

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: "Gent Store," Butler Village Inventory Number: BA-553
 Address: SW corner, Falls Road and Butler Road City: Butler Zip Code: 21023
 County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hereford
 Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Butler Stone Quarry Agency: Federal Communications Commission
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes ___ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA-2214
 NR-listed district X yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: Western Run - Belfast Road
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
 Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland

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

The "Gent Store" in Butler Village was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. Its condition was relatively unchanged since the preparation of the State Historic Sites Inventory Form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust, dated September, 1976.

The property is described in the following document located at the Maryland Historical Trust Library:

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, by Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr., September 1976.

The following observations were made during the February, 2003 visit to the property:

The Gent store, which dates from the mid-Nineteenth Century, has been well-maintained and exists as an active contributing resource to the Butler community. The integrity of its design remains intact, and it is considered eligible for registration under Criterion C: Design/Construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: <u>X</u> A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments <u>Contributes to NRHD</u>	
<u>James F. Black</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/11/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>6/30/03</u> Date

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

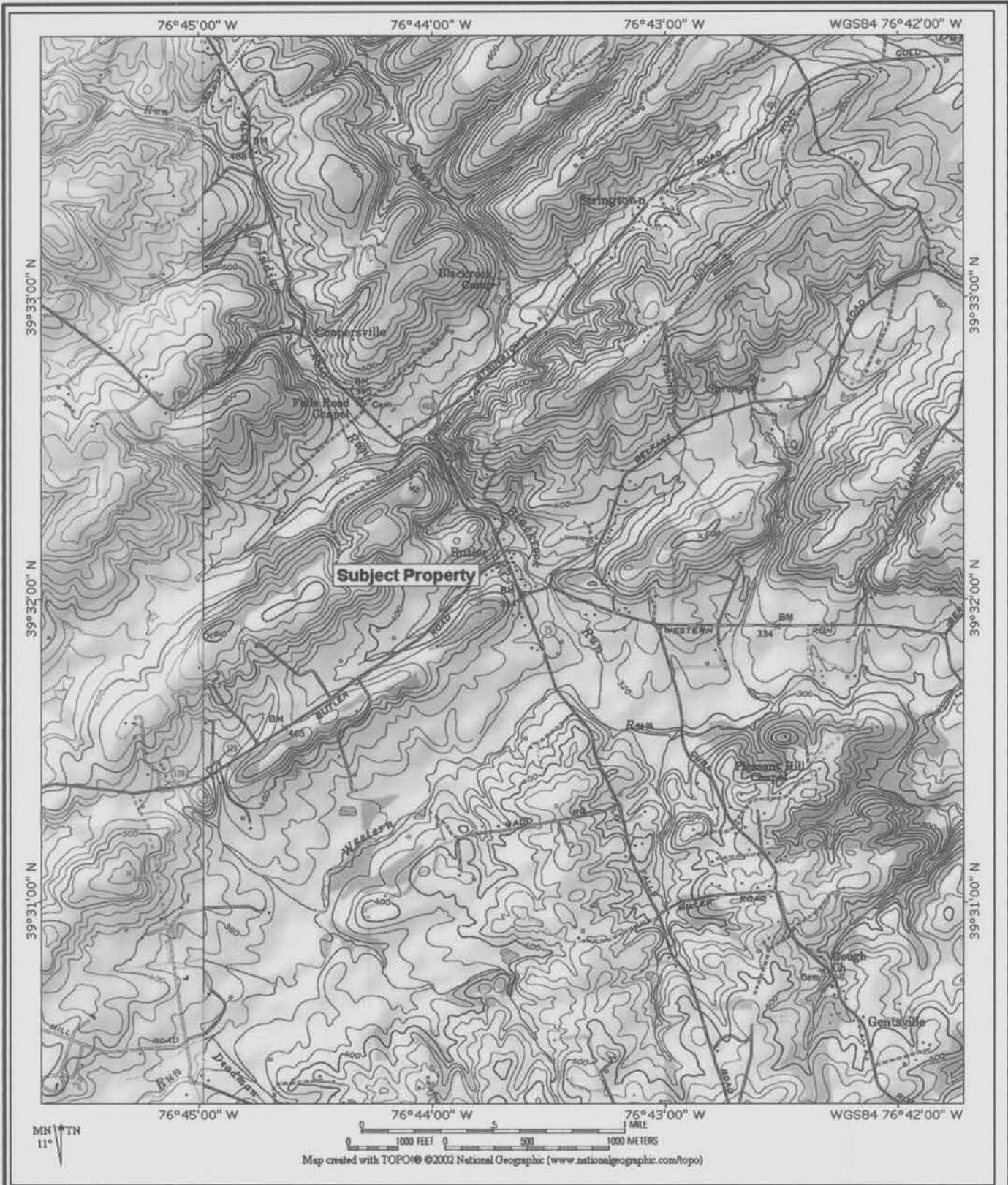
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Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA

Date Prepared: 5/19/2003



SITE VICINITY MAP
 Hereford Quadrangle, MD
 (Dated 1991)
 SCALE: As Shown



Determination of Eligibility
 "Gent Store", Butler Village (BA-553)
 Falls Road at Butler Road
 Butler, Baltimore Co., Maryland 21023



BUTLER VILLAGE BA-553

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TAKEN BY: KATHRYN ELGIN

DATE: FEB 2003

LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: MARYLAND SHPO

BA-553

Butler Village, Butler MD 21023

02/03



BUTLER VILLAGE BA-553 ("GENT STORE")

BALTIMORE CO., MD

PHOTO BILL K. EINHORN

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NEGATIVE LOG. : MD 5110

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Butler Village, Butler MD 21023

02.03

Gent Store
Southwest corner of Falls Rd.
and Butler Rd.
Accessible
Circa 1850

This commercial property takes its name from the proprietor, Barbara Gent, who ran the store for nearly forty years. The structure combines a residence and place of business as did many rural stores of the mid-19th century. In addition, there were a wagon house and corn house on the property.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Gent Store

AND/OR COMMON _____

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Southwest Corner of Falls and Butler Rds.

CITY, TOWN Butler CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Md. VICINITY OF _____ COUNTY Baltimore

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 Gilbert S. Benson Telephone #: 239-7660

STREET & NUMBER Trenton Rd.

CITY, TOWN Upperco VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Md. 21155

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse Liber #: 5546

STREET & NUMBER Washington Avenue Folio #: 179

CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None

DATE _____

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Gent Store is a two storey frame structure six bays in length facing east, closely oriented to the Falls Road at its intersection with Butler Road. It has two rear wings, each with a shed roof perpendicular to the main structure. The northerly wing is one storey in height, one long bay in length, its taller north wall aligned and continuous with the north end of the main structure; an early addition to its north side repeats the same form in reverse, the two forming what appears at first to be a gable roofed addition, but the corner board in the west wall indicates this sequence. The southerly wing is two storeys in height, two bays in length, its taller south wall aligned with the south end wall of the main structure. The unbroken German siding of the south elevation indicates the southerly wing to be contemporary with the main structure. A one storey hipped roof porch extends across the principal east front and the entire south end, terminated at the southwest corner by a one-bay-square pantry south of the south wing's west bay, its roof a continuation of the porch's. Two single-flue brick chimneys rise internally at the roof ridge and a third rises centered on the west end of the southerly wing.

The principal entrance, a door with sidelights and transom, is in the east facade, through the bay south of center. A secondary

(see continuation sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" 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 **Unknown**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Unknown**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This commercial property on the southwest corner of Falls Road and Butler Road, takes its name from the proprietor, Barbara Gent, who ran the store there for nearly forty years. The structure combines a residence and place of business as did many rural stores of the mid-nineteenth century.

The original owner was Samuel Shaul, a farmer whose large property was farther west on Butler Road. He rented the shop to a succession of people until his death in 1881 when the property was sold. An ad⁽¹⁾ for the sale lists, in addition to the store building, a dwelling house, wagon house and corn house. Located at a busy crossroads, the Gent Store has survived many years as the local gathering place, post office and shopping facility.

(1)
In Judicial Liber 75, folio 283. Baltimore County Courthouse.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland.
(Baltimore, 1850).

(see continuation sheet #3)
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.09 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

entrance is in the second bay from the north end; another is in the north side of the northerly addition to the northerly wing; and finally another is in the south front of the southerly wing through its easterly bay. Windows throughout are 2/2 with louvered blinds and narrow beaded frames. All exterior walls are covered with German siding except the gables which are covered with wood shingles. The gable roof extends beyond all walls in a simple wide overhang.

A more recent one storey addition fills the small space between the two westerly wings.

The location and form of this structure suggests that it was built in the second half of the 19th century as a combined commercial and residential structure. The southerly wing was probably the residential kitchen wing, its pantry at the end of the porch an original feature. The northerly bays of the main structure, with the separate east front entrance, were probably the commercial areas of the structure, the northerly wing being the warehouse, itself requiring an early expansion to the north. The doors presently located in the north doorway of the northwest wing have removable shutter panels covering glass lights, a typical 19th century store door; these doors were probably at the principal east entrance to the store, originally.

(see continuation sheet #2)

Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 continued

Exterior finishes and details suggest the entire structure was built at one time; it could date from two or more periods, however, if the last period of construction included a uniform refinishing of the whole. The details, such as the German siding, the 2/2 sash, the roof overhangs, the single-flue chimneys and the shingled gables, suggest the last quarter of the 19th century; the basic shape and form of the structure is timeless.

The interior of this structure was not examined.

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Gent Store
Valleys Historical District

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #9 continued

Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1876, 1896.

	Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation BALTIMORE COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search
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Account Identifier: District - 08 **Account Number -** 0801002026

Owner Information

Owner Name:	MARYLAND SADDLERY INC	Use:	COMMERCIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	14924 FALLS RD BUTLER MD 21023	Deed Reference:	1) /12323/ 229 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
14920 FALLS RD	BL	1.092 AC 14920 FALLS RD SW COR FALLS RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
33	8	53						81	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	
Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area
1878	4,883 SF	47,567.00 SF
County Use	06	
Stories	Basement	Type
		Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2002	Value As Of 07/01/2003	Value As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	295,100	295,100		
Improvements:	91,600	136,000		
Total:	386,700	431,100	416,300	431,100
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: HARRISON T ROGERS	Date: 08/12/1997	Price: \$400,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /12323/ 229	Deed2:
Seller: BENSON GILBERT S	Date: 06/10/1986	Price: \$387,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 7176/ 584	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

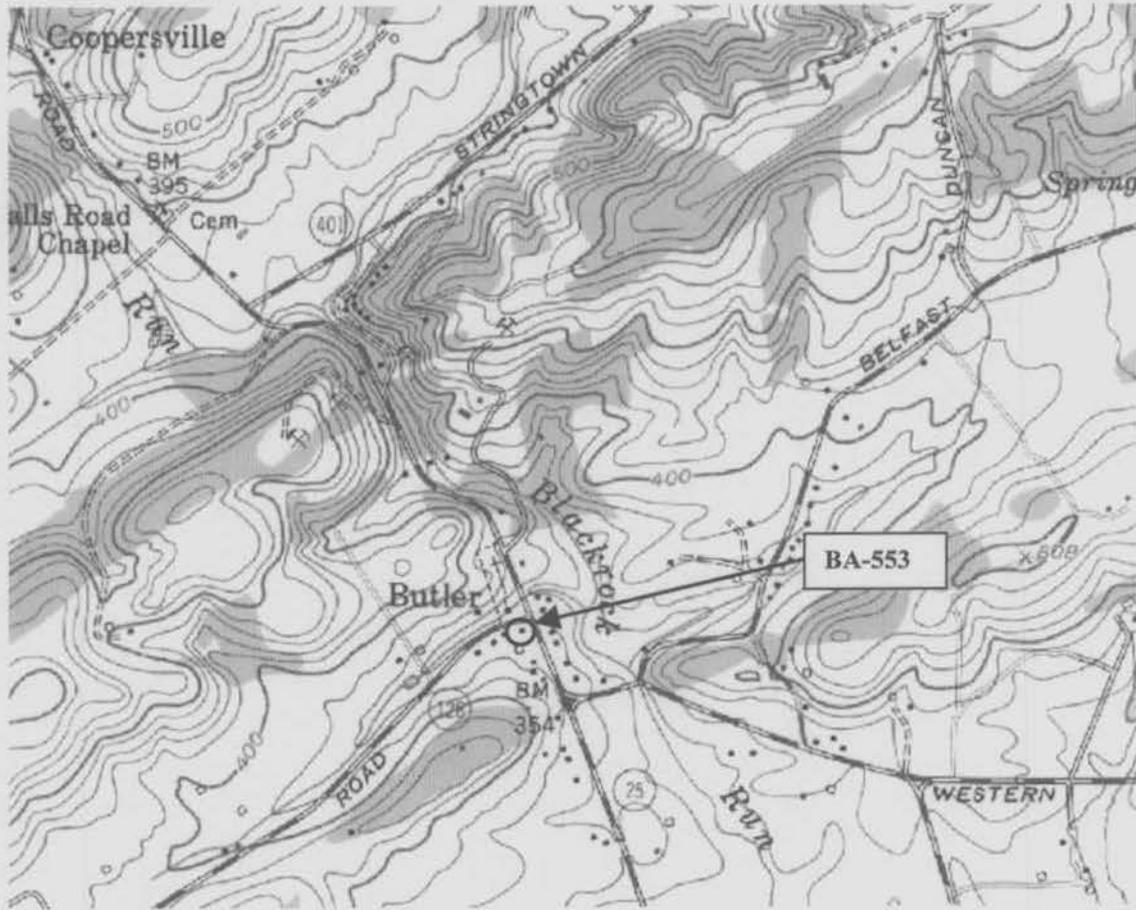
Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO **Special Tax Recapture:** * NONE *

Exempt Class:

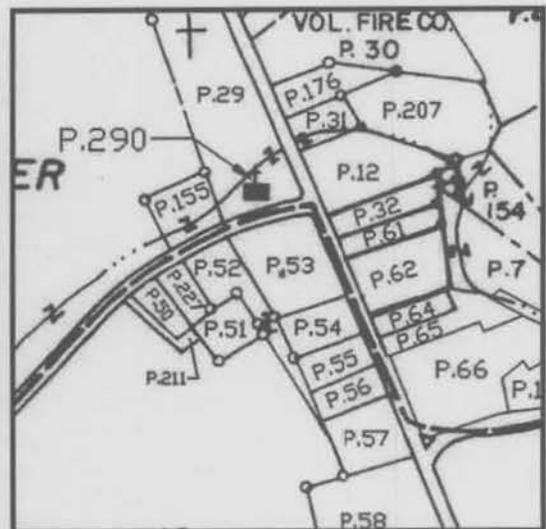
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Gent Store (Butler Store)
14920 Falls Road (MD 25), Butler
Hereford Quadrangle



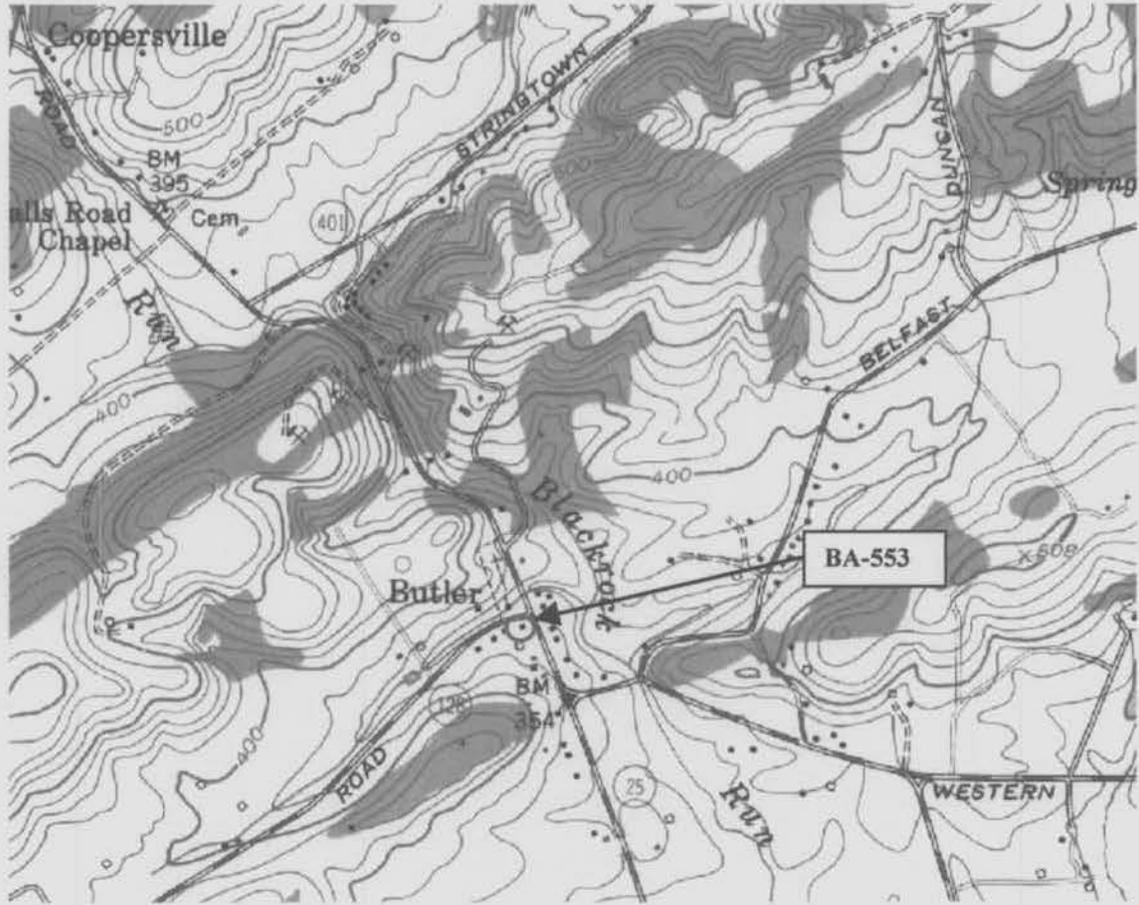
1993-95 Aerial Photo



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Gent Store (Butler Store)
14920 Falls Road (MD 25), Butler
Hereford Quadrangle



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