

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Lankford House—(preferred) ~~S~~

and/or common Lankford House, Anderson House

## 2. Location

street & number Maryland <sup>MD</sup> Route 667 n/a not for publication

city, town Marion <sup>vic</sup> vicinity of  congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Somerset code 039

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Marian H. Anderson, c/o Mr. John Anderson III

street & number Route 1, Box 191

city, town Marion vicinity of  state Maryland 21858

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court

street & number Somerset County Courthouse

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1967  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 <u>    n/a    </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: <u>    0    </u>
Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>    1    </u>	<u>    0    </u> buildings	Original and historic functions and uses: agricultural, residential
<u>    1    </u>	<u>    0    </u> sites	
<u>    1    </u>	<u>    2    </u> structures	
<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u> objects	
<u>    3    </u>	<u>    2    </u> Total	

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Lankford House is a two-story, four-bay, single-pile frame house constructed c. 1834-1840 on property bordering the Marumscro Creek near Hudson's Corner in Somerset County, Maryland. Facing north, the main house extends to the east with a single story frame hyphen which connects a late 18th-century frame kitchen. The kitchen is the oldest structure on the site and listed on the 1798 Federal Assessment. Each portion of the house rests on a minimal brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with beaded weatherboards. The main house is divided into two equally sized rooms and fitted with Greek Revival period mantels, chair rail, doors, and architraves; noteworthy exterior trim includes a modillioned cornice with arched and drilled frieze. The hyphen has been renovated for modern kitchen space and the old kitchen has been converted to a utility room on the first floor and an office on the second floor. A rare three-board section of a lapped board partition survives above the loft ceiling. A 19th-century Lankford family burial plot is located behind the house. Also on the property are a mid-19th century frame smokehouse and three noncontributing 20th century outbuildings: a metal garage, a frame barn, and a frame workshop.

# 8. Significance

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 checked="" 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** before 1798; mid-19th c. **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Applicable Criterion: C  
 Applicable Exception: none

Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Lankford house derives its significance from its architecture. First, the farmhouse is a well-preserved example of the two-story single pile house type with conservative, but well executed, Greek Revival trim and woodwork. The modillioned cornice with arched and drilled fascia is especially noteworthy, and is exactly like the cornice found on a nearby farmhouse dated 1829. The three-board remnant of a horizontal board partition in the old kitchen's loft is an important survival of a rarely found room divider. The partition evidently separated the stair from the body of the room. In addition to the well-executed woodwork, the main house with its two-room plan and center two doors is a common form in rural areas of northern Maryland in the 19th century, but rare in Somerset County on the lower Eastern Shore. Finally, the Lankford House is a significant example of the rebuilding process which many farms experienced during the late 18th and 19th centuries. This farmhouse and adjacent hyphen apparently stand on or near the site of an 18th-century dwelling. The 1783 and 1798 tax assessments refer to a single story hall/parlor frame house with brick ends that measured 36' by 16'. The kitchen, listed in 1798, measured 20' by 16'; this structure was incorporated in the present dwelling during a rebuilding campaign in the 1830s. The Lankford House presents significant evidence of the reuse of buildings and materials in 19th-century rebuilding practices.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 15.5 acres

Quadrangle name Kingston, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>8</u>	<u>4</u> <u>3</u> <u>8</u> <u>1</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>1</u> <u>8</u>	<u>4</u> <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 6

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Archiectural Historian		
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organization	Somerset County Historical Trust	date	1/23/1984
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street & number	424 North Somerset Avenue	telephone	(home) 651-1094
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city or town	Princess Anne	state	Maryland 21853
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# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

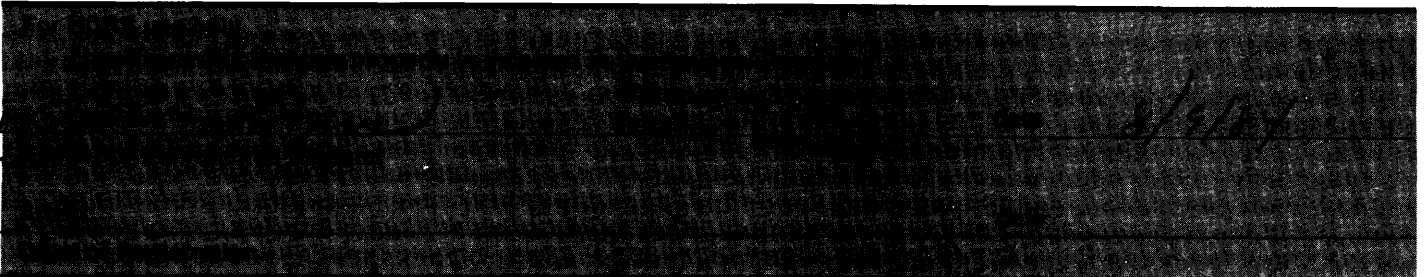
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national     state     local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature	<i>Allyth</i>	7-5-84
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title	STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER	date
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Lankford house is located on the south side of Maryland Route 667 .2 of a mile east of Hudson's Corner in Somerset County, Maryland.

Facing north, the c. 1834-1840 two-story, four-bay, single-pile farmhouse is extended to the east with a single story c. 1834-1840 hyphen which connects a late 18th-century frame kitchen. The hyphen is now used as a kitchen and the old kitchen has been converted to a combination utility room and office.

The house rests on a minimal stuccoed brick foundation and is covered by a medium sloped asphalt tile roof. Beaded weatherboards, some early and some replacements, uniformly sheathe all three sections of the house. The roof pitch to the hyphen is similar to the pitch of the main house; however, the old kitchen has a considerably steeper slope, which is one indication of its earlier date.

The north (main) elevation of the house is divided into four evenly spaced bays with the front door occupying the second bay from the right. A second front door was located originally in the third bay from the right. It was converted into a window when the house was renovated in the 1950s. The six-panel front door is framed by a molded surround and topped by a four-light transom. Also added in the 1950s was the single bay gabled porch. The remaining first and second floor openings are filled with 9/6 sash and flanked by louvered shutters. Stretching above the second floor windows is a modillioned cornice with punch decorated fascia.

The west gable end has two 9/6 sash windows on each floor in addition to two smaller attic windows. A brick chimney rises between the windows and has been partially rebuilt.

The south side of the house is partially covered by a shed porch. Located within the porch are the two exterior door openings with six-panel doors. A 9/6 sash is located to either side. Four 9/6 sash pierce the second floor, and the same modillioned cornice stretches across the base of the roof.

The east gable end is partially covered by the single story hyphen which appears to date from the same period as the main house. The front kitchen wall is pierced by a double 6/6 sash while the rear wall has a paired set of 2/2 sash windows. The curious aspects of the rear windows include mortise and tenon frames and ovolo molded backband surrounds. These windows are probably reused materials. A six-panel door opens into the kitchen in the adjacent bay. The rear facade of the kitchen has been covered with a screened porch.

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Finally, the old kitchen is a 1½-story, two-bay frame utility room and office. The north wall has three window openings with the window to the left being the earliest 6/6 sash with a mortise and tenon frame and ovolo molded surround. The other two windows appear as later alterations. Centered on the roof is a gabled dormer with a 4/4 sash window.

A door opening and adjacent 6/6 sash window pierce the south wall. The eave on both sides is simply treated with a board soffit. A small brick furnace flue pierces the roof on the east end.

Inside, the main house is divided into two nearly equal sized rooms with a center stair between. Both rooms are treated in a similar manner with early 19th-century chair rail, mantels and baseboards. The Greek Revival style mantels consist of half-round columns which support projecting frieze blocks. Each block has an inset panel. The frieze of the living room mantel is divided into two sections with shallow pyramidal raised panels. A molded shelf stretches above the frieze. The major difference between this and the dining room mantel is that in the latter the frieze consists only of one panel.

The centrally located stair rises against the middle partition and within the present living room. The main balustrade is a replacement, but faithful to the original section of balustrade located on the second floor. A square newel post and square balusters support an oval-profile handrail. The stair rises to the second floor in one straight flight and continues to the attic enclosed with paneled sides and soffit. The bedrooms are simply treated and separated by a center hall. A bathroom has been enclosed at the foot of the attic stair.

The hyphen kitchen is finished with modern cabinets and materials, aside from the winder stair which rises to the second floor of the utility wing. Apparently, when the main house and hyphen were built, the old 1½-story kitchen was rebuilt so the stair to the loft entered from the hyphen instead of from the old kitchen itself. One indication of the rebuilt stair is located in the small closet beneath the present stair where reused boards reveal the ghost of earlier stair treads and risers.

The first floor of the old kitchen is used as a general utility wing, while the second floor is used as an office.

Although the office is finished with modern materials, access was gained into the space above the ceiling. This inspection revealed a section of lapped boards fastened with rosehead nails. Due to the unweathered and unpainted condition of these three boards, it is evident they are the remains of a board partition which separated the stair from the body of the room.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Surrounding the house is a well landscaped lawn with mature trees and boxwood. Located directly behind the house is a small mid 19th-century Lankford family burial plot.

Standing southeast of the house is a row of three outbuildings including a 20th-century gable-front frame barn and a c. 1840-1860 frame smoke house. A large metal garage is located further east and a frame workshop stands directly behind the garage. Of these, the smoke house is the only outbuilding which contributes to the significance of the resource.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

Earliest land records concerning the property on which the Lankford House stands date to the second half of the 17th century with the original survey for "Hignett's Choice" in 1667<sup>1</sup> and for "Buck Lodge" in 1683.<sup>2</sup> "Hignett's Choice" was patented to a Robert Hignett; however, 150 acres of the 300-acre tract was possessed by an Edward Dykes.<sup>3</sup> In addition to "Hignett's Choice," Edward Dykes (also spelled Dikes, Dickes, Doaks, Daax, Dakes and Dokes) owned a tract of one hundred acres known as "Buck Lodge."<sup>4</sup> These neighboring tracts are located at the head of Marumsco Creek.

Through various land transactions and inheritance, parcels of both "Hignett's Choice" and "Buck Lodge" passed to Edward Dykes' sons, Edward Jr. and George, and then to Edward Jr.'s son, James Dykes. In 1783, James Dykes was assessed for one hundred acres of "Hignett's Choice" as well as one hundred fifty acres of "Buck Lodge" on which stood "one framed dwelling house, two rooms below."<sup>5</sup> In James Dykes' will of 1791, he left to his four sons part of his Marumsco Creek property. To his son Daniel Dykes (1763-1834), he left eighty-seven acres of Hignett's Choice." Provisions in his will stated that Daniel was to inherit the interests of his brothers, James and Stephen, if they were to die and leave no male heirs.<sup>6</sup> Daniel Dakes (Dykes) was assessed in 1798 in Pocomoke Hundred as owner of a tract of land near the head of Marumsco Called "Hignett's Choice" and other tracts adjoining James Dake's land. Daniel Dakes' dwelling measured 36' by 16' and was described as having "wood sides and roof and brick ends, 1 storey high with 4 windows, 3½' by 2½' and 4 windows 3' by 1'9". Also found on Daniel's property was "1 kitchen 20 by 16, a milkhouse 8 feet square and one meat house 10 feet square."<sup>7</sup>

Thirty-six years later Daniel Dakes died and left his son-in-law, Henry Lankford, the executor, to divide the farm between his five daughters and five grandchildren.<sup>8</sup>

In 1834, Henry Lankford and his wife, Nancy Dakes (daughter of Daniel), bought the homestead from Henry's brother, Benjamin, for \$1500.<sup>9</sup> It was at this time that the old brick-ended farmhouse was replaced with the construction of the extant two-story four-bay house. Evidently, the single-story hyphen was included in Henry Lankford's building program since it served as a connector between the main house and the existing 20' by 16' frame kitchen mentioned in the 1798 tax assessment. Apparently when the hyphen was erected the west gable end wall of the kitchen along with the original kitchen stair was rebuilt. It appears the door to the stair was reoriented so it opened from the hyphen instead of from the kitchen itself. Henry Lankford occupied his new house for close to a decade until he died in the early 1840s. However, his estate was not settled until 1854 when John T. Lankford bought the 214 acres from the administrator of Henry Lankford's estate, a George W. Lankford. A clause in the deed stated,



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. . .it is agreed between the two parties that the family burying ground upon the premises so as aforesaid named together with the right of passage to and from for the purpose of interment . . . .<sup>10</sup>

After 1859, the Marumsco Creek farm was sold out of the Lankford family and was held by a half-dozen owners.<sup>11</sup> In 1918, John T. Handy and George T. Corbin bought the farm,<sup>12</sup> while eight years later George Corbin and his wife sold their interest to John Handy.<sup>13</sup> The farm is now owned by John Handy's daughter, Marian Sue Handy Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, along with her husband John, restored the house in the 1950s. Mrs. Anderson's son John Anderson III, and his wife Judy, occupy the house at the present time.

Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Somerset County, Maryland Rent Rolls (1663-1723, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, San Diego, N.D. p. 30.
- <sup>2</sup> Somerset County, Maryland Rent Rolls 1663-1723, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, Sand Diego, N.D. p. 100.
- <sup>3</sup> Somerset County, Maryland Rent Rolls 1663-1723, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, San Diego, N. D. p. 30.
- <sup>4</sup> Somerset County, Maryland Rent Rolls, p. 100.
- <sup>5</sup> 1783 Somerset County Tax Assessment, Pocomoke Hundred, James Dykes.
- <sup>6</sup> Somerset Register of Wills, Will of James Dykes, E B 17/181, 12-6-1791.
- <sup>7</sup> 1798 Federal Assessment - Pocomoke Hundred, Daniel Dakes.
- <sup>8</sup> Somerset Register of Wills, Will of Daniel Dakes, LP 4/228, 2-4-1834.
- <sup>9</sup> Somerset County Land Records, GH 7/321, 3-1-1834.
- <sup>10</sup> Somerset County Land Records, LW 3/29, 4-1-1854.
- <sup>11</sup> Somerset County Land Records, LW 11/352, 2-16-1869.
- <sup>12</sup> Somerset County Land Records, WJS 74/60, 2-19-1918.
- <sup>13</sup> Somerset County Land Records, WJS 92/563, March 1926.

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- 1798 Federal Assessment, Pocomoke Hundred, Daniel Dykes.
- Somerset County Land Records, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.
- Somerset County Rent Rolls (1663-1723), transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, San Diego, n.d.
- Somerset County Will Books, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the south side of Maryland Route 667 and at the small bridge crossing the Marumsco Creek and heading in a southerly course by and with the said creek for 900' to a point along the east bank of said creek, thence in a southwesterly direction across the field south of the house for 1200' to a point along the farm lane leading to the lower end of the property, thence in a northeasterly direction along the said farm lane for 510' to a turn in the said lane, thence across the front field in the same direction for 220' to a point along MD 667, thence along the southern edge of said road for 900' to the place of beginning, containing 15.5 acres more or less. Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat, drawn to the scale of 1"=600'.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The 15.5 acres which accompany this nomination include the immediate landscaped property surrounding the house and outbuildings. The Marumsco Creek forms the boundary on the west and is an appropriate boundary due to its historic association with the farm. Manmade roads serve as two other boundaries and provide fixed visual references. South and east of the house are open fields of no unusual significance aside from their continuous association as a farm.

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Hudson Corner

JOHN G. ANDERSON, III  
297/713  
120.73A  
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# LANKFORD HOUSE SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

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DAVIS, JR. ET AL  
304/712  
12.95A  
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THE BURGESS CO.  
275/31  
18.42A  
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LANKFORD House

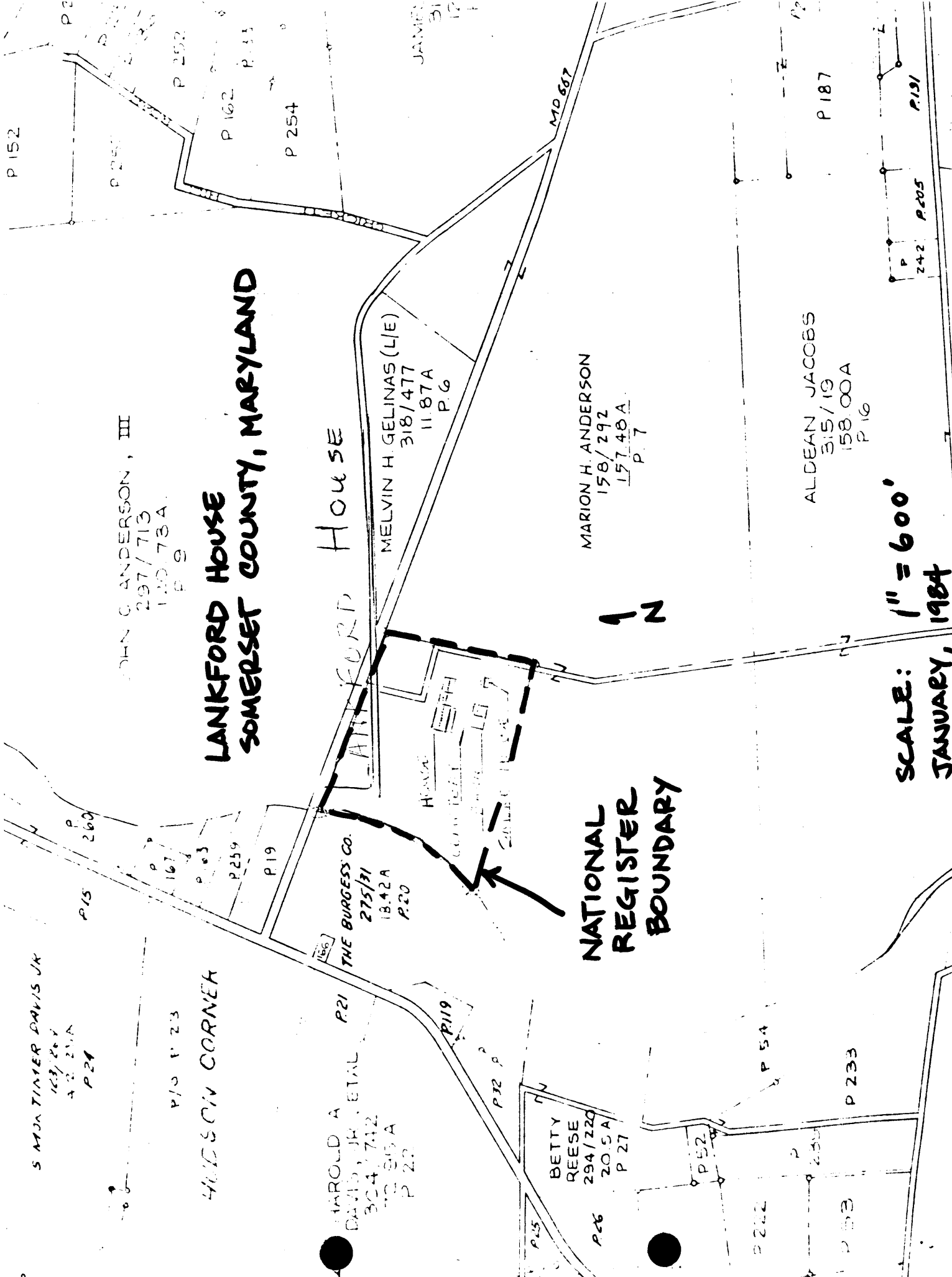
MELVIN H. GELINAS (LIE)  
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MARION H. ANDERSON  
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ALDEAN JACOBS  
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