

## CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

MURPHY HOUSE

16616 BATSON ROAD, SPENCERVILLE

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-15/56  
Approximate Building Date: 1850, 1892 & 1917, altered 1972-94  
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Spencerville  
Access: Private

Located on a secluded 10 acre rural site off Batson Road near Spencerville, the Michael Murphy house was originally a log structure built around 1850. It was enlarged with a lateral frame addition around 1892 and covered with clapboards and later incorporated as an ell onto a 1917 Bungalow style house. The building has been extensively renovated as a modern Colonial Revival style house by the present owner. The Murphy House once had significance as an example of mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century vernacular architecture. However, the building has been so extensively renovated since 1972 that it no longer conveys either its associations with local farming practices in Montgomery County in the mid-nineteenth century or illustrates the defining characteristics of any period or type of historic architecture.

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 115-56

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Michael Murphy House

and/or common Great Holly

**2. Location**

street & number Batson Road  not for publication

city, town Spencerville  vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Robert and Lynne Schwindt

street & number Batson Road telephone no.:

city, town Spencerville state and zip code MD

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4269

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 19

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The building has two major parts laid out in roughly a T-plan. The main block is a two-story rectangular frame building (now sided with aluminum) erected in 1917. A low pitched roof and a randomly laid stone chimney on the north facade are the only remaining visual remnants of the building's 1917 Bungalow styling. The ell is a one and one-half story log and frame structure with beaded redwood siding. The roof of the overall house is wood shingle.

The original section of the Murphy House was a single pen log cabin (roughly 12 by 16 feet) with an approximately eight foot ceiling. The log walls of this structure are visible on the interior and are V-notched with chinking covered with a lime-based plaster material. The cabin has been completely encased within the current Colonial Revival frame wing.

The Murphy House has a modern classical design influenced by Georgian, Jeffersonian and Colonial Revival design traditions as interpreted by the current owner/builder who personally renovated the house between 1972 and 1994. He has re-designed the house with two dominant pedimented porticos on the east and west end elevations.

On the east side of the building is a two-tier portico. At the second level, four Tuscan columns featuring a Chinese Chippendale pattern balustrade support a pediment decorated with dentils at the cornice. The first level has rusticated wooden piers infilled by fixed 20-light windows set in segmental arched surrounds. The porch is accessed by a French door on the south side.

The west elevation has a one-story pedimented portico supported by Tuscan columns and embellished with dentils and a decorated round lunette window. This facade also has a pedimented entry flanked by rectangular double hung sash twelve-over-twelve windows with cornice window heads and louvers.

The house's north and south facades are larger and less ornate. The main rectangular block has no outstanding Colonial Revival design features. The walls are covered with aluminum siding with irregularly placed double hung six-over-six windows on the second level. A

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# 8. Significance

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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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**      c.1850;1917      **Builder/Architect**

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.

Summary: The Murphy House once had significance as an example of mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century vernacular architecture. However, the building has been so extensively renovated since 1972 that it no longer conveys either its associations with local farming practices in Montgomery County in the mid-nineteenth century or illustrates the defining characteristics of any period or type of historic architecture.

The property obtained its name "Great Holly" because of a giant male holly tree located just south of the house. This tree has a diameter of more than two feet indicating that is probably well over one hundred years old.<sup>1</sup>



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shed-roofed bay window with a rank of three double hung two-over-two sash projects from the first story of the north facade and a similar rank of tripartite windows without a bay light the south facade. The north facade of the Colonial Revival style one-story wing has a cantilevered pedimented entry and irregularly placed single six-over-six and double windows. Two gabled dormers light the attic story and a corbeled brick chimney abuts the west corner of the structure. The south facade has a prominent pent roofed porch supported by thin Tuscan columns. Overall this side of the wing has been finished in a more symmetrical manner with an entry that is placed near the center point within a rank of five double hung six-over-six windows with louvers. Five pedimented dormers were built on this side of the house to approximately match the door and window openings.

There are five modern Colonial Revival outbuildings (garage, woodshop and three sheds) located on the north and west side of the property.

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Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A. D. 1815-1870, Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
- c) Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Agriculture
- d) Resource Type: Farmhouse

Chain of Title/Owner Information:

Michael Murphy probably built a single pen log house on this site around 1850 soon after he purchased the 37 acre parcel that was once part of the 1715 land grant known as "Snowden's Manor." In 1854 Murphy died and in his will left his "plantation" to his daughters, Ann (Murphy) Sounder and Catherine Murphy. Subsequently, Catherine Murphy bought her sister's interest and sold the property in 1892 to Edward and Laura Brown who expanded the house with a lateral frame addition. The Browns sold the property in 1908 to the Becrafts who just two years later sold the farmstead to Fred Kruhm. In 1912 Fannie Beig purchased the house and land from Kruhm and improved the property by adding the Bungalow style house to the older structure. The Beigs lived in the house until 1941 when the property was sold and subsequently passed through several owners during World War II. Joseph and Margaret Cunningham bought the house in 1946 and lived there until selling the property to the current owners Robert and Lynne Schwindt in 1972.

Cited Estate and Land Records from Crawford, MHT Form (8/83).

Wills WTR 1/127 and Docket HCA 3/326, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

Deed EBP 26/451	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 33/437	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 198/104	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 212/49	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 226/175	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 1025/316	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 4269/19	Montgomery County Land Records

**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> Ron Geraci, Vicki Walker, and Linda Donnary, Old Building Survey of the Burtsonville Area. (Burtonsville, MD:Burtonsville Bicentennial Committee, 1976), 7.

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Michael Murphy House

and/or common Great Holly

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city, town Spencerville  vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Montgomery

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city, town Spencerville state and zip code Maryland, 20868

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street & number folio 19

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Park Historians Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

M:15-56

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, frame house that has been altered several times. The large, external stove chimney is not particularly old. The oldest portion of the house is probably the low, one-and-a-half story wing that extends from the NE corner of the main building. This is covered with siding, but may be of log construction underneath.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# B. Significance

Survey No.

M15-56

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> pre-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates circa. 1850 Builder/Architect

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and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

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The Micheal Murphy house is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical to that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Micheal Murphy about 1850.<sup>1</sup> It sat on 37 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Snowden's Manor." The house consisted originally of a single structure, one and a half stories, constructed of hand hewn logs.<sup>2</sup>

In January of 1854, Micheal Murphy died and his "plantation in Montgomery County" went to two of his children, Ann Sounder and Catherine Murphy, as directed by his will.<sup>3</sup> Later, in 1882, Ann deeded her share to Catherine.<sup>4</sup>

In 1892 Catherine sold the house for \$350 to Edward and Laura Brown.<sup>5</sup> The Browns then put a frame addition on the west end of the original log section of the house.<sup>6</sup> In April of 1908 the Browns sold the property to the Bcrafts.<sup>7</sup> They in turn sold it to Fred Kruhm in February of 1910.<sup>8</sup> Kruhm kept the house for only two years and then sold it to Fannie Bieg in February of 1912.<sup>9</sup> Fannie added a more substantial addition to the east end of the original section in 1917.<sup>10</sup> The house was in the Beig family until 1941 when it was sold and passed through a succession of owners. It was later purchased by Joseph and Margaret Cunningham in July of 1946.<sup>11</sup> Then in October of 1972, the Cunninghams sold the house on 10 acres to the present owners, Robert and Lynne Schwindt.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ron Geraci, Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area.  
Burtonsville, MD.: Burtonsville Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p.4.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Wills WTR 1/127 & Docket HCA 3/326, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.  
see attachment sheet A

Attachment Sheet A  
Micheal Murphy House

- 4 Deed EBP 26/451, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- 5 Deed 33/437, " "
- 6 Geraci, p.4.
- 7 Deed 198/104, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- 8 Deed 212/49, " "
- 9 Deed 226/175, " "
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- 11 Deed 1025/316, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- 12 Deed 4269/19, " "

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. MHS-50

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title \_\_\_\_\_

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Michael Murphy House

AND/OR COMMON

Great Holly

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

end of Batson Road

CITY, TOWN

Spencerville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
 PUBLIC ACQUISITION  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
 ACCESSIBLE  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

(new owners in 1973)

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

M:15-56

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

<b>PERIOD</b>		<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</b>			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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<b>SPECIFIC DATES</b>	<b>BUILDER/ARCHITECT</b>
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Apparently, there was a "Murphy's Ford" crossing over the Patuxent River here for many years prior to the construction of Rocky Gorge Reservoir.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian		1/23/73
ORGANIZATION	M-NCPPC	TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER	8787 Georgia Ave.	589-1480
CITY OR TOWN	Silver Spring	STATE
		Maryland

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**OLD  
BUILDING  
SURVEY  
of the  
BURTONSVILLE  
AREA**

Ron Geraci

Vicki Walker

Linda Donnary

Sponsored by the  
**BURTONSVILLE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**  
Burtonsville, Maryland  
1976

#15-57

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### 3. Snowden Manor House

The only house surveyed that has not been occupied for quite some time; it is said that this dwelling was an overseer's cabin for the Snowden Manor property which contained this parcel of land at one time. The original log portion is a one and one-half story structure roughly 12 by 16 feet. The only remaining features of interest are the hand-hewn wall logs, jointed at the corners and the extremely large two-foot diameter floor logs which are slightly flattened on one side to receive the floor boards. There is a later circular-sawn frame addition to the west end. The entire building is covered with horizontal weatherboards.



*South and east facades*

#15-56

### 4. Michael Murphy House

Called "Great Holly," the name comes from the enormous male holly tree next to the house which has a trunk diameter in excess of two feet.

Standing on property once belonging to "Snowden's Manor," the oldest portion of this house is a one and one-half story log structure roughly 12 by 16 feet. The hand-hewn logs that form the walls are the largest of any log house in Burtonsville. The first floor ceiling height of about eight feet is unusually high. The stone foundation of an interior fireplace lies below the floor. The windows have been altered to a Victorian two over two pane arrangement. A frame addition has been added to the west end of the log portion and a more complete house form was added to the east in the early 1900's.



*South facade*

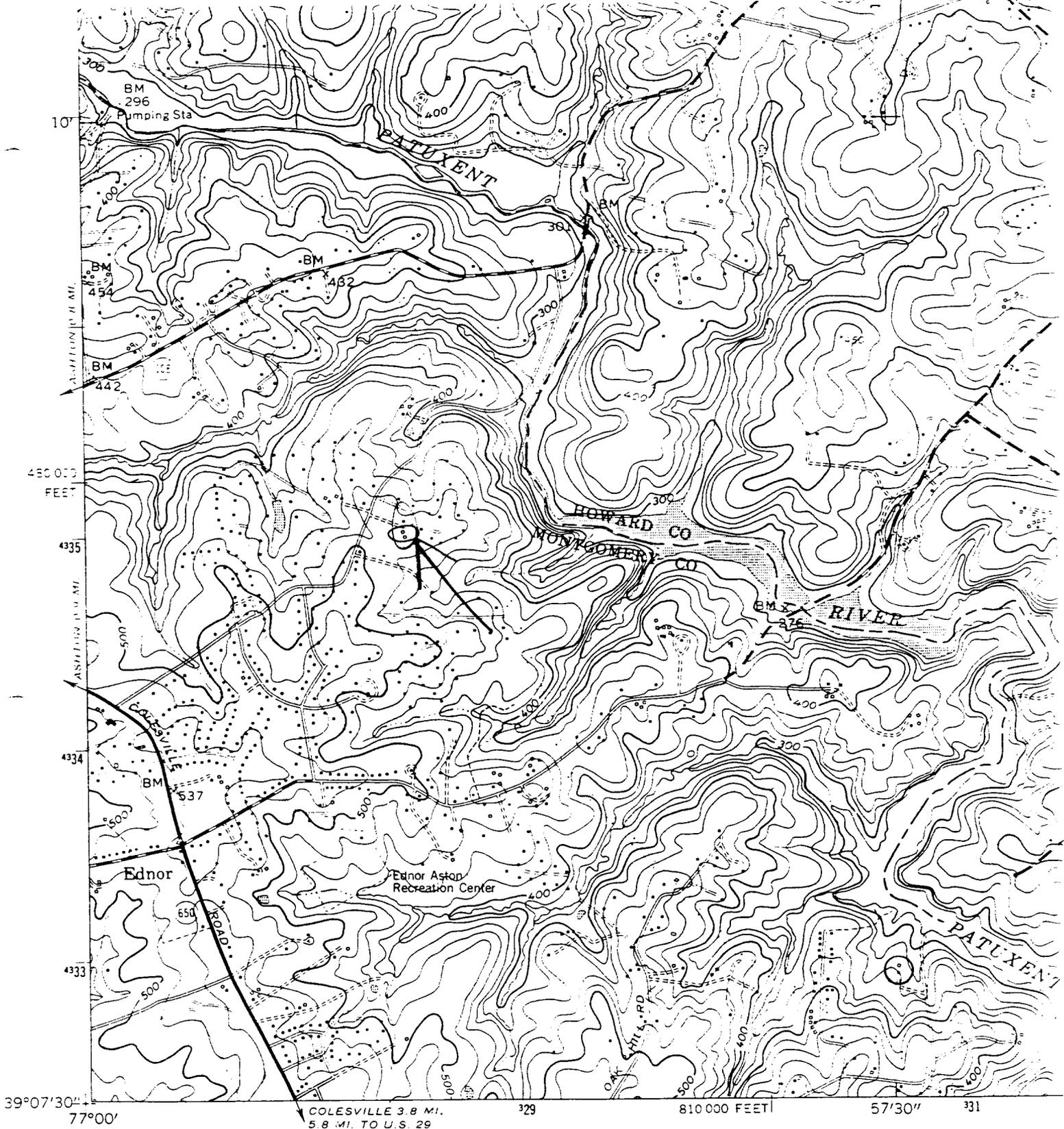
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### 5. Thomas Poole House

The wing that extends to the rear of this house is said to date from about 1800. It has the characteristic one and one-half story volume and very likely is of log construction. There is a basement under this portion that has stone walls. Uncut log floor joists are visible. A later addition to the west end has become the main house and has a porch completely across the front. This house was thought to have been a tenant house for the Louis H. Duvall farm at one time. Deeds describe this property as being part of "Bear Bacon" and "Batchelor's Adventure" land surveys.



*South facade*



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 Published for civil use by the Geological Survey

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM**  
**LOCATIONAL MAP**

SURVEY NO.: 15/56 M. 15-56  
 PROPERTY NAME: Murphy House/Great Holly  
 TOWN: Spencerville  
 COUNTY: MONTGOMERY  
 QUADRANGLE: Clarksville, MD



NAME #15-56 MICHAEL MURPHY HOUSE (PT. LOG?)

LOCATION END OF BATSON RD., SPENCERVILLE, MD.

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 1/23/73 M. DEWEED



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VIEW SOUTH (NORTH ELEV.)

NEG. ; MD SHPO



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VIEW NW (SE ELEV.)

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VIEW SOUTHEAST (NW ELEV).

NEG. ; MD SHPO



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VIEW SE (NW ELEVATION)

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VIEW  
NE (SW ELEVATION)

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MODERN OUTBUILDING

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