

**Capsule Summary**  
**BA-2031**  
**Price-Akehurst House**  
**16928 York Road**  
**Hereford, Baltimore County**  
**ca. 1876**  
**Private**

The Price-Akehurst House, at 16928 York Road in Hereford, was constructed circa 1876 on property purchased by the Price family in 1857. The property on which the building is situated is on the west side of York Road, a few miles to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. The vernacular dwelling is detailed with Queen Anne embellishments, including ornamental sawn brackets. The property remained in the Price family until 1883, when the heirs of Dr. William Price sold it to John T. Mays. In 1924, after various owners had conveyed the property, W. Delamere and Grace F. Akehurst purchased the building. Adding their name to that of the house, the Akehursts retained ownership until 1955. The land has been used as rental property since the 1970s, causing severe deterioration to the dwelling.

The Price-Akehurst House is a two-and-a-half story vernacular building. The building presents a side-passage/single-pile plan, with architectural detailing commonly associated with the Queen Anne style of the late 19th century. Constructed with a wood frame, the house and gabled ell are clad in weatherboard and sit on a solid foundation of random rubble stone. A previous MHT survey form, completed in 1980, stated that the side gable roof was standing seam tin, although it has since been clad with asphalt shingles. There are two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps in the main block. The two-story ell has a central interior chimney that has been reconstructed. The main block of the modest dwelling has a boxed wood cornice with returns on the gable ends.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Price-Akehurst House

other

## 2. Location

street and number 16928 York Road not for publication

city, town Hereford vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Michael L. Snyder, Trustee

street and number PO Box 356 telephone NOT AVAILABLE

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11424 folio 618

city, town Towson tax map 22 tax parcel 482 tax ID number

## 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	<u>  1  </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>          </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>  1  </u>	

## 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.

Built circa 1876, the Price-Akehurst House is a two-and-a-half story vernacular building. The dwelling is located in the town of Hereford on the west side of York Road. The building presents a side-passage/single-pile plan, with architectural detailing commonly associated with the Queen Anne style of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Constructed with a wood frame, the house and gabled ell are clad in weatherboard and sit on a solid foundation of random rubble stone. A previous MHT survey form, completed in 1980, stated that the side gable roof was standing seam tin; it has since been clad with asphalt shingles.<sup>1</sup> There are two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps in the main block. The two-story ell has a central interior chimney that has been reconstructed. The main block of the modest dwelling has a boxed wood cornice with returns on the gable ends.

### EXTERIOR

The three-bay wide façade is oriented toward the east and sits just off York Road. The fenestration on the first story consists of two entry openings and a central window opening. All of these openings have been covered with plywood, obscuring the window and doors. However, the previous MHT survey form describes the pattern as: "The two paneled doors have one large glass light, acid-etched in a decorative pattern. The doors are topped by a narrow transom with decorative mullions. The center window is a 2/2 type with louvered shutters."<sup>2</sup> The second story has three non-symmetrically spaced 2/2 windows with deteriorating louvered shutters. A one-story porch, with a half-hipped asphalt shingled shed roof, stretches across the façade. This porch lend the greatest stylistic treatment to the building, with Queen Anne style scrolled brackets, turned posts, and wooden balustrade with square balusters and molded rail. The porch floor is composed of tongue and groove boards. Additionally, there are squared fishscale patterned shingles on the sides of the porch at the roofline.

The north elevation is comprised of the main block and ell. The weatherboard cladding on this elevation consists of wider boards than that of the rest of the dwelling, which measure approximately twelve inches in width as compared to the six-inch boards elsewhere. In the main block, there are two four-light casement windows in the gable end. The ell has two first-story windows, which have been boarded up with plywood. The 1980 MHT survey form describes the openings as having 6/6 windows. The second-story window openings are also masked, enclosed by louvered shutters. The MHT survey also describes them as 6/6 windows.

The rear, or west elevation, contains a second-story 6/6 window on the south end of the main block. In addition, there is a first-story window sheltered within the partially enclosed porch on the south elevation of the ell.

On the south elevation, closed louvered shutters obscure a window on the first story of the main block. There are two casement four-light windows in the attic story. These attic windows are slightly recessed with wood

<sup>1</sup>John W. McGrain, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey: "Dr. Price's House" (1 April 1980), np.

<sup>2</sup>McGrain, np.

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surrounds and wood sills. The ell has a first story porch with a shed roof supported by square posts. The western end of the porch is enclosed with weatherboard siding pierced by a single window opening. The porch is two bays wide and runs the length of the south side of the ell. The first story of the ell, within the porch, has a window and a door that have been boarded-up, while the second story has two windows that have been covered by closed louvered shutters.

INTERIOR

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

OUTBUILDINGS

A stone foundation of an unidentified outbuilding was located to the west of the ell. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century tax assessments indicate a barn and five outbuildings historically improved the property.

## 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
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<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**      circa 1876-1955      **Architect/Builder**      Unknown

**Construction dates**      circa 1876

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

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### HISTORY

The exact date of construction for the dwelling has not been determined, however, deeds, tax records and stylistic Queen Anne construction details support a circa 1876 date. The 1850 *Map of the City and County of Baltimore Maryland* indicates Price family holdings in the area, but it appears unlikely that one of these is the Price-Akehurst house. Deed research indicates that the Price family acquired the property in 1857 for \$2600 from Ruth Rowe, who is also mentioned on the 1850 map. The tax field book of 1876 indicates that Dr. William R. Price improved the land by \$800 that year.<sup>3</sup> As the building exists today, it has large paned 2/2 windows, which were patented in the early 1870s, Queen Anne styled porch supports, and a stone foundation. The combination of these elements, in addition to the deed and tax records, greatly supports the circa 1876 date of construction for Dr. William Price. Additionally, the building appears on the *1877 Atlas of Baltimore County* by C.M. Hopkins as a store.

In 1883, the heirs of Dr. Price sold the property to John T. and Lizzie Mays, who held it until 1894 when they sold it to Joshua Armacost for \$2,325. Joshua Armacost and his wife Melvina, who owned additional land in the area, later conveyed the house to Walter Johnson in 1916. Like the Armacosts, Johnson owned property in Hereford, obtaining 65 acres by 1916. Three years later, in 1919, the property was sold to Edward H. and Grace

<sup>3</sup> Tax Assessor's Field Book, 1876.

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E. Winemiller, who built a bungalow on the property.<sup>4</sup> In 1924, the Akehurst family, for whom the house is still associated by name, purchased the original house and 1.2 acres from the Winemillers. In 1955, Akehurst's heir sold the property. After additional conveyances, title was transferred in 1973 to the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, which used the property as a parking facility and depot. According to a 1980 Maryland Historical Trust survey report, the property was renovated in 1979. However, since that date, the building has fallen into considerable disrepair.

The property is located in the heart of Hereford, a 19<sup>th</sup> century town that is located less than twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City. Appearing on maps as early as 1850, the town is located south of Wiseburg on York Road and north of Piney Hill, Philopolis, and Priceville. It is situated east of Monkton in the southern part of the Seventh District. Situated between the York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Hereford was home to 300 inhabitants in 1881 and at that time, was the center of a rich agricultural region. Wiseburg is located just to the north, near the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls and had a population of just fifty in 1881. Monkton was located on the Gunpowder Falls and had a railroad station located there, as the Northern Central Railroad went through the town. Philopolis, whose population in 1881 was 100, is bisected by the York Turnpike and sits one mile to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It is nineteen miles from Baltimore City. The close proximity of Hereford and Philopolis to York Road and the railroad rendered the small towns as centers of trade. Priceville was a mile to the west of Spark's Station and was settled as a stronghold of the Society of Friends, by immigrants from England and Wales.

Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in the laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.<sup>5</sup> The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County. Taverns in Maryland Line, Wiseburg, Philopolis, and Timonium served travelers along the route.<sup>6</sup> In 1838, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company began construction of a line that would run northward from Baltimore nearly parallel to the York Turnpike.

<sup>4</sup> Tax Ledger District 7, 1923. F. 388, as listed in the 1980 Maryland Historical Trust form.

<sup>5</sup> Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p. 172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 10.

<sup>6</sup> William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: The Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), p. 51; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), pp. 44-49.

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The Seventh Election District, which was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 in 1870. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors, such as the railroad and York Turnpike. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous mills throughout the district.

The Price-Akehurst House is a representative example of vernacular dwellings that were embellished with the fashionable Queen Anne style details. Illustrative of the Queen Anne period, which was popular in America between 1870 and 1910, the house features patterned shingles, turned spindle-work posts and scroll-sawn brackets. The style originated in England with the Scottish architect Richard Norman Shaw (1831-1912). The eclectic movement focused on the free form, melding elements of the Classical, Tudor, and Flemish styles of architecture.<sup>7</sup> Although high style buildings featured a variety of roof forms, projecting oriel bays, colored glass windows and turrets, the style also featured detailed porches, cut-out brackets designs, patterned shingles and spindles<sup>8</sup>. In America, the style was greatly popularized after the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. Craftsmen expressed a wide range of creativity through decorative woodworking exploration. The Price-Akehurst house displays strong ties to the more rural interpretations of the style.

### Chain of Title:

- June 12, 1857: Ruth Rowe to Susanna Price  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber HMF 19 Folio 191
- March 7, 1883: Abraham H. Price and Helen Price, wife, Thomas Wheeler and Eliza Wheeler, wife, Patrick T. Warren and Mary A Warren, wife, Daniel C. Wilhelm and Virginia D. Wilhelm, wife, and Joshua T. Price, heirs of Dr. William Price, to John T. Mays and Lizzie E. Mays  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 149 Folio 190
- November 6, 1894: John T. Mays and Lizzie E. Mays, wife, to Joshua W. Armacost  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 207 Folio 367
- May 1, 1916: Joshua W. Armacost and Melvina Armacost, wife, to Walter E. Johnson  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 459 Folio 549

<sup>7</sup> Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Holt and Co., Inc, 1994). pp. 154-155.

<sup>8</sup> Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Architecture* (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 263-214.

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- October 28, 1919: Walter E. Johnson to Edward H. Winemiller and Grace E. Winemiller, wife  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 519 Folio 48
- December 11, 1924: Edward H. Winemiller and Grace E. Winemiller, wife, to W. Delamere Akehurst and Grace F. Akehurst, wife  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 606 Folio 325
- June 2, 1955: W. Delamere Akehurst to Anne A. Fogarty and Jackson R. Fogarty, husband, and Jane A. Pearce and John H. Pearce, husband  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 2722 Folio 67
- May 9, 1973: Anne A. Fogarty and Jackson R. Fogarty, husband, and Jane A. Pearce and John H. Pearce, husband, to Maryland Cooperative Milk Production, INC.  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 5358 Folio 343
- February 4, 1981: Maryland Cooperative Milk Production, INC. to Towson Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank Association of Bel Air  
Mortgage Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 6257 Folio 314
- At this point it appears that the mortgage defaulted and was assumed by the Maryland Line Property, INC
- January 1, 1996: Maryland Line Property, INC to Michael L. Snyder, Trustee  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 11424 Folio 618

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property Less than one Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1876, the Price-Akehrst House has been associated with the 20,386 square feet known as parcel 482 of grid 14, map 22 of the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's Office.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	L. Trieschmann, J. Bunting, and A. McDonald, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	28 January 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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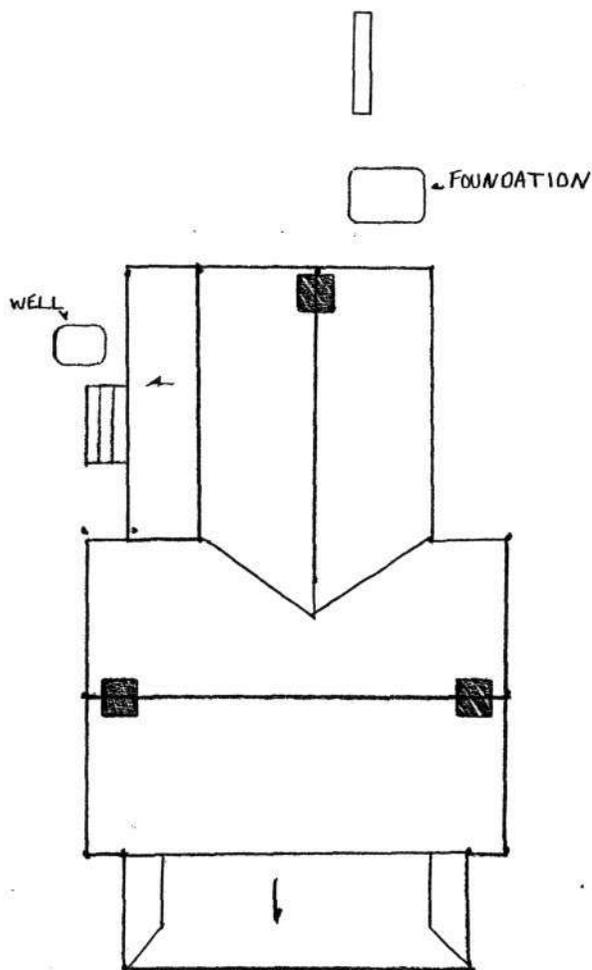
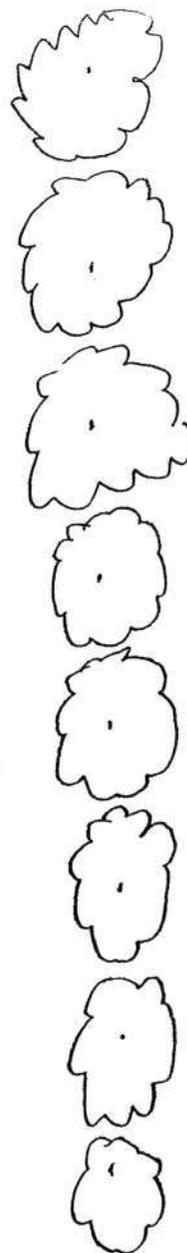
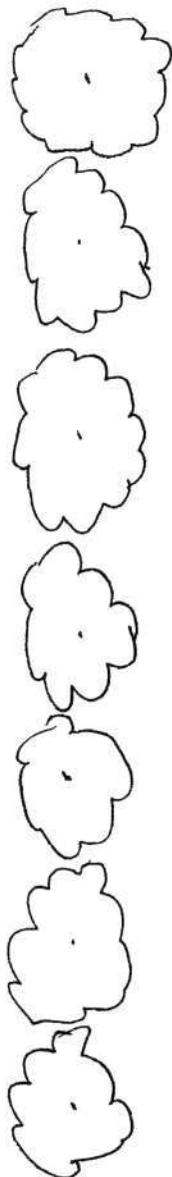
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/RESOURCE SKETCH /  
MAP

BA-2031  
PRICE-AKEHURST HOUSE  
16928 YORK ROAD  
HEREFORD  
BALTIMORE COUNTY  
(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)

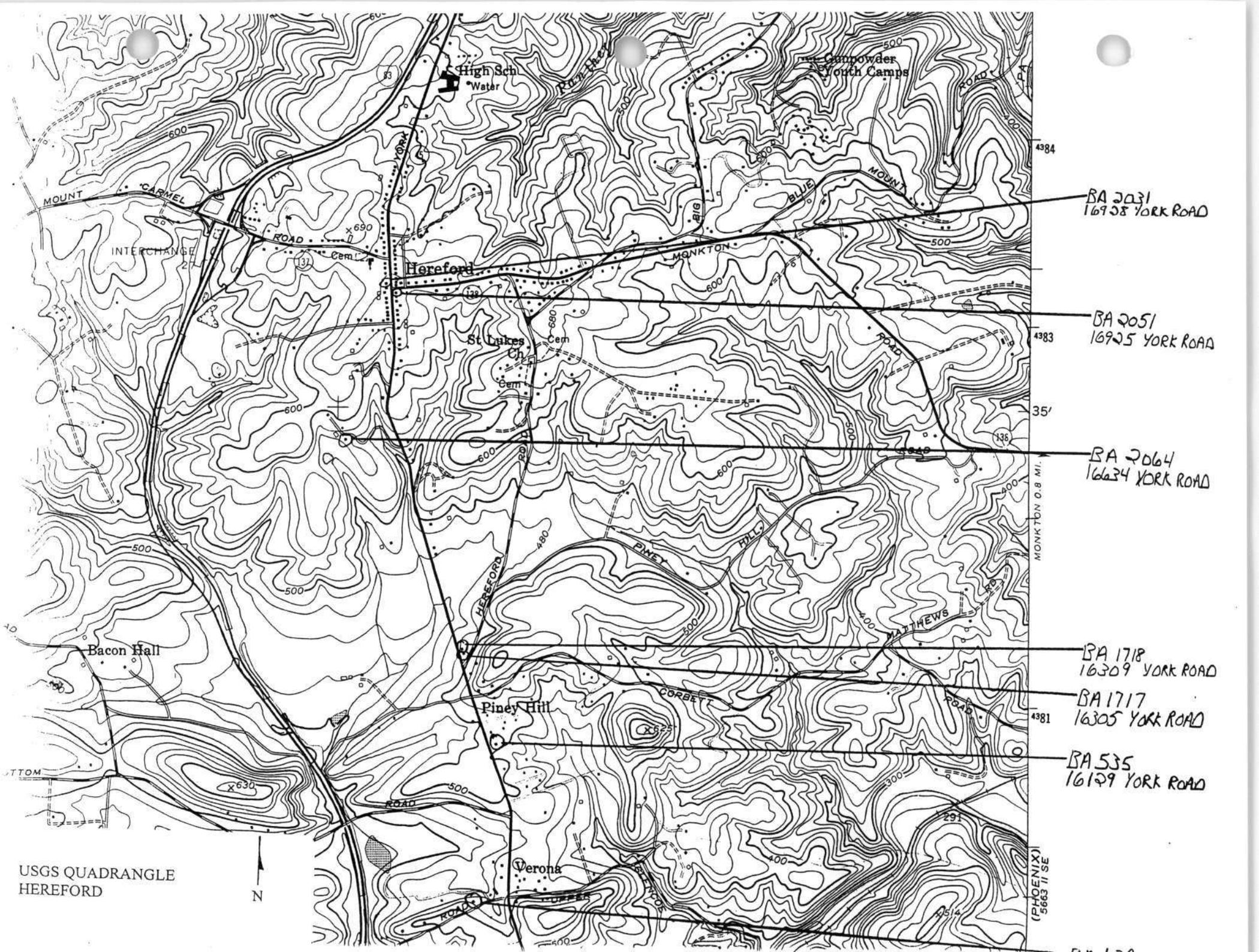


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YORK RD

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16928 YORK ROAD  
BALTIMORE COUNTY  
TRACERIES  
5/00  
MDSHPO  
EASTERN ELEVATION  
LOOKING WEST

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BALTIMORE COUNTY  
TRACERIES  
5/00  
MDSHP0  
SOUTHEAST CORNER  
LOOKING NORTHWEST

2 of 4



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BALTIMORE COUNTY  
TRACERIES  
5/00  
MDSHPO  
WESTERN ELEVATION  
LOOKING NORTHEAST

3 of 4



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BALTIMORE COUNTY  
TRACERIES  
5/00  
MDSHP0  
NORTHERN ELEVATION  
LOOKING SOUTH

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

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Dr. Price's House Inventory Number: BA-2031

Address: 16928 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Michael L. Snyder, Trustee

Tax Parcel Number: 482 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

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; Rotenstein 2000

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

This building is a 2½-story wood frame vernacular house constructed on a masonry wall foundation in a gabled ell plan. The building measures three bays by one and there is a rear ell addition. There is a shed roof front porch with turned posts and brackets and an enclosed shed roof porch attached to the rear addition. The side-gabled house has cornice returns and the roof is clad by composition shingles. There are wood double-hung sash windows (2/2 lights).

Built between ca. 1850 and 1876, the house was owned by Dr. William Price, according to the MIHP form completed for the property in 1980. The house is vacant and deteriorated and appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility <b>not</b> 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: _____	
<u>David S. Rotenstein</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>09/21/01</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>09/21/01</u> Date





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### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>20,386 sq. ft.</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>20,386 sq. ft.</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, Parcel 482.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	<u>David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian</u>				
organization	<u>URS/Dames &amp; Moore</u>	date	<u>09/07/2000</u>		
street and number	<u>7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700</u>	telephone	<u>301-652-221</u>		
city or town	<u>Bethesda</u>	state	<u>MD</u>	zipcode	<u>20814-4870</u>

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Dr. Price's House  
Akehurst House

16928 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of Dr. Price's House, to the  
northwest.

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DR. PRICE'S HOUSE/ AKEHURST HOUSE

1850-1876

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This frame and clapboarded, two-story, Victorian style house opposite the Methodist Parsonage, is possibly one of the squares on the 1850 map; it is clearly the home of Dr. William R. Price found in the 1876 tax ledger. This town house on the main street was linked to Dr.. Price's agricultural space by a panhandle lot. Subsequent owners were Joshua W. Armacost, Walter E. Johnson, Edward E. Winemiller, and W. Delamere Akehurst. In 1973, the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc. purchased the house and grounds. In 1979, the dwelling was refurbished. The full-width porch has elaborate scroll brackets. Roofing is standing-seam tin. There is a two-story rear wing. Layout is side-hall plan, with two front entrances. There is no cross-gable.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC DR. PRICE'S HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Akehurst House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

16,928 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers

At Hereford  
Telephone #: 357-5110

STREET & NUMBER

1717 Gwynn Oak Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21215

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK 5358

Folio #: 343

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "Dr. Price House" or Akehurst House is a two-story plus attic Victorian and vernacular house with an L-shaped plan, a frame building, gable-roofed, clapboard-covered. The house is close to the westside of York Road, somewhat screened by a hedge, set only a step above grade. There is an almost full-width front porch, shed-roofed, supported by four round posts and two recessed posts, all decorated at the top with elegant scroll brackets; the architrave over the porch posts meets the soffit of the porch roof.

This house is of side-hall plan, with two main entrances set in the southernmost and northernmost bays of the main (east) facade; the two paneled doors have one large glass light, acid-etched in a decorative pattern. The doors are topped by a narrow transom with decorative mullions. The center window, the only one facing the porch, is a 2-over-2 double-hung sash type with louvered shutters.

The second story also has three bays with windows and shutters similar to the one facing the porch at first-story level. The south end of the main block is two bays deep, but only one full-scale window, that at the first-floor-front room, has been inserted. Two other small gable end windows of four lights each are the only other fenestration here.

The north end of the main block has only the attic windows. The rear leg of the "L" is flush with the north end wall, and is two bays deep, all positions filled with 6-over-6 double-hung sash windows. Both main block and the rear wing are gable-roofed, with inside end chimneys at the extremities of the main block and a single chimney well toward the end of the "L." The main block chimneys have corbelled caps. The eaves of the main roof overhang slightly and have prominent eave returns, as well as a narrow cornice that follows the gable roof line.

The inside angle of the "L" faces south and encloses a shed-roofed side porch and a one-bay pantry.

The entire house is covered with white clapboard. Foundation is of stone, very little of it to be seen on either north or south sides. The structure was undergoing repainting in November of 1979. Roofing is standing-seam metal, painted black.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**BA-2031  
DR. PRICE'S HOUSE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame and clapboard house facing the Methodist Parsonage on the opposite side of the former turnpike road may be the black square shown in this spot on the 1850 map by J. C. Sidney. The title of this property leads back to Dr. William R. Price, who, in 1857 acquired 19 acres from Ruth Rowe. (1) Dr. Price's name had been found on the eastside of York Road on Sidney's 1850 map, which is so crowded with names that it is not possible to deduce much from it about specific buildings. Price family members already had an adjoining lot to the north. Dr. Price's 19 acres were mostly off the road, provided with a single lot that served as a panhandle or corridor to allow the owner to have his house on the town row and still engage in small farming on the main parcel. The 1876 field book showed Dr. Price with \$800 worth of improvements on the tract. (2)

The atlas shows a square on the westside of York Road, opposite the terminus of Monkton Road, labeling it as "Store." (3) The various heirs of Dr. Price conveyed to John T. Mays and wife, Lizzie A. Mays, in 1883 for \$1500. (4) In 1894, Mays and wife sold to Joshua W. Armacost, who had a good deal of town property. (5)

Armacost conveyed to Walter E. Johnson about 1916, and the 1918 tax ledger showed Johnson with 65 acres in Hereford adjoining William Cairnes, and Rowe on the east; the residence was listed as:

Dwelling	16 x 36	2 stories	\$504
Barn	30 x 70		420
5 Outbldgs			351. (6)

This town house was the only dwelling for the whole agricultural parcel. In 1919, Edward H. and Grace E. Winemiller bought this property and built a bungalow fronting the road about 1925-26. (7) In 1924, they disposed of the old house and 1.2 acres to W. Delamere Akehurst. The house is shown as Akehurst's along with the 1-1/5 acre tract for a number of years and, in 1973, Anne A. Fogarty and Jane A. Pearce

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

DR. PRICE'S HOUSE

Baltimore County Deeds and Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Rectangular lot fronting 148 feet on westside of York Road, even depth of 360 feet, slightly irregular (Map 22, P309).

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

April 1, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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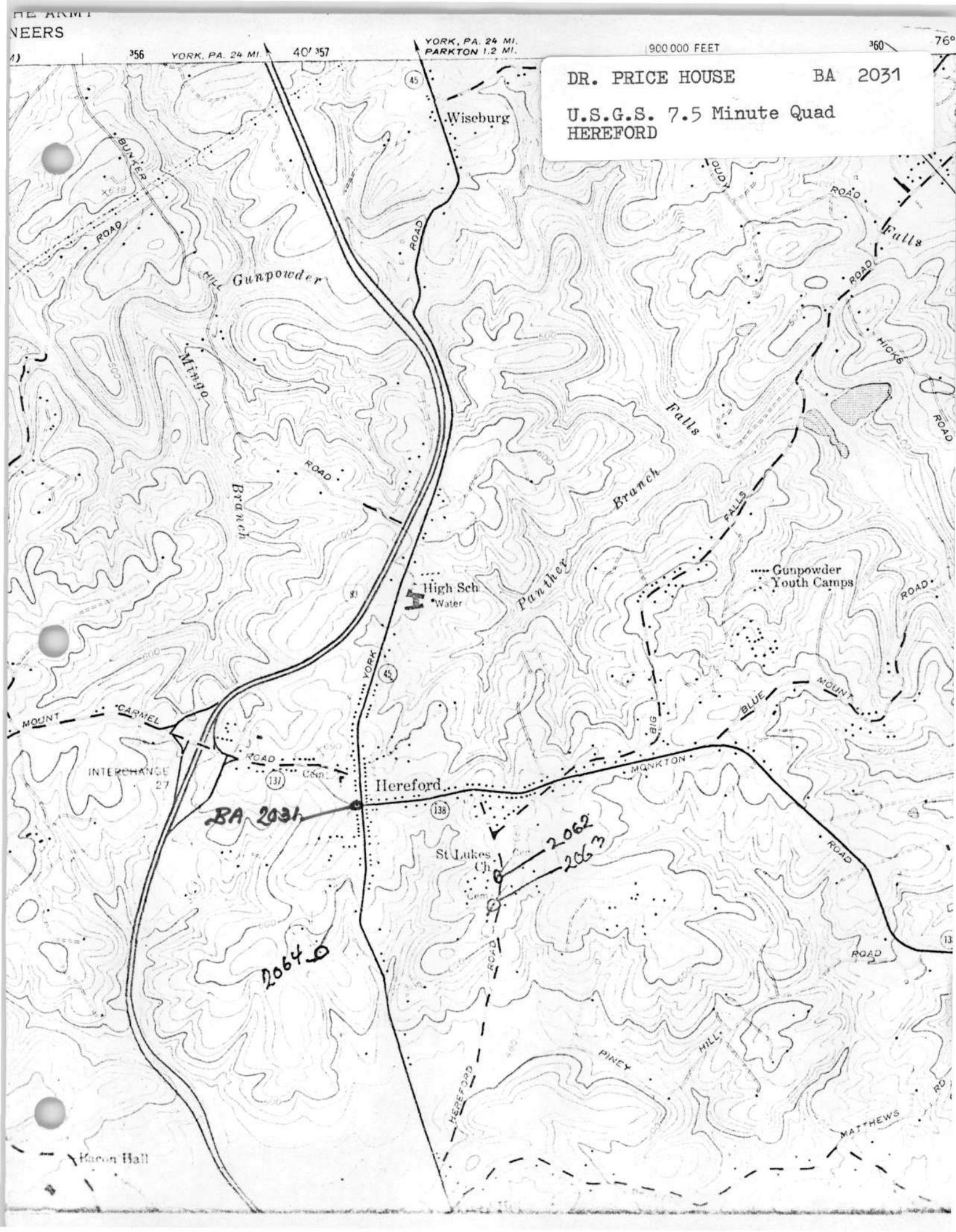
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DR. PRICE'S HOUSE

sold the parcel to the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc.  
(8) The milk co-op used the grounds for parking and for a depot  
but, in 1979, the house was being restored from a dilapidated  
state.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 19:191.
2. Assessor's Field Book, 1876.
3. G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland  
(Philadelphia, 1877).
4. B.C. Deeds, JWS 149:190.
5. B.C. Deeds, LMB 207:367.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 590.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1923, f. 388.
8. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5358:343.



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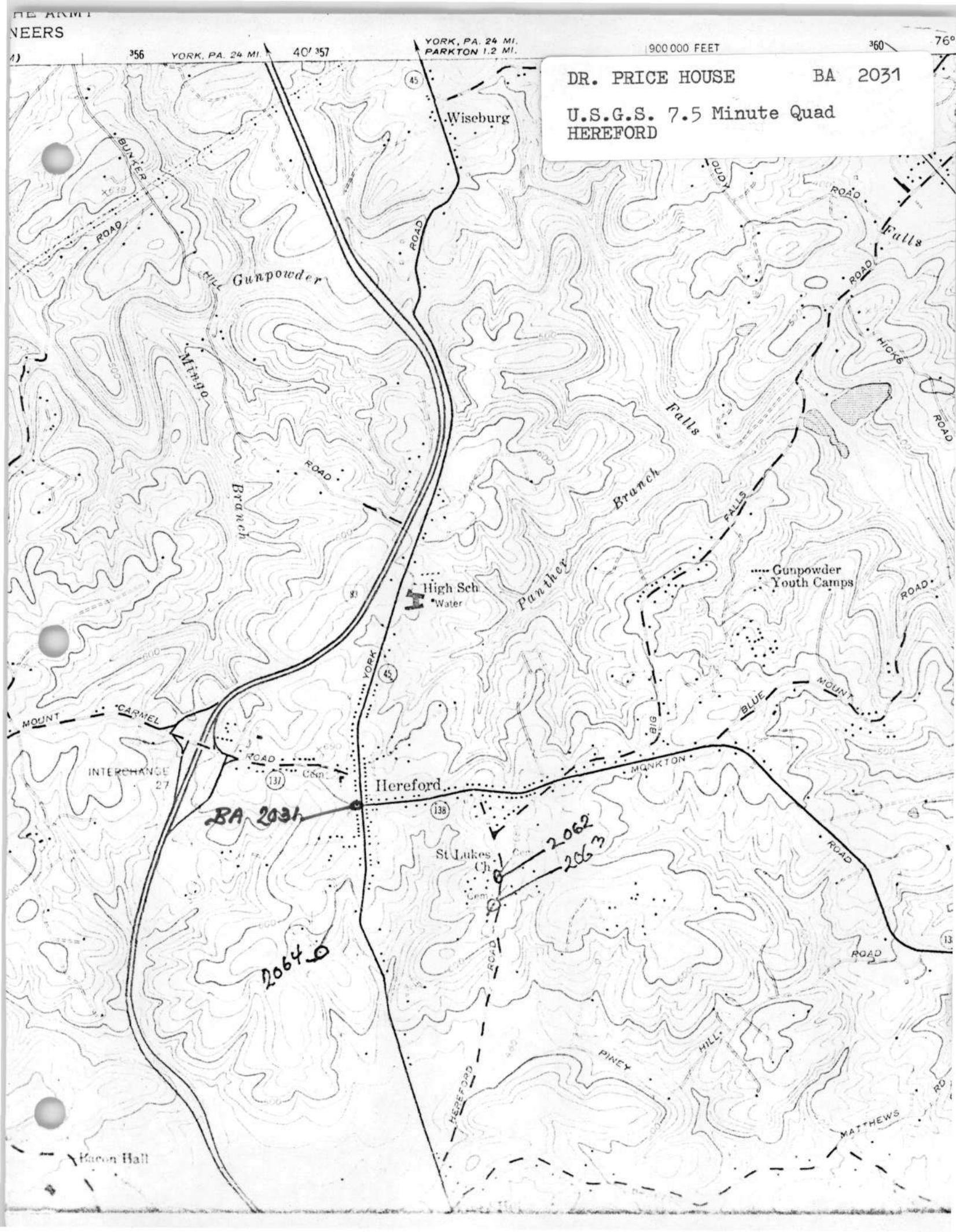
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
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Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) & south facades



DR. PRICE HOUSE BA 2031  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (east) facade



DR. PRICE HOUSE                      BA 2031  
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J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
North end & back building