

# Thomas Stone

National Historic Site  
Maryland

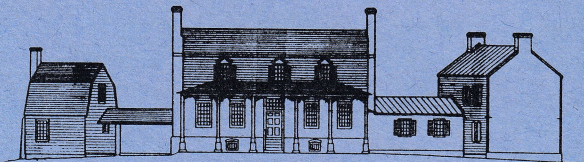
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Thomas Stone was born into an old and influential colonial family and was a well-respected lawyer and politician throughout his native Maryland.

Stone was one of four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence. He contributed in the creation of the United States while serving as both a Continental Congressman and as a framer of the Articles of Confederation.

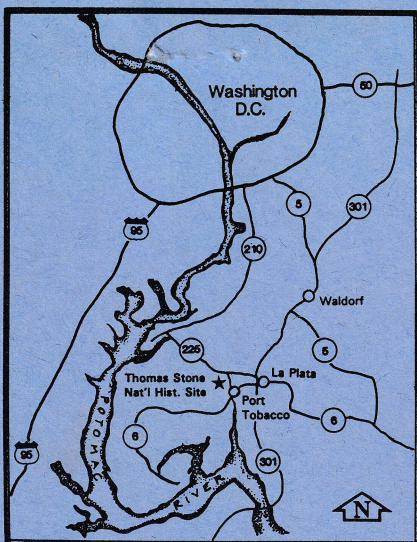
Stone and his wife, Margaret Brown, built their country home, Haberdeventure, in the early 1770s. They had two daughters and one son while living there during the years of the American Revolution.



Haberdeventure was used for food and livestock production. Tobacco, the cash crop, was raised on Stone's land near the Port Tobacco River.

The turbulent times took a toll on Stone, his family, and his finances. Thomas and his wife died within five months of each other in 1787, leaving their children to the care of his family.

Haberdeventure was in the Stone family until 1936. After a 1977 fire nearly destroyed the unique five-part mansion, it became a National Park Service property. Mansion restoration work began in 1992 and was finished in 1997.



Thomas Stone National Historic Site is 45 miles southeast of Washington D.C., located on Rose Hill Road between Maryland routes 6 and 225, four miles west of LaPlata.



The park is open daily 9:00AM until 5:00PM Memorial Day to Labor Day and Thursday through Monday the remainder of the year. The park is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Mansion house tours, exhibits, orientation video, and picnic facilities are available to the public.

Nearby towns offer lodging and food. Many historic sites, towns, and natural areas are located near the park and throughout Southern Maryland.

### **For Your Safety**

The park is still under development. Uneven terrain, rough walking trails, and construction projects are hazardous. Please observe all cautions signs and barriers and avoid construction areas.

### **Administration**

Thomas Stone National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service. For information, call 301-934-6027 or write 6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco, Maryland, 20677.