

William Thomas Farmhouse  
HO-874  
2376 Daniels Road, Ellicott City  
Howard County  
Ca. 1880  
Private

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Inventory No. HO-874

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William Thomas Farmhouse  
 other n/a

## 2. Location

street and number 2376 Daniels Road  not for publication  
 city, town Ellicott City  vicinity  
 county Howard County

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John and Beryl Flackos, et al  
 street and number 10214 Silverstone Place telephone n/a  
 city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 8711 folio 180  
 city, town Columbia tax map 18 tax parcel 333 tax ID number 02-197332

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>0</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          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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2376 Daniels Road is a ca. 1880, 2-1/2-story, 3-bay, tri-gable house with a center-passage I-house plan and a rear ell. The house has a stone foundation, wood shingle siding, and an asphalt roof. It retains many of its original features including two-over-two and two-over-four wood windows, entry door opening with sidelights, and wood porch. The house has a ca. 1970s 2-story rear kitchen addition that fills the space next to the rear ell.

The primary façade of 2376 Daniels Road faces southeast. The 3-bay house is symmetrical about its entry bay. The openings are vertically aligned and graduated. The 1<sup>st</sup> story has a primary entry opening flanked by a pair of window openings. The front door configuration consists of a replacement door framed by a three light transom and three light over one panel sidelights. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor has elongated window openings that extend nearly floor to ceiling and hold two-over-four wood windows. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story has three window openings that hold two-over-two wood windows. The centered attic-story cross gable has a small peaked window opening that holds a two-over-two wood window. A 1-story hipped-roof porch extends across the front façade. The porch has brick piers, concrete steps, a wood deck and shingled knee walls, square posts, and arches.

The northeast (side) facade of 2376 Daniels Road is composed of the gable end of the main section of the house and the side facade of the rear ell, which is probably original to the house. The side façade of the main house is symmetrical and has two window openings on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one window opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Window openings hold two-over-two wood windows. A louvered vent is located at the peak of the gable. A metal cellar bulkhead provides exterior access to the cellar. The side façade of the rear ell has one window opening on the 1st and 2nd stories, which are vertically aligned. Window opening size and two-over-two wood windows match on the main house and rear ell.

The rear façade of 2376 Daniels Road faces northwest. The rear façade of the house is composed of the gable-end façade of the rear ell and the rear façade of the ca. 1970s kitchen addition. The rear façade of rear ell is one bay wide. The façade has one centered window opening on each the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stories. A louvered vent is located at the peak of the gable. One small, added window opening is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, presumably to light an added bathroom. The rear façade of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> c. kitchen addition has one window opening on each the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stories, which are not vertically aligned. Window openings in the addition hold single-pane windows.

The southwest (side) façade of 2376 Daniels Road is composed of the side-gable façade of the main house and the side façade of the ca. 1970s kitchen addition. The side façade of the main house is symmetrical and has two window openings on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one window opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. A louvered vent is located at the peak of the gable. The side façade of the ca. 1970s kitchen addition has a door opening flanked by a triple window opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The window opening is located in a slightly projecting square bay and the door and window opening are capped by a hipped-roof overhang. The triple window opening holds single paned windows. A stove chimney pierces the roof at the intersection of the kitchen addition's shed roof and the main house roof.

### *Carriage house/Garage*

The property has an early 20<sup>th</sup> century carriage house/garage. The 1-story board and batten wood building has a rectangular footprint and a gable roof covered in asphalt. The carriage house/garage is in deteriorated condition due to deferred maintenance. The primary

<sup>1</sup> The owners of the Daniels Mill demolished the workers houses in 1968, Hurricane Agnes flooded the site in 1972, the mill partially burned in 1977, the current owners are not properly caring for the remaining structures, and little historic fabric remains intact at the site.

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elevation of the building faces northeast. The main elevation has a pair of vehicular opening with hinged wood doors that have six-light window openings over three vertical panels. An entry door opening is located next to the vehicular openings and holds a board and batten wood door. The other facades do not have any openings.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<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** ca. 1880, ca. 1900 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1880, ca. 1900

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.)

The William Thomas Farmhouse has significance as a property that is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Howard County history. The house also embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period. The Thomas houses at the intersection of Old Frederick Road and Daniels Road, including the William Thomas Farmhouse (HO-874), the Charles Thomas Farmhouse (HO-283), and the Thomas Farm Tenant House (HO-582) represent Howard County's prosperous agricultural past. The William Thomas Farmhouse is a very good representative example of a finely detailed, intact, late 19th c. tri-gable house with an I-house plan.

In 1876, the Thomas family purchased over 158 acres of land, including the lot where 2376 Daniels Road is located, from the Gary Manufacturing Company (the third owner of Daniels Mill - HO-27). Charles Thomas, a prosperous local farmer (born in England in 1821), and/or his sons presumably constructed the ca. 1880 William Thomas Farmhouse. I theorize that the house was constructed for son William Thomas, but it may have been used as a tenant house. In 1880, Thomas lived across Frederick Road (now Old Frederick Road) in a substantial Italianate farmhouse constructed in local granite (HO-283) with his Maryland-born wife Sophia (age 54), their daughters Elizabeth (age 25) and Emma (age 22), sons William G. (age 21) and Charles (age 19), and their housemaid Frances Tyler (age 15).<sup>2</sup>

In 1887, Charles Thomas sold 84 acres of the land, including the house site, to his son William G. Thomas, who took a \$2000 mortgage and assumed a \$1200 mortgage on the property. In 1892, William sold the property back to Charles. In 1894, Charles (who was then 83 years old) sold 64 acres around the house to Robert Yates, florist and one-time Ellicott City mayor, who lived on Main Street in Ellicott City.<sup>3</sup> In 1906, Yates sold the house and just over 14 acres back to George Thomas, another of Charles Thomas' sons. In 1910, George Thomas, then 64, farmed the Thomas property, where he lived with three daughters, Miriam (age 30), Lula (age 26) – both of whom worked as seamstresses – and Elinor (age 22).<sup>4</sup>

In 1914, George Thomas sold the house and a 3.5-acre lot to Arthur and Bertie Ault. In 1920, Arthur (aged 40) - a repair man in a garage, lived with his wife (aged 39).<sup>5</sup> In 1930, he was working as a machinist in a machine shop.<sup>6</sup> In 1952, Bertie, then a widow, left the property to her brother Charles Webb and his wife Mary. In 1972, the Webbs subdivided the property and built a new house next to 2376 Daniels Road. They sold the William Thomas Farmhouse and 1.2023 acres to Charles and Florence Brown. The house has had three additional owners since 1972. They current owners, who purchased the property in October 2004, do not live in the house and have purchased it as an investment. The house is currently on the market.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1880**, ED 102, Sheet 42.

<sup>3</sup> Joetta M. Cramm, **A Pictorial History of Howard County** (Norfolk, VA: The Donning Company, 1987), 133.

<sup>4</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1910**, ED 50 sheet 14A.

<sup>5</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1920**, ED 57, Sheet 12A.

<sup>6</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1930**, ED 14-4, Sheet 6A.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of surveyed property 1.2043 acres

Acreege of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of 2376 Daniels Road replicates that of Howard County Map 18, Grid 7, Parcel 333, which is the buildings' historic and current legal lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	May 14, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE

grantor	grantee	date	liber	folio	transaction	cost	acreage	notes
James D. Rymut and Leah M. Rymut	John P. Fiackos and Beryl Fiackos and Salvatore Piciotta and Dorothea A. Pisciotta	10-6-2004	8711	180	Deed	435,750	1) 1.2023 acres + 2) 910 square feet	
Appaloosa Properties, LLC	James D. Rymut and Leah M. Rymut	03-17-2003	7175	49	Deed	0.00	1) 1.2023 acres + 2) 910 square feet	The members of Appaloosa Properties, LLC have agreed that title to the property described herein is to be conveyed to James D. Rymut and Leah M. Rymut as distribution of their interests in Appaloosa Properties, LLC upon termination of said limited liability company.
James D. Rymut and Leah M. Rymut	Appaloosa Properties, LLC	06-24-2002	6343	483	Deed	0.00	1) 1.2023 acres + 2) 910 square feet	James and Leah Rymut are also the sole members of Appaloosa Properties, LLC and have agreed that title to the property is to be conveyed to Appaloosa Properties. Leah M. Scharrer being now known as Leah M. Rymut.
Edward Bolanski	James D. Rymut and Leah M. Scharrer	03-12-1997	3933	664	Deed	201,000	1) 1.2023 acres + 2) 910 square feet	Ruth Smith died April 22, 1995.
Charles E. Brown and Florence A. Brown	Edward Bolanski and Ruth Smith	09-09-1988	1885	165	Deed	203,000	1) 1.2023 acres + 2) 910 square feet	
Charles T. Webb and	Charles E. Brown and Florence A.	05-10-	941	512	Deed	5.00	2) 91 square feet	



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CHAIN OF TITLE

Mary W. Webb	Brown	1979						
Charles E. Brown and Florence A. Brown	Columbia Bank and Trust	01-29-1974	669	475	Mortgage	15,000		
Charles T. Webb and Mary W. Webb	Charles E. Brown and Florence A. Brown	01-29-1974	669	472	Deed	5.00	1) 1.2023 acres	
Bertie Ault, widow	Charles T. Webb and Mary W. Webb	06-14-1952	234	77	Deed	5.00	3.576 acres	Charles Webb was Bertie Ault's brother.
George P. Thomas	Arthur K. Ault and Bertie R. Ault	10-23-1914	98	91	Deed	5.00	3.576 acres	
George P. Thomas	J. Hartly Johnson	10-25-1906	82	638	Mortgage	500.00	14 acres, 2 roods and 39 square perches	
Robert Yates	George P. Thomas	10-25-1906	82	637	Deed	2100.00	14 acres, 2 roods and 39 square perches	
Robert Yates	John J. Evans	08-16-1894	62	55	Mortgage	1200.00	64 acres less 20 acres	
Charles Thomas	Robert Yates	08-16-1894	62	53	Deed	1280.00	64 acres less 20 acres	
Charles	James A. Gary	10-	59	113	Mortgage	2000.00	84 acres	

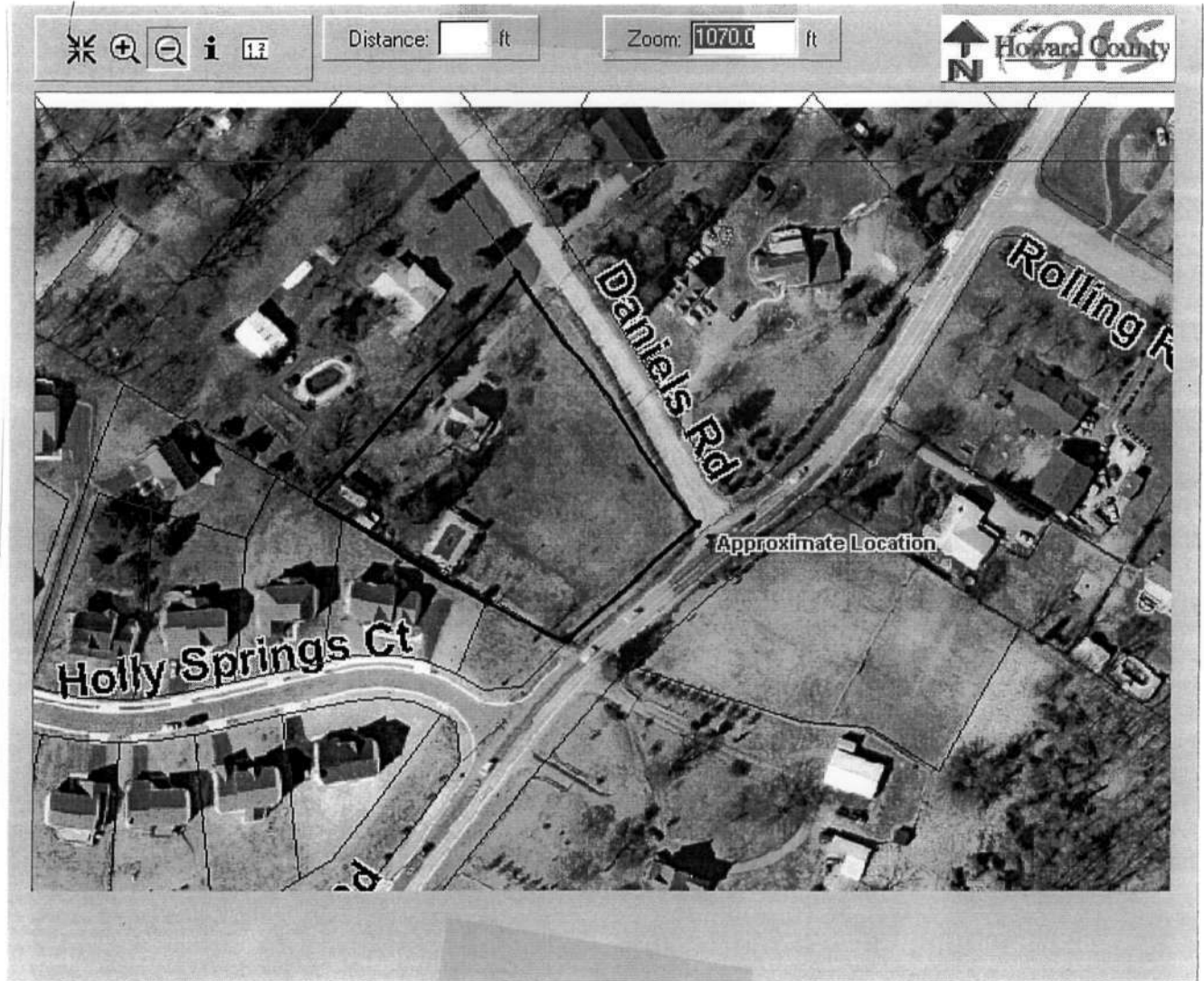
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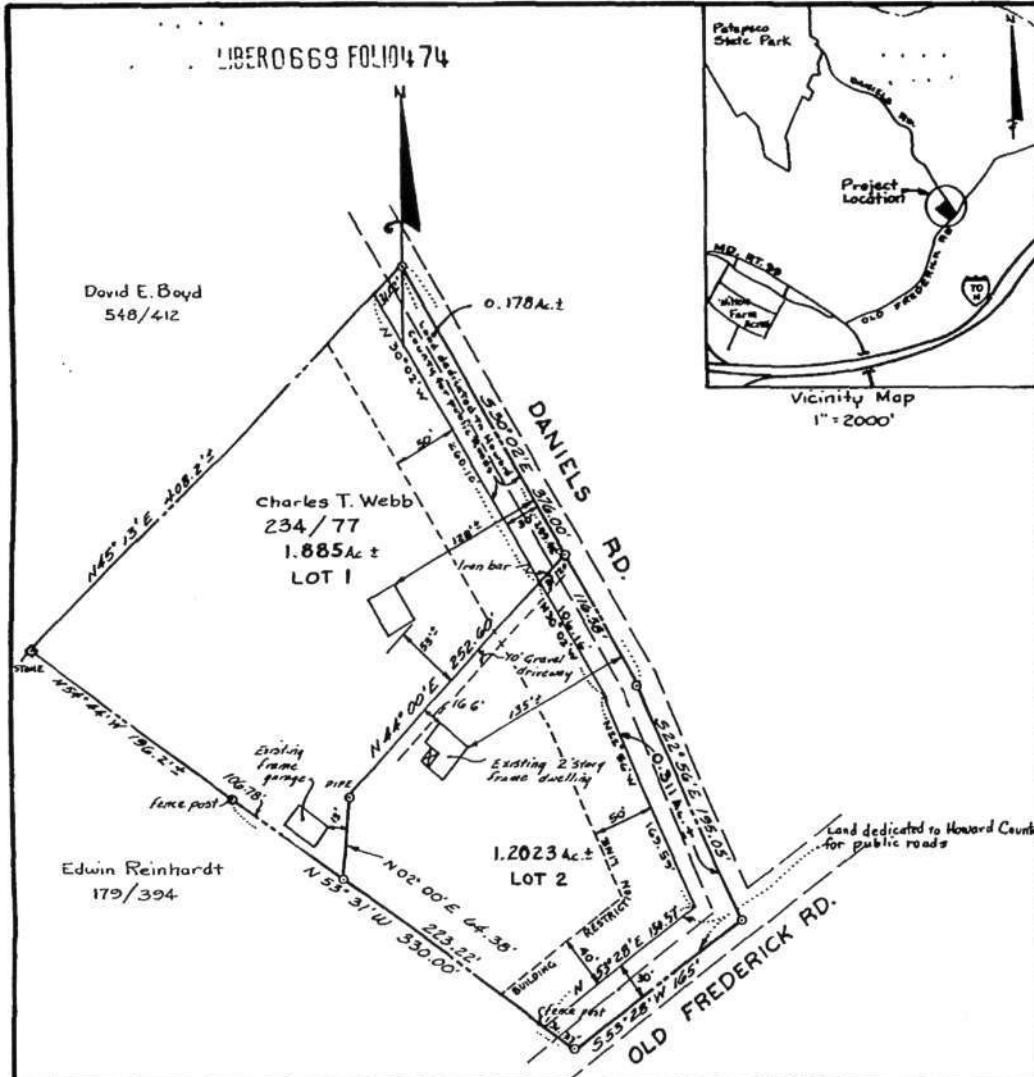
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Thomas		14-1892						
William G. Thomas	Charles Thomas	10-14-1892	59	111	Deed	2000.00	84 acres	
William G. Thomas	Charles Thomas	02-16-1887	51	514	Mortgage	2000.00	84 acres	
Charles Thomas	William G. Thomas	02-16-1887	51	512	Assignment of Lease	2000.00 plus assumption of 1200.00 mortgage	84 acres	Being part of a tract leased by the Gary Manufacturing Company of Maryland to Charles Thomas by lease bearing the date 13th November 1876 and recorded in Liber 37, folio 274



**William Thomas Farmhouse (HO-874)**  
2376 Daniels Road, Ellicott City  
Howard County  
*Site plan/Aerial photo*



PROPERTY OF: CHARLES T. WEBB  
2nd. ELECTION DISTRICT  
HOWARD COUNTY, MD.  
Scale: 1"=100'      November 7, 1973  
Dwn. H.R.M.

APPROVED: For Private Water And Private Sewerage  
Systems, Howard County Health Department  
County Health Officer      Date

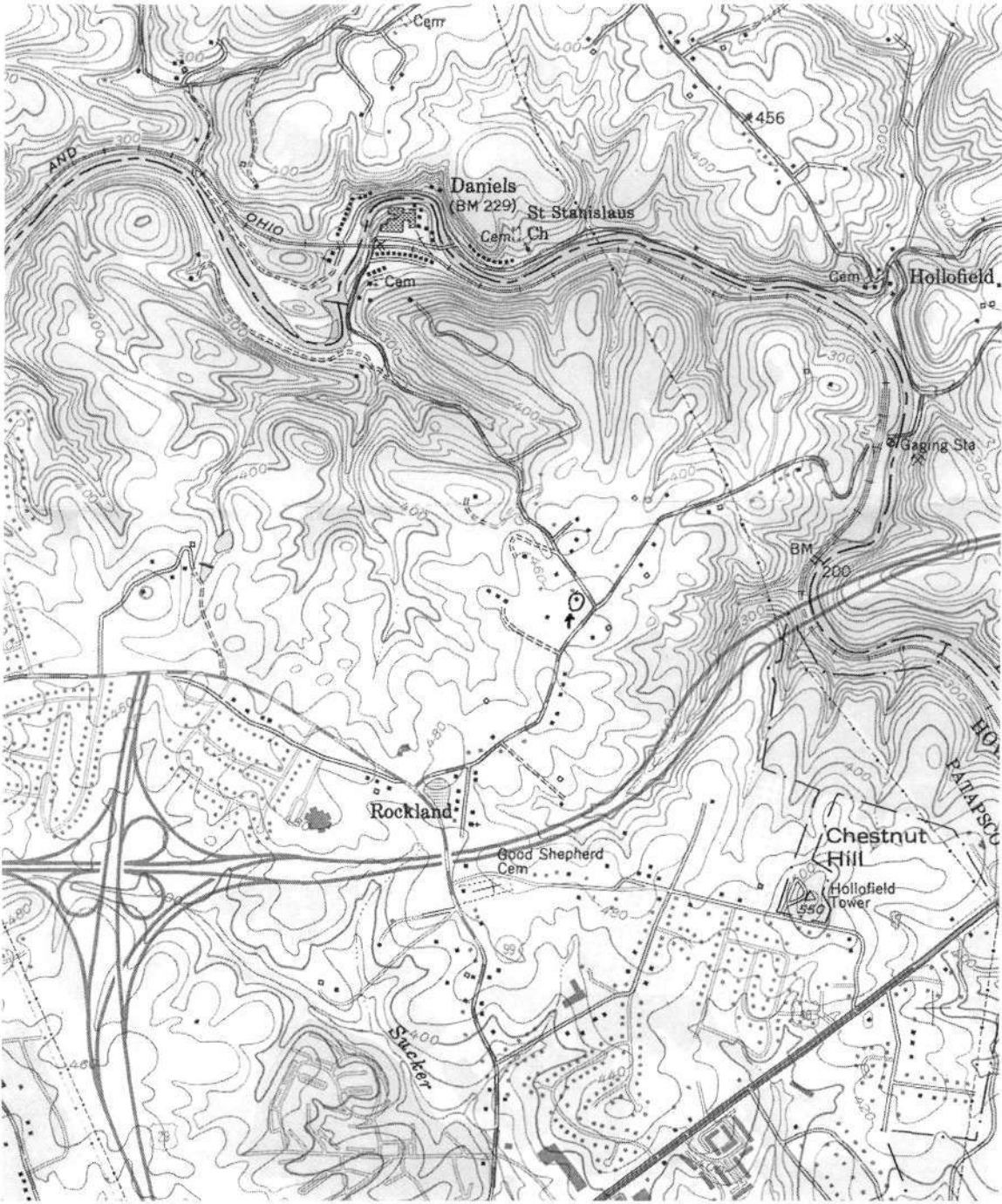
GENERAL NOTES  
1. Property shown hereon located on tax map 18  
2. Title Reference: Liber 234 folio 77  
3. Total Number of Lots: 2  
4. Total Area of Tract: 3.576 Ac. ±  
5. Zoned: R-20  
6. No new buildings to be constructed at a distance  
less than the building restriction lines as shown.

APPROVED: Howard County Office of Planning & Zoning  
Planning Director      Date

WALTER PARK  
HUDKINS ASSOCIATES • 231 Joseph Square  
Columbia, Md 21044 FEB 7 1974

OWNER CERTIFICATE:  
I, the undersigned owner of the property shown hereon, my heirs or  
assigns, adopt this plan of subdivision and do hereby establish the  
building restriction line shown hereon in order to comply with the  
general plan of highways of Howard County and including the land dedicated  
hereon for the widening of Old Frederick Road, and Daniels Road.  
*Charles T. Webb*  
*Mary K. Webb Nov 12/1973*

William Thomas Farmhouse (HO-874)  
Plat Plan



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**2376 Daniels Road, Ellicott City**  
**Howard County**  
*USGS Ellicott City Quad*



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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

April 2005

MD SHPO

ART-2611 <No. 2A>003  
522 1217 -1 N N-3-25 <044>@

View NW. Shows house in setting.

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Jennifer Gould

April 2005

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View W. Shows front + side facades.

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View E. Shows rear + side facades + addition

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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

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View W. Shows front door + 1st floor window.

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View Sw. Shows garage,

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