

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Black House Inventory Number: M: 15-54-1

Address: 2218 Spencerville Road City: Spencerville Zip Code: 20868

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville, MD

Owner: Franklin A. and M. E. Hume

Tax Parcel Number: P319 Tax Map Number: KS32 Tax Account ID Number: 002638333

Project: MD 28/MD 198 from MD 97 to I-95 Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The c.1870 Black House is a 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, vernacular frame residence with a Gothic Revival-style influence and two late-19th century outbuildings including a shed/garage and barn. Elements of the Gothic Revival style are evident in the steeply pitched centered gable and the full-width, 1-story, hipped-roof front porch. A gabled ell exists at the west side of the rear, north elevation. The shingled roof has been painted with anodized aluminum sealant, giving it a metallic look. A brick interior end chimney is located at the east gable end, while a patch indicates where the rear ell's cooking chimney was removed. The house is sheathed in asbestos shingle and has a stone foundation, with brick piers supporting the porch. Windows are 1/1 double-hung wood sash, with two single light attic windows in the east, west, and north gables.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

<i>Andrew Lewis</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<i>08/02/01</i> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR program	<i>8/7/01</i> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

Although it is possible that a blacksmith shop was operated on the property, community histories, historic maps, and local informants fail to specifically identify this property with blacksmithing or other iron working. Therefore, there is no definite reason to believe that this property is significant under Criterion D for historic archaeology or is likely to increase our understanding of how such shops operated.

Prepared by: Doug Reynolds/Megan McDonald

Date Prepared: June 2001

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M: 15-54-1

Construction Date: c.1870

Name: Black House

Location: 2218 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Montgomery County

Private Ownership / Present Use: Private Residence / Occupied / Condition: Deteriorated

Description:

The c.1870 Black House is a 2 ½-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, vernacular frame residence with a Gothic Revival-style influence and two late-19th century outbuildings including a shed/garage and barn. Elements of the Gothic Revival style are evident in the steeply pitched, centered gable and the full-width, 1-story, hipped-roof front porch. A gabled ell exists at the west side of the rear, north elevation. The shingled roof has been painted with anodized aluminum sealant, giving it a metallic look. A brick interior end chimney is located at the east gable end, while a patch indicates where the rear ell's cooking chimney was removed. The house is sheathed in asbestos shingle and has a stone foundation, with brick piers supporting the porch. Windows are 1/1 double-hung wood sash, with two single light attic windows in the east, west, and north gables.

Significance:

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 15-54-1

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Black House (Preferred)
 other Hume House

2. Location

street and number 2218 Spencerville Road ___ not for publication
 city, town Spencerville ___ vicinity
 county Montgomery

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

name Franklin A. and M. E. Hume
 street and number 2230 Spencerville Road telephone
 city, town Spencerville state MD zip code 20868

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber folio
 city, town Rockville tax map KS32 tax parcel P319 tax ID number 002638333

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- _____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- _____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- _____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- _____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- _____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- _____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- _____ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	_____ Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____ buildings
_____ site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ social	_____ sites
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____ structures
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	_____ objects
		_____ government	_____ unknown	_____ Total
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ industry	_____ other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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A ½-glazed wood panel door is located in the center bay of the main, south elevation. The roof of the porch is covered with rolled asphalt. Porch supports are turned with decorative brackets. A wood panel door is located in the north elevation. An original door opening in the east elevation of the rear ell has been boarded, with a replacement ½-glazed vinyl door inserted to the south. Original siding in the space between the north elevation of the main building and the east elevation of the rear ell, and a concrete foundation indicate where a shed-roofed 1-story addition once stood.

North of the house, near the western property line, is a deteriorated 1-story, shed-roofed, frame garage with two mismatched wood overhead doors in the main, east elevation. These doors indicate that the building may have been built as a tool or carriage shed and enclosed in the early 20th century to use as a garage. A small, 2-story, side-gabled, frame barn with a shed-roofed west addition is located to the northeast of the garage. The barn's corrugated metal roof and vertical board siding is much deteriorated, with many of its various doors missing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	c.1870	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	c.1870		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1877 blacksmith Austin Black purchased four and a quarter acres from Spencerville's founder, William H. Spencer. By 1879, the house had been built, appearing on the 1879 Hopkin's Atlas as the Austin Black residence. The property remained in the Black family until 1957. Although it is possible that Austin Black operated a blacksmith shop on the property, community histories, historic maps, and local informants fail to specifically identify this property with blacksmithing or other iron working. Therefore, there is no definite reason to believe that this property is significant under Criterion D for historic archaeology or is likely to increase our understanding of how such shops operated.

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Major Bibliographical References
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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.15 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>4.25 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Beltsville, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Black House follows the current property lines of 2230 Spencerville Road (Tax Map KS32, Parcel P319) on the north, south, east, and west. This 2.15 acre (0.87 hectare) parcel is bounded on the north, east, and west by adjacent tax parcels, and on the south by Spencerville Road. The boundary includes the house, garage, and barn.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Doug Reynolds/Megan McDonald		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	June 2001
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7800
city or town	Hunt Valley	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Gibson House ?				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Austin Black House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2218 Spencerville Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Spencerville				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE: (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Appears to be the Austin Black house as shown on Hopkins 1878 atlas. Black was Spencerville's first blacksmith (according to History of Western Md.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a 2-1/2 story frame house with a gable rising above the center bay of the three bay main (south) facade to the height of the roof ridge. A one story porch with chamfered posts and brackets runs across the facade. The house has a wing extending north from the west end of the north facade. Chimneys are located at the east end of the main house and at the center of the wing.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

[Empty space for acreage justification]

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION:
M-NCPPC

DATE:
1/24/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE:
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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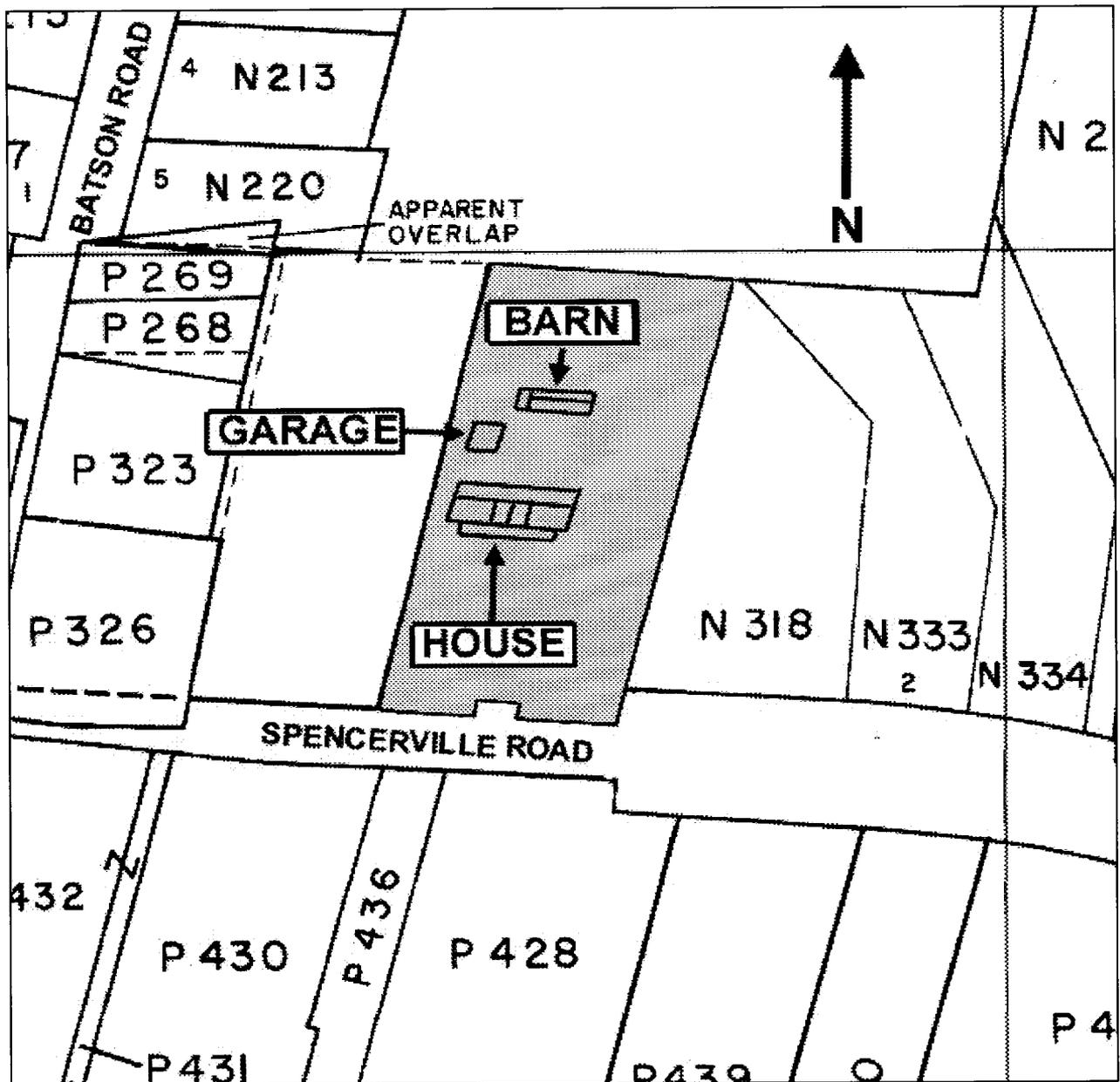
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Geographical Data
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Property Name: Black House
Montgomery County Tax Map KS32, Parcel P319

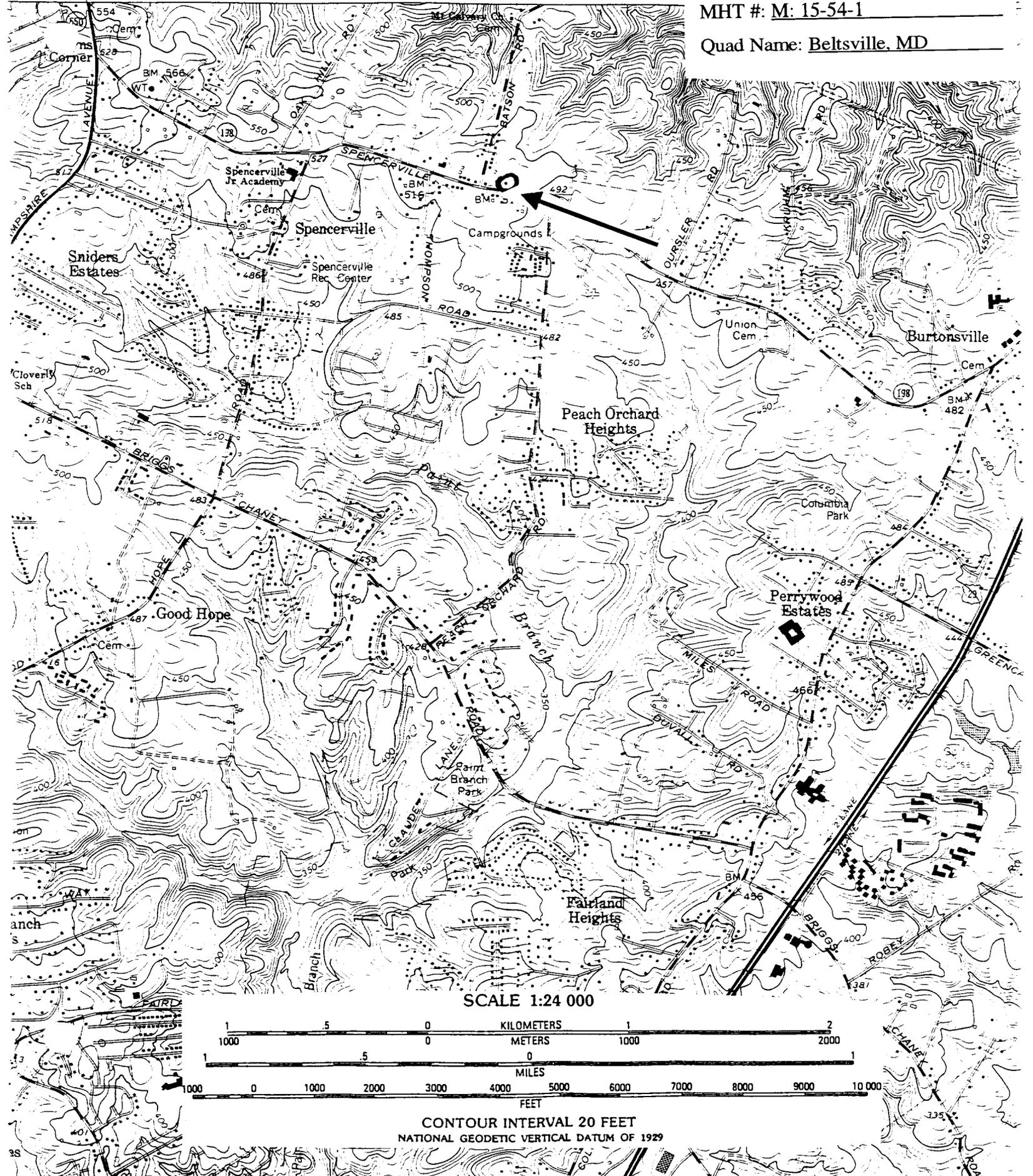


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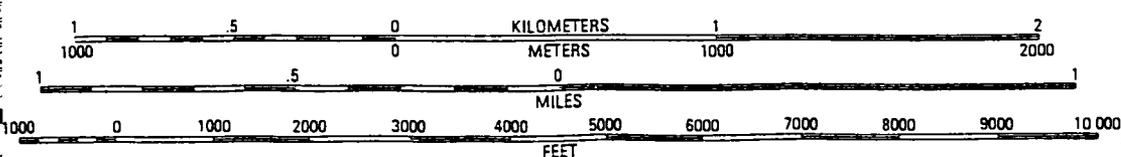
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57'30"



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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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BLACK HOUSE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW NORTH TOWARD SOUTH (MAIN) ELEVATION

1 OF 6

(No. 15) 037 25-02 NNNNN 0500 025



- M'15-54-1
- BLACK HOUSE
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
- MEGAN McDONALD
- JUNE 2001
- MD SHPO
- VIEW WEST OF EAST ELEVATION
- 2 OF 6

(No. 005001, 25-05, NHHNH+2800) 026



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BLACK HOUSE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW EAST TOWARD WEST ELEVATION

3 OF 6

(NO. 160) 851 25-03 HHHHHH+1700 025



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BLACK HOUSE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW SOUTHWEST TOWARD NORTH (REAR) ELEVATION

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BLACK HOUSE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW NORTH TOWARD SOUTH ELEVATION OF REAR BARN

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(No. 170) 25+81 HHHH-BEAR 026



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BLACK HOUSE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW NORTHWEST TOWARD EAST ELEVATION OF GARAGE OUTBUILDING
6 OF 6

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