

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ward House Survey Number: M:20-21

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Ward House (Belward Farm) is located at 10425 Darnestown Road and is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The Ward House was built ca. 1891 by Ignatius B. Ward, to replace an earlier structure on the site which burned down. Ignatius Ward, a longtime resident of the area, was a farmer and a storekeeper. Ward had a combination country store and post office. He also ran a wheelwright and blacksmith shop at that location. His store sat on the farm property directly on the Darnestown Road in front of the house. Ignatius Ward died in 1909, but the property remained in the Ward family until at least 1983.

The present house on the property is a two-story frame structure having an L-shaped footprint and a central-passage, single-pile plan. The frame building sits upon a low foundation, has weatherboard walls and is covered with a gable roof. The house is characterized by vernacular Queen Anne massing and detailing, including a two-story polygonal bay; a double-story porch with turned posts and decorative brackets; a projecting gable; and fishscale shingles located in the gable ends.

The house is a good example of a 19th-century farmhouse ornamented with high Victorian design aesthetics; as such the property embodies distinctive characteristics of a type and style of construction and is thus eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: Catherine Crawford, MHT form (1983)

Kimberly Prothro Williams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

September 20, 1996
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Peter J. Purdy
Reviewer, NR program

9/24/96
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

Handwritten notes and scribbles at the bottom of the page.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ward House

and/or common Belward Farm

2. Location

street & number 10425 Darnestown Rd. (Rt. 28) ___ not for publication

city, town Rockville ___ vicinity of ___ congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" 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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth B. Banks

street & number 10515 Darnestown Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Rockville, Md. state and zip code 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Courthouse liber 3063

street & number ___ folio 57

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal state county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

M:20-21

7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure of L-plan. Between the stem and leg of the L is a two story porch with turned posts. The end of leg of the "L" has a two story bay window. The gables are shingled with pattern shingles. The windows are 1/1 and 2/2 double hung sash.</p> <p>On the interior the house has a central hall and flanking rooms. The doorways have glazed transom lights.</p> <p>Behind the house is a water tower.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Significance

Survey No. .

M.20-21

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1891 Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Belward farmhouse is a good example of late vernacular Victorian architecture. Houses of this type, modeled after high Victorian and the later Queen Anne styles, were localized or simplified in small town America during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The architectural details of these popular styles such as cross gables, projecting wings and bays, decorative porches and balconies and other forms of ornate woodworking were incorporated into less complex structures. This is seen in the Belward farmhouse. These elements, including the use of shingled gables to break the monotony of the clapboard, have been well maintained in the Belward farmhouse, thus retaining the structures original late nineteenth century appearance.

The house was built about 1891 (to replace an earlier structure which burned down) by Ignatius B. Ward.¹ Ignatius, a long time resident of the area (he appears on the 1865 map) was a farmer as well as a store keeper. Ward had a combination country store and post office. He also ran a wheelwright and blacksmith shop at that location. His store sat on the farm property directly on the Darnestown Rd. in front of the house.² Ignatius died in 1909 leaving all his property, including the farm and store, to his wife, Elizabeth F. Ward, to be divided after her death between their seven children (Beulah, Mercy, George, William, Frances, Porter and Frank).³ The house remains in the family to this day. The present owner, Elizabeth Beall Banks, received the farm in full by the last will and testament of her aunt, the late Beulah Ward, in August of 1965.⁴

¹Conversation between a member of the Ward family and Park Historian, Micheal Dwyer.
²Hopkins Map of 1894 and the mention of the store and farm in Will HCA 8/182, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
³Will HCA 8/182, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
⁴Deed 3549/67, Mont. Co. Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:20-21

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Register of Wills

0. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 134.37 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zone	Easting	Northing	
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zone	Easting	Northing	
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

1. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 6/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Belward Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Dodge-Ward House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10425 Darnestown Road (Rte. 28)				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: E. B. Banks				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Behind the house is a water tower.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is about 83 years old and replaces a house that burned.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Blank area for Acreeage Justification.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 20 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

M:20-21

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Gaithersburg Area Resources. This Plan recommends that only one of the remaining Gaithersburg area resources (the Belward Farm/Ward House, Site #20/21) be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This Amendment recommends against the designation of the following resources on the Master Plan:

- . Railroad Underpass, Site #20/30
- . Mineral Spring Houses, Site #20/10 1 & 2
- . Sylvester Thompson's House & Store, Site #20/11
- . Fields/King Farm, Site #20/12
- . Watkins Farmhouse, Site #20/13
- . Briggs Farm #2, Site #20/26

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The architectural and historic significance of the Gaithersburg Vicinity resources identified on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County were reviewed as part of this Master Plan. As a result of this evaluation, the Plan recommends the Master Plan for Historic Preservation be amended to include the following sites:

20/4 Nathan Dickerson Farm

- Excellent example of late Federal style frame farmhouse built around 1836.
- Associated with Nathan Dickerson, prominent citizen and two-time County Commissioner.

20/17 England/Crown Farm

- Victorian style structure with intricate bracket work and cornice along its main facade.
- Typical Maryland farmstead with log tenant house.

20/21 BELWARD FARM/WARD HOUSE

- 1891--SIGNIFICANT AS AN EXAMPLE OF A HIGH STYLE, LATE 19TH CENTURY FARMSTEAD.
- QUEEN ANNE HOUSE EXEMPLIFIES HIGH STYLE VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE. THIS TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE FEATURES SHINGLED GABLES AND A TWO-STORY PORCH WITH TURNED POSTS.
- BUILT BY IGNATIUS B. WARD, FARMER, STOREKEEPER, AND POST-MASTER FOR HUNTING HILL.
- THE ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING INCLUDES THE QUEEN ANNE STYLE HOUSE, SOME REPRESENTATIVE OUTBUILDINGS, AND THE SIGNIFICANT SHADE TREES WHICH COMBINE TO DEFINE THE HISTORIC FARMSTEAD. THE SETTING ALSO INCLUDES THE TREE-LINED DRIVE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP OF THE FARMSTEAD TO THE ROAD. AT THE TIME OF DEVELOPMENT, SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SITING OF STRUCTURES TO PROVIDE A VIEW OF THE HOUSE FROM MD 28.

20/28 St. Rose's Church and Cemetery

Excellent example of 19th Century rural church incorporating significant



#20-21

NAME BELWARD FARM

LOCATION RTE. 28, W. OF ROCKVILLE, MD

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 8/20/74

M. REYER