

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

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Mitchell House Inventory Number: BA-2937

Address: 15812 Ensor Mill Road City: Sparks, MD Zip Code: 21152-9391

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford

Owner: Joan P. Bourne

Tax Parcel Number: 20 Tax Map Number: 28 Tax Account ID Number: 1700008883

Project: _____ Agency: _____

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: _____

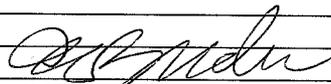
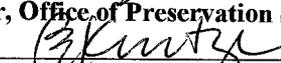
Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
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Prepared by: James G. Gibb Date Prepared: 03 January 2001

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Comments: _____	
	<u>3/20/2001</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	<u>6/21/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date



Capsule Summary

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MIHP: BA-2937
Location: 15812 Ensor Mill Road
Town: Sparks, MD
Date of Construction: 1880s?
Access: Private
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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mitchell House (preferred)

other Bourne House

2. Location

street and number 15812 Ensor Mill Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore

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

name Joan P. Bourne

street and number 15812 Ensor Mill Road telephone 410.472.4653

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152-9391

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dept of Assessments and Taxation liber 10849 folio 153

city, town Sparks tax map 28 tax parcel 20 tax ID number 1700008883

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0	1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

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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The carport is constructed of dimensioned milled lumber with wire nails. It has a simple pitched roof, one gable of which abuts the stone portion of the house.

The east addition is a first half of the 20th century two-story frame structure built on a stone foundation, with asbestos siding and 6/1 light double-hung sashes on both floors. The one story semi-octagonal ell with clumsily applied semi-octagonal roof is clad in asbestos and has two 2/2 light sashes. The north enclosed porch with shed roof appears to date to the last quarter of the 20th century.

Land title research on this dwelling and lot was complicated by what appears to be an incorrect street address (15854 Ensor Mill Road) and several significant subdivisions since the 1950s.

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
<input checked="" 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

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1880s?

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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The Mitchell House appears to have been a farmhouse or tenantry on a large farm owned by the Gorsuch family: 50 acres, including the 10 acre parcel eventually subdivided for the house, of Rebecca's father, Dickinson Gorsuch, and 230 acres of Rebecca's brother, Irving J. Gorsuch. Recent widening of Ensor Mill Road has encroached on the house.

Table. Chain of title, Mitchell House.

Grantor	Grantee	Acres	Date	Instrument
Richard W. & Joan P. Bourne	Joan P. Bourne	2.54	17 Oct 1994	Deed 10849/153
Trevor C. & Helen T. Lewis	Richard W. & Joan P. Bourne	2.54	18 Sept 1986	Deed 7412/109
Arthur D. & Mildred H. Barnes.	Trevor C. & Helen T. Lewis	4.00	15 June 1953	Deed 2310/56
Frederick D. Mitchell and Mary B.M. Mitchell (unmarried)	Arthur D. & Mildred H. Barnes	10.11	21 June 1950	Deed 1850/289
Elmer R. Haile, et al, est. of Rebecca Frances Mitchell	Frederick D. Mitchell and Mary B.M. Mitchell (unmarried)	Part of larger parcel	16 May 1950	Deed 1835/535
Dickinson Mitchell?	Rebecca Frances Mitchell	50?	14 June 1882	Wills JBM 6/479

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 2.41
Acreage of historical setting 270
Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:2400

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Mitchell House lot is a fragment of a much larger farm holding dating back to the late 19th century. It attained its current configuration, with some footage in front taken for road widening, in 1976.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	James G. Gibb		
organization	Andrew Garte & Associates	date	06 December 2000
street & number	6285 Shady Side Road	telephone	410.867.4600
city or town	Shady Side	state	MD 20764

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

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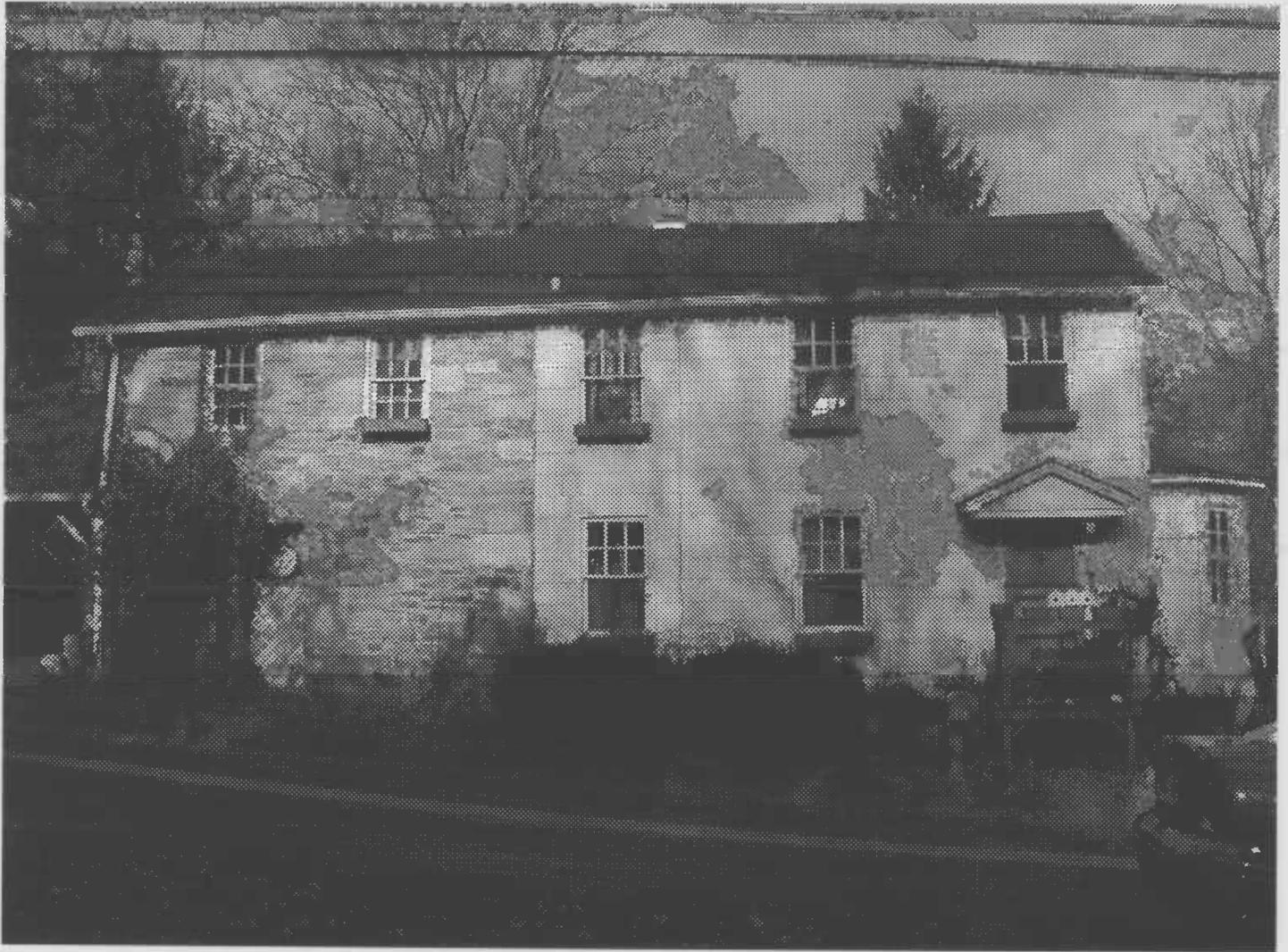


Figure 1. South (principal) façade of the Mitchell House.

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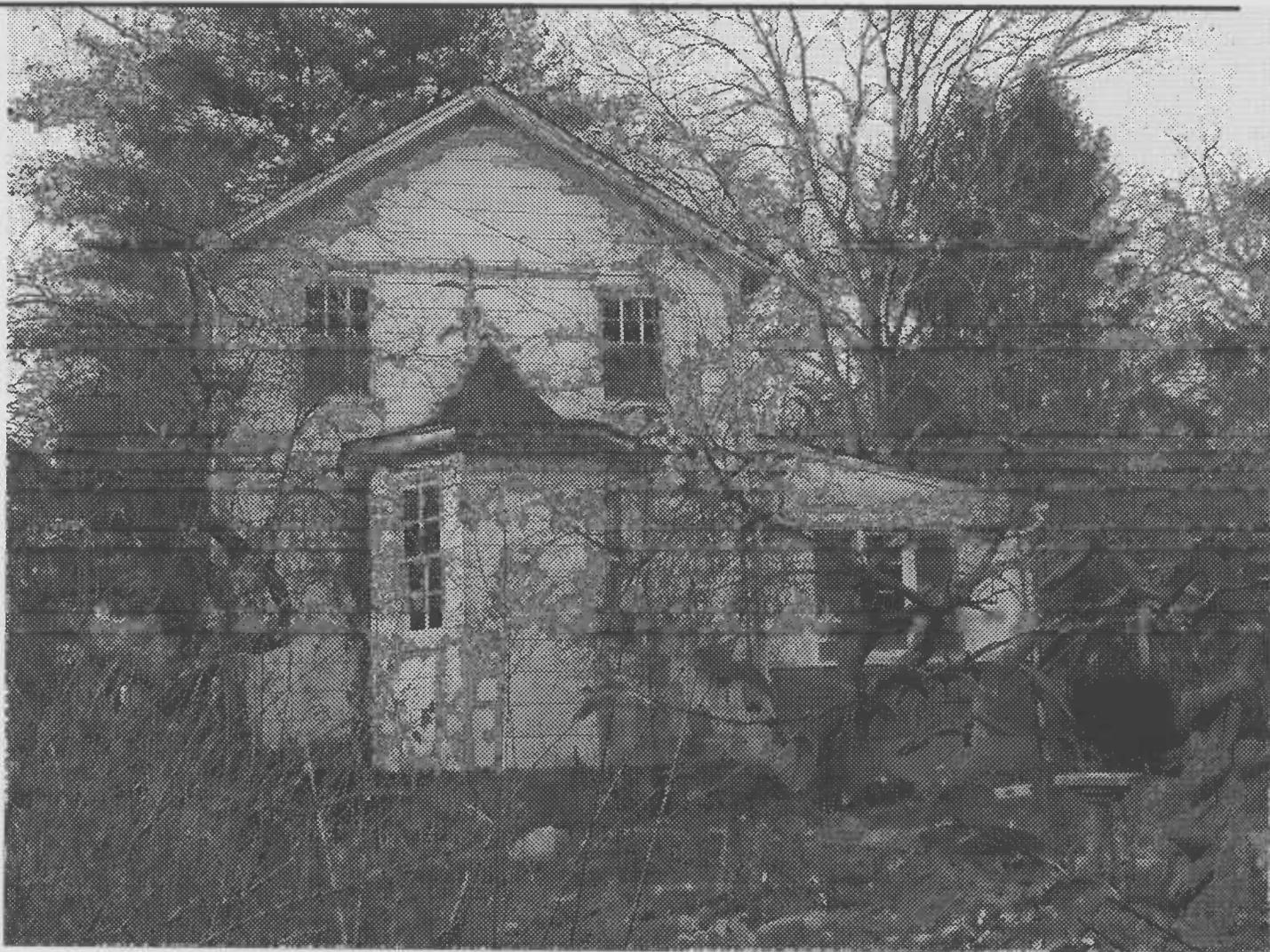
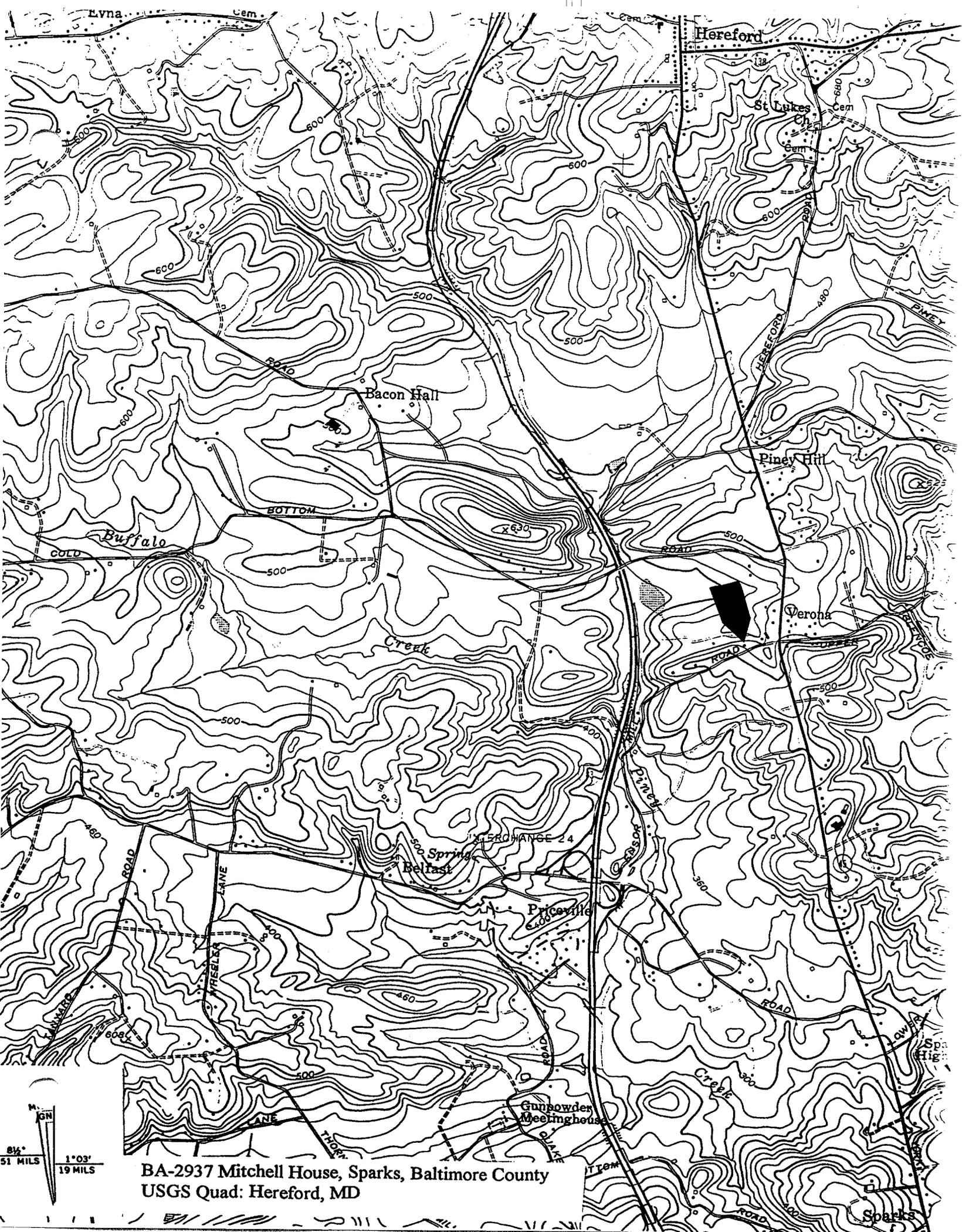


Figure 2. East façade of the Mitchell House. Note rear ell.



BA-2937 Mitchell House, Sparks, Baltimore County
USGS Quad: Hereford, MD



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Mitchell House

Baltimore County, MD

J. G. Gibb

Negative: MD 5170

View of Mitchell House from Ensa Mill Road,
Facing northwest

December 28, 2000



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Mitchell House

Baltimore County, MD

J. G. Gibb

Negative: MD SHPO

View of Mitchell House from Ensor Mill Road, facing
south west.

December 28, 2000