

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

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Armacost-Foster Bungalow Inventory Number: BA-2052

Address: 16921 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21161

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom

Tax Parcel Number: 29 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)*

The house is a 1½-story wood frame hall and parlor house constructed on a concrete wall foundation. The house measures three bays by three bays and has an extension porch supported by squared posts. There are two gable dormers in the roof and a single brick interior chimney. There are wood double-hung sash windows (2/2 lights) and six-light casement windows in the dormers. The roof is clad by standing seam metal and the house is clad by vinyl siding. There is a wood ramp running the length of the north side, leading to the front porch. The building currently is used as a medical office.

Built in ca. 1922, the MIHP form completed for this property identified it as a bungalow. This altered vernacular house lacks distinction and does not appear to have been associated with significant individuals or events in Hereford's history. The property appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2052

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

historic Armacost-Foster Bungalow  
 other Foster House

### 2. Location

street and number 16921 York Road not for publication  
 city, town Monkton vicinity  
 county Baltimore

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

name Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom  
 street and number 19007 Tyson Road telephone  
 city, town White Hall state MD zip code 21161

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-29  
 city, town Towson liber 1026 folio 714

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

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## 7. Description

Inventory No. BA-2052

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### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 altered

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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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# 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	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates 1922-1950

Architect

Construction dates 1922

Builder

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Name Armacost-Foster Bungalow

Continuation Sheet

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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>9,801 sq. ft.</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>9,801 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 29.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

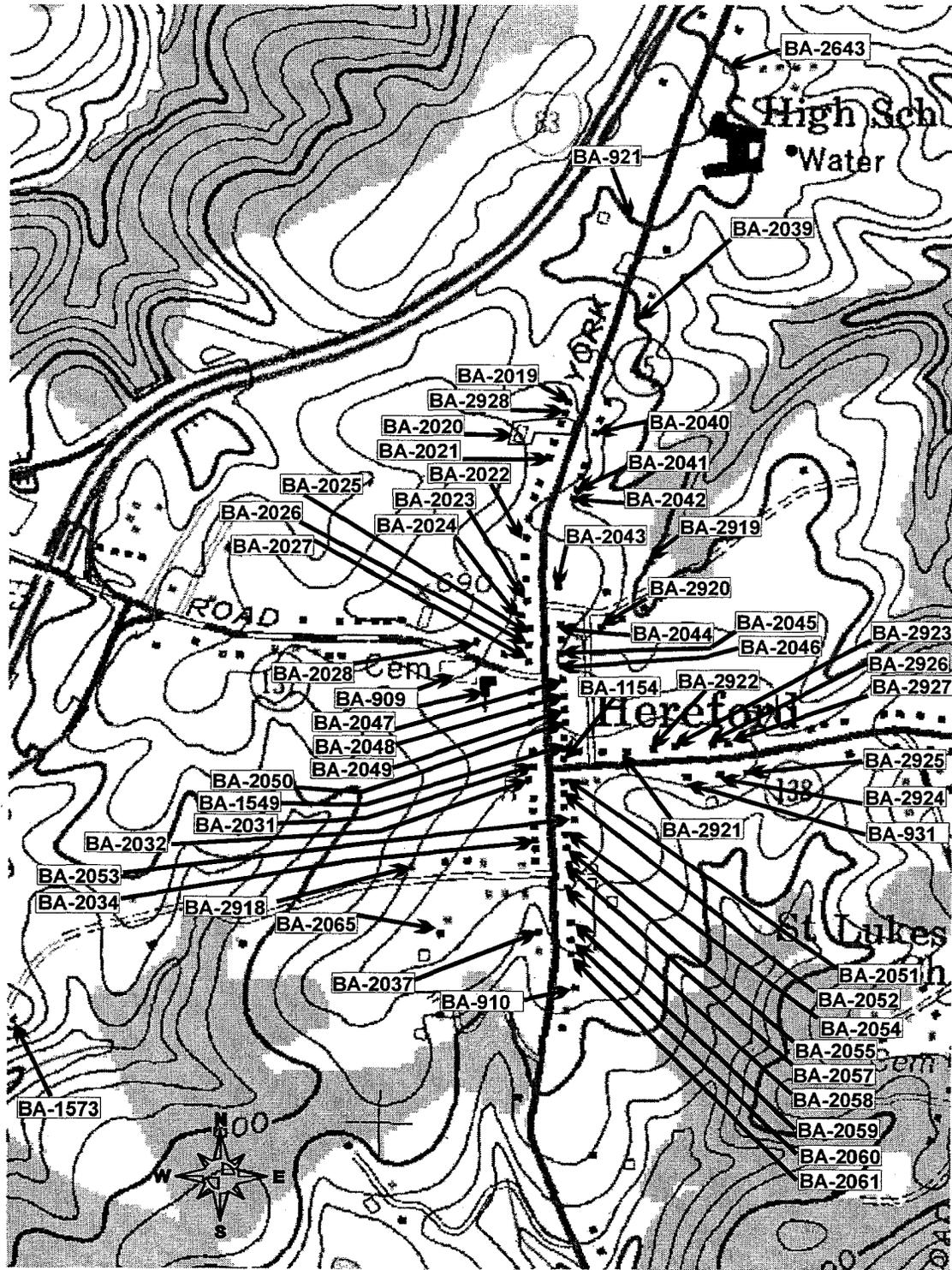
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name/title	<u>David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian</u>				
organization	<u>URS/Dames &amp; Moore</u>	date	<u>09/07/2000</u>		
street and number	<u>7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700</u>	telephone	<u>301-652-221</u>		
city or town	<u>Bethesda</u>	state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

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.

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600





BA-2052

V1  
Armacost-Foster Bungalow

Foster House

16921 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2010

MD SHU

View of the Armacost-Foster Bungalow  
to the east.

044 NNNN --- 09.06.00

BA 2052

ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW

c1922

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This frame bungalow was built on what had been a vacant lot in 1921 by Joshua W. Armacost, who filled in the space between the large stone Orrick House and the brick Foster hardware store. In 1946, the builder left this house on the east side of York Road to his son Harvey Armacost. In 1966, the hardware store owners purchased this dwelling. It is a compact structure with two gable-roofed dormers that provide the head room in the second story. There is a full-width front porch and a center-hall plan. The dormers have casement windows. Roofing is standing-seam sheet metal. Wall covering is aluminum siding; the foundation poured concrete.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW**

AND/OR COMMON

**FOSTER HOUSE**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**16,921 York Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Hereford**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**2nd**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Baltimore County**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Allan A. & Anna M. Foster**

Telephone #: **357-5432**

STREET & NUMBER

**16,921 York Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Monkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21111**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**County Courts Building**

Liber #: **EHK JR. 5345**

Folio #: **230**

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

BA-2052

ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW

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

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

The Armacost-Foster bungalow is a compact, frame structure on the eastside of York Road. On its west or main facade, two gable-roofed dormers provide the head room for the upper dwelling space. The main facade has its entrance in the middle of three bays, flanked on either side by pairs of double-hung sash windows of 1-over-1 layout. The windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The main door is paneled, without glass lights, and is protected by a contemporary glass and metal screen door.

The porch deck is wood, four steps above grade, reached by unrailed wooden steps. The porch is full width, recessed under the continuation of the main gable roof. Roof supports are four square posts.

Each dormer contains two casement windows of six lights each. The roof is of standing-seam sheet metal. The central chimney emerges through the roof ridge.

The south end is three bays deep on the first story, with two windows provided for the front rooms, one each side for the rear rooms, all 1-over-1 types.

The north end is four bays deep on the first story (three 1-over-1 windows and a kitchen window of six lights). The attic level contains a single 1-over-1 double-hung sash window.

Wall covering is white aluminum siding. The foundation is of poured concrete, not visible in front. About one to two feet of it exposed along the sides.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 c. 1922

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Emory C. Leight sold some ground on the eastside of York Road to Joshua W. Armacost in 1921. (1) The tract lay between the old Orrick House, the prominent half-stone and half-frame structure and the brick general store at the corner of Monkton and York Roads. The hand corrections in the 1918 tax ledger show that by 1922 there was a new house on the Armacost property, its measurements given as 28 x 28, its value as \$1000. (2) The consistent assessment figure for several years allows the house to be traced to 1940. (3)

Joshua W. Armacost died in 1946 and his will written in 1937 left:

.... to son Harvey Armacost a life interest in the house where he now lives situate on the east side of the York Road ... to son Jacob Armacost the house where he now lives on the west side of York Road in Hereford ... (4)

In 1966, the Armacost heirs conveyed the house to Allan A. and Donald B. Foster, owners of the brick hardware store (William Rowe's dry goods store of c. 1841) on the lot immediately to the north. (5) Allan A. Foster and wife, Anne M. Foster, subsequently became sole owners; their deed speaks of the York Road as "formerly Main Street," a designation no longer in use for Hereford's only important residential and commercial row. (6) This is a very rural type of bungalow and it fits the rural-town style of this turnpike string-town.

**NOTES:**

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 537:396.
2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 408.
3. Tax Ledgers, District 7, 1923, f. 388; 1928-1940, f. 651.
4. B.C. Wills, JPC 40:202.
5. B.C. Deeds, OTG 4686:604.
6. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5345:230.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES** ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW

Baltimore County Tax Ledgers and Deed Books.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.22 acres (9725 sq. ft.)

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Almost rectangular parcel on eastside of York Road:

S84½E	180 ft
S5W	54 ft
N84½E	181.5 ft to York Road
N3E	54 ft along York Road

(Map 22, P174)

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

STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 19, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

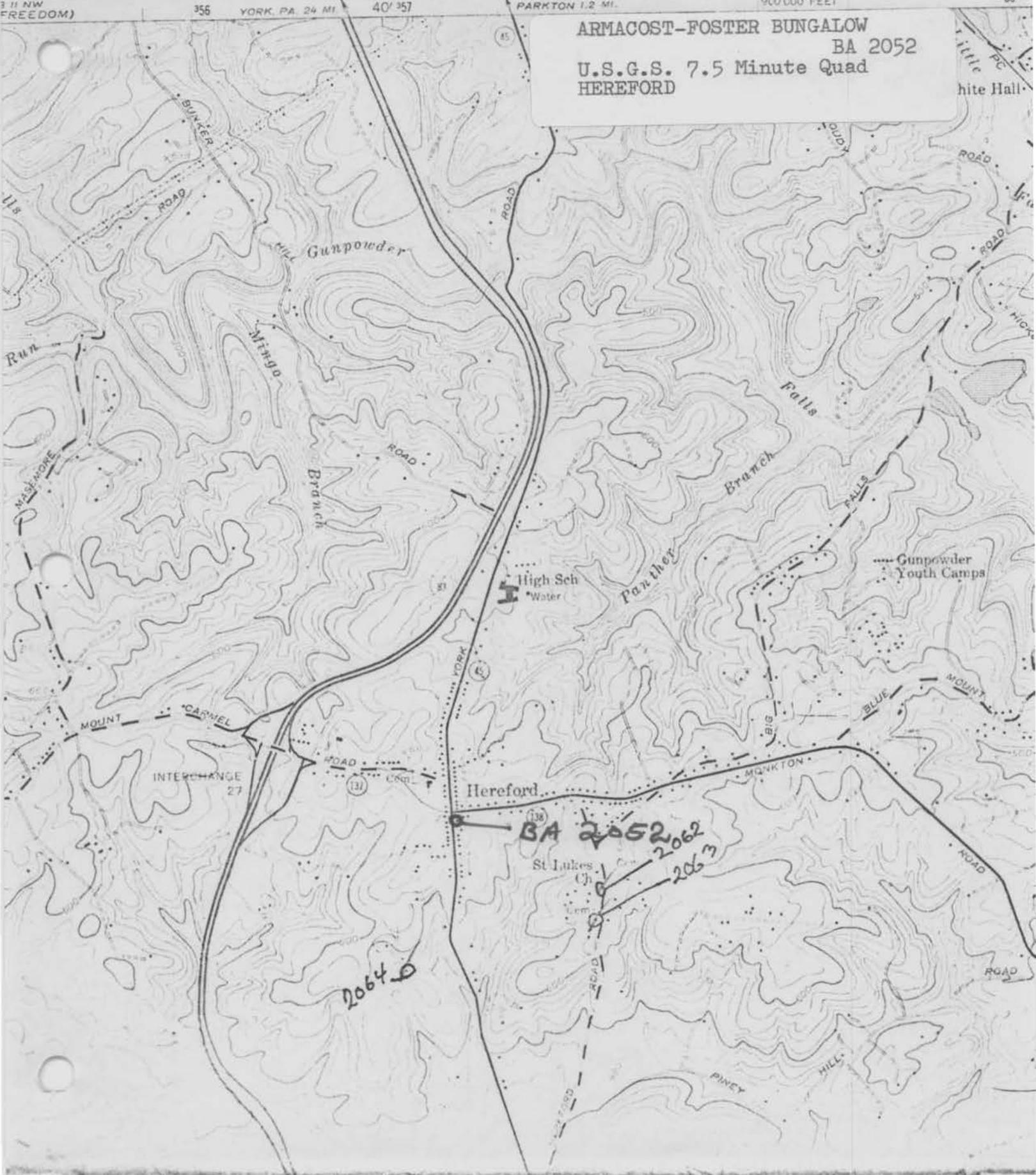
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356 YORK, PA. 24 MI. 40' 357 YORK, PA. 24 MI. 900 000 FEET 350

ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW  
BA 2052  
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD



BA 2052, 2062  
2063

2064



ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW BA 2052  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (west) & south facade



ARMACOST-FOSTER BUNGALOW 2052  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
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Main (West) & north facades