

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