

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

DATE RESEARCHED: 6-7-79

1. Name: William Thompson House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 12/6

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6  
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4. Address: 17110 Comus Road, Comus

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>1976 Inventory of Historical Sites</u>
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u>    </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u>    </u>
Present use <u>private residence/agriculture</u>	

6. Date: c. 1860

7. Original Owner: William Thompson

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description: This two-story frame ell-shaped farmhouse with cross gable pediment faces east. Built on fieldstone foundations, the house is now sheathed with aluminum siding. The central block is five bays by two bays (2/2 lights) with a central entrance flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom. Windows are framed with green louvered shutters. There are two interior end chimneys on the central block. The gable roof has slate shingles; its eaves have boxed cornices and a central pediment with centered arched window. To the west is a two story ell that has 3/6 double-hung sash second floor and 2/2 on the first floor and an exterior stone chimney. A one story addition with a raised seam metal shed roof extends as a garage on the west and north ends of the ell. To the northeast is a complex of farm buildings, including a bankbarn, silo, wire corncrib and several storage sheds.

10. Significance: This frame farmhouse, situated in the rolling foothills of Sugarloaf Mountain, is representative of a house type found throughout Montgomery County and the Mid-Atlantic region. Adjacent to lands held by the Pearré family for 150 years, the grouping of the handsome white house and its red bankbarn adds a special element of historical and architectural continuity to the scenic Sugarloaf landscape.

Around 1860 William Thompson purchased 124 acres of "Mount Vernon" for about \$1,000 and built this house. He and wife Julia moved to Frederick County (Park Mills) in 1878, and sold the farm to Octavius O. Baker who kept the farm until 1895. John and Mary Cooley bought the farm and in 1902 conveyed it to her nephew Frederick Cooley. He and his wife Annie lived there until 1915. It had several intermediate owners before being purchased by the present owner in 1945.

Gail Rothrock  
Michael Dwyer  
Arch. Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Mary Walston-6/79

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval     

15. Acreage: 158.42 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC William Thompson House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 17110 Comus Road

CITY, TOWN Comus VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**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	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Marion Bagley Telephone #: 972-8042

STREET & NUMBER 17110 Comus Road

CITY, TOWN Dickerson VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Liber #: 986  
 Montgomery County Courthouse Folio #: 185

STREET & NUMBER  
 CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame el-shaped farmhouse with cross gable pediment, situated in the rolling foothills of Sugarloaf Mountain, is representative of a house type found throughout Montgomery County and the mid-Atlantic region.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house is now sheathed with aluminum siding. The central block faces east and is five bays by two bays (2/2 lights) with a central entrance flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom. Windows are framed with green louvered shutters. There are two interior end chimneys on the central block. The gable roof has slate shingles; its eaves have boxed cornices and a central pediment with centered arched window. A one story screened porch has been added to the main (east) facade. The first story of this facade still displays the original German siding.

To the west is a two story el that has 3/6 double hung sash on the second floor and 2/2 on the first floor and an exterior stone chimney. A one story addition with a raised seam metal shed roof extends as a garage on the west and north ends of the el.

The farmhouse is approached from the north (Comus Road) on a long (several hundred yard) entrance road. It passes through pastureland with grazing cattle. To the northeast of the house is a complex of farm buildings including a bankbarn, silo, wire corncrib and several storage sheds.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The exact date of construction of the William Thompson House, a typical up-county farmhouse of the mid-19th century, is uncertain. Around 1860 William Thompson purchased the land, 127 3/4 acres of "Mount Vernon", paying Benjamin Hawkins a preliminary \$25 toward the total purchase price of \$1,000. However, Hawkins died in 1861 without having executed a deed of conveyance. Thompson paid the rest of the money to Samuel Thrift, administrator of Hawkins' estate, and a formal deed was finally executed in 1863. It seems likely the house was built before this date, however, possibly as early as 1860 or 1861.

By 1878 Thompson and wife Julia had removed to Park Mills in Frederick County, and the following year they sold the Comus farm to Octavius O. Baker, also of Frederick County, for \$2,150. The property now contained 130 3/4 acres.<sup>2</sup> Baker occupied the farm until 1895, when he sold the property to John F. and Mary Cooley for \$4,550.<sup>3</sup> Mary Cooley died on May 4, 1900, and two years later her widower conveyed the farmstead to Fred Cooley, one of the various heirs-at-law of Mary Cooley, in consideration of \$3,000.<sup>4</sup> Fred Cooley and his wife Annie occupied the house and land until 1915, when they sold the property for \$9,200 to George E. Gregg.<sup>5</sup> The farmstead then passed through a number of hands until being purchased by the present owner in 1945.

**FOOTNOTES:**

1. Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records, JWS 1/101.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH 9/91 (January 13, 1863).
3. Ibid., EBP 20/323 (September 27, 1879).
4. Ibid., JA 46/433 (March 19, 1895).
5. Ibid., TD 24/289 (December 26, 1902).
6. Ibid., 254/417 (March 28, 1915).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land Records.  
Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records.  
Martinet and Bond Map of 1865.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 158.42 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Mark Walston

Architectural Description:

Gail Rothrock

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: William Thompson					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Comus Road (Rte. 95)					
CITY OR TOWN: Comus					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Marion L. Bagley					
STREET AND NUMBER: Comus Road (Rte. 95)					
CITY OR TOWN: Comus			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story frame structure sheathed in tongue and groove siding. The main (east) facade has a central gable. The facade is five bays with a center entrance, and flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows. To the west is a two story el that has 3/6 double hung sash on the second floor.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 23 Apr 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME THOMPSON? / MARION BAGLEY FARM

LOCATION Rt. 95 COMUS, MD

FACADE LOOKING N TO SUGARLOAF MTN. FROM Rt. 109

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NAME WM. THOMPSON (BAGLEY)

M: #12-6

LOCATION Rt. 95 COMUS, Md.

FACADE E

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