MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Talbott House Inventory Number: BA-2939

Address: 604 Corbett Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 2111–1533

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford

Owner: Wayne D. and Shirley M. Talbott

Tax Parcel Number: 23 Tax Map Number: 28 Tax Account ID Number: 1600002401

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: X 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? X 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)*
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Prepared by: James G. Gibb Date Prepared: 06 December 2000

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Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: ___A___B___C___D Considerations: ___A___B___C___D___E___F___G___None
Comments: _____

[signature] 3/20/2001
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 6/21/01
Reviewer, NR program **Date**

Capsule Summary

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MIHP: BA-2939
Location: 604 Corbett Road
Town: Monkton
Date of Construction: ca. 1920
Access: Private
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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic unknown

other Talbott House (preferred; original owner uncertain)

2. Location

street and number 604 Corbett Road _ not for publication

city, town Monkton X vicinity

county Baltimore

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

name Wayne and Shirley Talbott

street and number 604 Corbett Road telephone unknown

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111-1533

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dept of Assessments and Taxation liber 8593 folio 282

city, town Monkton tax map 28 tax parcel 23 tax ID number 1600002401

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
_____district
_X_building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
_X_private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_X_commerce/trade
_____defense
_X_domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	2	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
0	2	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
_X_____ 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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Talbott House was erected on a typical Chesapeake two–story cross gable plan with three bays, one room deep, a central entrance with paired, symmetrically placed 2/2 sash double hung windows on the first and second floors of the principal (south) façade. A third window on the second floor is placed directly over the front door and, above the window in the central gable, is a smaller window; sash type indeterminate. The gable is infilled with vinyl siding and the soffits are also vinyl clad. A veranda, largely reconstructed sometime since the Talbott family acquired the property in 1953, extends across the entire front of the building, but is enclosed at the east end (1964) and wraps around to the east obscuring the original first floor of the east façade. The Talbotts rebuilt the front porch, parged the foundation, applied vinyl to the soffits, end gables, and the central gable, and sided the entire building with asbestos shingles, presumably directly on top of the original German siding.

The Talbotts enclosed the rear porch on the west façade in the 1950s and since have sided it in vinyl. The west wall of the original part of the building has two windows, both with 2/2 sashes, one immediately above the other, and a small window of indeterminate sash type directly above them in the vinyl clad end gable. Fenestration on the east façade appears to be identical, although the enclosed wrap–around porch encases and obscures the entire first floor of that wall. The two-story ell, also asbestos sided, has two windows on the second floor, seemingly identical to those on the west and south facades of the original building. The owner, Wayne Talbott, noted that the ell had been built before his parents purchased the property in 1953. The north façade was not accessible.

The asphalt shingle roof is relatively new. Paired brick chimneys with simple corbelled finishes frame the central gable and a third stove or furnace interior brick chimney, centrally placed and simply finished, straddles the ridgeline at the end of the rear ell. The rear chimney has been repointed recently and the cap rebuilt with two or three courses of brick in an non–descript bond.

The original parcel has been subdivided for a late 20th–century residential neighborhood. The yards on the south side of the building is very narrow, descending steeply to Corbett Road and enhancing the verticality of the building. The west yard, currently used for some sort of commercial work and storage, is graded and no vestige of earlier landscaping was apparent. A frame storage building with plywood cladding and a pitched roof occupies the west yard.

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Owner Wayne Talbott described some of the interior framing as 'log construction,' suggesting that the building was not a kit. His description of the original siding as "Dutch lap" supports an early 20th–century date for the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
_1600-1699	_agriculture	_economics	_health/medicine	_performing arts
_1700-1799	_archeology	_education	_industry	_philosophy
_1800-1899	X architecture	_engineering	_invention	_politics/government
X 1900-1999	_art	_entertainment/ recreation	_landscape architecture	_religion
_2000-	_commerce	_ethnic heritage	_law	_science
	_communications	_exploration/ settlement	_literature	_social history
	_community planning		_maritime history	_transportation
	_conservation		_military	_other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates ca. 1920

Evaluation for:

_X_ 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 Talbott House was built in a vernacular style—probably by local builders—with roots in the Picturesque Gothic Revival architecture of the mid–19th century. It has remained in the Talbott family since Wayne Talbott's parents purchased the house and land in 1953, and the family is responsible for many, if not all of, the major alterations to the house and grounds. The Cole family owned the building between 1928 and 1953, but the original owners cannot be identified with confidence. The two–acre parcel has been associated with a nearby farm, part of Hereford Resurveyed, at least since the second decade of the 20th century, and surrounding farmland, particularly on Corbett Road has been subdivided for housing.

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Table. Chain of title, Talbott House.

Grantor	Grantee	Acres	Date	Instrument
Paula Louise Croft	Wayne D. Talbott	2	12 Sept 1990	Deed 8593/282
Wm E. & Stella Talbott	Wm D. & Wayne D. Talbott, Paula L. Croft	2	28 July 1980	Deed 6188/546
Ida Holmes, wid.	Wm E. & Stella Talbott	2	10 Nov 1953	Deed 2387/254
Geo. M. Berry, exec.	Eddie M. & Ida Holmes	2	25 Apr 1952	Deed 2102/42
Emory C. & Pearl I. Leight	Clarence G. & Kathryn T. Cole	2	01 May 1928	Deed WHM 656/203
Minnie G. Abbott, wid.	Emory C. & Pearl I. Leight	2	25 July 1922	Deed WPC 557/282
Albert Mays et ux	Hanson W. Abbott, et ux	2	30 Aug 1918	Deed WPC 508/16; also part of larger conveyance
Robert A. & Mabel J. Smith	Albert Mays & Sarah A. Mays	Part of Hereford Resurveyed	04 Dec 1916	Deed WPC 470/469
Geo. E. Price et ux	Robt. A. Smith et ux	?	13 April 1915	Deed WPC 442/533
Geo. E. Miller et al	Geo E. Price	Confirmatory deed	16 Feb 1915	Deed 440/420

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	2.00		
Acreage of historical setting	2.00		
Quadrangle name	Hereford, MD	Quadrangle scale:	1:2400

Verbal boundary description and justification

Officially 604 Corbett Road, the Talbott House is situated on a rise at the northeast corner of Corbett (historically, Monkton) and York roads in Monkton, just south of Hereford, Maryland. The property is a 2–acre parcel with a dwelling and probably has been two–acres since the house was erected.

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, MD 20764	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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

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Figure 1. Talbott House at 604 Corbett, south (principal) façade.

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Figure 2. Talbott House at 604 Corbett, west façade.

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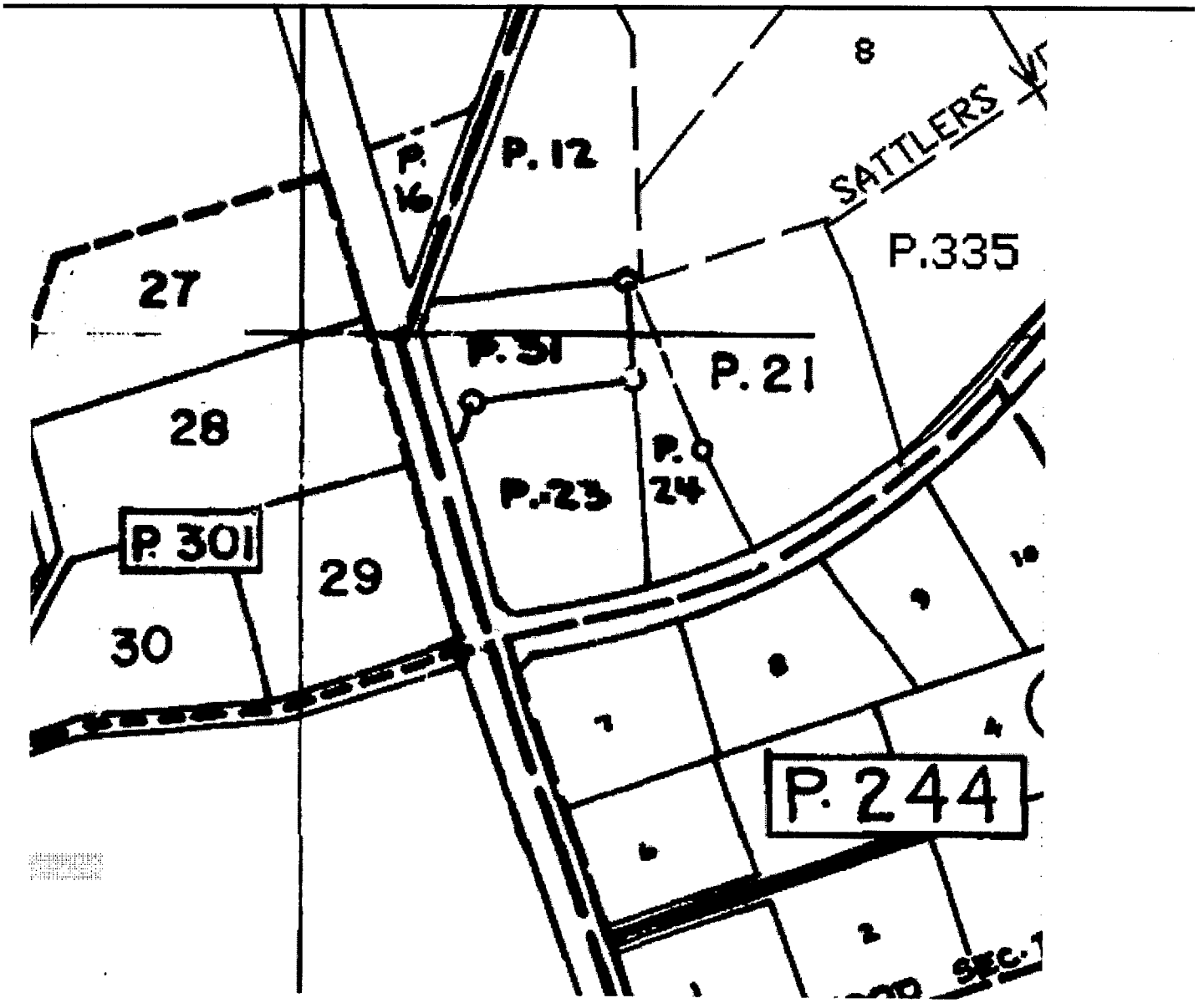
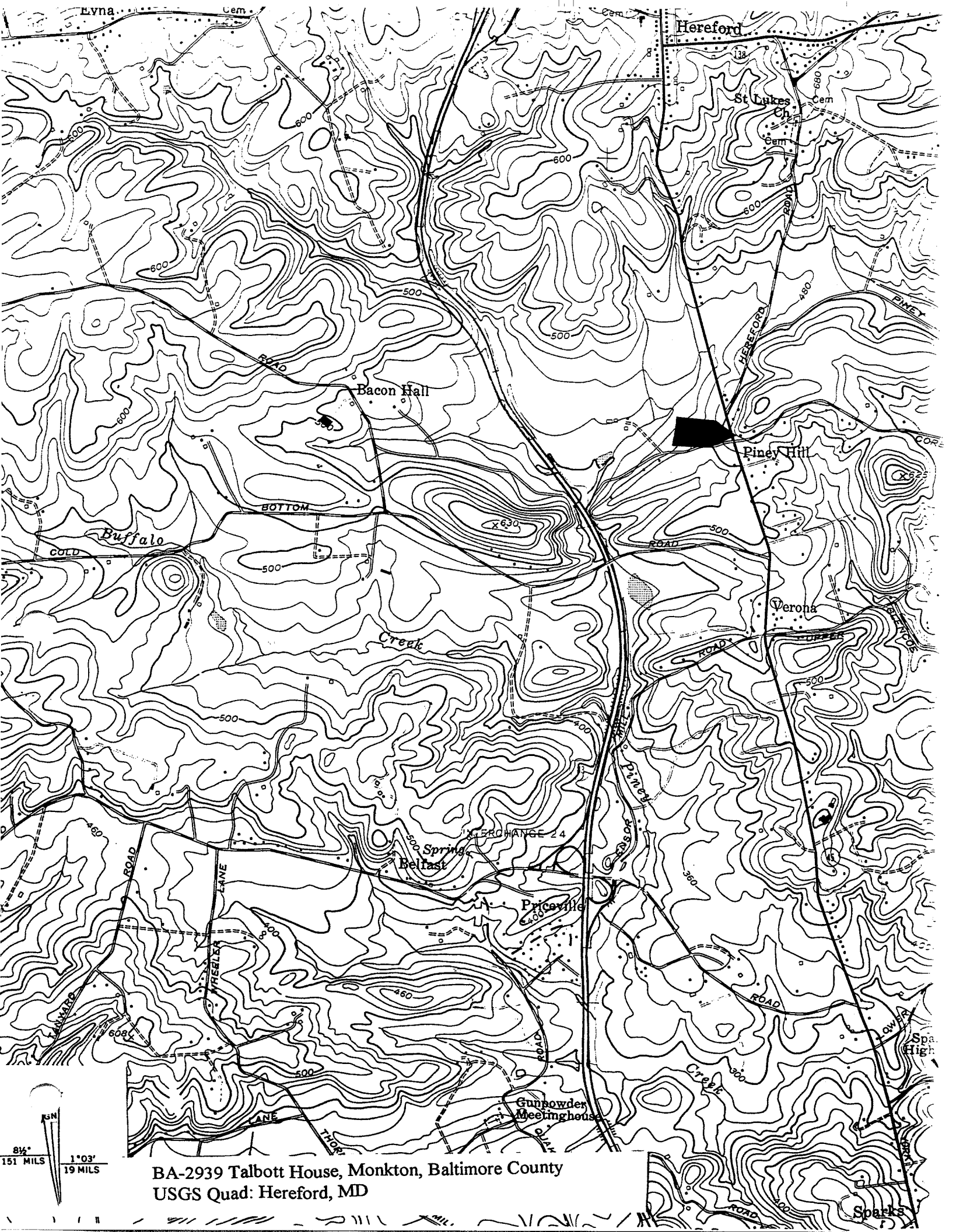


Figure 3. Talbott House tax map.



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USGS Quad: Hereford, MD

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Baltimore County, MD

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MD SHPO - negative

View of Talbott House from Corbett Road, facing north.

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View of Talbott House from Corbett Road, facing North

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View of Talbott House from intersection of York Road and Corbett Road, facing northeast

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