
7. Description

Inventory No.

QA-238

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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The front façade of the Thomson House faces south, toward the street. The first story of the façade is now covered by an enclosed lean-to porch. The original openings survive intact, however, opening into the lean-to. The front entrance is centered on the façade with a single window opening to the right (east). A 6/6 shed roof dormer window is centered on the second story. On the east gable wall, there is a door to the right of center on the first floor flanked by single 6/6 windows on each side. There are two 4/4 windows on the second floor and one four-light window centered in the upper gable. On the north façade, there is one 6/6 window in the center on the first floor and one 6/6 shed roof dormer on the second floor. The only opening in the west gable wall is a 6/6 window on the first floor to the left of the chimney. The house rests on a very low continuous foundation and is covered with wood shingle siding and an asphalt shingle roof.

The interior consists of a two room plan on the first floor with a small brick chimney replacing a larger chimney on the west gable wall. An enclosed winder stair in the southwest corner of the south room replaces an earlier stair in the same location. The stair is enclosed by a vertical board partition and a batten door. The exterior face of the partition has been dressed up with a plaster-on-lathing finish. Early trim surviving in the south room includes beaded baseboard, two sections of a two-piece chairrail with an astragal molding below the shelf, and original architrave trim on both the exterior and interior door, as well as the window opening immediately to the east of the south entrance door. This window is only 2'-8 ½" wide by 3'-0" high and is set unusually close to the door jamb, calling to mind several small slave quarters and tenant houses in Southern Maryland recorded by George McDaniel. The ceiling joists in the south room run parallel to the gable walls. They are now exposed but at one time were concealed by a plaster ceiling. Machine-made lathing nails survive, suggesting the ceiling may have been an early addition.

The only original trim in the north room is the Federal architrave on the interior door and the majority of the original chairrail. The baseboard and all other architrave trim has been replaced. A small batten door opens into a closet in the southwest corner of the room. This closet was evidently added when the original large chimney was removed. It would appear that this room did not have a fireplace, however, as there is no evidence of an original chairrail across the entire southwest corner of the room. The joists in the north room also run parallel to the gable walls. These are roughly hewn and at one time were covered by a plaster ceiling. Seams in the chairrail suggest that the present window in the north wall was originally an exterior door.

The second floor is also divided into two rooms, one behind the other. Several changes have been made on the second floor. When the original chimney was removed, the stair was rebuilt and partitioned to form a narrow stair hall across the west end of the south chamber. The original door between the two rooms was shifted from the center of the interior partition to the west end, opening into the stair hall and thus allowing privacy for both second floor chambers. Early trim on the second floor includes most of the original beaded baseboard and original architrave trim on both of the east windows. One beaded batten door also remains although it has been relocated. The ceiling joists remain exposed in both rooms. They are roughly hewn and adzed and have never been plastered.

A small hatch in the south chamber allows access to the garrett. This area has wide, random width flooring and may have been used for living space, as the rafters, roof nailers, and the gable walls are all whitewashed. Seams in the flooring and the roof framing clearly outline the larger original chimney shaft.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates circa 1815-1830

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Queen Anne's County Historical Society	date	2/18/1981
street & number		telephone	
city or town	Centreville	state	Maryland 21617

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mary Thompson House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Price Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mary E. Thompson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#6, Box 161

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 94

Folio #: 299

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>late 19thc.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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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
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

17 1 1 2 801

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

2/18/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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STATE

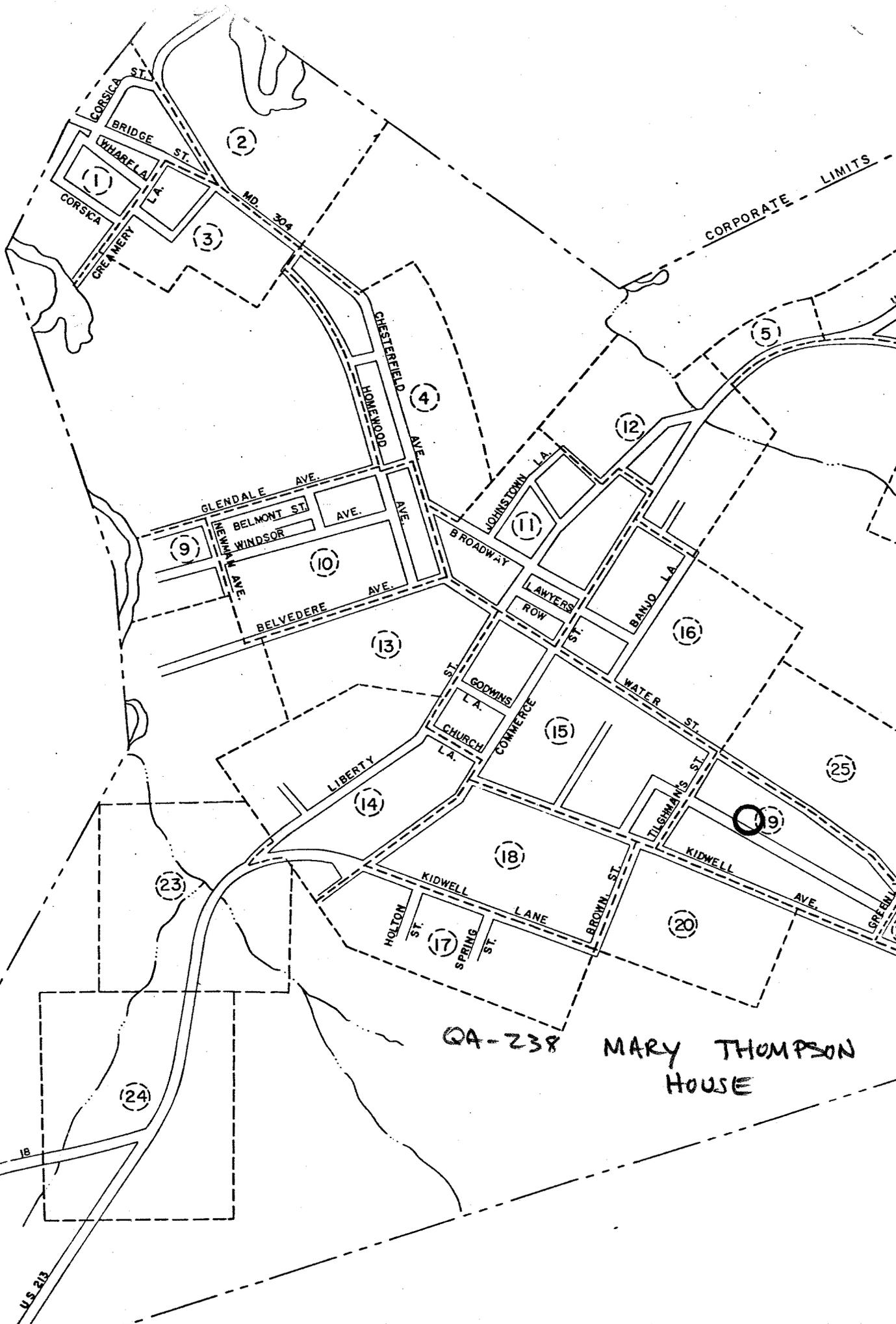
Maryland

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CORPORATE LIMITS

QA-238 MARY THOMPSON HOUSE

MD 18

US 213

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Mary Thompson House

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
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Thompson House
Price Street
Centreville, Maryland
View from Southeast



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Thompson House
Price Street
Centreville, Maryland
View from Northwest