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GORSUCH HOMESTEAD (SITE) - 1806 - Patapsco Neck, present site of Signode Corporation factory, North Point Road near Grays Road. This house on the 242-acre tract Lynch's Discovery was the point where General Stricker awaited the British approach before the Battle of North Point, September 12, 1814. When Stricker fell back to the Battle Acre, General Ross and Admiral Cockburn occupied the farm yard and feasted on the Gorsuch family's chickens and eggs at a late breakfast, about 11:00 a.m. It was here that Ross made his famous boast that he didn't care if it rained militia; he assured owner Robert Gorsuch that he would be dining in Baltimore that night. This was a two-and-a-half story yellow frame and clapboard house with double-decker porches. There was also a spring house and a smoke house. The property passed to Wilmarco Co. in 1947 and was acquired in 1947 by Bethlehem Steel Corporation. In 1976 the house was demolished for industrial expansion.

