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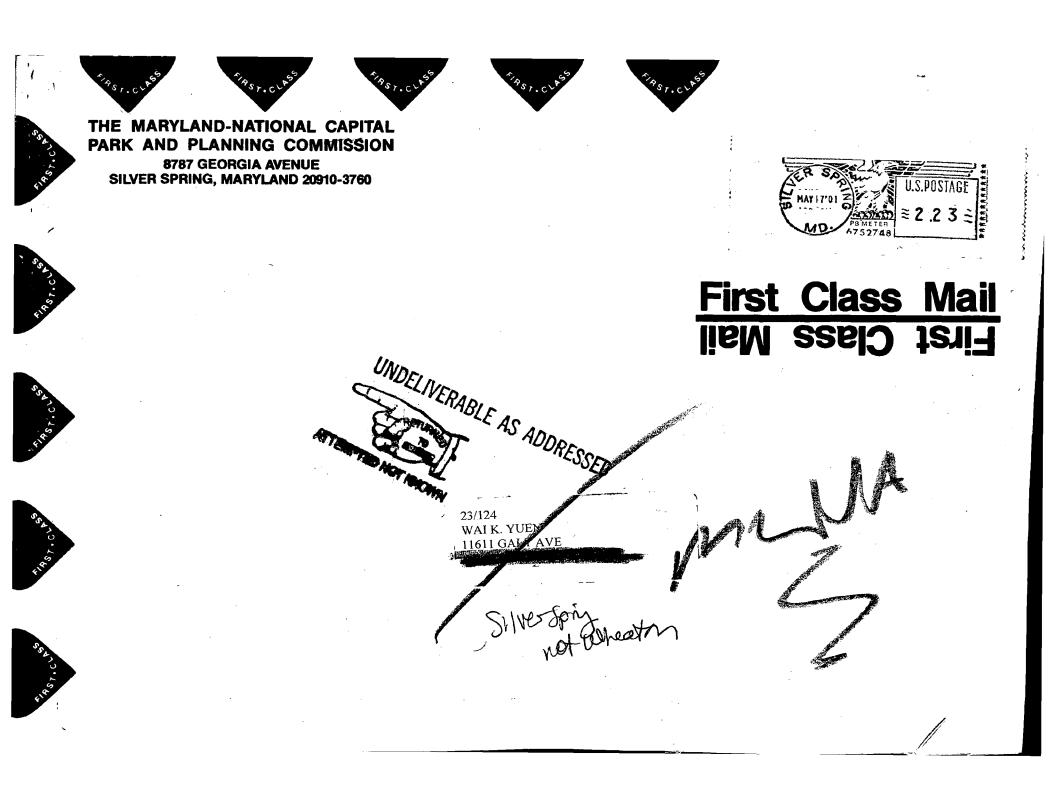
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The Thomas Benson Property M:23-124 Montgomery County, Maryland

The Thomas Benson Property is a six-acre tract of land that until recently included a turn-of-the-century dwelling, a barn converted into apartments, and two 1950s ramblers. Since 1995, the main residence on the property has been demolished, leaving only the remodeled barn and the non-historic ramblers. The Thomas Benson property is a six-acre remnant of a 39-acre farm which was owned by Thomas Benson in the first two decades of the 20th century. During the late 19th century, the Thomas Benson property was the site of an academy, designated as the Brookeville Academy, but having no associations with Brookeville Academy in Brookeville. Because the primary residence on the Thomas Benson property is no longer standing, the property lacks the integrity necessary to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of the Historic Places.

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2. Location		
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5. Classifi	======================================	
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6. Function or Use
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling AGRICULTURAL/SUBSISTENCE Barn
Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u> Sub: <u>Multi-family Dwelling</u>
7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Colonial Revival
Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation not visible roof <u>Gable: Standing Seam Metal</u> walls <u>Vinyl siding</u> other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- \_\_\_\_\_A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- <u>X</u> C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- \_\_\_\_ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- \_\_\_\_ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- \_\_\_\_ B removed from its original location.
- \_\_\_\_ C a birthplace or a grave.
- \_\_\_\_ D a cemetery.
- \_\_\_\_ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- \_\_\_\_ F a commemorative property.
- \_\_\_\_ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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 Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

 Architecture

 Period of Significance

 Significant Dates

 Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

 Cultural Affiliation

 Architect/Builder

 Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Allen G. Noble and Richard K. Cleek, The Old Barn Book: A field guide to North American Barns and other Farm Structures. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1995.

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### Maps and Drawings and Photographs

Hopkins, G.M., Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including the County of Montgomery, Maryland, 1879.

Simon L. Martenet, Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, 1865.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property <u>6 acres</u>

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Thomas Benson House is located at 20207 Georgia Avenue.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Thomas Benson House has been associated with this lot since the construction of the now-demolished primary resource in the late 19th century.

11. Form Prepared By	
name/ <u>title Kimberly Williams/Michele Nar</u> organization_ <u>M-NCPPC</u> street & number_ <u>8787 Georgia Avenue</u> city or town_ <u>Silver Spring</u>	u, Architectural Historians date July 22, 1999 telephone <u>301/563-3403</u> state <u>MD</u> zip code <u>20910</u>
12. Property Owner	
name <u>Wai K. Yuen, et al</u> street & number <u>11611 Galt Avenue</u> city or town <u>Silver Spring</u>	telephone

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The Thomas Benson Property is a six-acre tract of land that until recently included a turn-of-the-century dwelling, a barn converted into apartments, and two 1950s ramblers. Since 1995, the main residence on the property has been demolished, leaving only the remodeled barn and the non-historic ramblers.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The former barn at the Thomas Benson property is a large two-story frame structure covered with a gable roof. The walls are clad with vinyl siding and the roof is covered with standing seam metal. A central brick chimney projects from on center of the roofline.

The west (front) elevation of the barn faces Georgia Avenue. It is divided into three bays with an entry on center, and pairs of 6/6 windows to either side. A wide portico projects from the central entry and two single windows are located in the central bay above the entry.

The end walls of the former barn are lit with three bays of window openings on the first and second stories and by small openings in the attic level.

The building is occupied by several individual apartments, none of which were visited on the interior.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Benson property is a six-acre remnant of a 39-acre farm which was owned by Thomas Benson in the first two decades of the 20th century. During the late 19th century, the Thomas Benson property was the site of an academy, designated as the Brookeville Academy, but having no associations with Brookeville Academy in Brookeville. Because the primary residence on the Thomas Benson property is no longer standing, the property lacks the integrity necessary to meet the criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

#### <u>Historic Context</u>

The Thomas Benson property was originally part of the large tracts of land called "Bordley's Choice" and "Addition to Brooke Grove." In 1878, the property, including 39 acres, was acquired by the Trustees of the Brookeville Academy, as part of an equity case. The G.M. Hopkins Atlas of 1879 shows a building on the property, designated as Brookeville Academy, with S.H. Coleman listed as the occupant. The building, however, is set well back from the road and does not appear to be the same building that stood as the primary residence on the property until 1995. Also, the academy apparently was unconnected to the Brookeville Academy in Brookeville.

In 1881, the academy sold the property to William Miller. Ten years later William Miller sold it to Janet Baker, who, in 1894 sold it to Thomas J. Benson. Thomas Benson owned the property until 1921, during which time he probably built the house and barn. In 1921, Benson sold the property to Harry Musgrove. Over the next two years, Musgrove purchased additional adjacent acreage, bringing his total land holdings in the vicinity to 72 acres. Harry Musgrove owned the property until 1946. Since 1946, the property passed through a number of owners, and shortly after 1995, the primary dwelling on the property was demolished. The surviving buildings and their lots are currently owned by Wai Kwan Yuen, who rents the converted barn out.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:	

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s): Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Standing structure Category:

Historic Environment: Rural

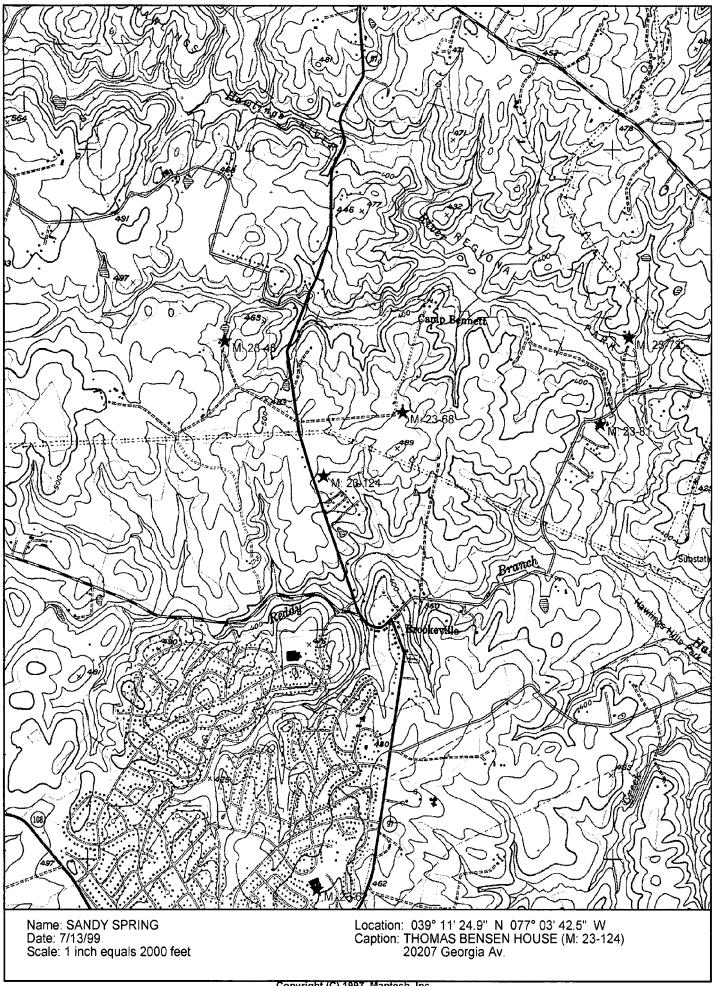
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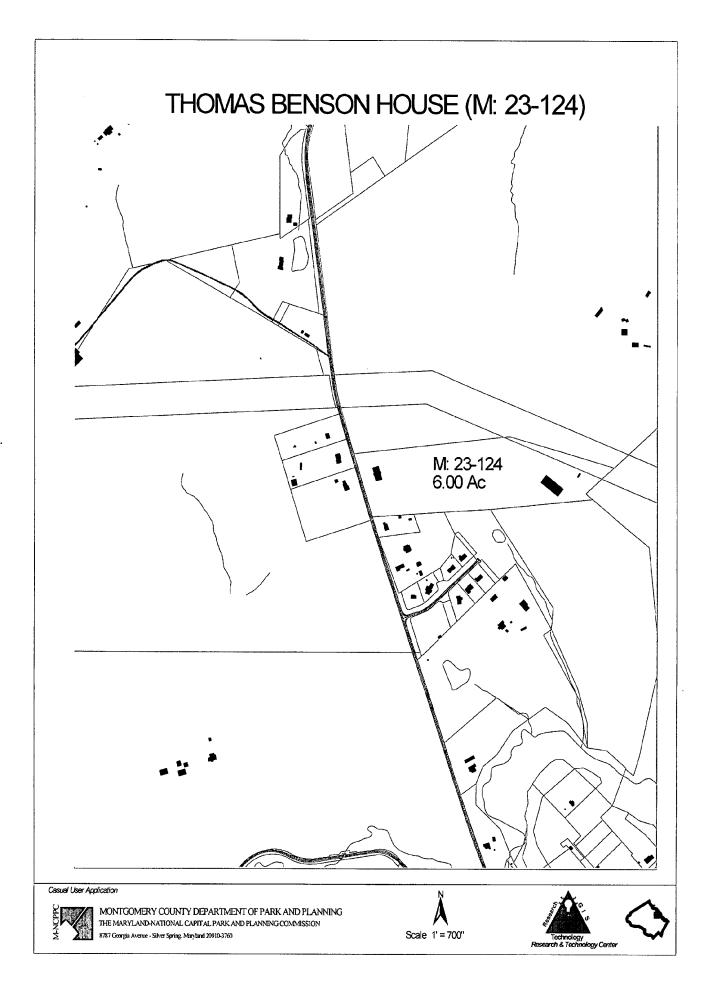
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Chain of Title:	
December 6, 1878	William V. Bouic, Trustee of Hazel B. Cashell vs. Margaret Weems to Brookeville Academy (Deed Book EBP 25 Folio 334)
December 30, 1881	E.J. Hall, attorney for the Trustees of the Brookeville Academy to William Miller. (Deed Book EBP 25 Folio 334)
December 3, 1891	William B. Miller and wife, Eliza S. Miller to Janet Baker. (Deed Book JA 31 Folio 76)
October 17, 1894	Lewis H. Baker and Janet Baker to Thomas J. Benson (39-1/4 acres) (Deed Book JA 46 Folio 327)
January 14, 1921	Thomas J. Benson to Harry Musgrove Tract 2 (39-1/4 acres) (Deed Book 302 Folio 43)
January 22, 1921	Charles T. Nicholson to Harry MusgroveTract 1 (23 acres) (Deed Book 302 Folio 293)
September 2, 1923	Trustees of Brookeville Academy to Harry MusgroveTract 3 (9.8 acres) (Deed Book 344 Folio 36)
July 10, 1946	Harry Z. Musgrove to Gertrude E. Gordon (72.86 acres) (Deed Book CKW 1031 Folio 90)
October 7, 1953	John Oxley, Trustee to Gertrude E. Peterson (72.86 acres) (Deed Book 1846 Folio 527)
December 17, 1957	Gertrude E. Peterson to Walter T. Bryan (6 acres) (Deed Book 2415 Folio 93)
June 30, 1981	Walter Tarlton Bryan to Kam Chau Yuen and Wai Kwan Yuen (6 acres) (Deed Book 5727 Folio 534)

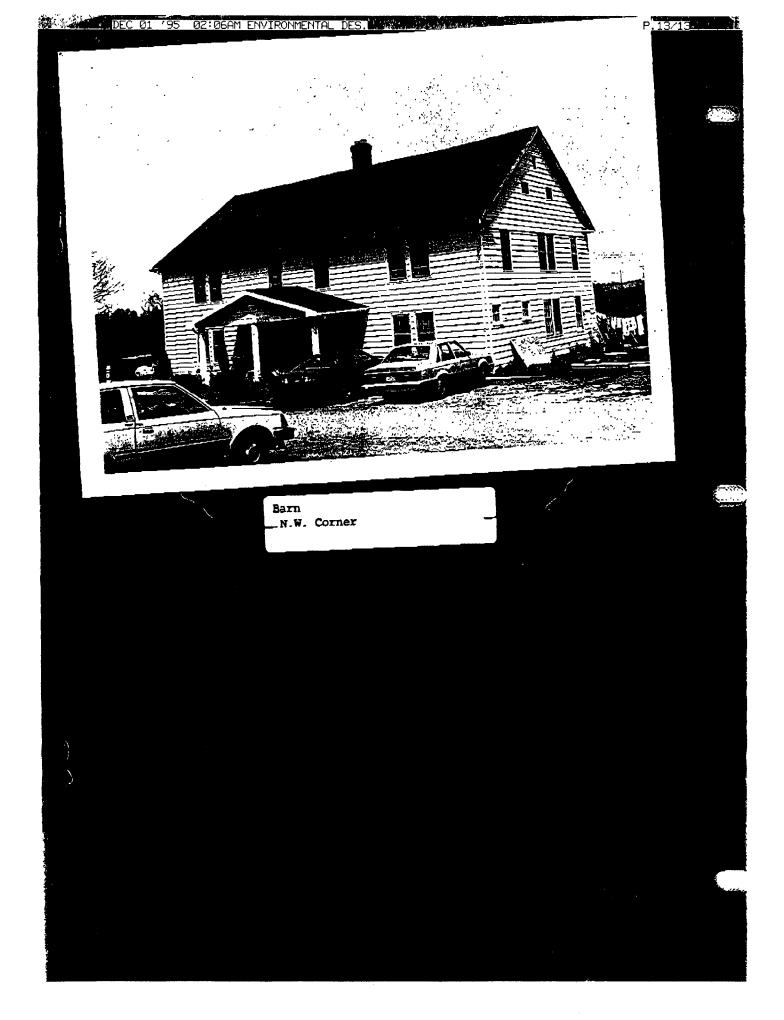
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Wai Kwan Yuen to Wai Kwean Yuen, Joseph Yuen and Jeff Yuen. This is a no consideration transfer from Mother to Mother and sons. Present Owners. (6 acres) (Deed Book 14121 Folio 603)



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23-68 23-62 23-124 23-67 THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring Mary December 6, 1995

Rita Suffness Maryland State Highway Administration P.O. Box 717 Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

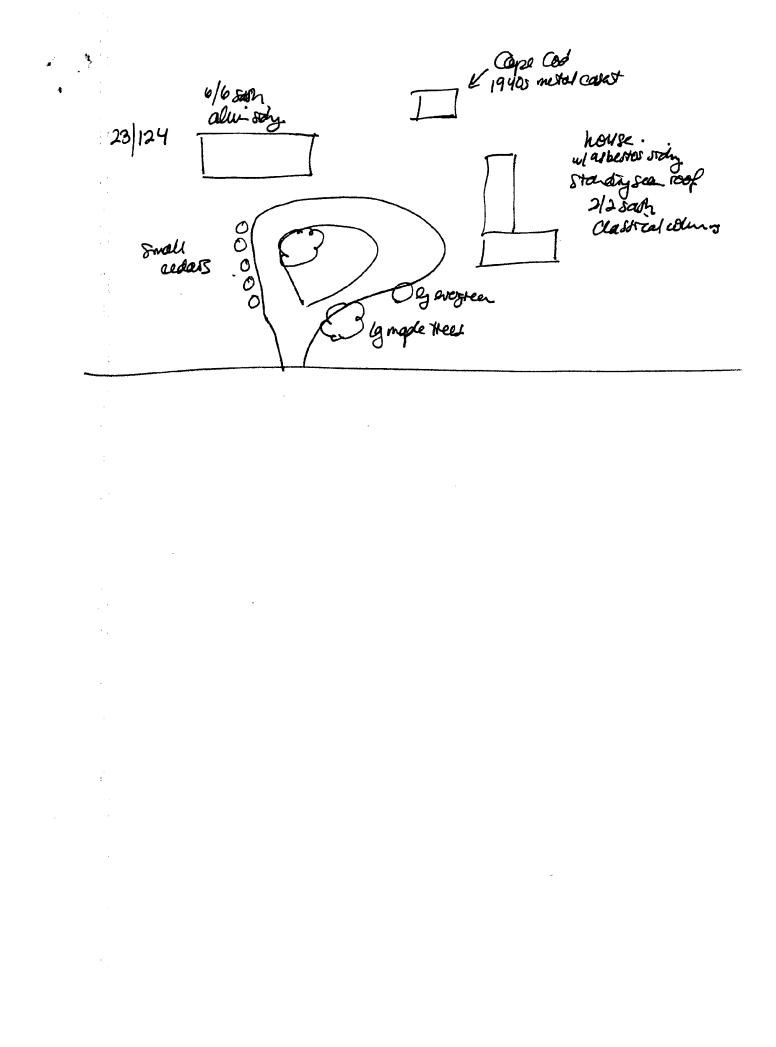
Dear Rita:

At your request, we have reviewed the MHT Inventory Forms for resource #23/68, the Thomas P. Riggs House, and #23/124, the Thomas Benson House. We have also made site visits to each of these properties.

The Thomas P. Riggs House, #23/68, is an interesting site - portions of it appear to be early 19th century and it is associated with the prominent Riggs family. However, there have been numerous alterations to the structure including a relatively recent one-story addition that wraps the house. These alterations and additions have seriously impaired the architectural integrity of the resource. For this reason, it is our staff's judgement that the Thomas P. Riggs House would not be eligible for the National Register.

The Thomas Benson House, #23/124, is relatively intact except for the asbestos shingle siding and the some of the rear additions. The house form is somewhat unusual for the Brookeville area and jerkin head gable ends are not extremely common in this part of the County. Based on the available information, it is difficult to determine if the resource has important historical associations - little information on Thomas Benson is included on the MHT Inventory Form. We can concur that the property is not eligible for the National Register, but may want to consider the resource for designation on the County's <u>Master Plan</u> for Historic Preservation.

I also understand that your office has noted resources #23/62, Belmont, and #23/67, Pleasant Hill, as being demolished. In both cases, the primary structures on these two sites were demolished many years ago - long before the resources were included in the <u>Locational</u> <u>Atlas and Index of Historic Sites</u>. Belmont was included in the County inventory because of the existence of a two-story structure that may have been a slave quarters and a family cemetery. Pleasant Hill was included because of the existence of building ruins and a family cemetery. As part of a recent approved subdivision, these ruins and cemetery on the Pleasant Hill site have specifically been protected and will have interpretive markers. In all likelihood, neither resource is eligible for the National Register.



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4. Own	er of Proper	ty (give names an	d mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name Kam (	Chan Yuen			
street & number	11611 Galt Av	enue	telephone no	<u>301-933-6544</u>
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#### <u>M 23-124</u> Thomas Benson House

#### Continuation Sheet 7.1 Description

The Benson property, located north of Brookeville on the east side of MD 97, is a rental property composed of a large frame dwelling, a couple of smaller houses, and a barn converted to apartments. It is a 6 acre remnant of the original thirty-nine acre Benson Farm, augmented with over thirty additional acres by Harry Musgrove when he owned it and resided there in the 1920's and 1930's. The only structure on the property which is historic is the large, ell-shaped dwelling, clad with asbestos shingles. The principal wing, with a one-story porch sheltering the centered entrance on the west facade, is oriented north-south, with a standing seam metal roof paralleling it. The gable ends terminate as jerkin heads, and the two dormers in the front or west slope of the roof have hipped rooves. Four sets of twoover-two lights are located in the second level, whereas on the first level the windows are paired on each side of the door. A small enclosed porch is located on the north gable end.

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The large two story ell, attached to the rear, or east elevation of the principal block, continues the north wall. It has a gabled roof perpendicular to that of the principal block. A shed roof addition was constructed on the back of the ell, the lower level of which is a garage, entered from the north and projecting out from the north plane of the ell. A shed roof enclosed porch projects from the south side of this addition. Secondary entrances are located on the north elevation of the ell (sheltered by a small overhang), through the north face of the northern addition to the main block, and in the east elevation of the south addition to the ell wing.

This poorly maintained and generally run-down dwelling is augmented by a large barn, converted to apartments, and two ca. 1950's concrete block ramblers.

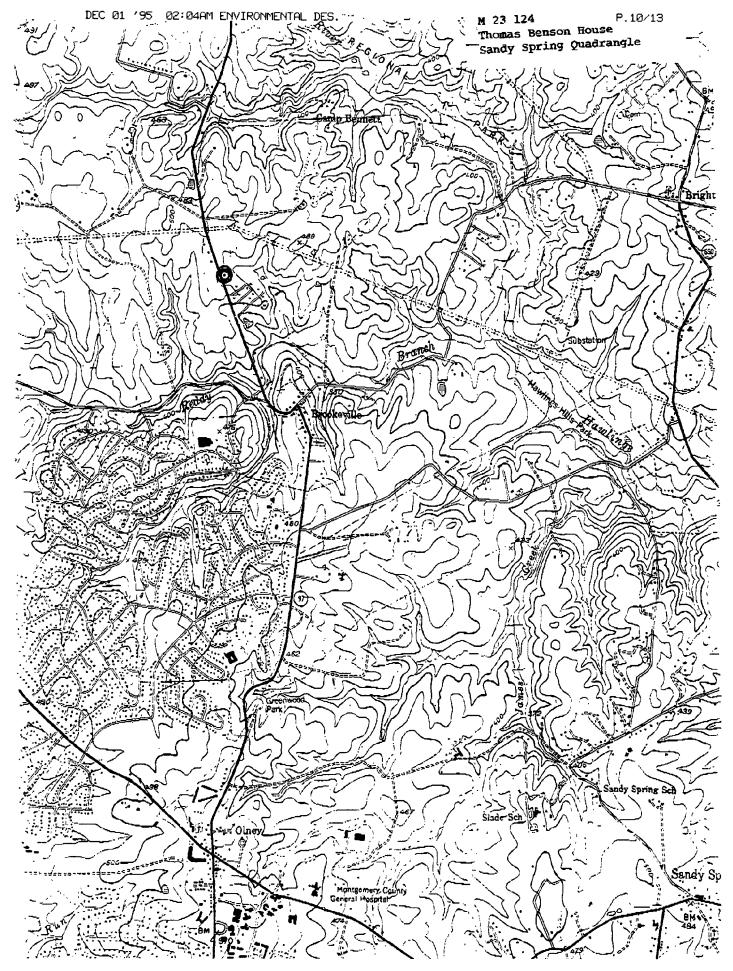
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M 23-124 Thomas Benson House

## <u>Continuation Sheet 8.1</u> <u>Statement of Significance</u>

The Thomas Benson House is located on a 6 acre remnant of the ca. thirty-nine acre farm owned by Benson in the first two decades of the twentieth century, and the larger, ca. seventy acre farm known for its owner, Harry Musgrove, in the late 1920's and 1930's. The original dwelling has been augmented by a couple of ca. 1950 ramblers, a garage, and a barn converted to apartments. The site, overrun with vehicles and poorly maintained, evokes little by way of historical associations.

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<u>M 23-124</u> <u>Thomas Benson House</u> <u>Brookeville</u> <u>Montgomery County</u>

#### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes: Agriculture/Architecture

Resource Type:

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Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

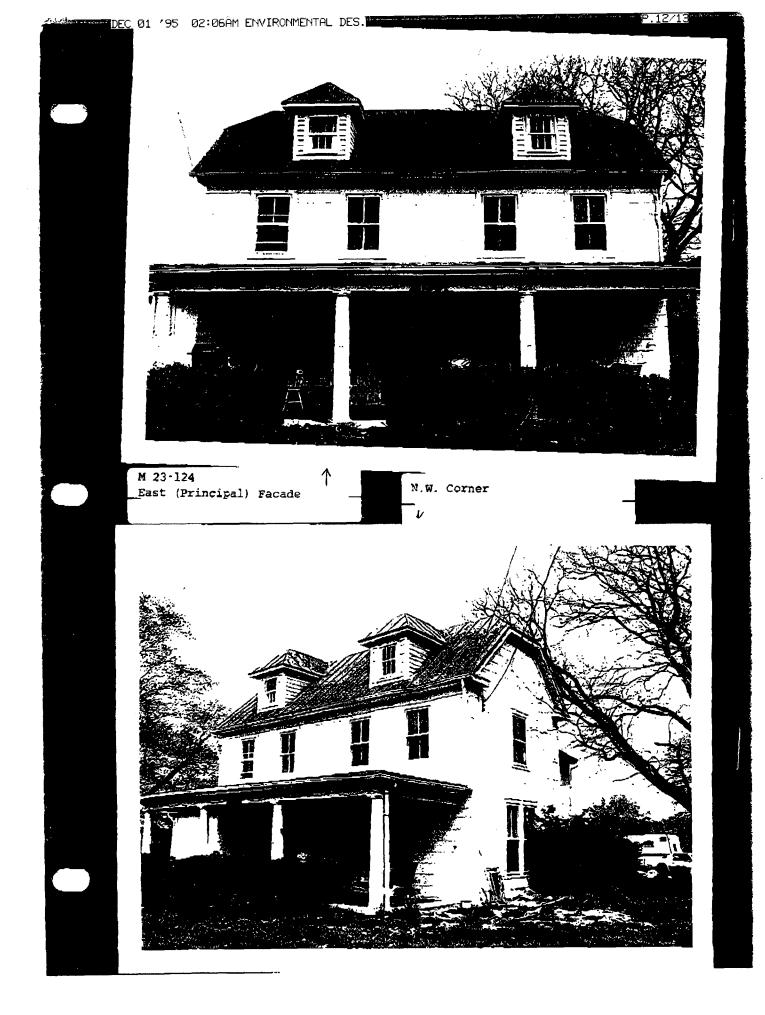
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Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Known Design Source:

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THOMAS BENSON HOUSE OWNER: WAIK. Tuen, et al Deed reg; 14121/603 mailing address for owner: 11011 Halt ave Silver Spring, nD 20902 (DEMOLISHED HOUSE)