

Rose Hill Manor History

Land & Ownership History

1727 Benjamin Tasker gets 7,000 acres from Lord Baltimore, which is later sold to Daniel Dulaney

1745 Daniel Dulaney lays out the plan for Frederick city within the land grant known as Tasker's Chance

1748 Hans Peter Hoffman purchases from Daniel Dulaney land that was later to be known as Rose Garden, along the old Georgetown Pike

1764 George Hoffman inherits Rose Garden

1778 Thomas Johnson purchases land and renames it Rose Hill

1788 Thomas Johnson gives land to his daughter, Ann Jennings, on the eve of her wedding to John Colin Grahame

1789-1792 John Colin and Ann Jennings (Johnson) Grahame built the manor house

1793 Grahame purchases Indian Fields, the 202 acres adjacent to Rose Hill

1800 Thomas Johnson is living at Rose Hill

1833 Colonel John McPherson, nephew-in-law, purchases Rose Hill following John Colin Grahame's death in order to help Ann Jennings (Johnson) Grahame stay on the property until her death in 1837

1837 William Slater, owner

1843 George Slater, owner

1845 John Wilson, owner

1853 David O. Thomas, owner

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1893 Margaret (Thomas) Myer, owner

1906 Noah Cramer, owner

1927 James Cramer, owner

1957 Alice (Cramer) Bowman, owner

1964 50 acre parcel sold to Frederick County for a school site

Park & Museum History

1968 Frederick County Commissioners purchased remainder of Rose Hill property (43.3 acres). Funding is received from Program Open Space and Frederick city to establish Rose Hill as the 1st County Park.

1971 Rose Hill Manor is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

1972 Rose Hill Manor Park Master Plan Committee develops and adopts a Children's Museum Program for education of elementary school-aged children. The Children's Museum Advisory Board was established and the Manor House 1st floor opened for tours.

1975 Manor Gardens opens

1976 Carriage Museum (Robert H. Renneberger collection) opens

1977 Log Cabin exhibit opens; Farm Museum Association is established

1980 Blacksmith Shop exhibit opens

1982 Manor upstairs Master Bedroom and Governor's Study exhibits open

1984 Master Plan Revision

1986 Manor upstairs Domestic's Bedroom exhibit opens

1988 All Manor upstairs, including the Children's Bedroom exhibit, opens

Thomas Johnson's Life History

1732 Born in Calvert County, Maryland

1753 Admittance to the Maryland Bar

1760 Admittance to the Frederick County Bar

1762 Delegate to the Provincial Assembly in Annapolis on the Committee for the Construction of the Maryland State House

1766 Marries Ann Jennings

1774 Delegate to the 1st Continental Congress

1775 Nominates George Washington to become the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army

1776 Becomes Commander of the Maryland Militia

1777 Elected by Congress as Maryland's 1st Governor

1778 Purchases 225 acres of land known as Rose Garden in Frederick and changes the name to Rose Hill

1779 Purchases land north of Frederick, named Richfield, where he builds his Frederick County home

1780 Becomes Member of the Maryland State Legislature

1785 Becomes President of the Potowmack River Project

1788 Gives Rose Hill to his daughter

1791 On the Board to develop the Federal city; he was the 1 to 1st recommend that the city be called Washington

1791 Becomes an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and authors the 1st opinion

1800 Gives a eulogy for George Washington at the Frederick memorial service on February 22, which becomes his last act in public service

1800 Listed on the 1800 census as living at Rose Hill Manor in Frederick with his daughter and her family

1819 Dies at age 87 at Rose Hill and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, MD