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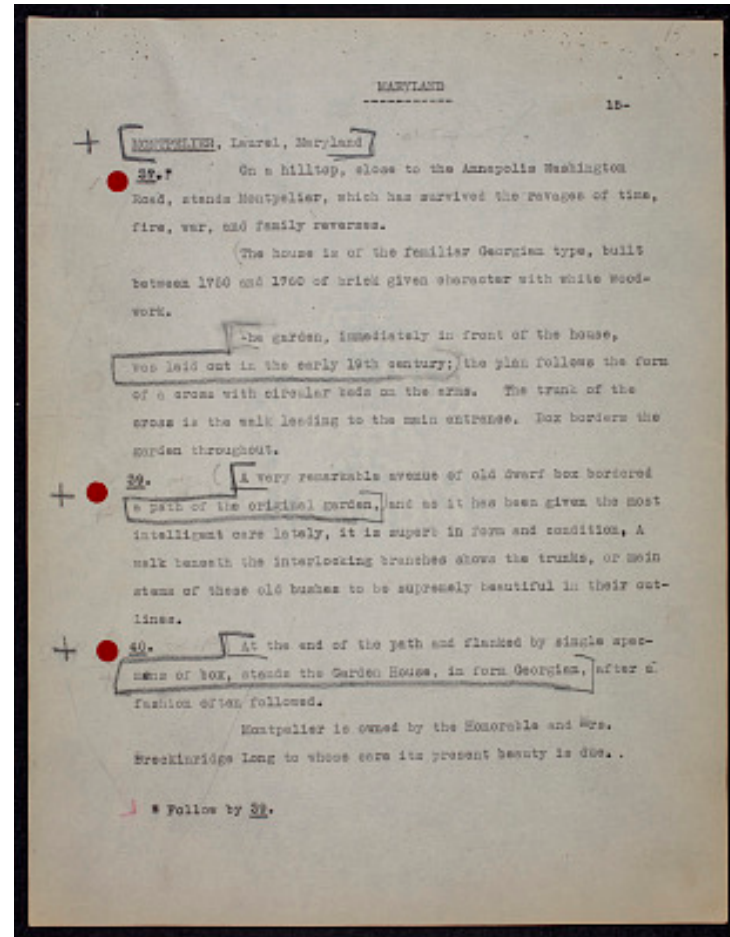
MONTPELIER, Laurel, Maryland. * On a hilltop, close to the Annapolis Washington Road, stands Montpelier, which has survived the ravages of time, fire, war, and family reverses.

The house is of the familiar Georgian type, built between 1750 and 1760 of brick given character with white woodwork. The garden, immediately in front of the house, was laid out in the early 19th century; the plan follows the form of a cross with circular beds on the arms. The trunk of the cross is the walk leading to the main entrance. Box borders the garden throughout.

A very remarkable avenue of old dwarf box bordered a path of the original garden, and as it has been given the most intelligent care lately, it is superb in form and condition. A walk beneath the interlocking branches shows the trunks, or main stems of these old bushes to be supremely beautiful in their outlines.

At the end of the path and flanked by single specimens of box, stands the Garden House, in form Georgian, after a fashion often followed. Montpelier is owned by the Honorable and Mrs. Breckinridge Long to whose care its present beauty is due.

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