

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:23-100
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Head Waters Farm/Ickes Estate

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/100 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9
E-20

4. Address: Route 108, Olney-Laytonsville Road

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 - Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: 1938

7. Original Owner: Harold L. Ickes

8. Apparent Condition

a. fair b. altered c. original site

9. Description: Ickes Estate is a Colonial Revival style estate built about one mile from Laytonsville Road and surrounded by cornfields. This two and a half story, seven bay by two bay, clapboarded estate faces east. The east porch has a low hipped roof supported by six gigantic fluted wooden columns. On the west elevation there is a glass enclosed sun porch. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. On the east and west elevations there are three gabled dormer windows. The house has a gable roof with raised seam metal covering.

10. Significance: Head Waters Farm was built by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior from 1933 to 1946.

After graduating from the University of Chicago in 1897, Ickes briefly worked as a reporter before entering municipal politics. After receiving a degree in law in 1907 he joined the Progressive Republican Party. In 1932, breaking with the Republicans, he became chairman of the League for Roosevelt and Garner and the following year was appointed Secretary of the Interior, a post which he held longer than any other person. He was prominent as an administrator of public works during the New Deal, and during World War II he had control over the production and distribution of oil. He resigned in 1946 and died in 1952 at the age of 77.

In 1937 and 1938 Ickes acquired 272 acres of land near Olney upon which he and his wife Jane built their estate, Head Waters Farm. Following his death, Mrs. Ickes continued to live there until 1971, at which time the house and 179.78 acres were sold to a development company which is the present owner.

11. Researcher and date researched: Roberta Hahn - 7/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 9/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 179.78 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Head Waters Farm

ANO/OR COMMON

Ickes Estate

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 108; Olney-Laytonsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Olney

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

EGAP Corp.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

401 M Street, SW

CITY, TOWN

Washington

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

D.C. 20024

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ickes home is a Colonial Revival estate.

Built about one mile from Laytonsville Road and surrounded by cornfields, this two and a half story clapboarded estate faces east. It was erected upon poured concrete foundations and is seven bays across and two bays deep. Across the east facade is a wooden porch, with brick foundations. It has a low hipped roof which is supported by six giant fluted columns. The east door is paneled and flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a fanlight. The north porch is a square concrete slab with four columns at each of the corners. It has an open rafter shed roof. On the west elevation there is a glassed in sun roof. This is a one story structure constructed of eight eighteen light panels, two modern glass panels and two multi-paned doorways; it has a low roof. There are large six-over-six double-hung windows throughout the house. On the east and west elevations there are three gabled dormers. On the west elevations, at the second level, there are paired six-over-six windows.

The house has a gable roof with a raised seam metal covering. The cornice is returned and the eaves are boxed by tongue and groove boards. There are three chimneys: two exterior end chimneys on the south and north ends of the east elevation and one exterior end chimney at the north end of the north addition.

The east door opens into a central hallway. To the north is the dining room and to the south is the living room. At the southwest corner there is a private bedroom and to the northwest is the kitchen. Directly opposite the east (front) door, along the west elevation, is the sun room, which connects the kitchen and the bedroom. The main stairway is found in the central hallway. It is an open string, two run stairway with runs ascending from east to west along the north and south interior walls and joining at a central landing on the west exterior wall and turning east to ascend as one run to the second floor. This stairway has a simple molded railing and square balusters.

The floors in the house are narrow boards. The walls and ceilings are generally plaster over lath. In the central hallway there is paneled wainscoting. The dining and living room round archways have been closed by plaster board partitions and modern hollow doors have been set into steel door frames.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:23-100

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES **1938**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Head Waters Farm, just west of Olney, off of Route 108, is notable as the country estate of Harold LeClair Ickes, Secretary of the Interior under Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1933 to 1946.

After graduating from the University of Chicago in 1897, Ickes briefly worked as a reporter before entering municipal politics. After receiving a degree in law in 1907 he joined the Progressive Republican party. In 1932, breaking with the Republicans, he became chairman of the League for Roosevelt and Garner and the following year was appointed Secretary of the Interior, a post which he held longer than any other person. He was prominent as an administrator of public works during the New Deal, and during World War II he had control over the production and distribution of oil. He resigned in 1946 and died in 1952 at the age of 77.¹

In 1937 and 1938 Ickes acquired 272 acres of land near Olney² upon which he and his wife Jane built their estate, Head Waters Farm. Following his death, Mrs. Ickes continued to live there until 1971, at which time the house and 179.78 acres were sold to a development company which is the present owner. Harold and Elizabeth Ickes, children of Secretary and Mrs. Ickes, still own 55 acres of the land which they received from their mother's estate in 1977.³

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Encyclopedia Britannica, vol. 12, p. 58b
- 2 Land Records of Montgomery County, 674/189 (8/16/1937); 692/134(2/3/1938)
- 3 Ibid., 4899/416 (1/25/1977).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Encyclopedia Britannica, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. Chicago, 1957.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 179.78 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	<u>Roberta Hahn</u>	<u>Candy Reed/arch. description</u>
ORGANIZATION	<u>Sugarloaf Regional Trails</u>	DATE <u>July 1979</u>
STREET & NUMBER	<u>Box 87</u>	TELEPHONE <u>926-4510</u>
CITY OR TOWN	<u>Dickerson</u>	STATE <u>Maryland 20753</u>

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Headwaters Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Ickes Estate

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STREET & NUMBER

long driveway off Rte. 108

CITY, TOWN

Olney

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(held for development)

NAME

development firm

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

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TITLE

DATE

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CITY, TOWN

STATE

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M: 23-100

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, classical revival frame house, built by the former Secretary of the Interior. The main (east) facade has seven bays, with a central door, and a massive, two-story colonnade, supported by five large columns, spans the front here. There are three, large dormers on this facade. The door has a neo-Georgian architrave, with a dentil cornice, pilasters, and a fan-light.

There are several, 20th Century farm buildings and tenant houses nearby.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For many years, this was the country estate of Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior during the F.D.R. administration.

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STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian		8/19/74
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE
M-NCPPC		589-1480
STREET & NUMBER		STATE
8787 Georgia Ave.		Maryland
CITY OR TOWN		
Silver Spring		

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NAME HAROLD ICKES FARM
LOCATION OFF RTE. 108, OLNEY, MD.

#23-100E

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