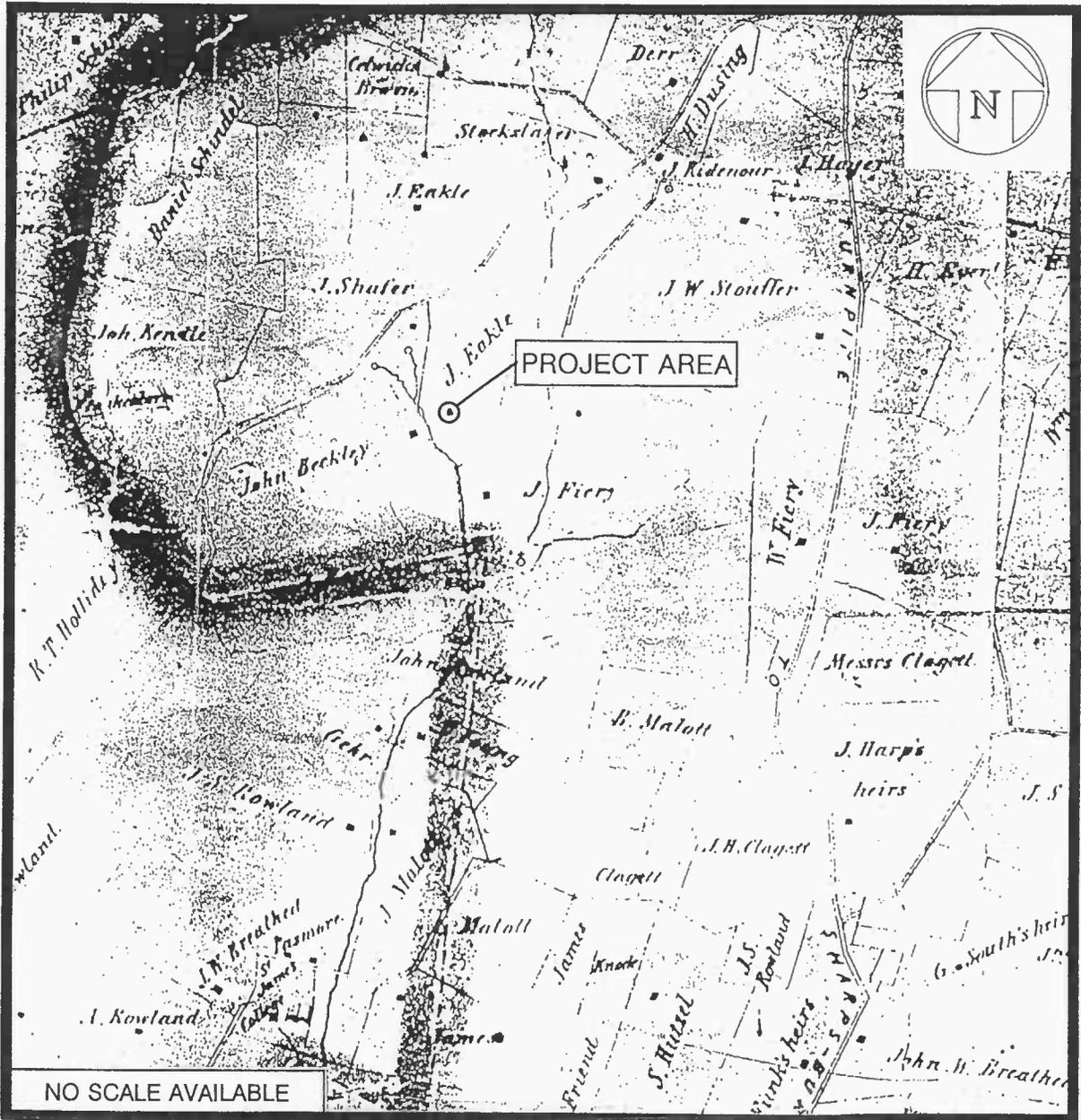


Figure 4. Excerpt from Thomas Taggart's 1859 A Map of Washington County, Maryland, showing approximate location of Thomas-Adams House.

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2. front and side elevations, view southeast
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5. dairy barn, front elevation, view northwest
6. dairy barn, rear elevation, view southeast
7. milk house



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Thomas Adams House

Washington County

Thomas Adams

1996

Christopher Adams + House, INC

330 1/2 3rd St

near southwest

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Thomas - All in House

Washington County

Vertheimer Inc. etc.

January 1996

R. Christopher Goodwin + Assoc., Inc.

315 W. 2nd St. Frederick MD

337 E. 3rd St. Frederick MD

view southeast

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WA-I-387

Thomas-Adams house

Lincolnton, County

Katherine Grandine

January 1972

K. Christopher Goodwin & H. C. ...

37 E. 3rd St. Frederick MD

View North

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H-I-389

Thomas Adams House

Washington County

17th Street

January 1871

Christopher Gardner & Hesse, Inc.

201 E 3rd St

201 E 3rd St. Frederick MD

View West

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Thompson Adams House

Washington County

Historic Site

January 1996

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Washington County

Katharine Grandine

January 1976

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View Southeast

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Thomas - Hickins House

Washington County

Katherine Grandine

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view south

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