

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

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Ensor (Terveer) House Inventory Number: BA-2936

Address: 15726 Ensor Mill Road City: Sparks Zip Code: 21152-9103

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford

Owner: William F. & Nancy V. Terveer

Tax Parcel Number: 82 Tax Map Number: 28 Tax Account ID Number: 0803053200

Project: _____ Agency: _____

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

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X

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: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
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Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date



Capsule Summary

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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.

The Terveer House originally built by the Ensor family (millers) in the late 19th or very early 20th century is a simple two-story vernacular dwelling, extensively remodeled and re-landscaped in the late 20th century. It occupies a 5.56 acre parcel sloping down from Ensor Mill Road and overlooks the valley to the west. It is effectively screened from nearby suburban tract development. Associated structures include a shed-roof garage and a decked above ground swimming pool.

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No access to the interior, but an informant described it has extensively remodeled by the current owners.

An above ground pool with deck and a 1970s open shed, multiport garage also are on the parcel, directly viewable from the road. The garage is constructed of milled dimensioned lumber, but sided with mill ends.

Additions, replacement siding and roofing, nearly total window replacement, coupled with a modern gentrified yardscape and rusticated modern garage, detract from the ensemble of materials, design motifs, and overall character of this building that would otherwise have marked it as a good example of fin-de-siècle vernacular architecture in the Chesapeake Basin. The site lacks those qualities that would make it eligible for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A through D, 36CFR60.

The Terveer family purchased the house and parcel in 1972 and is responsible for most of the improvements.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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<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	very late 19th through third quarter of the 20th century	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	ca. 1895		

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.)

The Terveer House was constructed at the end of the 19th century, presumably by local builders, likely the owners or their immediate kin, proprietors of the nearby Ensor saw mill. The surrounding community was based nearly entirely on field agriculture and lumbering. The principal building was constructed on a simple three-bay, two room deep plan with central entry, a style with roots in the 18th-century Classical Revival and consistent with the emerging Colonial Revivalism of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Changes to the building's original fenestration (incompatible windows and a bay window) and covering of the presumed board siding with shakes, combined with two substantial additions and a deck, render this building ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places: it no longer retains the choice of materials and organization of materials and design motifs typical of rural vernacular buildings of the late 19th and early 20th century Chesapeake Basin. The siding and fenestration lend a decidedly 1970s Colonial Revival quality to the dwelling. Although restorable, a considerable portion of the original fabric may be lost.

A chain of title extending back to 1861 was established, interrupted at that point by a gap in the records. Luke Ensor purchased the parcel, acreage undefined (but recoverable from the metes and bounds description), from Thomas Gorsuch. The parcel remained in the Ensor family until October 1951. The Costners acquired the property from the Charles D. Julio Company, presumably a realtor or property manager, in 1956. Their acquisition may mark the first instance in which the property was divided as a single houselot, apart from wider holdings. The 5.8-acre parcel was adjusted several years later to its current configuration and size of 5.56 acres. The current occupants purchased the property in 1972.

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Table. Chain of title, Terveer House.

Grantor	Grantee	Acres	Date	Instrument
Jos. U. Kauffman	Wm F. & Nancy V. Terveer	5.56	19 Sept 1972	Deed 5301/638
Wm McKinley Costner, et al, trustees for Wilma L. Costner	Jos. U. Kauffman	5.56	19 Apr 1971	Deed 5181/795
Edith Heath, et al.	Wm McK. Costner	5.56	16 June 1969	Deed 5001/141
Chas. D. Julio & Co.	Myrtle Osborn Costner	5.8	01 Mar 1956	Deed 2885//31
C. Frank Ensor	Chas. D. Julio & Co.	?	09 Oct 1951	Deed 2028/522
Geo. K. Ensor	C. Frank Ensor	?	10 Nov 1906	Wills WJP 16/38
Luke E. Ensor et ux	Geo. K. Ensor	?	?	Deed WPC 44/529
Luke E. Ensor et ux	Geo. K. Ensor	?	08 Feb 1872	Deed EHA 74/109
Thomas Gorsuch	Luke E. Ensor	?	12 Nov 1861	Deed GHC 34/219

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Baltimore County, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>5.56</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>5.8</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:2400</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Terveer House occupies a 5.56 acre lot on the west side of Ensor Mill Road, approximately two miles south of Hereford, Maryland, and just north of the Ensor Mill complex. The lot has retained its current configuration since 1956 (see attached tax map). The deed description omitted acreage. The associated lands under the Ensor tenure undoubtedly were more extensive and probably reflected the mixed field agriculture (in the bottom land now occupied by Interstate 83) and lumbering of the steeper slopes.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	<u>James G. Gibb</u>		
organization	<u>Andrew Garte & Associates</u>	date	<u>06 December 2000</u>
street & number	<u>6285 Shady Side</u>	telephone	<u>410 867 4600</u>
city or town	<u>Shady Side</u>	state	<u>MD 20764</u>

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.

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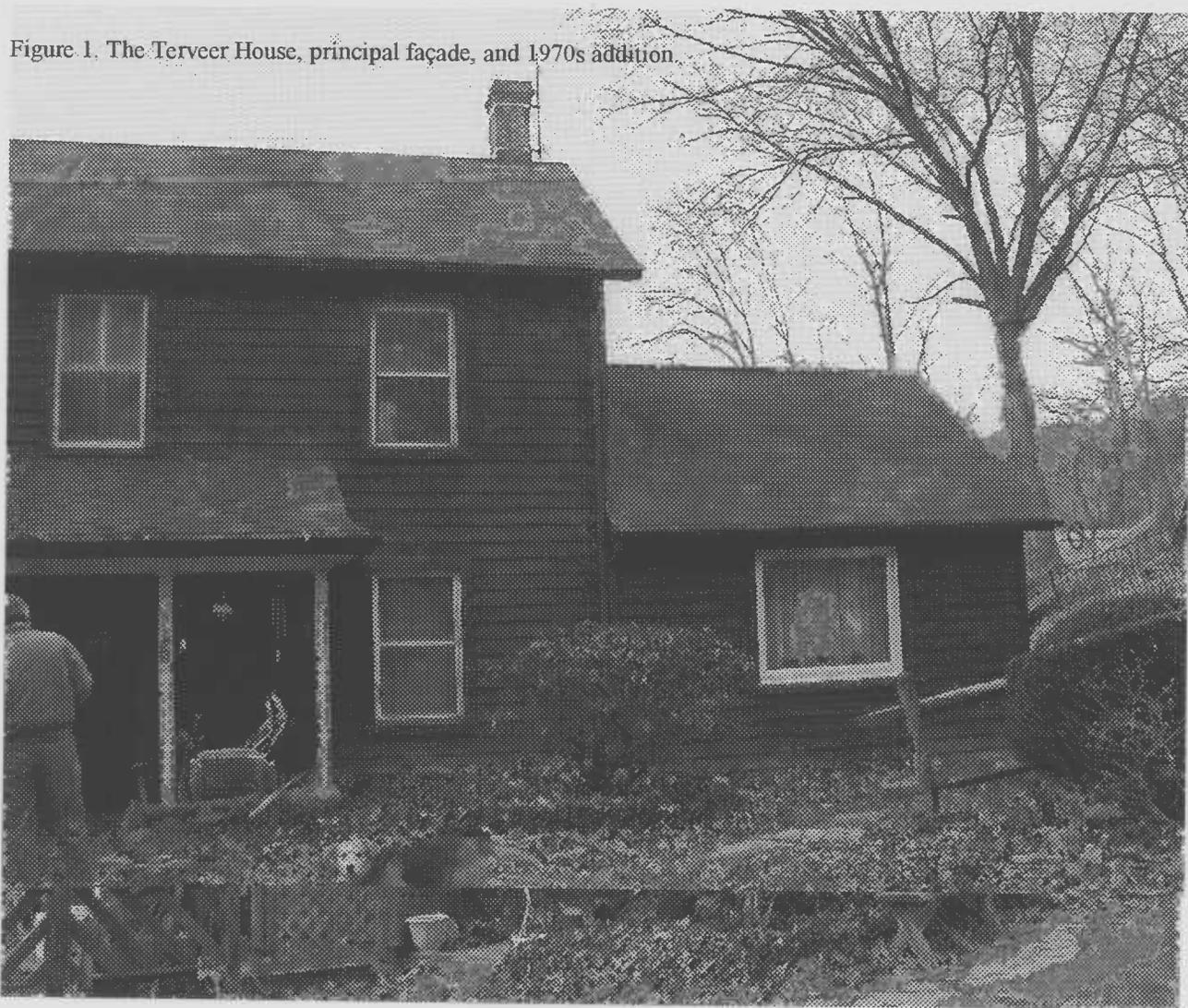


Figure 1. The Terveer House, south and east (principal) facades. Note addition and second floor central window.

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Figure 2. The Terveer House, south and east (principal) facades. Note bay window and deck.

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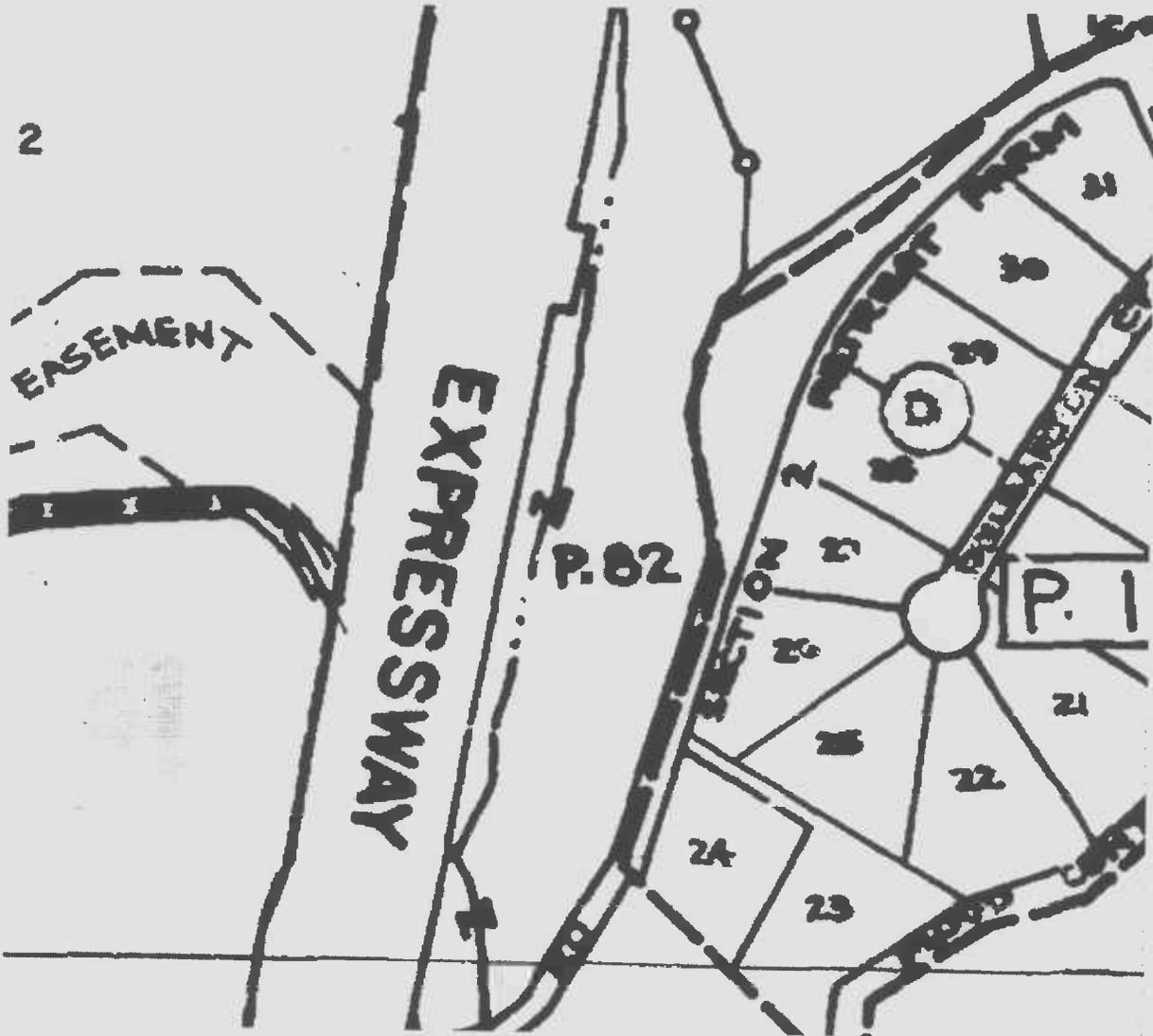
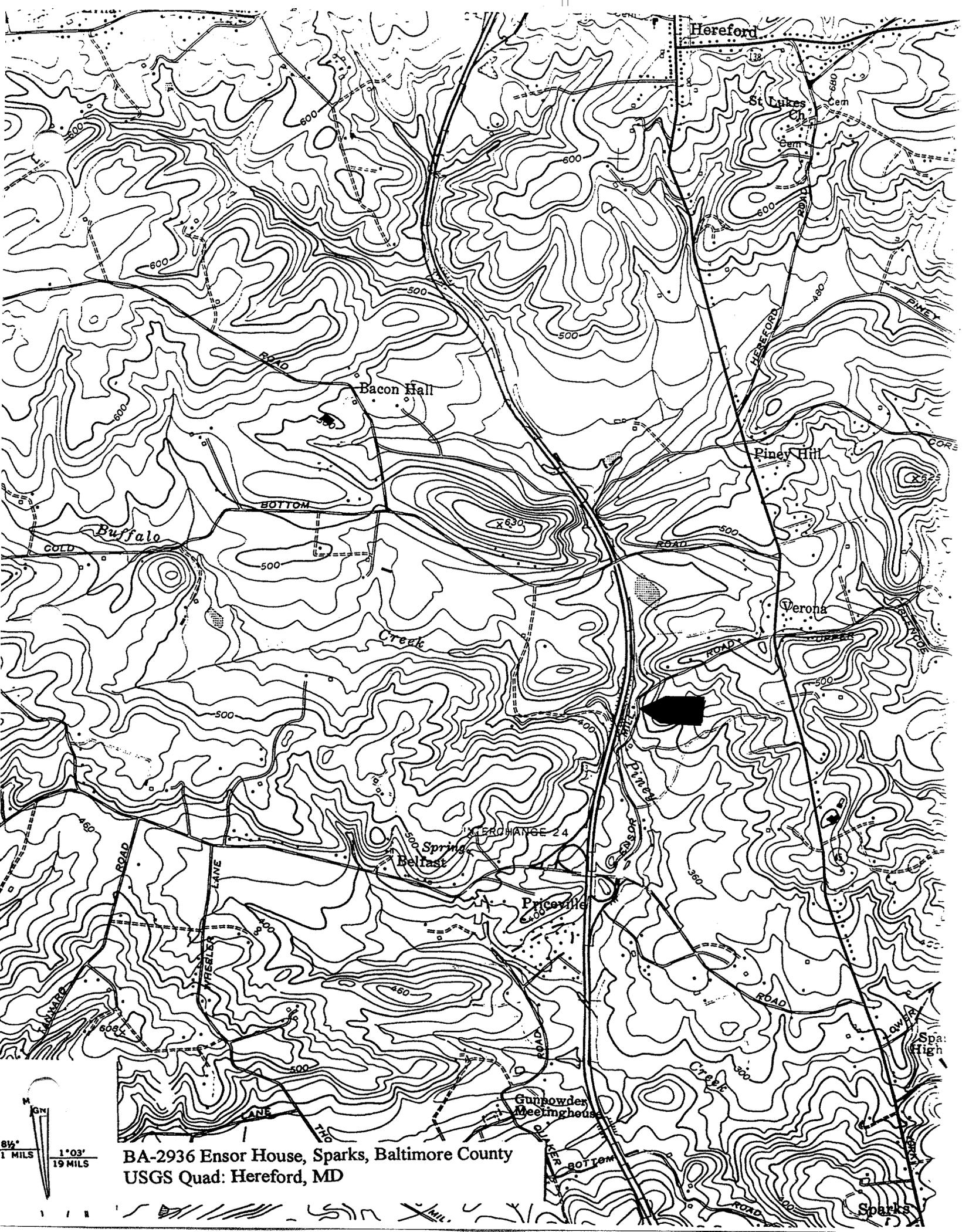


Figure 3. The Terveer House, tax map.



Hereford

St Lukes Ch
Cem

Bacon Hall

Piney Hill

Buffalo

Creek

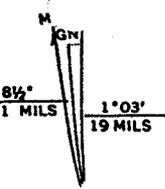
Verona

Spring
Belast

Priceville

Gunpowder
Meetinghouse

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USGS Quad: Hereford, MD



Sparks



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View of Ensor House from Ensor Mill Road.

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Ensor (Terveer) House

Baltimore County, MD

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Negative: MD 5470

View of Ensor House facing southwest.

December 28, 2000