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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes___ no___

Property Name: Johns' Mill Workers' House (1) Inventory Number: BA-821

Address: East side of Falls Road, North of Butler 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: BA2214

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)*

Johns' Mill Workers' House was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. Its condition was largely 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 documents located at the Maryland Historical Trust Library:

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, by Beverly W. Young and James T. Wollon, Jr., September 1976.

The following observations were made during the visit to the property:

This simple stone dwelling continues to contribute as a resource of the Butler community. It is associated with the nearby Johns Grist Mill. The shed-roofed addition of the stone house has not been well-maintained; nevertheless, the character and integrity of the ofriginal design qualify the property for registration under Criterion C: Design/Construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: X **A** ___ **B** X **C** ___ **D** **Considerations:** ___ **A** ___ **B** ___ **C** ___ **D** ___ **E** ___ **F** ___ **G** ___ **None**

MHT Comments Contributes to NRHD

[signature] 6/11/03

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 6/30/03

Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA

Date Prepared: 5/19/2003

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

VATC ASSOCIATES INC

Determination of Eligibility
Johns' Mill Workers' House (BA-821)
Falls Road
Butler, Baltimore Co., Maryland 21023

JOHN'S MILL WORKERS HOUSE
BA-821
BALTIMORE CO., MD
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NEGATIVE LOC.: MD SHPO

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Butler, MD 21136
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JOHN'S MILL WORKER'S HOUSE
BA-821
BALTIMORE CO., MD
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NEGATIVE LOC: MD SHPO

John's Mill Worker's House BA-821
Butler, MD 21136
02-03

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes___ no___

Property Name: Johns' Mill Workers' House (2) Inventory Number: BA-822

Address: East side of Falls Road, North of Butler 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)*

Johns' Mill Workers' House (2) was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. Its condition was (un??)changed since the preparation of the State Historic Sites Inventory Form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, by Beverly W. Young and James T. Wollon, Jr., September 1976.

The following observations were made during the visit to the property:
Photography of the dwelling was not permitted. The house is similar to Jophns Mill Worker's House (1) (BA-821) and is considered eligible for registration under Criterion C: Design/Construction.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA Date Prepared: 5/19/2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: X **A** ___ **B** X **C** ___ **D** **Considerations:** ___ **A** ___ **B** ___ **C** ___ **D** ___ **E** ___ **F** ___ **G** ___ **None**

MHT Comments Lacks photo documentation which would enable assessment of current integrity - consider contributing to NRHD for purpose of the current project

[signature] 6/1/03
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 6/20/03
Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

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

ATC ASSOCIATES INC

Determination of Eligibility
Johns' Mill Workers' House (2) (BA-822)
Falls Road
Butler, Baltimore Co., Maryland 21023

JOHN'S MILL WORKER'S HOUSE

BA-822
BALTIMORE CO., MD
PHOTO BY: J. SMITH
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John's Mill Worker's House
Butler, MD 21136
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NEGATIVE

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Johns' Mill Workers' Houses
East side of Falls Rd. north of Butler
Not accessible
Circa 1812

These two small but substantial dwellings were probably related to the rural industries in this agricultural community. They were part of the property of the Johns family who operated the grist mill just north of here from the early 1800's. The westerly house is very traditional in form and detail and of especially good workmanship and design. It bears a datestone which is nearly illegible but appears to read: 1812, which is an acceptable date, architecturally for both buildings.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Johns' Mill Workers' Houses

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Falls Road north of Butler

CITY, TOWN

Butler

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Anne A. Fogarty and Jane A. Pearce Telephone #: 472-4151

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Butler

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21023

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5075
Folio #: 634

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two small stone houses stand on either side of Blackrock Run, a tributary of Western Run, immediately north of Butler. The westerly of the two houses is very close to Falls Road.

The westerly of the two Houses is of stone, one storey in height on its west or road side, two on its east, facing the stream. It measures approximately 18 by 24½ feet. The upper storey is expressed as two bays in length, each containing a 6/6 window; windows in the lower storey, east side, are four-light casements and a door is centered between them. A shed-roofed addition extends to the south, its framed upper storey containing the principal entrance in its west end facing the road; it is on a high stone foundation. The gabled roof of the main house rises above a simple wooden boxed cornice and there are no rake overhangs. A massive stone chimney rises flush with the south gable. Each storey, including the attic, has a window centered in the north end but the window of the principal upper storey has been closed with stone. A datestone is in the very peak of the gable, above the attic window, but its inscription is nearly illegible. The figures appear to be Johns Sep. 1812. 1812 is an acceptable date, architecturally, for this small stone dwelling.

The interior of this house was not examined.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These two small stone houses appear to have been built as part of the Johns family mill operation at Black Rock Farm. Richard Johns purchased the mill site and surrounding land in 1794 from the widow of Thomas Matthews. A new mill was erected by his son, Kensey Johns, in 1800 and several dwellings, mill buildings and a blacksmith shop were added through the years.

In 1873, Shadrach Kemp purchased the 867 acres comprising parts of Miller's Delight, Mount Airy, Hare's Level and Cables' (or Caples') Habitation. Following Kemp's death in 1884, part of the property was sold to Joseph Royston. In 1912, Royston's heirs sold this parcel to Peter K. Fowble whose heirs continue to occupy the houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deed: D.G. McIntosh et al to Shadrach Kemp (1873) Liber 84 folio ...

Plat of Richard Johns' estate at Black Rock (1873): Plat Book JWS 1 folio 153, at Land Records Office, Baltimore County.

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 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
Beverly W. Young and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION
For Valleys Historical District

DATE
September 1976

STREET & NUMBER
1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE
323-3798

CITY OR TOWN
Baltimore

STATE
Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

The easterly of the two Houses is of stone, two storeys in height, three bays in length, with a low-pitched gabled roof; fire gutted this dwelling ca. 1955. The principal entrance is centered on the south side and a 6/6 window is in either flanking bay; the center bay is void of openings in the second storey. A shed-roofed porch shelters the first storey of the south side. A secondary entrance is centered in the west end. Earlier (than the fire) window frames remain in first storey openings, consisting of narrow beaded material. Gables are of vertical boards, probably the result of earlier stone gables being destroyed in the fire.

The interior of this house was not examined.

In a low hillside immediately north of the house is a stone-walled root cellar, its depth approximately three times its face width.

Continuation Sheet #2

Question #9 continued

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

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

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