

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ball Place

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South Side of Ball Road

6th

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Ijamsville

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Map 87, P 51

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles L. and Ethel V. Rice

Telephone #: 662-3177

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 191D

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Ijamsville

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21754

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 487

Folio #: 460

STREET & NUMBER

Record

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 Ball Place is a four part multi-storied frame structure which faces east from the south side of Ball Road. The house was built in several stages and has numerous additions.

The oldest and most interesting part of the structure is the north main section which is two stories high, three bays wide and one room deep. The main entrance, a modern door, with a pilastered and broken pedimented entrance way is located in the second bay. 9/6 windows occupy the remaining two bays on the first level. A gabled dormer window with an overhang is located in the first bay on the second level; a small window is located just beneath the cornice in the second bay. This section of the house has a tin salt box roof which hangs over a back entrance and one 6/6 window with louvered shutters. A gabled dormer window with an overhang and 9/3 window extends from the roof on the west side. A one story shed addition is located to the north of this section; a 2 1/2 story later frame addition with an open porch and one story gabled addition is located to the south. Both south additions have tin gabled roofs with boxed cornices and 2/2 windows. The south main section is three bays wide; a damaged six panel door is located in the second bay. The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation. Two inside single chimneys are located on the north side of both main sections. An early log outbuilding with replaced chimney, slate roof and original strap hinges is located immediately to the west of the house.

A modern dairy barn, storage sheds and an old tenant house are also located on the premises.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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 C. 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Information concerning the Ball Place is sketchy but it is known that the land was originally part of the large Duvall tract called "Duvall's Forest" owned by Thomas Benjamin and William Duvall which adjoined the Ijams tract to the west. The tract was granted to William Duvall in 1763¹ and it seems likely that the north section of the building was constructed by 1790 before it was sold to Elisha Beall for 517 pounds. The house has subsequently been named the Duvall House.² The house was closely related to the nearby slate quarries on the north side of Ball Road and near Ijamsville since brothers John, William and Thomas Duvall opened the quarries as early as 1800 and Elisha Beall, a later owner, is listed in deeds as a "slate farmer" in 1786.⁴ There have been numerous later additions to the home and a slave cabin stood on the property until 1948.

The house is currently unoccupied and is slowly deteriorating.

1 Ijamsville, The Story of a Country Village, Mary Lou, p. 5

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

4 Frederick County Land Records, Liber W.R. 7, Folio 36

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ijamsville, The Story of a Country Village, Charles Moylan
Frederick News Post - Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 1951

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 235.73 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, East Church Street

TELEPHONE

663-8300 Ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

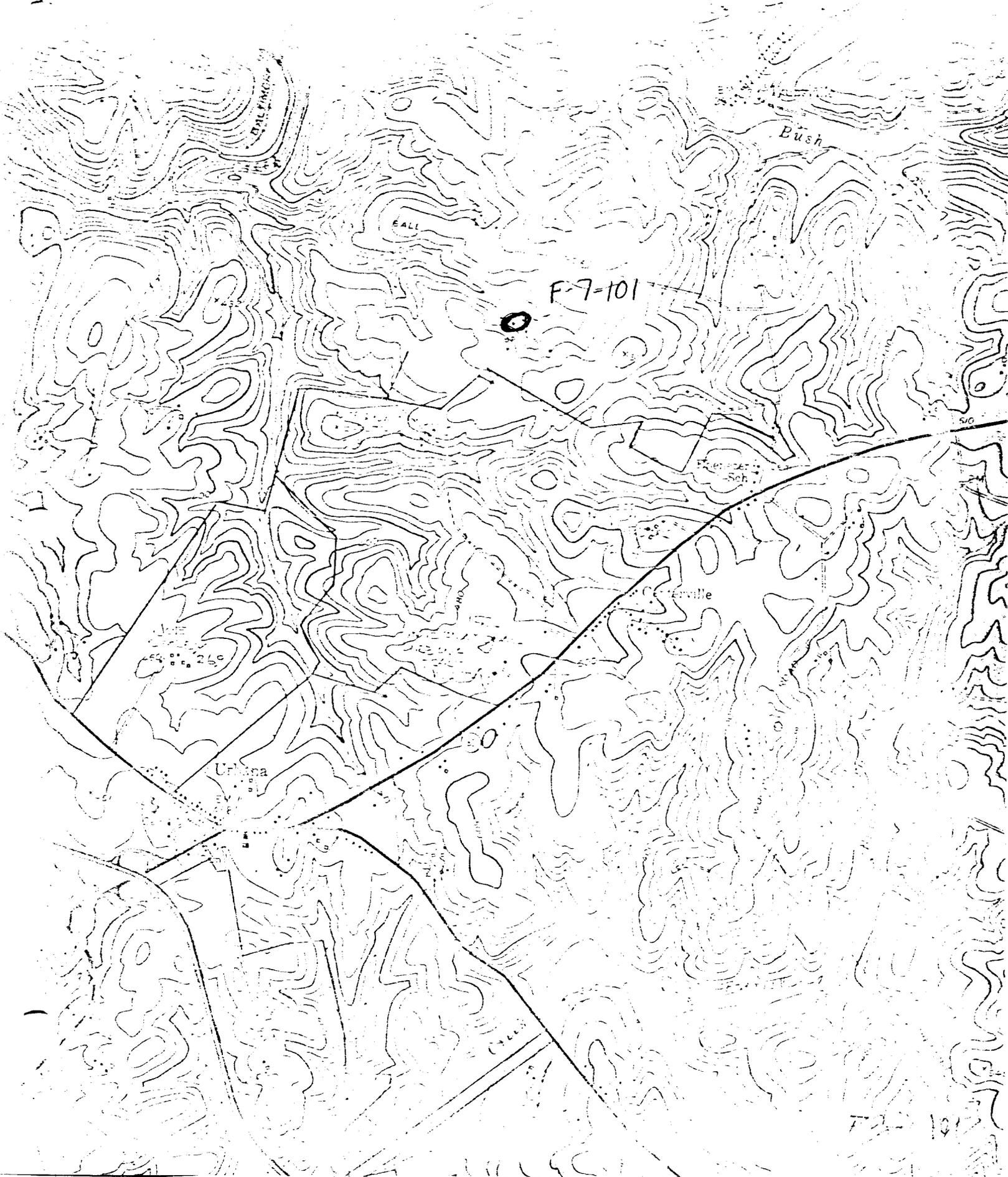
STATE

Maryland 21701

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Ball House

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South side, Ball Road

Northeast view





Ball House
South side, Ball Road
Southwest view

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Out building of ~~Ball~~ House F-7-101

South side Ball Road

South west view

