

Memo to file

February 4, 2016

From: Casey Pecoraro  
Inventory Registrar

Re: **PG:74A-37**  
**Beall House**

Inventory number PG:74A-37 was assigned to the Beall House on 2/3/16, upon request and in conjunction with the preparation of an MIHP form. A Short Form DOE was prepared for the Beall House in 2002, using a Short Form DOE number (DOE-PR-0103). When the inventory number was issued, the Short Form DOE was converted to a Regular DOE in MHT records and subsequently filed in the library under PG:74A-37.

Twelve other resources on the Beall House property were also documented on Short Form DOEs in 2002; see records DOE-PR-0097 through DOE-PR-0115 in Medusa.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
SHORT FORM FOR INELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

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

Property Name: Beall House (43)  
Address: 13600 Oak Grove Rd City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20774  
County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Lanham  
Project: Oak Creek Club Agency: COE

Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes X no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_ NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes  
Preparer's Recommendation: \_\_\_ Not a contributing resource

*If the property is not within a district*  
Preparer's Recommendation: X Not eligible

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

The Beall House is located in a grove surrounded by fields in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The unpaved Beall House entrance drive runs north starting one-half mile west of the intersection of Oak Grove Road and Church Road. The tree-lined unpaved drive forks south of the house's front yard and the western prong leads to the house. The house is surrounded by trees that begins at the edge of the front and back yards and radiate out, encapsulating the house and its clearing. Neither the house nor the drive is visible from the surrounding fields through the screen of trees.

The two-story Colonial Revival style house is L-shaped and oriented with its two rectangular forms merging at its northwest corner, with a gable roof running north and abutting the east-west oriented gable roof. A porch on the west side and a portico on the south side of the eastern building projection are the two entrances.

The original rectangular structure burnt down and was replaced with an L-shaped structure before 1938 based on an aerial photograph of the area taken that year. The styling, materials, and method of construction indicate that the existing house was built in the late 1920's or early 1930's. Presently the Beall House is an occupied residence, preventing an examination of the interior.

The present Beall House was built using the 31 ft. long by 21 ft. wide rectangular stone foundation of its predecessor supplemented by a new rectangular brick foundation measuring 27 ft. long by 18 ft. wide perpendicular to the original foundation and flush with its north wall. The inside chimney centrally located on the form that rests on the stone foundation predates the house's outside chimney on the east gable end of second principal form, whose extruded brick construction with

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Eligibility not recommended X  
MHT Comments  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia M. Blick November 01, 2002  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date  
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Reviewer, NR Program Date

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Portland cement mortar matches its early-20th Century brick foundation.

The exterior walls are clad with white-painted clapboard siding with exposures varying between 6 1/2 in. and 7 in. in width. The entrance doors are six-panel wood doors. The windows are six-over-six division wood double-hung with true divided lights, accented by wood shutters. There is no casing trim around the windows. A lunette adorns the south gable end. The roof is covered with asphalt composition shingles. The eaves have simple boxed cornices.

A small porch on the west side is screened in and has turned columns resting on its wood floor, that is supported by a foundation of two granite piers. The one-story front portico is located on the south side of the east wing and has a pair of fluted, square Doric style columns and an entablature with dentils.

The general condition of the building's exterior is good.

The Beall House is not eligible for National Registration under Criterion A as there is no apparent association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.

The Beall House is not eligible for National Registration under Criterion B as there is no apparent association with the lives of significant persons in our past.

The Beall House is not eligible for National Registration under Criterion C because it is not a unique or distinctive type, period, or method of construction.

Preparers: Christopher L. Gallup, Ward Bucher, AIA

Prepared by: Ward Bucher Architects

Date Prepared: 09/16/2002



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Oak Creek Club, Upper Marlboro, MD

08/16/2002



Beall House – Exterior 1

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Beall House – Exterior 2

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## CAPSULE SUMMARY

MIHP # PG:74A-37

Beall House

Upper Marlboro

Prince George's County, Maryland

Ca. 1830's

Private

The Beall House is a Colonial Revival style, two-story, clapboard house with an L-shaped footprint. The main entrance with a small portico is located asymmetrically on the south side of the 3-bay east wing. A secondary entrance to the kitchen is located near the north end of the 4-bay west façade. The wood double hung windows are typically six-over-six and are decorated with plastic shutters. The gable roof of the east wing extends through to the west façade. A lower gable roof extends from the south end of the west wing to the main gable roof, producing an unusual stepped west façade. Although the building is in good condition, multiple extensions and interior changes have substantially altered the house over the years.

The Beall House property near Leland Station, Prince George's County, was a combination of land tracts which were joined in the early 19th Century by the Bowie family. The property was purchased by Robert C. Brooke in 1833 and the original house was likely constructed in the 1830's. The property was sold to William Z. Beall in 1853 who left it to nephew Otho R. Beall. The house was destroyed by a major fire in 1890. The house was rebuilt on the stone foundations and enlarged, possibly in the 1930's. Remaining in the Beall family, the house was again enlarged and renovated, likely early in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Interior renovations were reportedly performed in the 1990's. Most of the farm land was sold by Clarissa Beall in 2002 for suburban development and the remaining 10.6 acre lot containing the house was sold in 2005. The Beall House is scheduled for demolition in 2016 to accommodate the addition of ten building lots to the Oak Creek housing development.

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

historic Beall House  
 other Beall Family Homesite

## 2. Location

street and number 13600 Oak Grove Road not for publication  
 city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity  
 county Prince George's

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

name NVR-MS Cavalier Oak Creek Owner, LLC, c/o Woodlawn Development Group  
 street and number 11700 Plaza America Drive, Suite 500 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 city, town Reston state VA zip code 20190

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Land Records liber \_\_\_\_\_ folio \_\_\_\_\_  
 city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 76 tax parcel 2 tax ID number 07 0667899

## 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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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### Description

The entrance to the site is via a long drive with an allée of cedar trees. Large boxwoods surround the front and east end of the house. A grove of large bamboo encompasses the northeast corner of the building and a row of cedar trees extends from the west side. The remainder of the site is generally covered with second growth deciduous trees.

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The main entrance is covered with a flat roofed open porch with a pair of fluted square columns and a dentiled architrave. The front door is a wide eight panel door with recessed sidelights and raised panels. The west entrance has the remains of a small screened porch with a gable roof supported by a pair of granite piers and turned columns, and a beaded board wainscot. The kitchen door has five horizontal panels. Concrete steps lead down to a basement entrance below the west porch.

The western block has a roughly coursed rubble stone foundation and the eastern ell has a brick foundation with running bond. Below the east wing a brick retaining wall reduces the height of the east end to a crawl space. At this point the perimeter foundation transitions from stone to brick. The circular sawn joists in the western block run north-south to an east-west summer beam. The east ell joists span north-south. The joists below the east end of the east wing are of a different color than the other joists indicating a later construction date.

The gable roof of the east wing extends through to the west façade. A lower gable roof extends from the south end of the west wing to the main gable roof, producing an unusual stepped west façade. The roofing is asphaltic fiber, 3-tab shingles.

The basement floor is a concrete slab. Upper level floors are typically wide pine finished with a varnish stain. The kitchen and baths are finished with sheet vinyl. All bathroom finishes and fixtures, and the kitchen cabinets appear to date from the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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Typical trim includes a three part base, chair rail, and reeded casings. Door casings are supported by plinth blocks. The first floor rooms typically have a cyma recta crown mold. Typical doors are six panel. Built-in shelves are located in Room 102 and in closets.

Two open sided stairs connect the first and second floors. The early colonial style balustrades appear to be a recent addition. An open riser stair without balustrade leads down to the basement.

Heating is via cast-iron hot water radiators, typically recessed below the windows on the first floor. The radiators are supplied with hot water via threaded black iron pipe. An oil-fired boiler and electric water heater are located in the basement. The former electric service was via an overhead drop at the northwest corner.

The evolution of the house is difficult to discern as the rectangular space enclosed by the stone foundation, including the central chimney base, does not correspond with the plan of the rooms above. It seems likely that the original house block was extended to the east in two steps, once with a stone foundation and later, after the major fire in 1890, with a brick foundation. It appears that the floor plan was radically changed at that time of the second extension that included Room 101, the closet with the little round window, and Rooms 204 and 205 above. The changes included removal of the central stone chimney and replacement with an angled brick chimney, and installation of a second stair and main entrance in Room 101. Note the remains of fireplace trim on the north wall of Room 103 in photograph number 19 and the peculiar space behind the wall on the first floor plan. It seems likely that the west porch was a late 19<sup>th</sup> century addition while the basement steps were installed in the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Further plan changes to second floor bathrooms and closets, and possibly the east bedrooms, appear to have been made in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

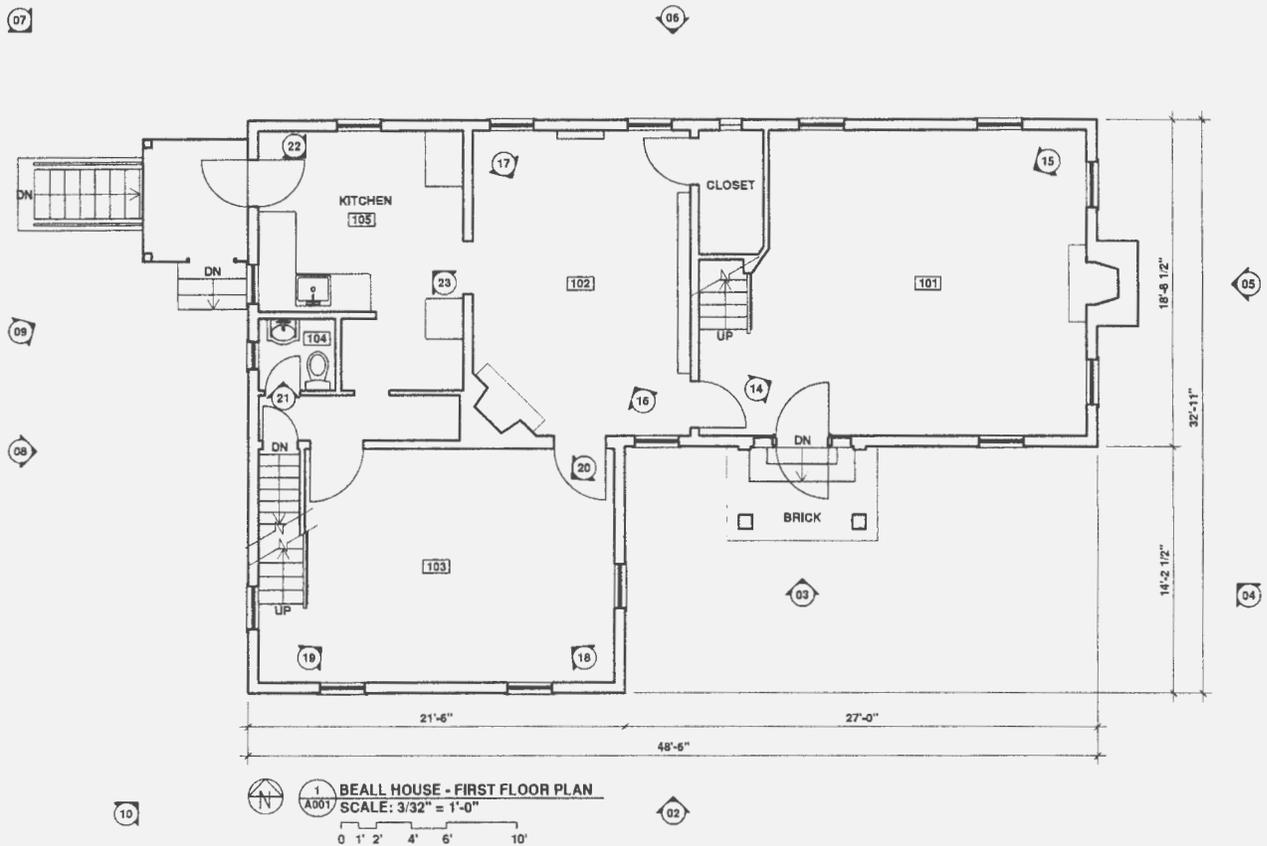
The legal boundaries of the current Beall Family Homesite are: Beginning at a point on the easterly or S 7° 35' 42" E, 1056.92 feet plat line of Outlot A, as shown on a subdivision record Plat entitled "Plat Four, Outlot A, Sierra Meadows" recorded in Plat Book 163:56, distant 465.99 feet southerly from the northerly end thereof, thence running reversely with and binding on said plat, the following 2 courses and distances: N 7° 35' 42" W 465.99 feet to a point, thence N 15° 5' 42" W 137.17 feet to a point, thence running in, through, over and across the property of Martha B. Beall, et al, the following 18 courses and distance, N 74° 53' 59" E 26.89 feet to a point, thence S 77° 56' 10" E 205.48 feet to a point, thence N 80° 14' 49" E 227.49 feet to a point, thence S 10° 10' 58" E 164.51 feet to a point, thence S 49° 9' 58" E 99.02 feet to a point, thence S 82° 16' 16" E 165.35 feet to a point, N 41° 58' 50" E 148.67 feet to a point, thence S 89° 3' 5" E 122.08 feet to a point, thence 0° 56' 55" W 101.05 feet to a point, thence S 65° 56' 57" W 112.56 feet to a point, thence S 5° 16' 3" E 116.56 feet to a point, thence S 10° 40' 56" W 91.57 feet to a point, thence S 23° 45' 52" 219.26 feet to a point, thence S 79° 12' 52" W 297.01 feet to a point, thence S 53° 2' 35" W 20.63 feet to a point of curvature, thence 56.4 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve, deflecting to the left, having a radius of 50 feet and a chord bearing and distance N 69° 16' 26" W 53.46 feet to a point, thence with a non-tangent line N 11° 35' 27" W 180.57 feet to a point, thence S 83° 4' 37" W 251.41 feet to the point of beginning, containing 438,229 square feet or 10.06 acres.

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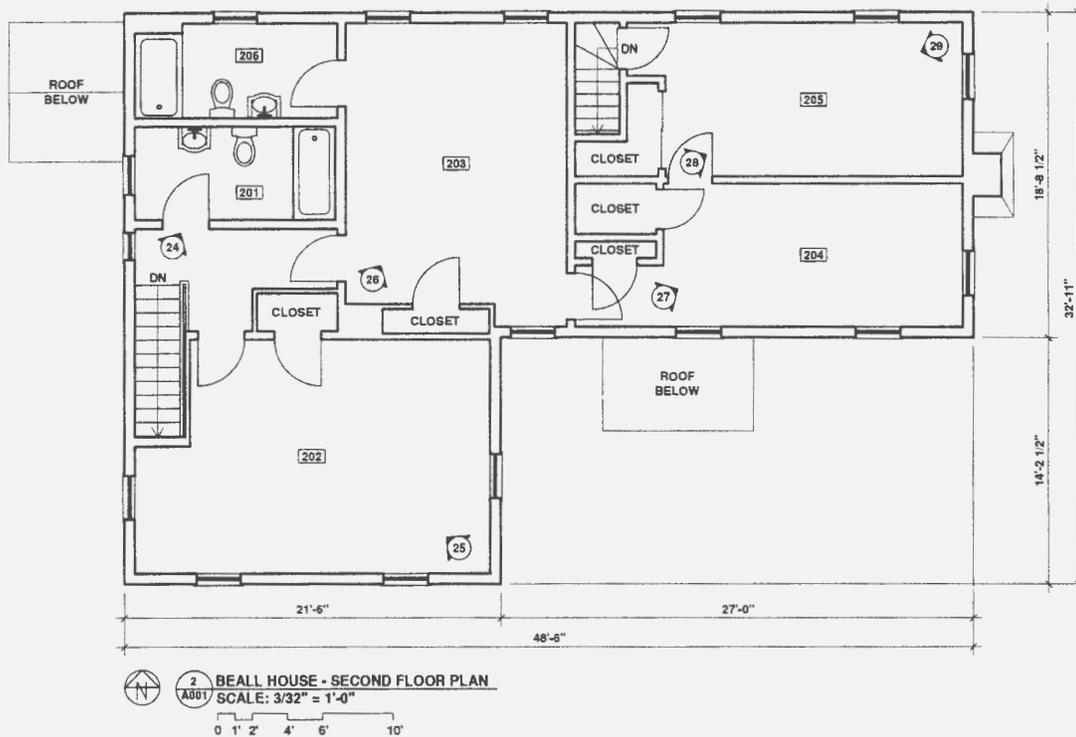
<b>ENCORE</b> SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ARCHITECTURE   PRESERVATION	<b>BEALL HOUSE</b> 13600 OAK GROVE ROAD UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772	<b>ARCHITECT</b> ENCORE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN 2822 SOLOMONS ISLAND RD, SUITE 201, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21037  <b>OWNER</b> WOODLAWN DEVELOPMENT GROUP 11700 PLAZA AMERICA DR, SUITE 310, RESTON, VA 20190	FIRST FLOOR PLAN
			SCALE: 3/32" = 1'
			DRAWING ISSUE DATES
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			SCALE: $\frac{3}{32}'' = 1'$
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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance				Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 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: _____	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1890	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1830's, 20 <sup>th</sup> c., 1990		

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary

The Beall House property near Leland Station, Prince George's County, was a combination of land tracts which were joined in the early 19th Century by the Bowie family. The property was purchased by Robert C. Brooke in 1833 and, by the time of the 1840 census, Mr. Brooke was farming the property with his family and 16 slaves. The original house was likely constructed in the 1830's. The property was sold to William Z. Beall in 1853 who left it to nephew Otho R. Beall. The house was destroyed by a major fire in 1890. The house was rebuilt on the stone foundations and enlarged, possibly in the 1930's. Remaining in the Beall family, the house was again enlarged and renovated, likely early in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Interior renovations were reportedly performed in the 1990's. Most of the farm land was sold by Clarissa Beall in 2002 for suburban development and the 10.6 acre lot containing the house was sold in 2005. The Beall House is scheduled for demolition in 2016 to accommodate the addition of ten building lots to the Oak Creek housing development.

Significance

The Bowie family farm was a combination of land tracts which were joined in the early 19th Century by family members. At that time the farm consisted of parts of "Brock Hall" originally patented by Edward Brock in 1672 for 500 acres, "Ryley's Discovery" originally patented to Hugh Ryley in 1700 for 561 acres, "Beall's Hunting Quarter" patented to James Moore in 1682 for 300 acres, "War Park Enlarged" a patent of adjoining lands obtained in 1819 by Allen Bowie for 240 acres and part of a farm referred to as Greenfield, most likely a resurvey of lands patented by Thomas Greenfield.

In the 1828 Tax Assessment for the heirs of Thomas Bowie the acreage for the combined land tracts owned by Bowie as one farm are described as:

- Part of Greenfield – 169 acres
- Part of Brock Hall – 84 ½ acres
- Riley's Discovery Enlarged – 240 acres
- War Park Enlarged – 28 ½ acres
- Part of Beall's Hunting Quarter – 34 ¼ acres
- Total Acres – 556 ¾; \$2959.48

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In January of 1833 Robert C. Brooke purchased 242 acres of that land being parts of "War Park Enlarged" and part of "Beall's Hunting Quarter".

"Richard C. and Martha Magdalen Bowie to Robert C. Brooke part of those tracts of land called War Park Enlarged and part of Beall's Hunting Quarter. Beginning at a white oak on the south side of the Back Branch containing 242 acres and 2 roods of land."<sup>1</sup>

The 1840 Census for Prince George's County, 3rd Election District for Robert C. Brooke indicated 10 persons were involved in Agriculture, 16 slaves living upon the property of which 8 males were above the age of 10 years and 5 females above the age of 10 years.

White Males – Under 5: 3; 5-9: 1; 30-39: 1

White Females – 20-29: 1

Male Slaves – Under 10: 1; 10-23: 5; 24-35: 2; 36-54: 1

Female Slaves – Under 10: 2; 10-23: 2; 24-35: 2; 36-54: 1

A January 1849 article in *The American Farmer*, Vol. IV, No. 7 is the first documentation of a house on the site:

P. 226 – "Best Regulated Farms: Mr. Robert C. Brooke – The farm of this gentleman has been brought to a state of high fertility. The soil is a light loam and responds promptly to the application of clover and plaster. Mr. Brooke supervises it personally, and does not scruple to adopt the maxim of the immortal Franklin, by contributing his own physical aid to facilitate the various operations upon his farm. The result is, that everything goes on harmoniously and prosperously. He is also entitled to great credit for the ditching, grubbing and draining he has had performed. Some 20 acres of land have been rescued from an almost impenetrable marsh – it is now completely reclaimed, and is as rich as cream, being a deed alluvial deposit. It produced, the last season, a most luxuriant crop of timothy hay. And in further illustration of the productiveness of this invaluable meadow land, the attention of the committee was particularly attracted by the towering altitude of weeds (at least 15 feet high) which completely environed the whole. Indeed, in many places, there seemed to be a strong tendency to encroach beyond all reasonable limits. These weeds are annuals; and according to the laws of vegetable physiology, their entire eradication would be effected by the repeated application of the scythe. We would suggest this course to our most worthy friend.

The mansion is located upon an eminence, and commands a general view of the premises. It is a beautiful edifice, and appears to embrace every convenience. The grounds surrounding the house are very tastefully laid off, and are embellished with flowers and ornamental trees. The committee will not decide by whose direction these decorations were made, but they say, that if the same neatness and order prevailed over the farm, it would be hard to beat."

Both Robert Brooke and Oden Bowie were local farmers, perhaps on the same property as indicated in *The American Farmer*, Vol. V, No. 6 – December 1849:

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<sup>1</sup> PGLR AB 7/436, 4 January 1853

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p. 203 – “The committee cannot speak too highly of the several parcels of Irish potatoes shown them. The “Bowie Seedlings” were large and fine; and the Mercers very superior. The committee awarded the premiums to Robert C. Brooke for the best eighth of an acre of Irish potatoes, the yield being 39 bushels and a half peck; and to Oden Bowie the premium for the best half bushel of potatoes.”

The 1850 Slave Schedule – Prince George’s County, Queen Anne District for Robert C. Brooke indicated that there were 6 male slaves of age (18 to 60) to perform the heavy duties of farming:

1) Male, 70, Black; 2) Male, 60, Black; 3) Male, 30, Black; 4) Male, 30, Black; 5) Male, 30, Black; 6) Male, 30, Black; 7) Male, 18, Black; 8) Male, 15, Black; 9) Female, 40, Black; 10) Female, 30, Black; 11) Female, 35, Black; 12) Female, 25, Black; 13) Female, 18, Black; 14) Male, 12, Black; 15) Male, 9, Black; 16) Male, 9, Black; 17) Female, 9, Black; 18) Female, 9, Black; 19) Male, 6, Black; 20) Male, 6, Black; 21) Male, 8, Black; 22) Male, 5, Black; 23) Male, 2, Black; 24) Male, 1, Black; 25) Female, 3, Black; 26) Female, 3, Black; 27) Female, 3, Black; 28) Female, 3, Black

Brooke was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Prince George’s County in 1848, 1849, and 1852.

On 17 February 1853 Robert C. and Barbara A. Brooke conveyed to William Z. Beall all those parts of tracts of land called “War Park”, “Beall’s Hunting Quarter”, and “Forest Field”; the property adjoining the road leading to the Brick Church [St. Barnabas Episcopal Church] containing 349 ½ acres.<sup>2</sup>

William Z. Beall’s will was proven 5th July 1858. He devised the farm to his nephew Otho Beall the son of his brother Washington J. Beall.

“I give, devise and bequeath to my nephew Otho Berry Beall, son of my brother Washington J. Beall, all the real estate which I lately purchased of a certain Robert C. Brooke in the Forest of Prince George’s County by whatever name the same may be called, together with any other lands which I may now own adjoining thereto at the time of my death. Also the following named negro slaves – Davy and his wife Adeline and all of their children, Lucy and all of her children, Jenny and all of her children, Tom and his wife Juliet, Floyd and his wife Chrissy, Yellow Tom, Sandy, Boy, Toby, Philip and his wife Gracey. And should the said Otho Berry Beall die before he attains to the age of 21 years leaving no children, then I will devise and bequeath all the real estate and negro slaves above devised and bequeathed to him unto his two sisters, Mary E. Beall and Rosalie Beall, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.”<sup>3</sup>

Note: it appears the clerk recorded Otho “Berry” in error as he is elsewhere referred to as Otho Richard. The will contains bequests to his friend William Berry, his son Thomas Berry and Elisha Berry.

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<sup>2</sup> PGLR ON 1/294

<sup>3</sup> Will Book WAJ 1/93

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A house belonging to Washington Beall is shown at the current location on the 1861 Martenet map. At the time of William Z. Beall's death, Otho Beall is a minor so his father Washington Beall would have managed the legacy in his name until 1867.

By 1875 Otho Richard Beall married Alice Maude Thompson, who is included in various mortgages using the farm as security.<sup>4</sup> The 1878 Hopkins map shows the house as the residence of Otho R. Beall.

On May 20, 1890 "The residence of Mr. Otho Beall, near Leeland, Prince George's County, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The building was fully insured."<sup>5</sup> Possibly the stone foundation walls remained. It appears that the family moved to Washington, DC at this time, perhaps to join son Otho T. Beall.

Otho Richard Beall died 16th February 1901 intestate leaving his wife and children heirs at law.

"A native of Prince George County and for many years a tobacco grower at Leeland Station, MD was stricken with apoplexy last night at the store of his son Otho T. Beall. He died within 10 minutes. Interment will be made in the family burial grounds in Prince George's County. Born on the estate of his father the late Washington J. Beall near Upper Marlboro. The latter was one of the most prominent men of the county and owned a great deal of land and many slaves. His son bought a farm near Leeland and worked it as a tobacco farm until about 10 years ago when he removed to Washington and opened a grocery. Survivors: Mrs. Beall, Otho T. Beall, Mrs. Maye Nichols, Miss A. Maud Beall, Irving S. Beall and William E. Beall."<sup>6</sup>

The 1910 and 1920 censuses indicate Alice M. Beall widow living with son William and family, and 9 roomers next door to Otho T. Beall and family on Park Road NW, Washington, DC.

Alice Maude Thompson Beall died 20 October 1931 with a will leaving the farm to her son Otho Thompson Beall.

"I Alice Maude Beall give, devise and bequeath unto my son Otho Thompson Beall, in fee simple, my farm located near Leeland Station, Prince George's County, Maryland containing 271 acres more or less with any and all crops on the said land at the time of my decease."<sup>7</sup>

Otho Thompson Beall (Sr.) died in March of 1933 intestate leaving his widow Sophie Klager Beall and children Otho Thompson Beall (Jr.) and Katherine L. Beall as heirs at law. Sophie Beall was appointed administratrix by the Orphans Court of Prince George's County. Legacies paid from the estate were to Sophie Klager Beall, Irene Elizabeth Beall a minor, Maude Beall Ford, Maude Virginia Rosalee Nichols now Boucher, Everett William Beall, Raymond Mellon Beall, and Arthur Livingston Thompson.

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<sup>4</sup> 1875 PGLR HB 10/489; 1879 PGLR HB 14/326; 1880 PGLR WAJ 1/707; 1882 PGLR WAJ 3/1882

<sup>5</sup> The Herald and Torch Light, Thursday, May 20, 1890

<sup>6</sup> Baltimore Sun Feb 18, 1901

<sup>7</sup> PG Will Book WTC 3/104

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At some point before 1940 the house was rebuilt in a simple colonial revival style with an irregular floor plan. A substantial house and renewed residency of Sophie Beall and her son Otho T. Beall is noted in the 1940 Census as Prince George's County, Election District 7, Dwelling No. 46:

“Sophie K. Beall – Head, Female, White, 61, Widowed, Owns house valued at \$5000; completed 2 years of college, born Michigan, Housewife;

Otho T. Beall – Son, Male, White, 32, completed 5 years of college, born DC, Real Estate Salesman.”

Otho Thompson Beall Jr. died intestate on 8 October 1977. Estate No. 26,723 created a trust for the heirs with distributions:

Martha Byers Beall (PGLR 5313/677)

Clarissa M. Beall (PGLR 5835/431)

Claiborne Brooke Beall (PGLR 6774/211)

Martha B. and Claiborne B. released their interest in the estate to the Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust that allowed Clarissa M. to occupy the house into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.<sup>8</sup>

The Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust sold most of the farm land (349½ acres) to the Club Group II, Inc. on June 2002, but kept a 10.6 acre parcel that included the house.

“Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust to Club Group II, Inc. the Beall farm being parts of “War Park”, “Beall’s Hunting Quarter”, “Forest Field” and Young Hope Farm or whatsoever name the same may be known. Described on Plat No. 56, page 163 noted as “Out Lot A”.<sup>9</sup>”

In September of 2005 the Beall Family Successor Trustee conveyed the remaining 10.6 acres of the “Beall Family Homesite” to the Club Group II, Inc.<sup>10</sup>

The Beall House is scheduled to be demolished in 2016 to accommodate the addition of ten building lots to the Oak Creek Club housing development. Although of local significance for agriculture in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the original house no longer survives. The current vacant dwelling was substantially altered in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

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<sup>8</sup> Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust created with releases by Martha B. Beall PGLR 7521/185 and Clarissa M. Beall PGLR 9639/641

<sup>9</sup> PGLR 15926/672

<sup>10</sup> (PGLR 23206/166)

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### Chain of Title

#### Land Record Survey

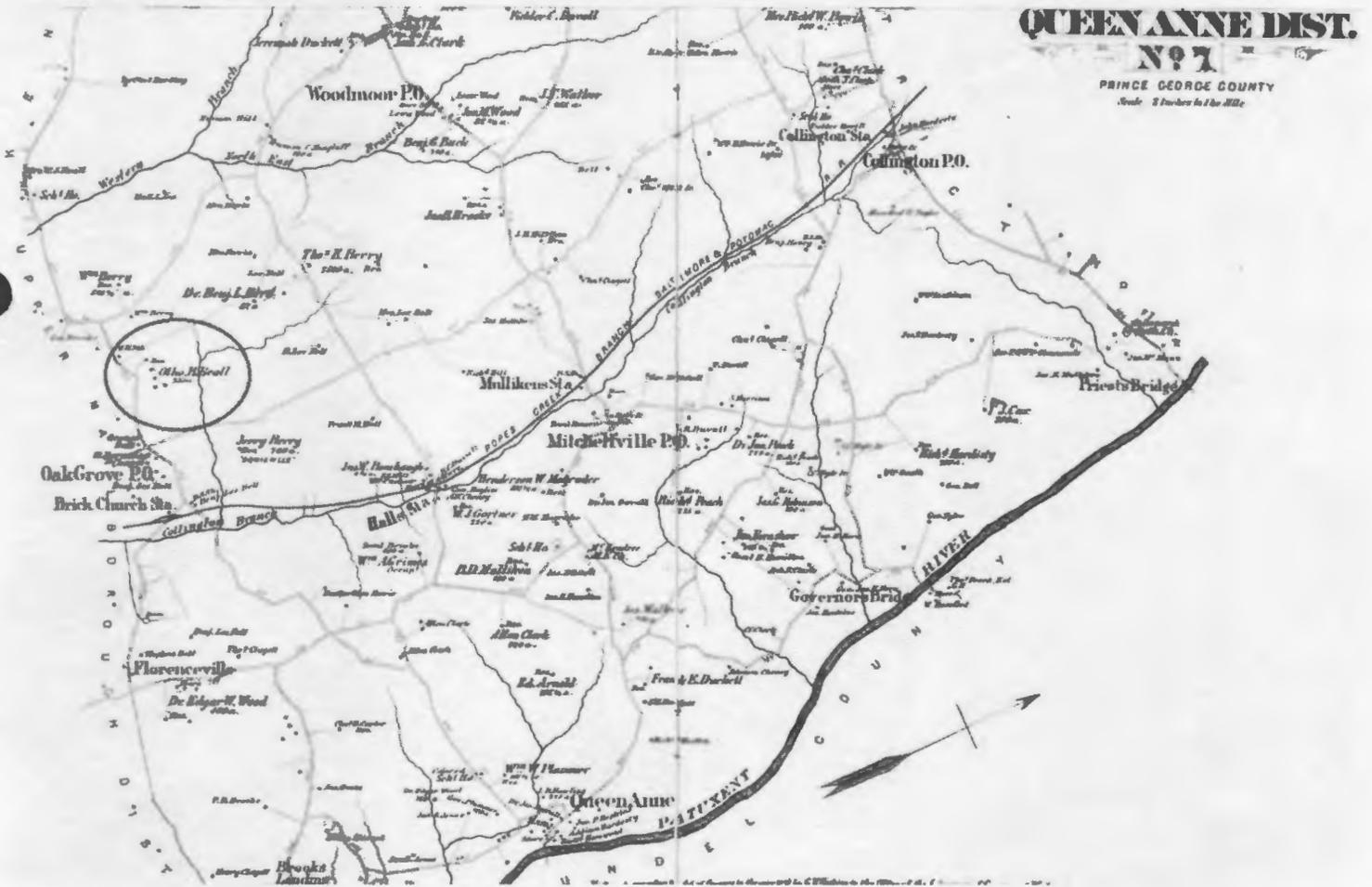
Liber/Folio	Date	Grantor	Grantee
23026/166	9/2005	Beall family Successor Trustee	Club Group II, Inc.
	10.6 a.	"Beall Family Homesite"	
15926/672	6/2002	Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust	Club Group II, Inc.
	349.5 a.	Beall farm; War Park, Beall's Hunting Quarter, Forest Field and Young Hope Farm or whatsoever name the same may be known: Plat 163/56 Outlot A	
Estate 26,723	1978	Suburban Trust Co. for the estate	Heirs of Otho Thompson Beall Jr.
Otho Thompson Beall Jr. died Oct. 8, 1977 intestate		Heirs: 5313/677 to Martha Byers Beall, 5835/431 to Clarissa M. Beall, 6774/211 to Claiborne Brooke Beall; Clarissa Beall Irrevocable Trust created releases from Martha B. Beall 7521/185, from Clarissa M. Beall 9639/641	
WTD 3/104	Will	Sophie K. Beall widow	Otho T. Beall, Katherine L. Beall
		Katherine Beall Williams sells her portion 834/105 1946 to her brother Otho Thompson Beall Jr.	
Death	3/1933	Otho Thompson Beall Sr.	Sophie K, Otho T., Katherine L. Beall
Died intestate		Only heirs at law of Otho Thompson Beall Sr.	
Death	10/1931	Alice M. Beall widow of Otho R.	Son Otho Thompson Beall
		Will WTD 3/104	
Death	2/1901	Otho Richard Beall	
		Otho R. Beall and Alice M. his wife	Mortgages using said property as security
	349.5 a.	HB 10/489 1875; HB 14/326 1879; WAJ 1/707 1880; WAJ 3/457 1882	
		Washington Beall as guardian	Otho R. Beall of age in 1867
Will WAJ 1/93	7/1858	William Z. Beall	Otho Beall son of my brother Washington
		All of the real estate I lately purchased of Robert C. Brooke and lands adjoining; should he die without issue then to his two sisters Mary E. and Rosalie Beall	
ON 1/294	2/1853	Richard C. & Barbara A. Brooke	William Z. Beall
	349.25 a.	All those parts of land called War Park, Beall's Hunting Quarter, Forest Field	
AB 7/436	1833	Richard C. & Martha Bowie	Robert C. Brooke
	242.2 a.	Lands called War Park Enlarged, Beall's Hunting Quarter	

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County of Prince George Maryland, 1878



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Staff Report, Specific Design Plan SDP-1501, Oak Creek Club, Phase 5, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Board, December 2015.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>10.6</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>10.6</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Lanham Quadrangle</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

#### Verbal boundary description

The property is an irregularly shaped lot that is approximately circular. The exact metes and bounds are described in Section 7.

#### Justification

The proposed boundary is the current lot boundaries that visually encompass the building.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Edgewater	state	Maryland

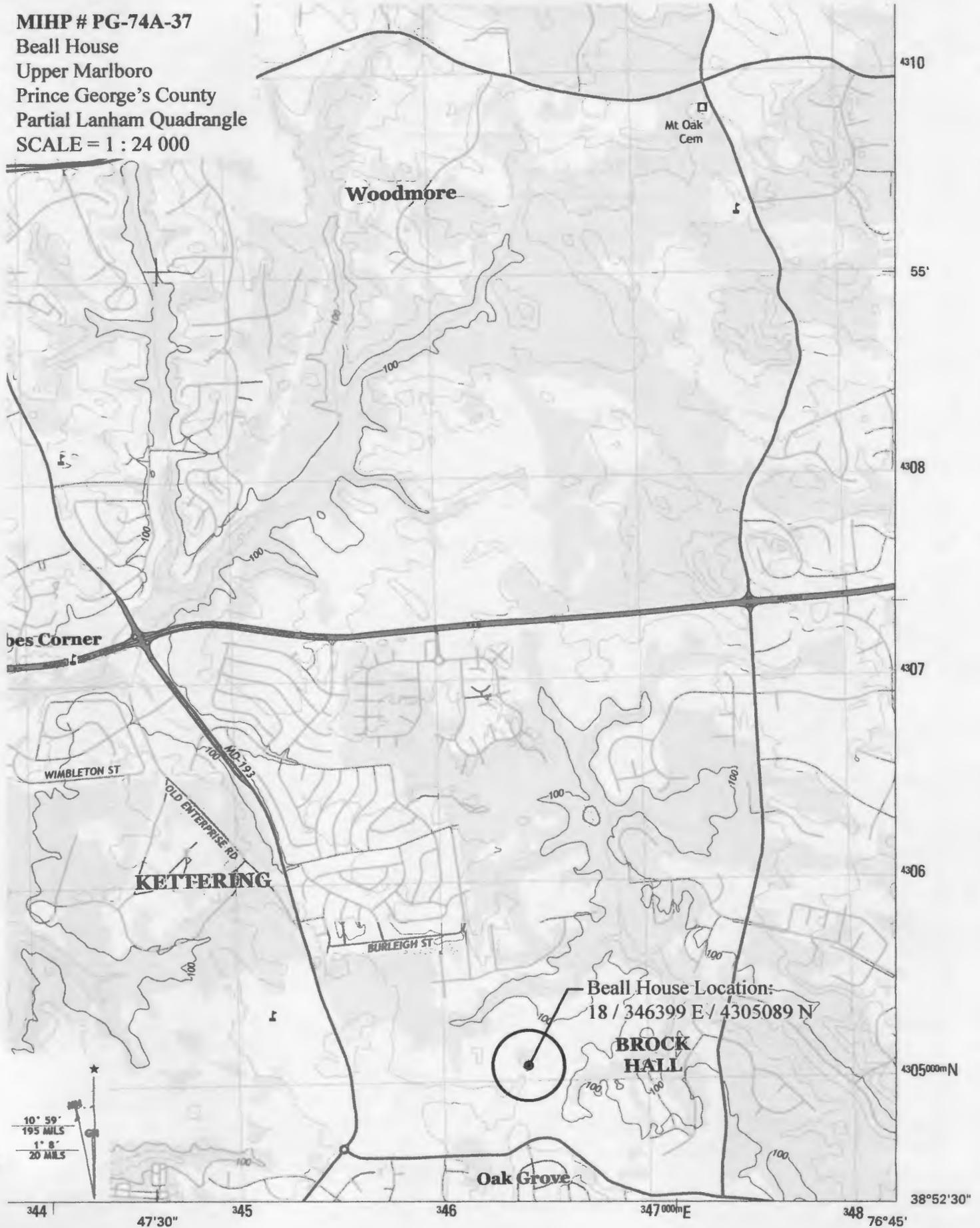
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# Resource Location Map



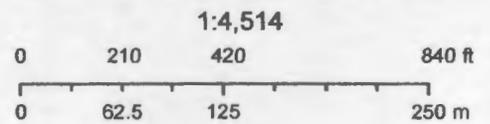
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-  Beall House Property Boundary
-  Tree Line
-  Dirt Driveway
-  Parcel Boundaries



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The following information applies to all photographs which accompany this documentation:

<b>Name of Property:</b>	Beall House
<b>Location:</b>	Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland
<b>Photographer:</b>	Ward Bucher
<b>Date taken:</b>	January 21, 2016
<b>Paper Used:</b>	Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper
<b>Ink Used:</b>	Epson UltraChrome pigmented inks
<b>Negative Filed:</b>	Digital – Maryland Historical Trust

#### Exterior Views:

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2. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_02: South façade, camera facing north
3. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_03: Main entrance, camera facing north
4. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_04: Southeast corner, camera facing northwest
5. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_05: East façade, camera facing west
6. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_06: North façade, camera facing south
7. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_07: Northwest corner, camera facing southeast
8. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_08: West façade, camera facing east
9. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_09: Side porch & entrance/basement stair, camera facing northeast
10. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_10: Southwest corner, camera facing northeast

#### Interior Views:

11. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_11: Basement, chimney foundation, camera facing northeast
12. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_12: Basement, chimney foundation, camera facing south
13. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_13: Basement, camera facing east
14. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_14: Room 101, fireplace mantel, camera facing east
15. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_15: Room 101, main entrance/staircase, camera facing southwest
16. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_16: Room 102, built in shelving, camera facing north
17. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_17: Room 102, fireplace mantel, camera facing south
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19. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_19: Room 103, covered fireplace & mantel camera facing northeast
20. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_20: Room 103, camera facing southwest
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22. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_22: Kitchen 105, camera facing southeast
23. PG;74A-37\_2016-01-21\_13: Kitchen 105, side entrance, camera facing northwest
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