

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. BA 2190

Magi No. 0321905704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic TALBOTT-FAGAN HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 18907 Hillcrest Avenue not for publication

city, town Parkton vicinity of Councilmanic District 3
Congressional District 2

state Maryland county Baltimore Co

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> In process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ms. Meredith B. Fagan

street & number 18907 Hillcrest Avenue telephone no.: 410-343-0090

city, town Parkton state and zip code MD 21120

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber SM 11533

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 573

city, town Towson state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Inventory

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records MHT, 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-2190

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Talbott-Fagan House is dated at 1902 by the Assessment Office's microfiche records, which describe it as frame and stucco construction. It is smaller than other houses on the hilltop overlooking Parkton, but in its repainted state it is a notable example of the Stick and Shingle Styles evolving into Queen Anne. The house presents its gable end to the street in temple style. The gable end is filled with fishscale shingles. This house was one of several built on speculation at Parkton by the lumber dealer, A. Alonzo Sparks. Its design could stem from mail order plans or pattern books of that time.

There is a distinct feel on Hillcrest Avenue. The entire cluster of almost century-old frame cottages would make a good historic district, all the structures of the same period, somewhat like the Corbett Historic District.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	A. Alonzo Sparks, builder
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check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Talbot-Fagan House is on the high ground on Hillcrest Avenue in Parkton, which was once a commuter suburb on the Northern Central Railroad, just a short distance--but a climb--from the now vanished Parkton station. Various newspaper items recount the growth of Parkton in the late 19th century. For example, ten houses were built in 1896 (Baltimore County Union, January 23, 1897). Most of the land in Parkton belonged to Captain James Calder at the time of the American Revolution, and the four families that descended from his four daughters controlled all the land for a century or more.

Some of the suburban parcels in Parkton were built upon by well-to-do commuters who in some cases failed to take the flood plain into account. Some of those houses were acquired by the county in the 1980s and demolished (Sun, February 23, 1983). One flood on August 19, 1901, was reported in great detail in the Judicial Records, Liber NBM 189:73. At that time, the contents of a lumber yard was washed away. Hillcrest Avenue, however, was floodproof, and families of railroad employees had the foresight to build there.

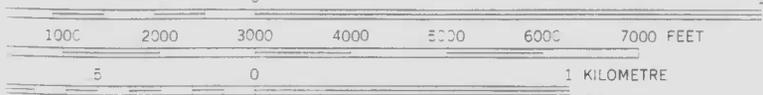
A house built for William Talbott was reported to have been completed in 1896 (Baltimore County Union, January 23, 1897). The Talbott house at 18907 Hillcrest was built for Pleasant and Louise Talbott between 1902 and 1906. The contractor was local resident and lumber yard owner, A. Alonzo Sparks. The date of a mortgage for \$995 pegs the existence of the house to at least 1906. The buyers agreed to share the cost of a well and pump.

This house is an example of the Stick and Shingle Style evolving into the Queen Anne. One occupant of the house was a former Union army veteran, Captain Stocks. The origin of the house was recalled in 1983 by Miss Edna Underwood and Mrs. Lida Underwood Thompson of Hillcrest Avenue during an interview with Ruth B. Mascari.

The present owner acquired in 1996 from Darwin Hutchinson.



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SCALE 1:24 000



2 310 000 FEET (PA.)
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
359 000m E.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

NEW FREEDOM QUAD

COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
BING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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