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22 July 2008

William Nelson & Mary Leu Rowe
516 Colora Road
Colora, Maryland 21917

RE: Nomination for Historic Designation – “Thomas Scott’s Place”

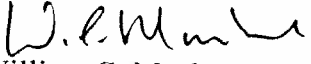
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rowe:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners, at our meeting of Tuesday, 22 July 2008, voted to designate Thomas Scott’s Place as a historic structure.

The Board found that the chain of ownership dating from the Nottingham Lots as well as the interior attributes such as the colonial kitchen fireplace, former beehive oven, barred window with wood framing, and the plastering from the early 19th century make the structure worthy of being preserved.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve Cecil County’s historical heritage.

Sincerely,


William C. Manlove, President
Board of County Commissioners

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CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
NOMINATION FORM

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Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

CECIL COUNTY OFFICE
OF PLANNING & ZONING

Nomination Information: Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property: Thomas Scott's Place
b) Estimated age or historic dates: Scott 1757-1779
Woodrow 1811-1841
2. Address of property: 516 Coloma Road Coloma, Md. 21917
3. Tax Map: 0009 Parcel Number: 0412
4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:
William Nelson & Mary Lou Rowe
516 Coloma Road Coloma, Md. 21917
(410) 658 4272

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:
Home Fronts on Coloma Road - Deed WAS 243-292

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District.
7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.
8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to:

Cecil County Historic Designation: _____

Maryland Register of Historic Properties: See Head of BNY, # 371

_____ National Register of Historic Places: _____

_____ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? _____

_____ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify _____

_____ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain _____

Other, explain Colona Book - pgs 152-154 - ownerships from Nottingham lot to the present.

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.

_____ The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.

_____ The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

_____ The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

_____ The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.

_____ The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

_____ The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

_____ The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.

_____ The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

The property has significant interior features. List See attachment

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

See Colona Book - pgs 152-154, references & deeds -

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: William Nelson Rowe Date: March 25, 2008

Signature: William N Rowe

B. Print Name: Mary Lou B. Rowe Date: March 25, 2008

Signature: Mary Lou B Rowe

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: William Nelson Rowe

Address: 516 Coloma Road
Coloma, Md. 21917

Telephone Numbers: (Home) (410) 658 4272 Hours Available: any
(Work) Retired Hours Available: _____

E-mail address: wnmr@rowe.com

Date March 25, 2008

Official Use Only

Application Number: _____
Date received: _____
Date of Public Notice: _____
Election District: _____
Zoning District: _____
Land Use District: _____
Tax Map: _____
Parcel(s): _____

HDC Hearing Date: _____
PC Hearing Date: _____
CC Hearing Date: _____

The name "Thomas Scott's Place" is derived from a deed (BW 17-432 dated 4/7/1792) that refers to "the school at the adjoining property known as Thomas Scotts Place".

A "recital" deed (14-348 dated 10/21/1779) between Thomas Scott (grantor) and Richard Hall (grantee) recites the ownerships from the commissioners of William Penn (A Nottingham Lot) through several owners and parcel divisions and finally to Scott on 4/1/1757. More details are given in The Colora Book, Pgs 152-154.

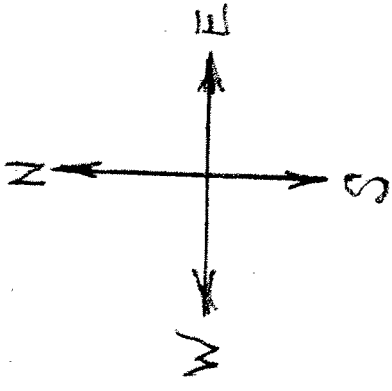
The front of the house is on Colora Road and faces due North. On the northwest corner is a stone spring house. This spring house corners a massive stone chimney on the south east corner. The chimney (about 11 feet wide) forms most of the western side of what is believed to be the original house. The chimney extends though the first and second floors and into the attic another 4 feet then continues as a brick structure that skews to the north and passes out the center of the roof. It is believed that the top of the stone was the top of the chimney for an earlier structure that extended eastward to the eastern side of the house (about 36 feet) and the house was only one room wide with a second floor loft. The peak of the roof was offset from the stone chimney. Supporting this theory is a stone wall that runs from west to east in the basement that has a large doorway and a barred window with the wood framing still in place. (See the attached sketch)

The fireplace on the first floor is a colonial kitchen fireplace complete with swinging crane and an opening for a beehive oven. The fireplace opening is 7 foot 8 inches wide and 4 foot 8 inches high. The western side of the house includes the east wall of the spring house and additional wall on the west side of the chimney makes the chimney thickness 51 inches.

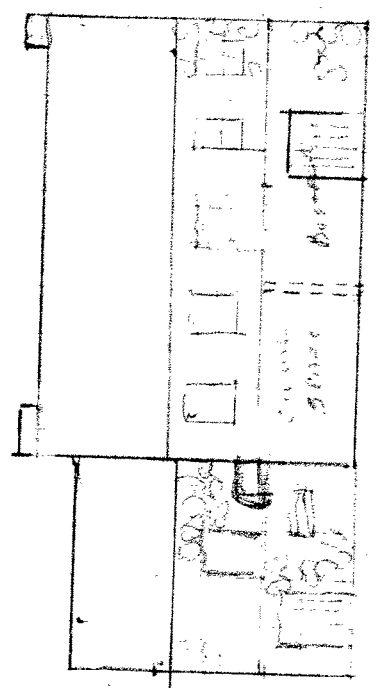
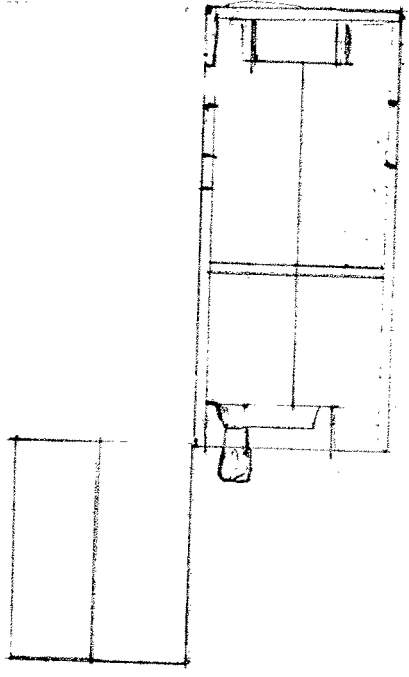
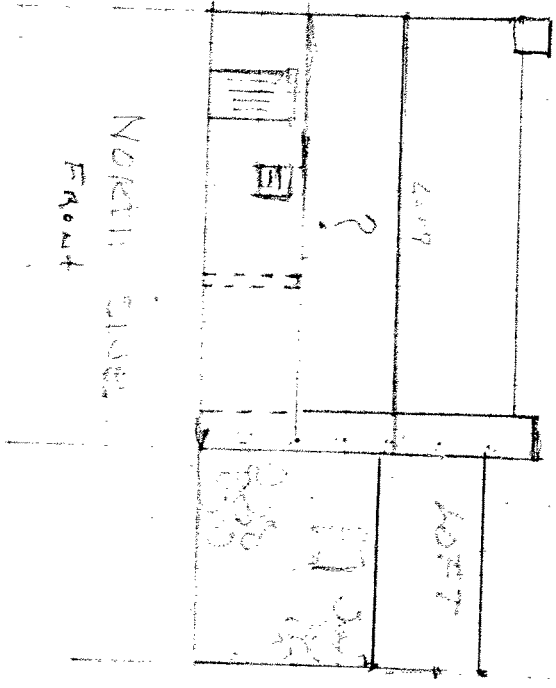
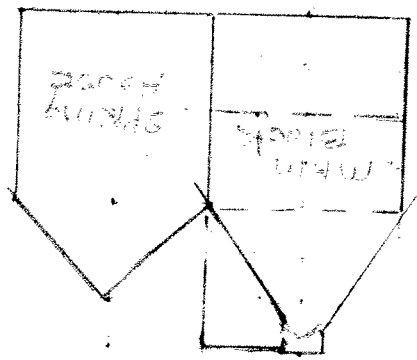
The beehive oven would have protruded from the inside of the fireplace and out next to the south side of the spring house wall.

Names and dates were found in the brown coat of plaster from the time after reconstruction by Simeon Woodrow were William Young plastering 12month 5th 1819teen and Elisha C Speakman May 1820.

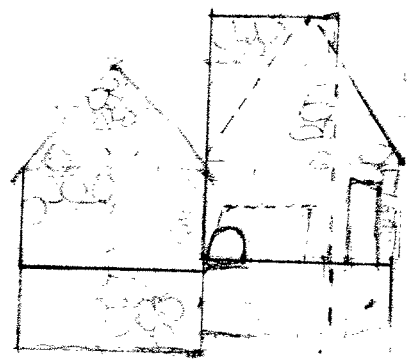
Of further interest, the ancient school mentioned earlier was not deeded until 12/21/1816 to the Society of Friends by Simeon Woodrow. A property on the other side of the road from the school was deeded to Martha Bradford (colored woman) wife of Pulaski Bradford on 9/23/1856 by Caleb Jackson. (This was prior to the Civil War)



EAST SIDE



Built of field stone
walls are 16" thick.



west side

514 Colonn Road

